

# Peppard News

A community newspaper for the parish of Rotherfield Peppard

Summer 2007

## A Fair Success

Peppard Village Fair, which took place on Peppard Common on Saturday 9th June, was a huge success. Hundreds of people enjoyed a great number of attractions, varying from the 'world's biggest bouncy castle' to a Treasure Hunt game. More than 30 stalls, including crafts and a garden fair, jostled with Splat the Rat, Welly Wanging, and Beat the Goalie, etc.

In the arena Peppard School won a fiercely contested Tag Rugby competition, despite the great efforts of teams from Badgemore and Stoke Row schools. Other arena events included the Peppard School Choir giving a performance of their 'Joseph' song, Maypole dancing and a superb Dance Academy display from the school pupils. Events were rounded off by a well supported Tug-of-War contest, open to all comers.

A very popular feature was the Children's Craft Pavilion, featuring stalls devoted to Face Painting, Tattoos, Decorative Plate Painting and Fancy Cake Decorating. This tent was bursting at the seams all afternoon - dozens of children were proudly displaying their new look!



**Victory Celebration**

The team in the Refreshment Tent excelled themselves by offering cream teas with strawberries - a real bonus for those

expecting just a cuppa. Alongside was a fantastic Cake Stall, which inevitably was the first to display Sold Out notices! The Hog Roast supplied by the Antony Worrall Thompson team from the Lamb at Satwell, and the adjacent bar, did a roaring trade on a very warm afternoon.



**Enjoying the Bouncy Castle**

The well supported raffle, drawn by Anne Jarvis, Head Teacher of Peppard Primary School, and Hugh Warwick, Assistant Priest at All Saints' Church and a Peppard School Governor, featured a top prize of a superb summer hamper, together with many other attractive prizes.

The Fair was very generously supported by the main sponsors, Peppard Building Supplies and Davis Tate Estate Agents, together with many other companies who contributed by taking advertisements in the Fair programme. Combine this with 'sold out' signs, which were a feature on most of the stalls at the end of the afternoon, and it was therefore no surprise that the Friends of Peppard School, supported by All Saints' Church in staging the Fair, stated that early indications pointed to a profit close to £4,000. This will benefit both the School and the Church.

## Editorial

Welcome to our Summer edition of Peppard News – how quickly publication date comes around! Community spirit came to the fore in Peppard once again this month with Peppard Fair - an outstanding occasion offering something for all ages. Those who were responsible for organising the Fair had obviously worked very hard and they much deserved the good weather and incredible attendance figures – well done!

The Peppard News Team is very aware that we must keep up with technology and we're pleased to announce that we have now acquired a Peppard News Website. Rita Hadgkiss, our Sub-Editor and Compositor, is working hard on setting up this website and we hope to have it up and running very soon. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to have available on the website, please let us know via any of the contact details shown below. We welcome any other feedback or suggestions you may have on Peppard News.

Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy the summer months, the warm weather and the lovely countryside that we have freely available all around us.

*Susan Carter*  
**Editor**

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# School Matters

## Congratulations, Peppard Primary School!

Our school has been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award by Arts Council England in recognition of its high level of provision and outstanding commitment to the arts, including drama, music, design, literature, dance and sculpture. Anne Jarvis said: 'We are indebted to local organisations such as S.H.O.U.T, The Henley Youth Festival and HEDFAS for providing wonderful opportunities to work with local and nationally renowned artists. A big thank you to them and the staff at Peppard for their hard work in achieving this award.'

The school is currently rehearsing for the annual school production and Years 5 and 6 are practising for the regular visit to *The Festival of Voices* at Dorchester Abbey, when a former pupil, Florella Scozzafava, will make a guest appearance.

Our congratulations also to Rosie Clinkard; having achieved the status of Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) last year, Rosie is due to attend a Celebration of Achievement ceremony to be presented with her certificate.

Year 4 will visit the Chiltern Study Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July and the Foundation children are going to the Oxford University Botanic Garden, the oldest in Britain, on the 11<sup>th</sup>. People who've helped in school over the year will be invited to a special tea party on 16<sup>th</sup> July by Year 6. Cycling Proficiency and First Aid courses continue and some children from Kidmore End have joined our Latin Club.

### A Polite Plea!

To help with traffic flow, please could everyone use the one-way clockwise system round the Common between 08.40-08.55 and 15.30-15.50 Monday to Thursday, 08.40-08.55 and 14.30-14.50 on Friday? Thank you.

**Peppard C of E Primary School**  
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 Head Teacher - **Anne Jarvis**  
 Chairman of the Governors  
**Elizabeth Bielby**

*We have received numerous contributions from the children, here are some as written by them:*

### Kilve Court

*In May, Year 5 pupils at Peppard Primary School visited Kilve Court in Somerset. Abbie describes some of their experiences:*

Kilve Court is a big big house. When we arrived we unpacked in our rooms they were quite big and as soon as we saw the gardens we knew we would enjoy it! Our first activity was the stream walk, which was a few minutes down the lane. I thought it was really good because there were lots of tyres hanging from ropes and branches that we had to go through and crawl under. We all got soaking and I was dripping! When we got back we got a change of clothes and had a snack.

Then we went to do grass sledging down the steep slope on the hill. It was fun and at the end we had to control the sledge into the cones and if we did it we got 10 points. After we had tea which was spaghetti Bolognese.

Next we did Jumbles what we had to do is get in groups of four I was with Maisy, Emily and Rosalia. Then we got a map and we had to find special stones around the place there was letters on them and we rearranged the letters to either bugs, animals, flowers and trees to make an anagram. Then we went to bed.

The next morning we had Whizzies

(willow art) all morning. We had to twist and wind willow into the shape of an animal our breed was called a dino-deer. Clay modelling was really good as well. The beach was really rocky and we found lots of crabs! I think that Kilve Court is BRILLIANT and we were really lucky because we were the first year 5's to go there!

### Science Lesson!

**Bat Radar** by Henry Rolph, Year 2

First the bats make a sound with its nose or mouth. Then the sound hits an object and bounces back. Next the bat listens. Finally it works out what the object is by the sound. It is called echo location.

### Peppard's Dream

Peppard Primary School jumped at the opportunity to take part in the BBC's competition to find a school choir to appear on *Any Dream Will Do*. They rehearsed before and after school and during their lunch breaks in order to perfect their performance.



**Peppard's Dream Team**

Our entry was on the BBC website for the world to see and hear. You can imagine the excitement of the whole school when, at one stage, we were rated second out of all the entries!

Rosie Clinkard, HLTA

*Michael Barlow* - 30 years' experience

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### My first day at the Manor

In April, Peppard Primary School's Year 6 went to Manor Adventure – the highlight of their last year at Peppard – as you can see from this description by Oliver Hilton.

My day was stuffed with exciting things, the first activity was the blind trail, we had to pair up (I went with Harry) and we had to be blindfolded while the other person guided us. When I was blindfolded Harry told me to the right (when I was in the underground tunnel). I was unknowingly heading towards a deep puddle and (you guess it) I got soaked. After the fun yet soaking blind trail we had a exquisite lunch of Roast Chicken, Broccoli, boiled Potatoes and gravy.



For the final activity we went on a hill walk guided by a lady named Sarah. On the way we walked by some bulls, calves and lambs. While the walk was in progress we all started stealing each other's hats. Just estimating we walked about two miles. See you tomorrow diary! 'Das Essen war ziemlich gut.'

My song: This is the way to Manor Adventure.

### Are You Free at Lunchtimes?

If you are, then we would really appreciate your help and you could be earning £6 per hour.....

.....by supervising our well-behaved school children during their lunch break.

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### Highmoor Class

Our class have been looking at the Tudors. On 9<sup>th</sup> May we visited Sulgrave Manor. When we got there we got dressed to look like maids and fellows with Master and Mary Washington.

When we were dressed Master Washington made us act as people from the Tudor reign of King Henry VIII. Then we had a Tudor lunch.

Then we went on a tour round the yard. We looked at a blacksmith's house, it was very small and poor. Later we went to Master Washington's house.

First we went to the Great Hall where the fireplace was so huge you could stand up in it. Master Washington and his wife could sit on stools to eat but the children had to stand up. Then we went to the kitchen where children would sit to turn the spit. So many children died they started to use dogs instead.

Finally we went to the bed chamber. It had a very high roof to show that Master Washington was wealthy. It also had a four poster bed.

Finally we went back to the hall where Master Washington played

"Greensleeves" on the lute.

My favourite part (Katherine) was when I was Queen Elizabeth I. My favourite part (Megan) was the blacksmith.

We had a lovely time and hope we can do it again!

Katherine Adams & Megan Bakewell

### Sonning Common Pre-School Receives Award

Sonning Common Pre-School has been awarded the Partners in Quality Assurance Award from Oxfordshire County Council for the Pre-School's commitment to continual improvement of its standards in childcare and pre-school education.

Quality assurance schemes such as this, have been developed across the UK by local authorities and others, for 'early years providers' (such as pre-schools), to allow these providers to demonstrate a commitment to work in accordance with various Government standards. Early years providers who meet a scheme's standards are accredited with an award.

Chairman of the Sonning Common Pre-School, Michael Butlin said, 'The Partners in Quality Scheme entailed a self-evaluation, by the Pre-School Staff, of what the Pre-School does, against a series of pre-defined standards. The work took two years to complete. The Pre-School was then visited by a representative of Partners in Quality Scheme and subsequently received the accreditation in May. As you can imagine, the staff put in a lot of hard work to achieve this accreditation - congratulations to them! The award is also reassuring to the parents of children who attend the Pre-School, to know that their children are in capable hands'.

If you would like more information on the Sonning Common Pre-School, please contact the Pre-School on 0118 9724760.

Helen Scarrott

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# Council Matters

## Peppard Golf Course – Inquiry Continues

The two-day period initially allocated for the Public Inquiry into the above proved insufficient following strong opening submissions from both sides, significant input from members of the public in attendance and from detailed cross-questioning by the legal teams. The Inquiry will reconvene at the offices of SODC on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, at 11.00 in order to hear the final submissions by both parties.

Subsequent to the final submissions being heard the Chairman of the Inquiry will then take time to consider the various aspects of this matter / points raised before making a Final Determination. The Chairman will also decide on the awarding of costs. SODC have been requested to supply Peppard News with a general indication of the cost of their pursuing this matter.

## Lay-by Closure.

The Commons Conservators have agreed to a request from the Parish Council that the lay-by at the bottom of Peppard Hill be closed. This follows a long history of littering, fly-tipping, and overnight parking. Invitations to tender for the associated work have now been sent out.

The Parish Council appreciated that action to close the lay-by could transfer the same problems to the smaller lay-by on the top common. It was however felt that this area, being more exposed to public view, would reduce the likelihood of littering, etc., being experienced on the same scale.

## Signage

A concern widely expressed by members of the public attending the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council related to the proliferation of roadside signage. The universally disliked 'Quiet Lanes' initiative (implemented by Oxfordshire County Council) was roundly criticised together with the growing number of advertising boards. It was appreciated that businesses needed to advertise, but not to the extent of affecting the character of the rural area. The Parish Council has requested the removal of particular signs and, should it be considered necessary, has the delegated rights to physically remove such signs from Common Land.

## Weekly Refuse Collections To Continue

Reports in the Press stating that SODC was to change from a weekly to a two-weekly refuse collection system have proved to be totally unfounded. SODC has contracts in place that run to the year 2009 for a weekly collection service. The Council is however considering the possible introduction of a two-weekly service to collect glass.

## Parish Council

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0118 972 3084

Parish Clerk: Barbara Marston  
01491 684188

Website: [www.rppc.org.uk](http://www.rppc.org.uk)

SODC Councillors: Paul Harrison - 0118 972 2665 & Alan Rooke - 01491 572979

OCC Councillor: Carol Viney  
01491 680887

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.

## Gallowstree Road - Traffic Calming

The persistent infringement of the Gallowstree Road speed limit by some motorists continues to cause concern.

At the time of PN 'going to press' Mr Peter Ronald from the Highways Department of Oxfordshire County Council is scheduled to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> June meeting of the Parish Council in order to identify possible measures of traffic calming and to agree the next course of action, e.g. 'black box' monitoring, signage, etc. Details will be reported in the Peppard News autumn issue.

## Ethical Governance

All Councillors are required to sign-up to and observe the requirements of the Local Authority Code of Conduct. The recently revised Code, generated and issued by the Standards Board For England, is designed to improve public con-

fidence in local democracy and essentially defines the nature of the behaviour expected from all Councillors. The Code also contains other elements including rules where Councillors' personal and prejudicial interests may be involved.

Any complaint made to the Standards Board for England relating to the behaviour of a Councillor will either be investigated directly by the Board or referred to SODC for local investigation.

Details of the Code can be found on the Standards Board For England website: [www.standardsboard.co.uk](http://www.standardsboard.co.uk)

It is interesting to note that Members of Parliament are not required to sign-up to the Code of Conduct. It is these self same 'leaders of democracy' who, under the guise of *protecting the confidentiality of correspondence*, recently voted that their expenses and allowances (funded by the Taxpayer) be exempt from being scrutinised under the Freedom of Information Act. We await a response from Mr Boris Johnson MP to our invitation to comment.

## Parish Plan

Following a detailed presentation given at the recent Annual Parish Meeting of the Council, a number of people have expressed an interest in the Parish Plan. Further participation in this project has been encouraged by information leaflets, etc., being distributed at the Village Fair. However, it is desirable to have as large a team as possible involved in order to gain the maximum benefit. Those interested should initially make contact via the Parish council.

It should be stressed that, whilst being supported and encouraged by RPPC, the Parish Plan is essentially a community led project, enabling individuals to take an active role in the future development of Rotherfield Peppard.

## Road Sign Lighting

Councillor Viney reported to the RPPC that Oxfordshire CC has requested that the Government changes the national rules on lighting of road signs so that energy costs can be cut and carbon footprints reduced. All councils are currently bound by law to illuminate certain traffic signs - even though modern and efficient highly reflective materials are now used in the manufacture of sign plates and bollards.

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# Snippets

## Crutchfield Family

*We have received this contribution from Marion Webb who lives in Horsham.*

I discovered that my great-grandmother, Caroline Crutchfield had been born in Rotherfield Peppard in 1851. Through parish registers, I have found that Caroline's mother, Sarah, was the daughter of James Crutchfield (a shoemaker). He and his wife Caroline (nee Alloway) were described as living at Kingwood and Highmoor with their daughters, Ann, Elizabeth and Sarah. Sarah, my great-great-grandmother, was living at Bix Bottom Farm. At the end of 1851, Caroline and two daughters, Elizabeth and Anne, succumbed to a fever and died within a week of each other. In 1861, what was left of the family of Crutchfields were lodging at the Unicorn Pub: James and his second wife Elizabeth (10 years younger) and their two year old son.

We came to visit All Saints' Church as many members of the family had been baptised, married and buried there. At one stage, James had been a churchwarden as had his father been before him. We noticed two Crutchfield headstones in the churchyard, one was Henry his father and the other was of Elizabeth, his second wife. So far I have traced the family back to 1636 in Rotherfield Peppard.

*If anyone has any more information about the Crutchfield family, Marion would love to hear from them via your Editor.*

## Garden Waste Bins

For people with small gardens there is now a smaller wheeled bin (140L) for garden waste available. Also anyone physically unable to use a wheeled bin may apply for ecosacks. There is an eligibility form to complete for this. Tel. 01491 823000 or go to

[www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk) for details

## Yellow Peril – Beware of the Killer Weed

Common ragwort is the most common form of poisoning in livestock. Ragwort is so poisonous that it is a listed plant under the 1959 Weeds Act, so to allow it to grow and flower on your land contravenes the law. The plant produces a rosette of green ragged edged leaves in early summer and then grows into a 3 foot upright plant with a woody, slightly red stem. Mature plants can produce up to 150,000 seeds which can spread up to a 10 mile radius.

Kill the weed before it flowers by spraying with a 2.4D herbicide or Barrier H but do not allow animals to graze on sprayed land till the plants have rotted into the ground. Mature ragwort pulls up easily but all plants must be burnt.

## Peppard Common

In the third of our articles on the commons, we describe Peppard Common. This 46 acres of common land is mostly open grassland and heath. The grass is cut every other year – one half one year, the other half the next to encourage reseeded of wild flowers. A further 6.8 acres used to be part of the common, but in 1946 this was given to the village as 'a public open space and War Memorial Playing Field for the village of Peppard and for no other purpose'. Only recently was the legal transfer of ownership to the Parish Council completed. There is little or no ancient, i.e. pre 1600, woodland – the common was laid out with a 9 hole golf course from late 19<sup>th</sup> Century until the World War. II It lies on the route of an ancient track that connected Henley with Goring following Pack & Prime Lane out of Henley, through Hernes Farm, to the south of

Rotherfield Greys, along Dog Lane, Colliers Lane, Wyfold Lane, Hook End, Exlade Street and on to Goring, connecting with the Ridgeway. This was a pack-horse route between Bristol and London, avoiding the long bend of the Thames through Reading. There used to be a pond in front of the Dog Pub, but when the B481 was straightened some years ago, this was filled in.

The west side of Peppard Common dips down into a small valley, where the underlying chalk has been exposed by commoners exercising their rights to take chalk for dressing their land.

Nigel Wooding

## Local Pub Review

### The Red Lion

When my friend and I walked in we were given a very warm and enthusiastic welcome making us feel very pleased to be there. There was a good Specials board and a comprehensive menu including good old snack favourites like Baked Beans on Toast and all at very reasonable prices. For our lunch, my friend chose Breaded Mozzarella Sticks from the Specials board and I had a Ploughman's. The portions were very generous and tasty although we both would have liked to have received more salad. I requested a glass of wine and our host was very helpful and knowledgeable in helping me select a choice.

Unfortunately, the cappuccino my friend ordered came as a glass of hot milk with a slight taste of coffee which she found undrinkable but the charge was immediately removed from the bill without question and her comments noted. I am confident that by now, the new publicans will have rectified this. We are very happy to recommend the Red Lion under its new management and we wish them success.

Contributor



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# Village Matters

## Peppard War Memorial Hall

Peppard War Memorial Hall held its Spring Quiz last month, which was very well supported and raised nearly £400. Our next social/fundraiser is another Irish Folk Evening with The Goats in the Autumn – an event not to be missed as it is huge fun.

The J.A.Pye Trust and Johnson Matthey have now contributed to our fund for improving the hall but we have still no concrete news from SODC and T.O.E on whom we are relying hugely. Because other potential sources are not providing the support anticipated it is probable that the "luxury" of a decent car park might have to be deferred – a meeting later this month might be critical.

Our Annual General Meeting, which is open to the public is to be held at 19.30 on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Pumfrey will be standing down from the position of Chairman and a replacement is still being sought – if you fancy being part of the team which acts as the nearest thing to the village Arts, Sports and Social Centre please step forward (it is the venue for table-tennis and bowls, theatrical productions, concerts and cinema, Lunch Club and partying, Toddlers' Group and Women's Institute. The management committee meets 8 times a year.

Our website is:

www.peppardwarmemorialhall.btik.com and not as previously published.

John Pumfrey

## The Peppard 10K

The fifth Peppard 10K run/walk will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and as in previous years there will also be a shorter 7K walk. The local Feed The Children charity will once again benefit from the funds raised by this event.

A great attraction of this particular event is that it is carried out on an off-road course, making it ideal not only for serious runners but also for joggers and family groups. With kind permission of Mr Alexander Hood, the route starts and finishes on the practice ground of Greys Green Golf course – behind The Dog Inn. Runners will start at 14.00 and the walkers a few minutes later.

The cost of entry is as follows: In advance, by 14<sup>th</sup> September: runners £7, walkers £5, under 16s £1. On the day: runners £8, walkers £6, under 16s £1. Entry forms are available from Sandra Atkinson – 0118 972 2844. Medals will be presented to the first man, woman, and under 16s boy and girl. There will be a certificate for all people finishing the course.

If you would like to join the team helping to organise this event, e.g. as a marshal, etc., please contact Ian Fraser on 01491 629631

## More Filming at Peppard Church

Once again film crews have visited All Saints'; this time Hat Trick Productions Ltd for BBC1's, *Our Mutual Friends*, described as a comedy drama, although the sequence filmed was a funeral! Why the car in the picture was hurtling down Church Lane with a camera on its bonnet is anyone's guess.



Two of our most senior ladies, watching the filming, caused quite a stir among the many 'extras' who concluded Peppard must be a good place for longevity. No date has been fixed yet for televising

## Christian Aid

Despite a wet and windy week for the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid Week, the house-to-house envelope collection team in Peppard and Greys collected a total of £1,795. This figure will increase by £264, when the tax reclaimable from gift-aided donations is collected. With the inclusion of the proceeds from the *Desire in Spring* concert held in March, residents of Peppard and Greys will have donated a very generous £2,359 to enable Christian Aid to continue their work to help poor communities achieve a better future. On behalf of Christian Aid, we would like to thank the team of collectors, everybody who donated, and Robin Howles, Julia Booker and Antonia King for their delightful concert.

Ian & Pat Fraser

## FISH

The AGM took place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, preceded by a buffet lunch for volunteers and supporters. With the retirement from office of our Chairman, Fred Curzon and Treasurer, David Cunningham, who had both completed five years in the post, and Secretary, Helen Fort, three years, we will have new faces at our committee meetings in the coming months. All three of these officers have done sterling work for FISH during their term of office and will continue to do so as volunteer drivers. Our grateful thanks are extended to them. They are replaced by Philip Clark as Chairman, Malcolm Cooper-Smith as Treasurer and Carol Ward as Secretary. We wish them luck in their new posts.

The weather is now much warmer and our thoughts are turning to outings better suited to the warmer weather, such as River Trips and our recently introduced Mystery Tea tour. Details of all our outings, along with the Shop & Lunch trips, can be obtained from the FISH office during our office hours: Tel 0118 9723986. Our bus manager, Reg Foster, is always open to new ideas for outings, so if you have in mind a venue that you think would attract at least 12 people, give us a ring and your request will be considered.

Many of our stalwart volunteers are approaching the age where they are no longer eligible to drive for us, therefore we are seeking new volunteer drivers who can spare a few hours during the week. I can assure you it is worthwhile, and you get to meet and have an exchange of views with many in the neighbourhood who need help. To volunteer please call on the number above during office hours 09.30-11.30 Monday to Friday, or leave a message outside normal working hours. You will be sure of a great welcome.

Barbara Perez

## Please Don't Feed the Kites

This plea comes from the RSPB and Chilterns Conservation Board. Well-meaning people who put food out for Red Kites are putting them at risk. Please leave them to find their own.

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## Thames Valley Animal Welfare

It was back in 1983 that Peppard resident, Ann Butler-Smith, lost a much loved cat. When local enquiries failed she widened her search. In fact Ann never did find her cat but what she did discover was that she wasn't alone. Lots of other people had lost cats and there were also lots of homeless cats.

Ann also discovered that there was a big trade in cat skins being exported to Europe. Still hoping to find her own cat, Ann engaged the help of a few cat loving friends and set up Petwatch to monitor and co-ordinate lost and found cats in the Thames Valley. On one Sunday morning twenty five tabbies went missing within a few miles of each other. It did appear something suspicious was going on!

The spare bedrooms of members of the Group were soon full of "found" cats they could not match with those "lost" and they then began using garden sheds with runs attached to house the strays until new homes could be found for them. The name Petwatch was no longer appropriate and Thames Valley Animal Welfare was born and Ann is still Chairman.

Over the years TVAW has grown and become established as a professionally run, well respected local charity. We work closely with local vets and as we receive no funding, we raise all the funds ourselves from donations, jumble sales, membership of the Friends of TVAW, etc.

We have been fortunate in having had a legacy or two which has enabled us to buy purpose built cat houses for our foster homes (currently 12 in number plus one indoor foster home) so while "in care" the cats live in comfortable, secure accommodation with heat, light and sometimes radio entertainment while they await re-homing.

The lost and found register is still a feature; we also run a low cost neutering and spaying scheme to help owners on low income prevent litters of unwanted kittens. There is always a waiting list of cats to be taken in to foster homes. We are asked to re-home cats for a variety of reasons: children's allergies, death of owner, breakdown of relationships, moving

abroad, etc., and that's without collecting up the strays reported to us. Feral colonies of cats are a particular problem: we neuter and spay and continue to feed those that cannot be tamed or re-home them with friendly farms or stables as outdoor cats and tame the kittens for domestic re-housing.

We are aware that however hard we work there are always more cats in need of help but can only do as much as finance and time allows. Every one of us is a volunteer. Recently, for a variety of reasons, we have lost some of our foster homes and are in need of more people who could have a cathouse in their garden. We are a friendly bunch, will you join us?

Tel Ann 01189 721871 or Monica 01494 484527

Sue Nickson, Vice Chairman

### Events at Greys Court

Music al Fresco, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 19.00-22.00; An evening's musical entertainment in Greys Court gardens with wine and canapés. Bring a picnic. Black tie. Adults: £25.00, booking required.

Open Air Theatre; *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 20.00, Illyria present this classic case for Holmes and Watson. Bring a picnic and be prepared to be terrified! Adults: £15.00, booking required.

*Robin Hood*, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 18.30; an exciting and riotous new open-air show for children, presented by Illyria. Bring a picnic. Adults: £15.00, children £12.00, booking required.

Slug & Bug Hunts, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 11.00; an action-packed day for children with organic picnic included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children: £15.00, Adults f.o.c. (Tearoom open for refreshments for accompanying adults). Booking required.

Tracker Pack Days - 31<sup>st</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August, 12.00-17.00. Kids can join in the fun of Greys Court Tracker Packs and learn about our surroundings. Normal admission charges apply.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 12.00-17.00 Apple Day; pruning workshops and advice on old varieties, cooking demonstrations and apple tastings. Normal admission charges apply.

For booking online go to [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thamesandsolentevents). Or telephone 0870 428 8933.

### Sale of Bishopswood Sports Ground

SODC has received a favourable bid for the purchase of Bishopswood Sports Ground from Susan and Mark Abbott, local residents of Sonning Common. If their bid is successful it is their plan to retain and improve the existing football and tennis facilities and propose some £1,000,000 investment in new facilities over five years. This will include construction of new floodlit all-weather and junior pitches, new cricket pitch, floodlighting of existing pitches, a fitness trail, children's play area and multipurpose pavilion with changing, reception, fitness and catering facilities. A new private company would be created to manage the facility and the development.

### Wyfold Riding for the Disabled

On 15<sup>th</sup> April one of our disabled drivers took part in an event in Windsor Great Park. Jennifer Cunningham, who had never done anything like this before, drove our pony Magic round the six mile course and negotiated two of the 'hazards' in great style. Jenny said 'I have only been driving with Magic and Ruth Butler for 14 months and this was my first competition. I have had practice at driving obstacle courses but I have never done such challenging hazards. The two that we drove had sharp turns through barrels and cones over (long) grass. This can make it difficult for the horse to pull but Magic did a brilliant job.'

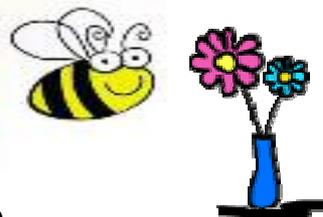
There will be a concert in aid of RDA on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 19.00 in the Christ Church Centre Henley. For details phone 0118 947 3184 Tickets £8 in advance, £10 at the door.

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# Church Matters

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|   |                | Revd Barry Olsen         | 0118 924 2812 |
|   | Churchwardens: | Keith Atkinson           | 0118 972 2844 |
|   |                | Peter Hutt               | 01491 628335  |

## Barry Olsen writes:

'Sweet are the uses of adversity,' wrote Shakespeare in *As You Like it*. And I could tell you exactly who said it if I could find my Complete Shakespeare. But right now some of our rooms have been emptied of books and furniture so that they can serve as a gallery to display my wife Marion's watercolours during Oxford Artsweeks.

However, the theme of how people cope with adversity has been dealt with in several sermons recently. One of the privileges of ministry has been to meet people who, despite illness or disability or difficult backgrounds, have lived full and worthwhile lives and even used their misfortune as an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. Often I've visited such people and have come away feeling that they have helped me rather than vice versa. There have been and are such people in our parish.

Our faith has much to say about dealing with adversity. What do you make of James who says, 'Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing'?

## The Guild of All Saints' Church

The 3rd Annual Guild Service was held on the Sunday after Ascension, 20<sup>th</sup> May. It was notable for the formal recognition of the new piano which has been purchased largely with David Silsoe's legacy. Lady Silsoe, David's widow, together with their son, Simon, 3rd Lord Silsoe,

and daughter, Amy, joined the congregation for the service.

The Guild of All Saints' was revitalised during 2004. Guild members, numbering about 80, carry out many of the functions necessary to ensure the smooth running of the church. They are busy behind the scenes and claim no public recognition for their work which is now marked annually by thanksgiving at the Guild Service.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, chaired by the Rector, was on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Keith Atkinson and Peter Hutt were re-elected as churchwardens. The meeting resolved that the restriction contained in section 3 of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001 (which would prevent the appointment of a churchwarden who had already served for six consecutive years) shall not apply in this parish.

Allen Harris, the Electoral Roll officer, reported that the Electoral Roll of the ecclesiastical parish of Rotherfield Peppard had been completely revised. It now contains 141 names.

## A Musical Extravaganza

*Five Voices* came to All Saints' Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May to present *A Musical Extravaganza*. This offering came in the form of a musical dinner. The hors d'oeuvres contained some operatic treats. The entrée was made by Gilbert and Sullivan. The main course adorned the music hall while the pudding comprised songs from the 30s and 40s. Such a meal contained something for everyone's taste. There was a retiring collection for

the Rotherfield Peppard Educational Charity which, before expenses were deducted, raised £400.

## Church Flowers

Many of you will have regularly admired the beautiful flowers in All Saints' Church, particularly at the time of special festivals.

The Flower Guild work throughout the year ensuring the beauty of our church and always welcome donations to enable and support their endeavours.

Donations are sometimes made on a particular weekend to commemorate the death of a loved one: if there are others who would like to consider marking a particular anniversary in this way, by making a financial donation, or by offering flowers from the garden, please contact Jill Elkington on 01491 629530.

## Paschal Candle

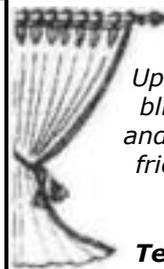
Thanks largely to the generosity of two parishioners, All Saints' Church now possesses a paschal candle which was used for the first time on Easter Day. After the Easter season, the paschal candle stands near the ancient Norman font and from it are lit all the baptismal candles of those baptised in the font. At funerals, the paschal candle stands near the coffin to symbolise the resurrection to eternal life.

## Parish Room

The Parish Room was dedicated on 7th June, 1982. Although the project was not without its problems, and its design attracted some strong opinions, expressed in the Visitors' Book of the period, it has proved an immensely useful facility without which many activities of the last 25 years would have been difficult or impossible to hold. Recent improvements in room heating and hot water provision will help to ensure that the Parish Room continues to support the activities of All Saints' Church and the community.

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Here at St Michael's it has been a tradition that on Ascension Thursday we meet together after evening Mass for our Parish AGM. We began with a Cheese & Wine party to engender good spirits in order to discuss all the challenges ahead. Finance usually occupies people's minds at such meetings, and much time can be spent arguing over money. Through good stewardship our finances are very healthy and so the discussion was minimal. However, we are conscious of falling numbers amongst the clergy and so our Chairman alerted us to the fact that, while at present we have a resident priest who offers Mass on three occasions each weekend, we may

have to reduce to two or possibly even one Mass if we lose him. How can we prepare ourselves for that eventuality? This thought will occupy our minds for some time. What we do want, though, and with some urgency, is to ensure that our Church is re-decorated and has some new lighting installed in order for the building to be a suitable focus for our worship.

At the beginning of May a lunch was hosted by our parish priest, Fr Chris, to celebrate his 40 years as a priest. It was remarked that we ought to have more such celebratory occasions to enable us to meet more often in lively social gatherings. Our difficulty is that by having our Mass at three separate times each weekend we often miss each other. Only at these all-inclusive celebrations do we meet as one body and a challenge which faces us is how we can organise more

social gatherings to strengthen the ties within our parish family. After the parish celebration Fr Chris went to Rome with some colleagues, only to discover that Pope Benedict had flown to Brazil. We hope that this was just a coincidence!

Twenty of our children made their first Communion recently and we wish them and their families best wishes as they deepen their journey into Faith and Devotion. Very shortly our area Bishop, William Kenney, will visit us to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be his first visit to us and we are looking forward to meeting him.

Meanwhile we continue in good heart to build and strengthen ties of love and affection within our parish family. And we pray that the Lord will continue to bless us, and you, and keep everyone in our local community safe and well.

Fr Chris Bester



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### What Makes A Church?

In the last edition of Peppard News we reported that our church buildings were undergoing renovation and redecoration. We are pleased to report that this work is complete and we have sparkling new decorations, carpet and lighting.

However, a 'church' is not only the building. It is the people who gather together to worship Jesus.

The early church comprised the twelve apostles and their followers.

In Liberia, where our 'church' provides financial and practical support, we have links with a dynamic young pastor in the

name of Phillipson, who started a church for 600 people in a marquee. This marquee was acquired by Peppard Congregational Church from Carters of Reading. The marquee was replaced by a proper building a number of years ago. But the marquee lives on, in that it was cut up to provide a number of churches in rural outlying villages in Liberia.

So, you could say that a church is the structure which is a meeting point, which protects the 'church' from the elements.

### The Ark

**Parents & Toddlers**  
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experience a range of activities including arts, crafts, music, songs and bible stories. For Mums, Dads and carers it is a time to meet new parents in your area, enjoy a drink and chat with the friendly organisers and helpers and watch and join in as your children enjoy the session. A small charge is made per family to cover costs at each session.

For more details please contact the Church office.

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# Clubs and Societies

## Peppard Cricket Club

With the warmer days of June, the sound of happy cricketers can be heard on the common. Games on the common began in the 1890s and have continued, with breaks for the war years and various guises of the club, up to the present day. The club has played in the Berkshire Cricket League for many years and the league statistics are dotted with Peppard players featuring such as Martin Evans with over 10,000 league runs and Roy Hayden poised to become the league's all time leading wicket-taker, with his father, Roy senior, handily placed in the most dismissals table with 119 catches and 38 stumpings!

Currently the club runs two Saturday XI's in the Berkshire Cricket league and one Sunday XI playing friendly games against various local and nomadic sides from the South East. Last year the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Premier division, the highest ever league placing, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI secured a mid-table place in division 4.

Scorebooks over the years how a host of families playing the games with Vines galore, Peedells, Harris, Evans and whole clan of Haydens! This is carried on with a number of father and son combinations enjoying playing on the common.

Those who enjoy a walk on the common may wonder at those individuals on mowers and rollers spending endless hours manicuring the bit in the middle and tending to the outfield. That is mainly due to the Evans brothers, Martin and Kenny, whose efforts are huge and much appreciated by all. Winter rain or shine they can be seen doing all those little tasks that make playing for Peppard a pleasure and rumour has it that search parties have been sent from The Unicorn if they have not reached it by 19.05! Long may it continue.

Ronnie Brock

## Chiltern Players

Chiltern Players have every reason to congratulate themselves having won a top award in this year's Kenton Drama Festival in Henley. Peter O'Sullivan collected the trophy for Best Actor for his outstanding performance in *The Edge* by Steve Carley.



Peter O'Sullivan

Adjudicator, Colin Dolley was impressed with Peter's portrayal of Marcus. He congratulated him on the breadth of emotions shown in a highly charged performance – from sunny warmth, to the sheer panic of a man 'on the edge.' Tiffany Saul was also commended for her very convincing portrayal of Marcus's business partner.

The drama, which was included in the Players' *One On One* evening of one-act plays at Peppard Memorial Hall in May, was directed by Jenny Titchener. Although a member of Chiltern Players for many years, this was the first time Jenny had taken the director's chair. A spokesperson said: 'We always knew Jenny had it in her and these accolades must have given her confidence a terrific boost. We are now looking forward to seeing her direct future productions.'

*The Edge* is the Players' entry in this year's Abingdon Festival in June. After

the festival season, the Players will be choosing a full-length drama for their autumn production. This is due to take place on the weekends of November 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>/December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Chiltern Edge Horticultural Society

The Society held a successful Spring Show on 31<sup>st</sup> March with over 240 entries from more than 50 entrants. Peppard resident Molly Lindlaw received the Grove Cup for the most points in Daffodil, Narcissus and Tulip classes.

We look forward to several events: on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July we have an Evening Reception at Rose Cottage, Stoke Row, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 15.00 we have our Autumn Show (Admission Free). Then on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September there will be a coach outing to Kingston Bagpuize House and Waterperry Gardens. Non-members are welcome. (Contact Janet Evans on 0118 9723245) Finally on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October John Tyler will give an illustrated talk "*Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns*" in the theatre at Chiltern Edge School. (Admission: non-members £2).

Anyone interested in membership, please contact Sue Hedges: Tel. 0118972 3678

### From the Friends of the Commons:

### Update on the Nettlebed Commons Project

Thanks to funding secured by the Steering Group, Susan Milner has been appointed Project Officer. Finally the Project can begin. This will include the preparation of the Management Plan for the next 10 years, consideration of the impact on the Nettlebed & District Commons Act of 1906 and the preparation of the case for grazing to DEFRA.

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## 1st Peppard Guides

After the dark nights of winter it is great for the guides to be able to take advantage of the longer days and (hopefully!) warmer weather. We are so lucky to be able to use the field that is the Church Car Park for outdoor activities. We have organised a variety of games, Go-For-It Fitness activities and even a cookout where each patrol had their own portable barbeque. The Church itself is always a source of inspiration and we organised a game where the girls had to find out facts about the church and its history. We haven't always been so lucky with the weather however, and had to practice orienteering skills in the parish room while the rain poured down outside. Many thanks to Nick Launders who patiently coached the guides in the correct way to use a compass. We have asked Nick to come back at a later date to put the theory into practice. Gavin Coull has also been drafted in this term to help the guides with an end of term musical surprise for the parents. As we have grown in numbers since September this could be quite an undertaking!

Amanda Coull

## Peppard Tennis Club

We are now into the tennis season, with lots more sun to come hopefully! We hold club sessions on Tues, Wed, Thurs evenings from 18.30. and also on Sunday mornings at 10.00. On Sunday 17th June we had an American tournament open to all which started at 10.00. and was followed by a BBQ.

In the summer holidays there will be a summer camp for the children for four weeks. So anyone who wants to be a budding Wimbledon star - dust off your rackets and come and join us.

For any enquiries: Tel 0118 9474051

Kim Fry

## Andy Bryan: 50 Not Out on Peppard Common

If you can cast your minds back to the summer of 1957 Elvis Presley and Paul Anka were topping the charts, West Indies were being beaten 3-0 in the cricket test series during which May and Cowdrey shared a 411 run partnership at Edgbaston, Russia launched Sputnik 1. Oh! - and Andy Bryan made his crick-eting debut on Peppard Common.



Andy Bryan

Funnily enough it was against Peppard when he first played and he achieved a "not out" batting at No. 10. He is a stalwart of the club who makes things happen in the background and without whom playing cricket on the common would not be such a pleasant way of passing a summer's day.

It has been suggested by those who have seen him field recently that he was present when cricket was first played on Peppard Common but as earliest recollections put that in the 1890s this is stretching it a bit far. As Andy "raises his bat" to acknowledge his 50 years, the current players, opponents past and present, as well as local egg consumers, salute that achievement and look forward to his presence for many years to come.

## WI

When the W.I. movement was first formed in 1915, its aim was to meet the needs of women in rural areas. At that time, education in child health and welfare was a priority.

In 2007, Peppard W.I. began their 89<sup>th</sup> year considering the plight of young children whose mothers are given a prison sentence for relatively minor offences and urging the government not to close our local community hospitals. We have also been looking closely at our own meetings and activities to ensure we are still meeting the needs of our members in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are planning a fund raising event in the near future for one of Peppard's good causes and urge everyone to look out for posters advertising the event and to support us if you are able.

Irene Lindsay

## Peppard Bowls Club

The summer season began with an Open Afternoon for prospective bowlers and some of the visitors have now joined the Club on Monday and Thursday for Club Afternoons. Fortunes have been mixed since then when Peppard won their first match against Wokingham, but Peppard are holding their own in both the MUL League and the Plomer Cup matches, whilst Friendlies have been plagued by bad weather but more recent dry sunny weather is improving the lot of bowlers.

Ahead are Club competitions, including the Dick Bishop Cup on Bank Holiday Monday. Individual competitions for Club trophies are being played off in the first rounds. Captain this year is Elaine Roberts and Gala Day is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August when up to 20 local teams will be competing at Peppard, with refreshments and a sales stall for bowls equipment.

Betty Freeman

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| Mon   | 2  | FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH Office Peppard Memorial Hall/AGM/19.30  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mon              | 6  | RPPC Planning Ctee/20.15/scheduled   |  |  |  |  |
| Tue   | 3  | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sun              | 12 | Peppard Bowls Club/Gala Day  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu   | 5  | Dorchester Abbey/Festival of Voices  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tue              | 14 | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat   | 7  | SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thu              | 16 | FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH office   |  |  |  |  |
| Sun   | 8  | Judo Club/Junior Competition/Nettlebed   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mon              | 20 | RPPC Planning Ctee/20.15/scheduled   |  |  |  |  |
| Mon   | 9  | Parish Council Meeting/19.30/Pavilion Peppard RPPC Planning Ctee/21.30/scheduled   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sat              | 25 | Green Gym/Kennylands Field/f path clearance/09.30-12.30                          |  |  |  |  |
| Wed   | 11 | WI Garden meeting/Felix Lodge/14.30 Henley Festival till 15 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mon              | 27 | Peppard Bowls Club/Dick Bishop Cup Competition                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Sat   | 14 | Diamond Open Day/Harwell/10.00-16.00/Bking requ'd  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tue              | 28 | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |
| Tue   | 17 | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thu              | 30 | Refuse Kerbside collection (Bank Holiday) – day late                             |  |  |  |  |
| Wed   | 18 | CRUSE Coffee Morning/10-11.30/SC Village Hall Peppard Lunch Club/12.15/Memorial Hall Peppard Primary Sch/Gillotts/Mary Poppins/19.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thu   | 19 | Peppard Primary Sch/Gillotts/Mary Poppins/19.00 FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/details FISH office   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sat              | 1  | SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall                              |  |  |  |  |
| Sat   | 21 | Green Gym/Flowercroft Wd/remove fence/09.30-12.30  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mon              | 3  | FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH Office                              |  |  |  |  |
| Mon   | 23 | RPPC Planning Ctee/20.15/scheduled   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Wed              | 5  | Peppard Primary Sch/Term begins  |  |  |  |  |
| Tue   | 24 | Peppard Primary Sch/School Leavers' Service  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sat              | 8  | Elizabeth Goudge/Blue Plaque unveiling/15.30                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Wed   | 25 | Peppard Primary Sch/Term ends midday/BBQ pm  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mon              | 10 | Parish Council Meeting/19.30/Pavilion Peppard RPPC Planning Ctee/21.30/scheduled |  |  |  |  |
| Tue   | 31 | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tue              | 11 | Mobile Library/School/11.55-12.10  |  |  |  |  |
| AUGUST  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat   | 4  | SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Wed              | 12 | WI/History of National Trust/Mem Hall/14.30                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Mon   | 6  | FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH Office  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Wed              | 19 | CRUSE Coffee Morning/10-11.30/SC Village Hall                                    |  |  |  |  |
| FISH Office: 0118 972 3986 (Mon-Fri, 09.30-11.30) |    |  |  |  |  |  | Peppard Lunch Club: Sally Longhurst 0118 9722808 |  |  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green Gym: Robin Howles – 0118 9723528            |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |  |

## STATIC ATTENDED DUSTCARTS/KERBSIDE GARDEN WASTE

| Month  | July            |                  |                  |                  | August          |                 |                  |                  |                   | September       |                  |                  |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Place  | RP              | SC               | RP               | SC               | RP              | SC              | RP               | SC               | RP                | SC              | RP               | SC               | RP               |
| Place: RP = Peppard Xroads, SC = behind Somerfield. <b>Garden waste will NOT be accepted, ONLY Non-recyclable general. Times: Wed 8-11</b> |                 |                  |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                   |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Gdn Wste   | ✓               |                  | ✓                |                  | ✓               |                 | ✓                |                  | ✓30 <sup>th</sup> |                 | ✓                |                  | ✓                |

## CHURCH SERVICES

| Sunday Services at All Saints'   | JULY |   |    |    |    | AUGUST |    |    |    | SEPTEMBER   |   |    |    |                  | NOTES  |
|--|------|---|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|------------------|--|
|  | 1    | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5      | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2   | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 <sup>th</sup> |  |
| 09.00 Communion  | ✓    | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓                | * Benefice Service 11.00 Kidmore End<br>‡ Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday |
| 10.30 Communion (sung)   |      | ✓ |    | ✓  | *  |        | ✓  |    | ✓  |   | ✓ |    | ✓  | ✓                |  |
| 10.30 Matins   | ✓    |   |    |    |    | ✓      |    |    |    | ✓   |   |    |    |                  |  |
| 10.30 Family Service   |      |   | ✓  |    |    |        |    | ✓  |    |   |   | ✓  |    |                  |  |
| 10.30 Sunday School  |      | ✓ |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |   | ✓ |    |    |                  |  |
| 18.30 Evensong   | ✓    | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓                |  |
| <b>Sunday Services at Peppard Congregational Church</b><br>Family Service: 10.30 - 11.45 ♦ Sunday School 10.30 - 11.30 |      |   |    |    |    |        |    |    |    | <b>Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church</b><br>♦Monday-Friday 09.00♦<br>Saturday 17.30 ♦ Sunday 09.00 & 10.30 |   |    |    |                  |  |



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