

# Peppard News

A community newspaper for the parish of Rotherfield Peppard

Spring 2006

## Lord Silsoe

It is to David Silsoe that we owe the continuance of Peppard News. When Peter Longhurst relinquished his editorship, a few people volunteered to take over. It was Lord Silsoe QC, in his guise as Lay Vice-Chairman of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints', that melded the volunteers into the cohesive team that they are now.



This was always one of his greatest talents: after becoming a barrister and a QC he found he did not enjoy the cut and thrust of adversarial law-courts procedure, nor did he wish to judge – instead he found more intellectual satisfaction in major public inquiries and it was in these that he made a unique reputation and acquired devotion from amongst members of the teams that he led. His last and mightiest challenge was to clear the way for the fifth terminal at Heathrow.

David Silsoe was the most modest of men. He was immensely intelligent and enormously successful in his career, yet never did he mention his own achievements nor show the slightest conceit. On the contrary: in the way he effaced himself and gave his time to other people, he was generosity and kindness itself.

David and Bridget Silsoe had lived at Neals Farm, Wyfold since 1968 and once retired, he happily helped out with Lady Silsoe's bed and breakfast business. But it was through his connections with All Saints' Church that he was best known locally. Singing was his greatest joy and he was a pillar of the choir for 30 years as well as giving his time to take a leading

role in the recent re-organisation of parishes in the Henley Deanery and it was largely due to him that the new benefice of Rotherfield Peppard, Kidmore End and Sonning Common proved so successful. He was a very lovable, decent and gallant gentleman who possessed perfect manners and will be sadly missed by all of those in the community who were lucky enough to know him.

## Peppard Lunch Club

Jenny Storch was a founder of the Peppard Lunch Club 23 years ago, and has run it continuously until the beginning of this year, when she retired. The club is for seniors and meets once a month at the Memorial Hall where volunteers serve an excellent home-cooked meal at very low cost. Just as importantly, it also provides a chance for members, many of them living on their own, to socialise in congenial surroundings, serving an important role to the community. At the February lunch, members thanked Jenny for all her work over the years and presented her with flowers and a booktoken. Jenny was overwhelmed by her farewell gifts from members of the Club and would like to express her gratitude and affection to all of them. Jenny is replaced by Sally Longhurst (0118 972808) to whom any enquiries should be addressed.

## The Unicorn Comes Up Trumps

Three cheers to The Unicorn pub. Upon hearing that the Lunch Club could no longer be accommodated at Chiltern Edge School, the managers not only offered space for their Christmas lunch in The Unicorn but all 36 members received their lunch as a gift. Now that is what we, at Peppard News, call a real community pub spirit! Thank you, Tim & Steve.

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## Editorial

Welcome to our first issue of 2006. Unfortunately this is tinged with sadness following the sudden death of David Silsoe. Most of the Team had only known David for a few months but during that time we were all touched by his enthusiasm for Peppard News and his new Team. He gave us the confidence and encouragement needed to take on the task of producing Peppard News. Happily, David did see (and praised) our first issue with great delight. His untimely death has filled the Team with even more determination to ensure that Peppard News continues.

The Team are myself as Editor, Rita Hadgkiss, as Sub-Editor and Compositor, Ian Fraser as Parochial Church Council Link and Distribution, Steve Cannan, Parish Council Liaison, Penny Harvey & Jennifer Smith, Diary Page and Contributions Collection. I am very grateful to them all for their expertise and commitment to their allotted tasks.



We all live in Peppard and therefore have a personal interest in the articles we publish.

*Susan Carter*  
Editor

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# School Matters

## Peppard C of E Primary School

Terms 3 and 4 proved as busy as ever and Peppard News now has some competition as we are producing our own in-house Newsletter.



Everyone took part in World Book Day, and paraded as characters from books; Captain Underpants was particularly impressive (*photo by Jessica Ayers*). We held a sponsored silent read by children to boost funds for new textbooks and they chose stories for staff to read to them. Highmoor class produced playlets for our entertainment and at the end of the day the book cover competition was judged and a prize awarded in each year group. Our rugby team enjoyed success at the



Powergen Community Rugby Tournament (*photo by Tony Saunders*). Nine teams from local schools competed in three pools. Peppard met Kidmore End in the final and the final score was 6-6. As Peppard had scored more tries in the tournament they were declared the winners. We go forward to the regional finals in High Wycombe on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We enjoyed the visit from Harcourt Arboretum staff who gave us free workshops. Apart from learning a good deal about trees, pupils were fascinated to hear how a seed grows to a great Redwood which can have a road driven through it.

During next term, Year 4 will go the Chiltern Study Centre, Year 5 will go to the Isle of Wight, and Year 6 will go to the Manor, Shropshire; a residential course greatly enjoyed by pupils in their last year at our school. We shall be entertained with pieces from their journals at the Leavers' Assembly on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

A sponsored swimathon organised by FOPS will be held at Gilletts on the afternoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> May, followed by Sports Day on 30<sup>th</sup> June or, if wet, 14<sup>th</sup> July and our Summer performance will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> July. Readers of Peppard News are very welcome to support our school at these events.

### Peppard C of E Primary School

Peppard Common RG9 5JU

Phone: 01491 628354

Head Teacher - **Anne Jarvis**

Chairman of the Governors

**Elizabeth Bielby**

### Peppard Pre-School

Peppard Pre-School joined Bishopswood Day Nursery in January last year and amalgamated with them in September. We are all very happy with the new environment, having our own craft/play rooms, plus dining room and gardens for play and basic gardening. We are working with other professionals in childcare offering flexible hours and facilities for children and parents in the local community. We celebrated World Book day on 2nd March which coincided with the Bishopswood Day Nurs-

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#### Daily Senior Lunch-time Supervisor

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Please contact us by telephone on 01491 628354 or pop in to the school office for more information.

ery's 2nd Birthday. We had an entertainer and a party for the children on that day. If anyone should wish to visit the nursery please call:- 0118972-2196 and ask to speak to Barbara or Kerry.

### Sonning Common Pre-School

Many thanks to all those who supported the Sonning Common Pre-School Christmas fair last year. Over £500 was raised! Because Peppard Pre-School moved to the Bishopswood site and its constitution disallowed some of its existing funding, they generously donated some funds to us. This will be used towards the construction of a new children's kitchen. The Pre-School is planning refurbishment work and a cooker has already been purchased. When finished, it will be called "The Peppard Kitchen".

The Sonning Common WI are making cooking aprons for the Pre-School children and a set of cushions for the Pre-School quiet area. We would like to thank them for their support. Sonning Common Pre-School is always pleased when local people offer help.

Sonning Common Pre-School is once again collecting for its Bags2School campaign - for details please contact Helen Scarrott on 07767 380512. For any other further information please contact Kate Luckett on 0118 972 4760 or email Kate at [cplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto:cplaygroup@btinternet.com).

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# Council Matters

## New Garden Waste Service

South Oxfordshire District Council are considering launching a fortnightly garden waste collection service from wheelie bins sited at residents' homes. The bins will be provided by SODC, but at a cost of £29 per annum.

There is considerable concern that this service will replace the existing services provided at Peppard crossroads and Somerfield's car park as well as the regular ecosac service. This proposal has received widespread coverage, both in the Daily Mail and Henley Standard and clarification on the detail and implications of the proposed scheme are eagerly awaited.

## Help with Repairs

Residents can apply for financial help with urgent repairs to their homes. The beneficiaries need to have lived in their homes for up to 3 years and receive an income related benefit or are on a low income.

For further information contact the Private Sector Housing Office on 01491

## Footpaths on Stoke Row Road

Following complaints from residents, the footpaths along Stoke Row Road have been cleared so that it is no longer necessary to step into this dangerous road.

## Annual Village Litter Blitz

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

### Help us to keep our village tidy:

- Clear any rubbish from outside your house
  - Come along at 10.00 to help your Parish Councillors
  - Meet at the crossroads of Stoke Row Road and Gallowstree Road
  - Outside Peppard School on the Top Common
  - At the Unicorn on Stoke Row Road
- Please bring gloves and we will supply you with plastic bags.**

**Annual Parish Meeting: Friday 12th May**

**7.30 p.m at the Memorial Hall**

**BORIS JOHNSON, M.P. will be speaking from 8 pm**

## New Fruit Trees in Carling Orchard

Readers may have noticed the removal of a number of fruit trees from Carling Orchard. These trees were poor quality single variety crab apples planted by the builders of the new homes on this site. The trees have, over time, been seriously damaged by muntjac deer to the point where they are in a very sorry state. A team of volunteers led by Brian Willis, Ilse Else, Cherry Postlethwaite and Eddie Booker have been leading a project to restore the site to its former glory as a genuine fruit orchard. The intention is to implement a replanting programme over the coming years to improve biodiversity and the range of wild flowers.

## Travel Tokens for Residents aged 70+

Travel Tokens will be distributed at the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 5th April, between 10.00-11.30. All residents of Peppard who are aged 70 or over, and disabled residents, are eligible. (Please bring your pension book, or other evidence, if you are a new claimant).

Residents who are 60 or over will be eligible for a bus pass for which they have to apply to South Oxfordshire District Council (Concessionary Fares – Tel: 01491 823413).

## Research into Transport

Are you interested in joining the Committee on Inclusive Transport? This looks at all forms of public transport, highways and pavements and how it affects those who have difficulty with mobility. The committee sits 4 times per year and your expenses will be paid.

If you would like more details please contact Peppard News – e-mail [PeppardNews@aol.com](mailto:PeppardNews@aol.com) or write to our Editor.

## Planning

There has been steady flow of planning applications for the parish planning committee to consider over the last few months, ranging from housing developments to small extensions, as well as for changes of use. Perhaps the application that has caught the most interest has been the development of the former OCC depot on Shiplake Bottom. There have been 3 applications for this site over the last year, and the first two were turned down by the committee, as there were significant issues, like massing, alignment, overlooking and building line. Understandably, there was considerable depth of feeling from local residents – but not all local residents were objecting – there also were letters of support. There are still some parishioners who are not happy with the fact that the parish planning committee had 'no strong views' on the 3<sup>rd</sup> application and that full planning consent (with certain conditions) has been granted, but the developer has taken on board the comments made and the scheme has been significantly modified, but there are still 13 dwellings, as granted in the original outline consent.

## Parish Council

Chairman: Geoff Pitcher

Contact details for Chairman, Parish Clerk: and

Parish Councillors are on the Council's website

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

SODC Councillors: Don Naish - 0118 972 3828

& Paul Harrison - 0118 972 2665

OCC Councillor: Carol Viney - 01491 680887

Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council usually meets on 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30 pm 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.

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# Village Matters

## Greenshoots

Care in the Community is a phrase used by government officials and often derided by the national press but here, in Peppard, we have one of the finest examples of care in the community in our midst. Greenshoots, a nursery based at Manor Farm on the Nettlebed road, is run by the Ways and Means Trust - established in 1967 to help people with learning difficulties, physical and mental disabilities to develop the skills and confidence that introduce them to the world of work.

Greenshoots have a total of 28 students, 16 at any one time but will always welcome and accommodate more. The students, some in residential homes, some living with parents, some living independently, come from a wide area - as far as Newbury and the nearest from Sonning Common.



They are ably tutored by Frances, Anna, Michael, Paul and Neal and not forgetting Jason, the dog, who specialises in unique canine listening skills. The staff are dedicated to helping the students learn literacy, numeracy and life skills and more importantly horticultural and retail skills, with the aim of guiding the students through their NVQs in horticulture and ultimately into jobs with other organisations. A lot of the focus is also placed upon social skills and customer service training. Several of their students have achieved placements with local companies and organisations as a direct result of their training at Greenshoots. One of their true success stories is tutor Neal who, having once been a student himself, has just passed his NVQ Level 1 (along with 6 others) and is now working towards his BTEC Certificate. Neal supervises some of the outdoor activities and oversees some of the classroom work.

The students are involved in all aspects of the horticultural work from the hard digging, to sowing seeds, pricking out and potting on and making up the hanging baskets and vegetable boxes. With customer care comprising a large part of their training, customers are greeted enthusiastically and given painstaking help in selecting plants and vegetables under the watchful, but distant, eye of the tutors. All the students have their favourite activi-

ties but dealing with customers comes very high up for all of them. Even loading a car boot with vegetables is included in the list of enjoyable activities.



Greenshoots are dedicated green gardeners and try to encourage wildlife. Most of the plants (and all of the vegetables) are grown from seed with just annuals and herbs grown from plugs and all in a chemical free environment. In response to requests from customers, this year they are growing a large variety of alpine plants. The students all learn to propagate cuttings as a major part of their training. This means that Greenshoots can keep their costs to a minimum.

They have charitable status and receive funding from Berkshire College of Agriculture and from local councils as a mechanism of the student referrals but nevertheless they run on a shoestring. They aim to cover costs of basic materials with sales of plants to the general public but they have to apply a delicate balance: if they were to become a successful commercial organisation they would lose their charitable status.

Your custom will be welcomed but any donations would also be appreciated. Greenshoots offer recycling of sorts - they will refill hanging baskets and reuse plastic pots and seed trays. They will make good use of any gardening equipment. So don't forget, when you are clearing out the garden shed and replacing tools, you can give that old wheelbarrow or spade to Greenshoots.

## FISH

FISH is about to replace the current mini-bus with a new one which will be larger and more comfortable. This has been made possible by prudent man-

agement of our funds by our Treasurer and Committee, and generous donations from the Oxfordshire Rural Transport Partnership and Sonning Common Parish Council. We give our thanks to all who made this possible. We are currently preparing a programme of events for the Spring and Summer including the popular "Shop and Lunch" trips.

We are constantly in need of car drivers. If you have a few hours to spare perhaps you would like to join our happy band; you can be sure of a warm welcome. Telephone us on 0118 9723986 between 09.30 and 11.30. There are no monetary rewards in driving for FISH, although we do pay 35p per mile expenses, but it is a worthwhile experience. Ask any of our drivers and they will tell you so.

## Beating the Bounds: Rogation Sunday 21st May Meet at The Dog Public House at 12 noon

Help keep this ancient custom alive by joining us on this attractive walk.

Parishioners, their families and friends are invited to take part in the annual "Beating the Bounds". This year we shall be beating the north & north east boundaries of the Parish. The walk will last about 1½ hours and will be led by Tim Meikle. The Reverend Graham Foulis Brown will provide an appropriate send off for this ancient custom of "Beating the Bounds" on Rogation Sunday. Beating sticks will be provided. **Wellies are essential if the weather is wet.** There are no stiles on the walk. Please come and join us and enjoy a good walk in our wonderful countryside and help keep a tradition alive.

Further details from: **Tim Meikle 0118 972 3084**

## Replacement Bus Shelter at Peppard Crossroads

It was due to the generous grant by Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council that the Parish Council has been able to replace the old bus shelter that was in poor repair at Peppard Crossroads with the bespoke brick and flint and oak bus shelter recently built by Heart of Oak Buildings Ltd., of Checkendon.

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## From 2 Priory Copse

This is a kind of 'A Day in the Life Of...' I write on Ash Wednesday evening at the end of an encouraging day.

I spent the morning at our school. A lady from Harcourt Arboretum kept the children's interest for an hour as she talked about trees. Then I watched as the Foundation children worked on their Rain Forest project – joining up dots and painting butterflies and frogs. It was a very happy classroom with a lot of learning going on. I felt very proud of our school and am glad to have the opportunity to say so publicly.

In the afternoon some twenty folk met at the Christian Community Action Shop in Sonning Common to hear from the Director of CCA, Alan Magness, that the lease on the shop has been renewed. It is wonderful that this excellent facility will continue to serve our communities, providing furniture and other goods for those in need and a meeting place for many. We are grateful to Peppard Congregational Church who will help the centre financially by basing some of their community services in the building.

The day ended with members of our three congregations gathering at Christ the King for the Ash Wednesday Eucharist. As our foreheads were marked with ash we heard the words, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' That is our natural destiny, but soon the Easter message will remind us that God raised Jesus from death and will raise his people too.

**Barry Olsen**

## Churchyard Extension

Consequent upon the sale of the former Rectory of Rotherfield Peppard, arrangements were made for the retention of part of the Rectory grounds for an extension to the churchyard for burials. In a process which began in September 2003, an application was made to South Oxfordshire District Council (as Burial Authority) under Section 214 of the Local Government Act 1972 for a grant to defray Parochial Church Council costs of £4038.13.

The PCC has pursued the matter vigorously. SODC officers, after two years of prevarication, have now stated, in a letter dated 2nd February, 2006, that SODC will make no financial contribution: "The grounds for this decision are that the Council accepts its responsibility as a burial authority but having taken advice, feels that it is obliged to assure spaces for burial across the district rather than in a specific parish." It would seem that this "policy statement" has been developed solely in response to our application. Fortunately, Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council made a generous grant of £1000 to the PCC as a contribution towards the cost of the extension, leaving the PCC to find the remaining £3038.13.

## Can You Help?

Further efforts are being made to identify unmarked graves in the 'new' churchyard at All Saints'. One is better than none, and the brief article in our last issue resulted in one person supplying information that enabled identification of one unidentified grave. Several graves, some of which are well tended, remain unidentified. If you can help, please contact Keith Atkinson on 0118 972 2844.

## Congratulations!

Doris Simmonds has been a faithful and much loved member of our congregation at All Saints' Church. Her move to live at Spencers Wood has meant that she has not been able to worship very often at All Saints'. Doris reached her 100th birthday on the Feast of the Epiphany when seven members of the congregation took her our very best wishes and congratulations.

Congratulations of a different kind are due to Sandra Atkinson, whose photograph *Nets on the shore* was judged runner up in *The Door's* (the Oxford diocesan newspaper) photographic competition.

Head Chorister, Jamie Bell, sang at St. Albans Cathedral in January with the Royal School of Church Music Southern Cathedral Singers. He also sang with them at Guildford Cathedral in February and he has been invited to sing at York Minster on 1st May.

## Forthcoming Concerts at All Saints' Church

*A tango through France* is the title of a recital for flute and piano, to be given by Peppard flautist, Claire Overbury, and her accompanist, Anna Kounadi, in All Saints' Church on Friday, 7th April at 8 pm. Refreshments will be available after the recital and there will be a retiring collection for the work of the Rotherfield Peppard Educational Charity.

On Saturday, 20th May at 8 pm, *In an arbour green ~ the genius of early 20th century English music* - a concert featuring Julia Booker (soprano) of Greys, Robin Howles (tenor) of Peppard, their accompanist, Antonia King, and the Tuesday String Quartet. Music by Warlock, Bridge, Gurney, Quilter, Hurlstone, Wood and Vaughan Williams will be included in their programme. The retiring collection will benefit the work of Christian Aid.

## The Guild of All Saints

The Second Annual Guild Service, which recognises the devoted service and commitment of so many parishioners to their parish church, will be held at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 21st May. It will be preceded by the dedication of a tree which has been planted in the churchyard in memory of Elizabeth Brown, herself a devoted servant of the church who had particularly wished for the re-invigoration of the Guild.

## All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard

*Services on Good Friday and Easter Day*

<b>Good Friday,</b>	10 am	Morning Prayer and Litany
14th April	2 pm	Devotional Hour
<b>Easter Day,</b>	9 am	Holy Communion
16th April	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
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# Church Matters (Continued)

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I was sitting quietly in The Unicorn on a lovely summer's day and picked up the Peppard News only to be surprised when I saw a photograph of Fr John Ellis, my predecessor who had just retired, and to read a little about me as his successor. I have now been at St Michael's for seven months and have come to a community which is very much alive.

At Easter we celebrate the events which brought about our Redemption. Easter comes from the same root word as oestrus; the life-cycle. Easter is about the newness of life we share with the Risen Christ.

Lent is about growth and development of our inner lives, with a little pruning of the externals. Most gardeners prune in order to achieve a better and more luxuriant growth. So must we. It is traditional in Lent not only to try to cut down on our excesses, but to try to come to an understanding of what it is that is really important in life. It may not be an easy task, but that is the challenge. Easter is about the abundant new growth which comes as a result of successful pruning

One of all churches' major concerns is that many of our congregation are no longer regular attendees. We want to find a satisfactory way of inviting them back and offering a warm welcome as well as understanding their absence. I think that for all the

churches this is a burning issue: "How do we become welcoming, family-friendly churches? And how do we cultivate a deeper faith?" We all see it as our task to be leaven in the dough. Lent gives us time and space for reflection and introspection so that we can listen to the Lord and hear what He is saying to us. Easter gives us the confidence to go and put His recommendations into practice.

I hope we all have a marvellous Easter-tide.

Easter Services	
Palm Sunday	9 am and 10.30
Maundy Thursday	8 am – Mass and the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	12 noon – Stations of the Cross 3 pm Solemn Liturgy
Easter Saturday	9 pm Vigil
Easter Sunday	9 am and 10.30 First Mass of Easter



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### News

September 2005 saw the visit to Peppard Congregational Church of Isaac George from Liberia. The church has been supporting Isaac and his family for many years and it was wonderful to have him with us for 3 weeks. During his time with us we discussed his requirements for computers and general aid and started planning the container which finally left Peppard in February. We worked very closely with the charity Feed the Children, based in Twyford, to send a 40ft container. There were approx fifty computers, sewing machines, food, clothing, paper, school books, and many more items of need.

Many local companies and schools helped in supplying goods which we are very grateful for. The container should have reached Monrovia, Liberia on March 9th. If you would like further information regarding the work we do in Liberia please contact the Church office on 01189 724519.

### Cradle Club

**MONDAYS 10.00 am** (Except Bank Holidays)

Cradle Club was started nine years ago with a few Mums meeting together. It has since grown and become increasingly popular. It was created for Mums and is one of the few groups which cater for newborn babies. Most then continue to stay until their child is two or continue when they have more children. It is a chance to meet new friends, to have a cup of tea or coffee, and for children to mix with others of similar ages. We also

have nannies, child-minders and Grandmas who come along, and even the occasional Dad.

For more details please contact the Church office on 1189 724519

### Sunday Services

With Creche and Children's Sunday School

All are welcome to our Sunday Services ... start 10.30 am

There is a supervised crèche for the very young and groups of children up to 14 to attend if they wish. They will go out mid-service and come back in just before the end. After the service, please join us for refreshments and a chat.

**Missed Sunday's message?** We are now placing an audio recording of each Sunday's message on the web - [www.pepcon.plus.com](http://www.pepcon.plus.com)

We will soon be offering CD and tapes of Sundays' services.

## The Unicorn

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# Clubs and Societies

## Chiltern Edge Horticultural Society

Having enjoyed a successful year in 2005 and now looking forward to spring, Chiltern Edge Horticultural Society thought it a good time to let you know what we have to offer.

A local resident recently approached me to say how much she had enjoyed the afternoon at our Autumn Show. She was amazed at the colour and quality of flowers and vegetables, flower arrangements, photography and art works that filled Chiltern Edge School hall, as well as the cakes, pastries and preserves. She has lived in Sonning Common many years unaware these social occasions existed! Yes, it's time we promoted our Society!

Our membership subscription rates are very reasonable and include 6 horticultural talks through winter months (free to members), 3 coach outings - May, June and September: one of these will include a free entry to RHS Wisley as the Society is affiliated to the RHS. Two social occasions - a July evening buffet supper in a local garden (small charge for food). Also a free wine and cheese supper combined with brief AGM in early December. Members are issued with a Programme Card and a free monthly newsletter delivered to their door. WHAT VALUE!

We are delighted to welcome new members and we encourage children to enter the show classes specifically for 12's and under. Our Membership Secretary, Mrs Sue Hedges will be pleased to hear from you on 0118 972 3678. You don't have to be a knowledgeable gardener to join. We are a friendly bunch, wishing to keep CEHS, a rural tradition, alive. We hold two shows a year, Spring and Autumn - social occasions as well as mildly competitive. There are art, craft, photography and cookery classes too.

Who knows? Having joined our Society you may be tempted to enter! We encourage novices - that's how I started. We would be pleased to welcome new members. Come along and join us.

**Molly Lindlaw**

## Royal British Legion Peppard & District Branch

We had a very successful 2005 Poppy Appeal and our branch raised almost £3,200, an amazing sum for a branch whose area is quite rural and wide-spread. It covers Peppard, a small part of Sonning Common, Greys, Satwell, Kingwood, Wyfold and Stoke Row and much praise must go to the collectors who work so hard (and those who walk so far!) to make this achievable. We are always looking for help with the Poppy Appeal and also members, so if you are interested please contact Penny Harvey 0118 9723779.

## Peppard WI

Peppard WI look forward to their 88th year. There has been a welcome influx of new members recently but it would be nice to see even more people in the area joining us. Please phone Pamela Davies on 0118 9723614 for details. Forthcoming events planned are: 12<sup>th</sup> April, John Woolley BEM will give a talk on what became known as The Great Train Robbery. He was involved in the investigations as a serving police officer at that time; 10<sup>th</sup> May, we shall debate the two resolutions to be put to the National Federation of Women's Institutes' AGM. These cover the efficiency levels in buildings using renewable energy and urging the Government to increase sporting facilities in schools. 14<sup>th</sup> June there will be a visit to the garden of an ex-member now living near Didcot.

## Peppard Charity Support Group

At the Group's last meeting of 2005 the decision was taken to bring the group to a close. It was set up at the beginning of 1996 and in the intervening period has raised a total of £19,042 - in just 10 years! Especial thanks are due to Sue Nickson and the committee for all their work - the committee comprised Sandra Atkinson (Secretary), Barbara Butler (Treasurer), Pat Fraser, Vivian Rex, Ann Butler-Smith, Ruth Whitaker and Sue Nickson (Coordinator). Previous group members have included Beryl Warwick, Judith Howles, Beryl Swan, Pam Pearson and Sally Longhurst.

In that time the group donated money and goods to the victims of the Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia crises, war victims in Iraq and for the Boxing Day Tsunami. We have employed many ways to raise funds, not least of these being the Peppard Run and the Cantus concerts. These, with their fund raising principles, will continue.

## Bowls Club Report

The outdoor season begins at Peppard on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April when members are invited to call to pay subscriptions and sign up for matches. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Open Day for old and new members and friends with an opportunity for prospective new bowlers to try out their skills. All we need now is for the sun to shine!

For further information phone 0118 9722757.

## Christian Aid

A house to house collection in support of Christian Aid will take place in the week 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May. Please be generous when the red envelope drops through your door.

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## Rotherfield Peppard Educational Trust

**Fund for support of educational activities**

The Trust supports educational activities undertaken by under twenty-fives from Peppard. It can help with purchase of books, educational visits, special projects, and the like. If you may be eligible, or know of others who may wish to apply, please give us a call.

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

# Peppard Diary

APRIL									
Sat	1	SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall	Sat	13	Green Gym/Kennylands Field/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528				
		Chiltern Players/G B Shaw's Pygmalion/Memorial Hall			Hort Soc/Coach trip Hilliers, Romsey/Info 0118 9723245				
		Hort Soc Annual Spring Show/15.00-17.00/Chiltern Edge	Mon	15	Start Christian Aid Week				
Mon	3	Peppard Lunch Club Bring & Buy/10.30/Wyfold Grange	Wed	17	Peppard Lunch Club/12.15/Memorial Hall				
		FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH office			CRUSE Coffee Morning/10.00-11.30/SC Village Hall				
Wed	5	RPPC Bus Tokens/10.00-11.30/Sports Pavilion	Thurs	18	Green Gym/Flowercroft Wood/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528				
Fri	7	Recital Flute & Piano/20.00/All Saints' Church			FISH Pub Lunch Outing/11.30/details FISH office				
Sat	8	Green Gym/ Peppard Common/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528	Sat	20	Green Gym/SC Primary School/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528				
Mon	10	Mobile Library-see below for times and places			Table Top Sale/09.00-12.00/Sonning Common Village Hall				
		Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion			Concert 'In an arbour green'/19.30/All Saints' Church				
Wed	12	Peppard WI/Great Train Robbery/14.30/Memorial Hall	Sun	21	Beating the Bounds/Dog PH/12 noon/Info T Meikle 9723084				
Tues	18	Peppard School start Term 5	Mon	22	Mobile Library-see below for times and places				
Wed	19	CRUSE Coffee Morning/10.00-11.30/SC Village Hall			Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion				
		Peppard Lunch Club/12.15/Memorial Hall	Fri	26	Peppard School end Term 5				
		Hort Soc/Talk Roger Turner-Grasses & Ferns/19.30/C. Edge	Sat	27	Green Gym/Flowercroft Wood/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528				
Thurs	20	Refuse kerbside collection (Easter - day later)	<b>JUNE</b>						
		FISH Pub Lunch Outing/11.30/details FISH office	Thurs	1	Refuse kerbside collection (Bank holiday - day later)				
Mon	24	Mobile Library-see below for times and places	Sat	3	SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall				
		Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion	Mon	5	Mobile Library-see below for times and places				
Sat	29	Green Gym/Kingwood Common/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528			FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH office				
Sun	30	Peppard Bowls Club/Open Day /All welcome			Peppard School start Term 6				
<b>MAY</b>				Sat	10	Green Gym/Flowercroft Wood/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528			
Mon	1	Bank Hol/School closed	Mon	12	Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion				
Tues	2	FOPS/Swimathon/Gillotts/afternoon	Wed	14	Peppard WI/Garden visit Didcot/14.30				
Thurs	4	Refuse kerbside collection (Bank holiday - day later)	Thurs	15	FISH Pub Lunch Outing/11.30/details FISH office				
Sat	6	SODC/OCC Councillor Surgery/10-12/St Michael's Hall	Mon	19	Mobile Library-see below for times and places				
		Kidmore End School Spring Fair/14.30-17.30	Wed	21	CRUSE Coffee Morning/10.00-11.30/SC Village Hall				
Mon	8	Mobile Library-see below for times and places			Peppard Lunch Club/12.15/Memorial Hall				
		FISH Garden Centre Outing/13.30/details FISH office	Thurs	22	Green Gym/Kingwood Common/09.30-12.30/0118 9723528				
		Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion	Sat	24	Hort Soc/Coach Hidcote Manor, Glos/Info 0118 9723245				
Wed	10	Peppard WI/Resolutions for AGM/14.30/Memorial Hall	Mon	26	Parish Council Meeting/20.15/Pavilion				
Fri	12	P.C.AGM/19.30/Memorial Hall/Speaker <b>Boris Johnson</b>	Fri	30	Peppard School Sports Day (if wet Fri 14 July)				
Mobile Library – places & times (School: 15.00-15.15) (Unicorn: 15.25-15.40)				FISH Office: 118 972 3986 ((Mon-Fri, 09.30-11.30)					

## Static Dustcarts

At the time of going to press no schedule of dustcarts is available until decision is made on the collection of green waste. See Page 3 for more detail.

## Church Services

Sunday Services	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	Notes
At All Saints'	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	May	May	May	May	June	June	June	June	† Festal Evensong
09.00 Communion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	‡ 11.00 at Kidmore End
10.30 Communion (sung)			✓	✓	‡		✓		✓	✓			✓	Joint Benefice Service
10.30 Matins	✓					✓					✓			<b>Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>
10.30 Family Service		✓						✓				✓		10.00 Morning Prayer and Litany
10.30 Sunday School			✓				✓			✓				14.00 Devotional Hour
18.30 Evensong	✓	✓	✓†	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓†	✓	✓	✓	

**Sunday Services at Peppard Congregational Church**  
Family Service: 10.30 - 11.45 ♦ Sunday School 10.30 - 11.30

**Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church**  
♦ Monday-Friday 09.00 ♦  
Saturday 17.30 ♦ Sunday 09.00 & 10.30

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