

# Peppard News

A community newspaper for the parish of Rotherfield Peppard

## What a Great Place!

Summer 2012

85% of the residents in our village completed last year's Community Survey. This consisted of 899 adult returns and 118 from young people aged 8 to 16. Again thanks to everyone who took part.

**What did people say?** Respondents love where they live and 77% have been here for more than five years. 33% of the young people have lived in Rotherfield Peppard all their lives. Residents generally do not want things to change. 11% thought that nothing new should be built, with the majority 61% saying that development should be very restricted. Allocating land for affordable housing was supported by 40% of people but only if it were available to local people.

Children in Peppard attend many different schools with 49% at independent schools. This meant that young people did not have many friends in the village and 76% would like a place to meet. Facilities for children and teenagers were seen as important and 64% of adults and 46% of young people supported the idea of an outside play area for the village. Young people take part in a varied number of activities and belong to clubs, 53% of which are outside the village. The same number would like more leisure and sporting facilities in the village.

There were a lot of comments relating to traffic speed in the village and 63% of

respondents were concerned about traffic but 75% did not think traffic noise was unacceptable; and only 5% would support a reduction in speed limit across the commons.



*Sunday afternoon in Peppard*

Footpaths and bridleways were top of the list of facilities considered important. 69% of respondents use them either daily or weekly. Residents appreciate the rural nature of the village, rating Kingwood and Peppard Commons as very important, with 43% using them at least weekly.

Broadband coverage was an area of concern that required further action as 50% of respondents use it for work and 83% use it for more than five hours a week. 58% were unhappy with the quality and speed of their connection. Mobile phone coverage was also thought to be an issue by 68% of respondents.

Local bus services are important to 61% of residents but only 3% use them daily; however 61% of people would use buses if they were cheaper and ran more frequently.

**Outcomes and Next Steps:** a great success has been the identification of many volunteers. The Kingwood and Peppard Common Volunteers (KPCV) has been established to help maintain and improve the commons. They meet on the first Saturday of each month. Work has been undertaken in Carlings Orchard and other volunteers are assisting with Peppard Revels.

A working group has been set up to look at the feasibility of building a play area in the village, and another is looking at road and footpath issues. We are still seeking someone to head up a very important telecommunication group.

Public meetings to discuss some of these issues will be held in the Sports Pavilion Stoke Row Road, on the following Tuesdays in June at 19.30:

- 12<sup>th</sup> - we will be considering what can be done about speeding traffic
- 19<sup>th</sup> - the subject will be footpaths; one of the most highly valued facilities we have in the village
- 26<sup>th</sup> - neighbourhood watch

We look forward to your involvement.

**Tony Cotton**

## Editorial

What interesting reading the results of the Peppard Community Survey make! One key feeling arising from the survey is that the community should make a greater effort to support the needs of young people within the parish. It is they who will ensure that our community flourishes in the future.

*Peppard News* is very keen to play an active part in supporting young people. We have already introduced a Young Achievers column to encourage them to tell us of their successes. But more needs to be done.

I am sure our young people have ideas about the village and its future and we would love to hear from them. Doubtless they will also have views on *Peppard News* and how we might make it better for them.

We encourage the young people of Peppard to write or email us their ideas. I cannot promise that things will change overnight but it would be good to make young people a part of our development.

Have a great summer!

*Tony Treglown, Editor*

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# Our Schools

## Peppard Primary School

We are extremely pleased to welcome our new Headteacher, Ms Chris Grieve, who seems to have slotted into our village school extremely well. We are confident that Peppard will benefit greatly from her drive, enthusiasm, sense of adventure and experience.

*'I have had a fantastic first few weeks at Peppard and have been made to feel very welcome by everyone. My move from Devon has been very exciting and it is a great privilege to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school, located in a wonderful part of the country. I am looking forward to continuing and improving links with the local community so if you would like to pop in for a chat you would be very welcome.'*

Chris Grieve

We had a very enjoyable week taking part in the Henley Youth Festival. Greys class entered the Art Competition (up to age 6); the theme this year was Motion.



Motion

We are also very proud to announce that Eleanor Whittle entered the competition in the 7-11 age group, and won first prize!

Other events included a performance of *Hamlet* and also *The Snail and The Whale*

## Peppard C of E Primary School

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Headteacher  
**Ms Christine Grieve**

Chairman of the Governors  
**Christine Bradbury**

for the younger children at the Kenton Theatre. Sporting activities included a Squash tournament and skipping and fencing workshops. And not forgetting our magnificent Bell Boating team who came second in the Henley boat race.

We are looking forward to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and in particular the children are very proud to have been invited to sing at the opening ceremony of the Peppard Games on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Years 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a day trip to Bletchley Park; our younger children are looking forward to a trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre whilst Years 4 and 5 are excitedly anticipating their residential trip to Hill End Field Studies Centre in Oxford.

The choir have, again, been invited to sing at the Festival of Voices on 21<sup>st</sup> June as part of the annual summer festival. Children from 50 primary schools in Oxfordshire will take part. It is an amazing opportunity for the children to sing in the beautiful Dorchester Abbey.

As we approach the end of the term, the children are looking forward to performing in the school summer production of *Wind in the Willows* at the Kenton Theatre, Henley, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. And not forgetting sports day on the common, which promises to be an

enjoyable summer's afternoon (once the sun makes its appearance) and evening for all the family!

If you are moving to the area with children, we currently have some spaces and would be delighted to show you around. Please call 01491 628354 for further information and to make an appointment.

**Tina Blumfield, Governor**

## Friends of Peppard School

We are busy preparing for the Peppard Games; part of the bank holiday celebrations that are being organised by the Revels. We will be running a Café so do please come and have some tea and cake and enjoy the activities taking place. It should be a great day for all the family.

A big thank you to all those who attended our Quiz Night; we hope you all enjoyed yourselves and that you'll keep an eye out for our future events. Thank you to Mel Jones for organising this successful event that raised a lot of money for the School.

**Sarah Brophy, Co-Chairman**

## Peppard Baby & Toddler Group

We held an Easter Egg Hunt in Laura Gelata's garden; baskets were made and decorated and filled with small chocolate rabbits and eggs. A big thank you to Laura. Now we have a new craft every week with Indian feather head dresses, hand print sheep and cut out butterflies. In the summer holidays we have informal gatherings (normal group hours) at Binfield Heath Park.

We are a friendly, Mum-run group which really welcomes new Mums and carers. We meet each Tuesday from 09.45-11.45 at Peppard War Memorial Hall. For more details, please contact Caroline Jones on 0118 972 3547, or just come along.

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# Our Young Achievers

## Disabled Children Go Skiing Thanks to Matt & Elody



**Matt guiding skier Aaron**

At the start of February this year my friend, Elody, and I were lucky enough to travel to Italy as part of a volunteer team working on behalf of Katie's Ski Tracks. Katie's is a fantastic charity which aims to give children with disabilities and life threatening illnesses a skiing holiday of a life time. Every year (funding allowing) Katie's takes a group of 20 kids, along with a team of around 30 volunteers, on a week-long skiing holiday in the Italian Alps. The team is made up of a fully qualified medical team, along with a physiotherapist, a team of ski guides who work with the kids on the slopes and a team of all-purpose volunteers responsible for making sure all the brilliant après-ski activities are as much fun as possible.

Elody and I went along as first time ski guides with no idea what to expect. I'm pleased to say we both had an absolutely fantastic time coaching a really great group of kids. The sense of achievement at the end of the holiday is hard to describe, not just for the kids, who all overcame so much during the week, but also for the volunteers. You really feel as though you've been part of something which has had a hugely positive impact on

the lives of these children. It's definitely changed my outlook on disabilities and has really motivated me to get involved with fund raising for next year's trip. To this end Elody and I are now planning a charity ski dive to raise money! And most definitely looking forward to doing it all again next year.

**Matt Griffith**

## Pedal Power

During April, Sonning Common School have an annual On Your Bike event for all ages, young and old, to raise money for the school and for Sue Ryder at Nettlebed. Each year my friends and I sign up for this great bike ride and this year I was one of over 700 people who took part in the ride! You can choose all different distances to ride, from 5 miles, 12 miles to 20 miles! This year I went for the 20 mile ride!



We started at the school and headed out around the village and then into Peppard. Next we cycled out to Stoke Row and then onto Nuffield. The route is clearly marked with marshals so that you can ride safely and don't get lost!

Also, they had drink stations along the way. After a few refuelling stops on route, we carried on back around to Checkendon and whizzed along through the South Oxfordshire country lanes and made our way through Gallowstree Common and finally back to the start.

It took me and my friends about 3 hours and I was really surprised how much fun we had along the way. It was nice riding along lanes that you might not go down as often in a car. You also get to see so many great things and the area that I live in looks so different on a new route. I was a little saddle sore that night, but by the next day, I could have done it all over again!

**Emma Renwick (Age 12)**

## Jaguar Sports Academy

As a GB Kayaker, I have been selected as one of 50 athletes throughout the whole of Great Britain to be part of the Jaguar Sports Academy.

This consists of Jaguar Cars teaming up with Sports Aid to give the top up-and-coming sporting hopefuls the support they need to get to the next level of competing at the European, World and Olympic Championships in the years to come.

I was invited to Sheffield, where the first of five workshops was held. Dame Kelly Holmes, Jess Ennis, Rio Ferdinand, Barry McGuigan and Anna Hemmings were the celebrity elite athletes attending the workshop to chat with, give their knowledge and to support the athletes and their parents. Within the workshop, athletes and parents were given information about drugs testing and media training.

The athletes come from a range of different sports, both Olympic and Paralympic. It was great to see such a diversity of different athletes and learn about each others' sport.

**Nico Kirschstein Smith**

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# The Councils

## Parish Council News

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. After an introduction by David Hammond, the meeting heard an update on the Community Plan from Tony Cotton. The highlight of the meeting was our MP, John Howell, who talked about Localism and the opportunities for local communities to get more involved in the planning system by producing neighbourhood plans. He answered questions and agreed that planning enforcement might need to be improved. He also recognised the problems caused by poor broadband performance in rural areas and described some of the actions he had taken to highlight weaknesses in the OfCom analysis of the problem where rural communities were often grouped with larger conurbations which have higher speeds. County Councils had the lead on how to improve broadband performance. He emphasised the importance of teamwork between government and councils and offered to send his monthly e-newsletter to anyone providing their email address.

The meeting then heard reports from the Finance and Planning Committees. Tony Cotton explained some of the key figures from the unaudited accounts for the year to the end of March. Clive Mills described the increase in the number of planning applications considered and the role of the Parish Council. A report from the Commons Conservators was read out and Ian Heriot provided a review of Peppard Primary School's year. He also introduced the new headteacher, Christine Grieve.

The meeting was rounded off by an Open Forum where Parish Councillors were joined by our County Councillor, Carol Viney, and one of our District Councillors, Paul Harrison, to answer questions from the floor. Topics raised included plans for a children's play area, planning, speeding traffic and illegal roadside signs.

The results of the survey were available as handouts and open meetings will be held in June (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>) to consider action plans on roads and speeding; footpaths and neighbourhood watch – all items identified in the survey.

We are all looking forward to the activities at the Peppard Revels over the Diamond Jubilee weekend in June; there are

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Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council usually meets on 2nd Monday of the month at 19.30 in the Pavilion. Parishioners may attend and observe, and may briefly raise issues of concern to them. All may attend intermediate planning meetings as well - see Diary for dates and times.

also other events taking place as we head into summer. There are many opportunities for everyone to get involved in the life of the community. Check the Parish Council website ([rppc.org.uk](http://rppc.org.uk)), keep reading *Peppard News* and get involved. You won't regret it.

**David Hammond, Chairman**

of time helping her. Unfortunately her predecessor couldn't continue so, having enjoyed that aspect of council affairs, Linda decided that she would like to apply herself. Now, as Clerk, she cannot be involved in making decisions but she finds that the job does suit her and she thoroughly enjoys it.

The main responsibilities of the Clerk to the Parish Council are to ensure that the Council, including the Chairman, adhere to all appropriate legal procedures. Her duties encompass all administration and documentation, as well as the finances and also the communication between the Parish Council and South Oxfordshire District and Oxfordshire County Councils. She maintains the Council's website and manages the two part-time employees. Linda says that she finds the hardest part is coping with all the legal/governmental jargon and often refers to books or the internet for interpretations! It is possible to be Clerk to more than one council and, in time, Linda may opt to work for another one.

Although she learnt a great deal through helping the former Clerk, she has, nevertheless, had a steep learning curve. She finds the Councillors very supportive and

there is a network of support available; the Society of Local Council Clerks and Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils will help with her queries at any time.

Once she is fully settled in, she intends to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration – this requires her to complete a portfolio covering 24 subjects, each supported by examples of local work and events. As she went from Councillor to Clerk within the same Parish, she cannot be paid for the first year, so she philosophically views this year as training. She probably devotes around 100 hours per month to her work. Eventually she will be paid an hourly rate – but it won't make her rich!

Linda can often be seen out and about walking with her two border collies or running, with dogs in tow, and Elvis Presley playing through her earphones. She loves to keep fit and the highlight for her was participating in the Las Vegas Half Marathon five years ago. To a background of fireworks, there were thousands

## Know Your Council Clerk

### Linda Collison

Linda has lived in Peppard for ten years and absolutely loves it. It fitted the bill perfectly as the halfway point for Linda and her partner, Tony, as they worked in different directions. She worked in the IT world in Camberley and then Reading until being made redundant in 2011. She originally came from a small village in Cambridgeshire. As her parents are quite old now, she frequently visits, takes them on holiday and also remains close to her siblings who still live there.

Being keen to be part of the community, when Linda saw an appeal for Parish Councillors she thought this would not only be a useful thing to do, but a way to meet local people too. She loved being a Councillor and being part of the decision making process. When her predecessor started as Clerk, Linda spent a lot

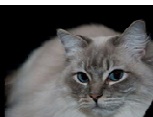


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of people taking part – people of all ages, types and abilities – even people getting married. She found the whole thing so exciting that she ran the first five miles without realising it. I have no doubt that she will put the same amount of energy into managing our Council as she does to her running!

**Rita Hadgkiss**

## Snippets

### Weather

Thinking of doing a spot of gardening? Putting some washing out to dry? Going for a walk? A game of golf? Or just what to wear to go shopping? A new feature of the *Peppard News* website is the weather forecast – a weather radar to help you predict the weather now or a 10 day forecast. See [www.PeppardNews.co.uk/villageinformation](http://www.PeppardNews.co.uk/villageinformation): Local Weather is at the bottom of the list.

### Ski Dive

Matt Griffin and his friend, Elody, are planning a ski dive to raise funds for Katie's Ski Tracks (see Page 3). Once all the details are finalised *Peppard News* will let you know more about the ski dive and how you can sponsor Matt and Elody. *Peppard News* congratulates them on their endeavours.

### Drop-in Afternoon

In April, *Peppard News* invited our contributors and distributors to an informal afternoon with tea and cake at the Sports Pavilion, with a view to bringing them together to give us their views on our efforts and allow them to meet and swap notes.

While the attendance was lower than we would have liked, those who came were certainly not short of ideas. We were also

encouraged that four of our Parish councillors took time to join us and give us their support.

An enjoyable and constructive afternoon all round. Thank you all for coming.

**Tony Treglown**

### Citizens Advice Bureau

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### Meditation.

Wouldn't it be great to have more energy, to feel less stressed and to remain calm in all situations? To be less tired at the end of the day?

Most of us lead hectic lives. With the pressures of work, family, and the demands placed on us, it's not surprising that more of us are becoming stressed. What most people don't realise is that

stress is an energy that we carry within us. When we meditate we can break down and release this stress energy allowing more good energy to flow through us creating a sense of peace and calm. Held at Rotherfield Greys Village Hall, these evenings are open to anyone who is interested in mediation and how it can help reduce stress, create calm in our lives and increase the energy that we have.

Contact Sarah Jenner on 07736 298 206 [sjpranichealing@gmail.com](mailto:sjpranichealing@gmail.com)

### Ride For Ryder

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, get on your bike for a choice of two routes around the local countryside. Make a day of it. Pass villages with breathtaking views of the Chiltern Hills and cycle through the beautiful woodland. The routes are designed to challenge the rider. For novices choose the 20 mile route but for a real challenge register for the 60 mile route. The ride starts and finishes at the Nettlebed Hospice

We are encouraging riders to raise around £100 for Sue Ryder to help pay for a nurse for the day. For information contact us: 01491 641070, [www.sueryder.org/rideforryderreading](http://www.sueryder.org/rideforryderreading)

## Reader's Letter

### What a Great Newspaper

While dropping copies of Xn (a newspaper for churches across Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell areas) to All Saints' Church today, I picked up a copy of *Peppard News*. It's a very impressive community paper and I just wanted to drop you a line to say well done. It's packed with interesting items that give a real flavour of life in your little corner of the woods.

Keep up the good work!

Best wishes

**Phil Creighton, Editor, Xn**



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# Our Village

## FISH – How It All Began

I was a Social Worker in Bury St Edmunds until we moved to Peppard in May 1976. During that time I had been involved in establishing two Volunteer Centres, designed on the *Fish Good Neighbour Schemes*.

I remembered them when my husband, clergyman, Bob Butler-Smith, discovered how difficult it was for people to get to hospital, dentists, etc. Could I generate enough support for one here?

There are two kinds of neighbourhood help: a) Volunteer Centre; this is a centrally based office with a co-ordinator holding a list of volunteers who are prepared to help in their community, who are then matched with people requiring help. b) a Good Neighbour Scheme has 2/3 co-ordinators who work from home with a list of volunteers; once again matching the needs. These schemes were originally given the Ancient Greek Christian symbol of Ichthys - fish.

I discussed my ideas with John Fryer, a Church warden at All Saints', and after researching the possibility of funds, premises, etc., we were ready to form a steering committee. I persuaded Dr Ann Barber to be our first Chairman; she was soon caught up in our enthusiasm! We then selected the remaining committee members. We found difficulty in obtaining a fairly central office so we decided to start with the Good Neighbour Scheme format. Here we were lucky in finding two individuals who were happy to join us as co-ordinators. Local Churches and the Health Centre's community fund provided our immediate finance. Having gathered a small pool of volunteers, we then delivered the information to every house in the designated areas.

As the need grew, we were fortunate enough to be offered the room in the Village Hall that still serves as the FISH office today. Caroline Aldridge became our co-ordinator.

Whilst we were busy establishing the centre, I became the Director of Bracknell Council for Voluntary Service, which in turn gave me the opportunity to initiate and guide five more such organisations in Berkshire, all using the Sonning Common FISH Centre as the prototype.

Although in the beginning it was sometimes difficult to find funds and willing hands, I am so proud of the people of this area, past and present, who have worked hard to keep it going for all these years, and have built it up to become the exceptional organisation it is today.

**Ann Butler Smith**

## Peppard Revels

It will not have escaped your notice that the Revels are taking place again on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend.

Do come and support Peppard Primary School and all the family teams taking part in the Games on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00 on the Common. And if you're coming to one of the films you can book tickets through Geoff Pitcher (0118 972 3050 or [peppardrevels@mac.com](mailto:peppardrevels@mac.com)).

We're very sorry that the Monday dinner is completely sold out but do come to the big picnic lunch on the Sunday after the Church Service.

**John Hasler, Chairman**

## Peppard 10K Run/Walk

The 2012 Global Hearts for Children Samuel Hood Memorial 10K Peppard Fun Run takes place on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the charity (formerly Feed the Children) encourages everyone, young or old, walker or runner, to take part to raise much-needed funds and sponsorship.

'We are always looking for volunteers to help as well,' says organiser, Sally Brown. 'For instance, marshals play an extremely important role in this annual fundraiser and it is a very sociable job because everyone is so pleased to see you especially if you look after a water station!' So if you can spare a couple of hours on the day from 10.00, please get in touch with Sally Brown on 0118 9320095

The event is organised by Global Hearts for Children and is one of their main fundraising events. Entry forms are available through the charity's website ([www.globalheartsforchildren.org.uk](http://www.globalheartsforchildren.org.uk)).

Starting and finishing at Greys Green Golf Course, the walk/run is suitable for all the family. For keen athletes and fun runners alike there is a 10K run, which starts at 10.30 and for leisure walkers and families (including the dog!) there is a shorter 7k route starting at 10.35. (Registration starts at 09.30.)

Global Hearts for Children is first and foremost a children's charity but it is also a humanitarian and international

relief organisation. The charity works both in the UK and around the world in areas of desperate need, developing sustainable communities, providing food, clothing and meeting other life supporting requirements. Administration costs are very low compared with many other charities, with around 90% of the charity's donations going towards its work.

**Sue Hinton, [www.dshpr.co.uk](http://www.dshpr.co.uk)**

## Library News

The library's annual Summer Reading Challenge starts at the beginning of July. This is when children sign up to read at least six books over the summer holiday, are rewarded as they progress, and end up with a medal. There will also be special storytimes every Saturday in August, beginning at 10.00, with craft activities to follow.

**Rosemary Dunstan, Library Manager**

## Lions Help a Robot & Helicopter

Thanks to the success of the Lions Goring & Woodcote 10k Run this year, two local charities named for sponsorship at this event have each now been handed a cheque for £2,275.

At a recent visit to the Royal Berkshire Hospital a cheque was presented to Surgeon, Mr Adam Jones, towards the Robbie the Robot Appeal. A da Vinci robot enables surgeons to perform radical keyhole surgery in prostate cancer operations.

The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance similarly received a cheque. Some planned improvements include having doctors on flight crews and night flying for some selected missions. For more details about your local Air Ambulance phone: 0300 999 0135 or view the website: [www.tvacaa.org](http://www.tvacaa.org)

Your local Lions are here to help. Should you, or people you know, be in need of support, or interested to join your local Lions Club, please call Derek Robinson on 01491 872857. For more information about Lions please telephone 0845 833 9837 or view the website [www.lions-gwd.org.uk](http://www.lions-gwd.org.uk)

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## Kingwood & Peppard Commons Volunteers

We recently held an open day on Kingwood Common and, although the weather was not kind, had a steady stream of visitors.



*Wood Turning*

Annabel, the heavy horse, and Julian Grant and his team were a huge success. The children enjoyed having a go at wood turning and a nature trail. Some people were accompanied on a walk on the common. A BBQ, tea and coffee with home-made cakes were kindly provided by volunteers. We were entertained by Dave Pinder and his friend, Andy, at lunch time with guitars and a sing-song. There was a memory corner and this was quite a draw with locals bringing some wonderful pictures and maps of the common in years gone by for people to look at. Lists of butterfly species that can be found on the common were available but, unfortunately, it was too cold for them to make an appearance that day.

In the same week, KPCV held a quiz to raise funds to provide training and tools for volunteers. It was attended by 86 people and raised £1005.89. The quiz was set by Sue Rawlins who did an amazing job

struggling with a heavy cold and no PA system. (A lesson learnt for the future!). Supper was provided by Julie and Graham of the Red Lion Peppard, who cooked and served all the food. They and Carl Woods Butchers (Sonning Common) and Dudmans of Berkshire donated all the ingredients so we had no food costs at all. Julie and Graham worked tirelessly all evening and we could not have coped without them. Walker & Wodehouse kindly provided some good wine at cost for us to enjoy. The winning team was Campanologists, (who got ten-out-of-ten in their joker round) just beating the Comets.

It was wonderful at both these events to see the local community supporting their local commons and I would like to take this opportunity to say a tremendous thank you to all those who have volunteered in the last six months or supported us in these events without whom they could not have happened.

**Ann Pearce, 01491 628049**

### Join Our Team at Sue Ryder!

We're searching for volunteer leaders to build fundraising groups in their local area to raise funds for our vital work caring for people with incurable illnesses and their families. Could you and a group of friends hold regular coffee mornings, lunches or dinner parties? Maybe you have some creative ideas for

fundraising events you could hold either at home, work or in your area.

Leading a fundraising group does not have to take up a lot of time, but if we had a network of groups across the local area all holding a few events a year, this would make a huge difference to the money we can raise.

We will invite you to Nettlebed Hospice for an induction day and can help you with fundraising ideas and supply collecting tins, banners and other materials.

We also need people with a few hours to spare each month to become Community Ambassadors. This role would involve helping distribute collections tins and leaflets in your local area, accepting cheques on Sue Ryder's behalf, and helping us tell more people about our work and why we need their help.

Caroline Stockill recently became an Ambassador and says: 'I'm really enjoying my role, as I'm meeting new people and getting involved in lots of fun activities, whilst helping to raise awareness of Sue Ryder and the wonderful work they do. I would encourage anyone with a few hours to spare to get involved.'

If you want to help or find out more about either role, please get in touch with the Fundraising Team on 01491 641070 or email [bbox.fundraising@sueryder.org](mailto:bbox.fundraising@sueryder.org). Together we can make a real difference!



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 Asst. Priest: Revd Barry Olsen 0118 924 2812  
 Churchwardens: Adrienne Heriot 01491 629254  
 Margaret Woodward 0118 972 2296

### From the Rectory...

This is sadly the last issue of *Peppard News* that will be published while the Revd Barry Olsen remains Associate Priest in the benefice. When I became Rector in 2002 I had Hugh Warwick's valuable support and the Diocese bought a house off Blounts Court Road for a 'House for Duty' priest to live in and that appointment needed to be made.

We had been tipped-off about a suitable house coming onto the market and had bought it and we were tipped off that Barry was interested in a House for Duty post so I looked him up in *Crockford* and gave him a ring.

Barry was *retiring* after 39 years of full time ministry, 18 in his native New Zealand and 23 in the Guildford Diocese. He came to England in 1981 so that his wife Marion could pursue her singing career, bringing their children, Charles and Rebecca, with them. We have greatly benefited from Marion's musical talents in church, in the concerts she has organised and in her own occasional performances.

Barry offered me three years' work, nine years ago. He must have enjoyed himself to have stayed for nine and I know how much his ministry has been appreciated in many ways. He has been a very supportive colleague, unfailingly allowing me to make the really difficult decisions on my own (thank you, Barry!).

The Bishop of Dorchester says, 'House for Duty priests stay five years and then there's Barry'. He has been described as the only Maori-speaking, bagpipe playing, bibliophile priest there can be – his *Kindle* always at the ready!

Much will be said in the two parishes but it would be wrong for there to be no mention made in *Peppard News*. The Olsens intend to move around the end of July: we shall miss them and wish them well in their new home.

**Graham**

### Elections

A new Churchwarden was elected at the recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Margaret Woodward is taking over from Toby Greenwood, who has stepped down having served three years as warden. Adrienne Heriot was re-elected. Margaret has been a member of All Saints' for many years and sings in the choir. She is looking forward to getting to grips with the ins and outs of keeping everything ticking over smoothly. The two wardens will officially take office at a service in St Mary's Church Henley on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Although the service is called a 'swearing in' the new wardens are not called upon to say anything but merely to be present.

### 350 Years is a Long Time

This year we celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer. This book has been the cornerstone of prayer and worship in the Anglican Church since 1662 and is still widely used. A special service of Evening Prayer will take place at All Saints' on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May to mark the occasion. The guest preacher is the Revd

John Paton MA, Precentor and Cathedral Chaplain at Christ Church, Oxford.

### Holiday or Hard Work?

Six junior choristers attended a three day course at New College School in Oxford over the Easter holiday. They had a very enjoyable time but, judging by the very high standard of the singing at the final service on the third day, they also worked very hard. The course is certainly a great experience for the youngsters who attend.

**Adrienne Heriot**

### Royal School of Church Music

Bishop of Oxford's Awards: Claudia and Emily Ainsley, Eleanor Cunningham and Amanda Coull have all been awarded RSCM Bronze medals, while Ian Heriot has gained the Silver award of the Royal School of Church Music.



Their success is the result of much hard work by the choristers and choir mistress, Rebecca Bell.

All five sing in the Choir of All Saints' Church, where at present a total of 10 children have received Bishop's Awards, a remarkable achievement.

**Keith Atkinson**

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## Ride and Stride 2012

This year's Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride fundraising event will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. In 2011/12 grants amounting to £165,000 were made to 42 Oxfordshire churches and chapels.

The All Saints' team of riders and striders will shortly be seeking sponsorship for their efforts on 8<sup>th</sup> September. They will hope to exceed their outstanding effort in 2011, when they managed to raise over £2,500 - which put them in second place, in terms of money raised, out of over 500 churches in the county taking part. Why not join the team? Contact Ian Fraser on 01491 629631 for details.

## Revd Barry Olsen

The Revd Barry Olsen's last service will be on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 at St John's Church, Kidmore End. This will be followed by a Reception at Kidmore End School at 12.15.

All are welcome.

## Christian Aid Concert

Christian Aid week took place in mid-May; we would like to thank the very willing team of collectors for once again giving their time to help with the Peppard house-to-house collection.

There is one more event to take place in Peppard in support of Christian Aid, when Claire Overbury will be making a welcome return visit to her home village. Flautist Claire, cellist Sophie Rivlin and pianist Elspeth Wyllie make up the Southbank Trio, and they will be

giving a concert at All Saints' Church on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30. The trio enjoy creating varied programmes, which contrast duo repertoire alongside fantastic

works for flute, cello and piano; their first series of concerts in 2011 was extremely well-received, and culminated in a sell-out evening recital at Haddington Concert Society. Their programme at All Saints' will include works by Haydn, and two Czech composers, Martinů and Suk. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

Please support this concert and welcome Claire on her return visit to Peppard!

**Ian and Pat Fraser**





Revd Barry Olsen  
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Queen's Diamond Jubilee, marking her 60 years of service to this country. We shall be enjoying the extra holiday, street parties, and all sorts of events to celebrate this great occasion.

Today we use the word 'Jubilee' in this context of joy and jubilation. But where does it come from originally? Deep in the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament, chapter 25, we find the word *Yobel* or *Jobhel*, the Hebrew word for a curved ram's horn which was sounded at the beginning of the holy year. Historically the Jubilee seems to be derived from the Sabbatical Year which imposes a rest on the land every 7 years and to leave the fruits of the land to the poor and to strangers, and thence every 49 years (7x7) to the true Jubilee when, in the Jewish culture, slaves were set free,

debts absolved and ownership of land rights reviewed and rededicated to God. The prophet Isaiah foretold a day of the Messiah - **the ultimate Jubilee** - when God's covenant would be fulfilled, mankind set free from the slavery of sin and our debt wiped clean. As believers, we can, through faith in Jesus Christ, enjoy the continual favour of God and the fulfilment of this symbolic Jewish observance.

So, as we celebrate and enjoy our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it would be good to reflect on the original concept of this word - liberty, freedom and dignity for all men and women, equality before God, and the renewing of God's covenant with man and to consider how different the world would be in a true Jubilee year.

**Chris Mills**

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# Clubs and Societies

## Wyfold Riding for the Disabled

### Happy Retirement!

Benjy, one of our RDA ponies, became arthritic and unable to continue with the dressage work which he had done so well. Apart from being successful in several local competitions, he also qualified three times for the RDA National Dressage championships at Hartpury and he and his rider, Sara, were well placed in their class.



*Benjy in his heyday*

Benjy used to love going to Hartpury. The stables were so luxurious he was not that keen on coming home again! Now he has retired to the Horse Trust Home of Rest at Speen where he has settled in very well and seems to be happy. Thank you Benjy! Sara is now working hard with a new

horse, Charlie Brown, and is hoping to qualify at the Regional Show later in May.

**Adrienne Heriot,**  
adrienne@heriot.eu, 01491 629254

## Chiltern Players

Do you enjoy going to the theatre? Are you a wannabe actor? Or would you prefer to read a part without necessarily having to perform on stage? And would you like to spend a convivial evening with a friendly crowd of like-minded people?

If so, then the Chiltern Players' Open Play Reading evenings could be just what you are looking for.

The brand new venture kicks off at The Reformation pub in Gallowstree Common and is open to anybody who is interested in drama. It is absolutely free, except for whatever people want to spend at the bar. Nibbles will be thrown in courtesy of the Chiltern Players.

Plans are to read a different play at each meeting, the choice being governed by the wishes of the participants themselves.

We are a small, but lively, amateur dramatic society which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. Twice-yearly productions, performed at Peppard War Memorial Hall, have regularly met with critical acclaim by audiences and reviewers with praise given for our diversity of subject matter as well as intelligent acting, direction and technical know-how.

This year, however, we have decided to take a year off with plans to resume productions in 2013, our Golden Jubilee year.

The first play reading takes place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 20.00. For more information, call Jenifer Titchener, 0118 972 4705.

## Peppard WI

We are now starting on our new programme which goes from May to April each year. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May, it is the National Federation of Women's Institutes AGM in the Albert Hall. Two of us will be going for an exciting day. The Resolution this year is Employment of more Midwives.

In June we will have fun with a talk called *Circus Capers* given by Ruth Douglas. As long as she doesn't bring a tight-rope we should be alright. On that day we will also have a display of Memorabilia to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

July brings us to our Garden Meeting in a member's garden. We pray for good weather because if it is raining we meet in the Hall, and it might be difficult to display our home-made Olympic Torches there.

For August we are going on an outing to Greys Court. I am sure we will all enjoy our visit.

And we have more interesting things happening later in the year. Watch out for our posters and an update in the next *Peppard News*. If there is something that appeals to you, come as a guest for the afternoon. You would be made very welcome and also have a delicious tea.

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## Peppard Bowls Club

The Club opened with a flourish in mid-April welcoming several new members for a try-out on the green. Since then the overload of water, together with lowering clouds and cold winds, have stopped the most intrepid of bowlers. By the time you read this we shall be enjoying real summer so please come in for Club afternoons on Mondays and Thursdays - arrive by 13.45 for a 14.00 start.

On Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May members are invited for a whole day's bowling competing for the Dick Bishop Cup starting at 10.00. This will be followed on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June by a triples competition for the Ron Watts Trophy. Meanwhile there is a full fixture list of League and friendly matches at weekends and some weekday evenings and afternoons.

Looking further ahead, the club is hosting a concert, led by a Nottakwire Group, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 15.00. Tickets are £5 (including refreshments) and can be obtained by contacting the club on 0118 924 2617.

Betty Freeman

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



The Brownies worked on their Science Investigator badge at the beginning of the year. They planted seeds and documented their growth, tested coloured pens using chromatography and had a visit from a Science teacher, who showed them how to collect and analyse finger prints. The girls also had a wonderful day at ICANDO, the Girl Guiding Headquarters in London, taking part in activities for their Healthy Heart Badge.

In the lead up to Easter, the Brownies decided to make and sell Easter themed crafts to raise money for the Blue Cross and, in the process, gain their Craft badge. They painted and decorated wooden eggs, used their sewing skills to make cloth bookmarks and made Easter cards and chocolates. This term we are all excited to be taking part in activities to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, culminating in a Jubilee party.

Should you be interested in putting your daughter's name on the waiting list, please contact our Brown Owl, Jess Higson on 0118 9723206.

## Circle Dancing

As we approach the fifth birthday of our group, it is interesting to contemplate the fact that we have danced probably 150 different dances of many styles, and to such contrasting music. Many of them are linked to the major festivals and seasons so, in the spring months, we have danced to the Taizé Easter chant *Stay with Me*, the Russian song, *I Planted a Rose*, and *Dandelion*. The movements in each of these are choreographed to reflect the subject matter; the last of the three comprising steps and arm moves that imitate the opening and closing of the flower.

Some dances are slow and stately, others require a little more spirit but each dancer does just as much as he/she can manage, simplifying moves that are more challenging. The essential is to join with others in moving to music, and feeling the uplifting power of dance. One dancer summed it up, 'It has given me joy and freedom of spirit'. Do give it a go – first time free – every first Sunday of the month, 15.30 - 17.00 at Christ the King Hall, Sonning Common. More details from Ros 01491 874220

Ros Jennings

## 1st Peppard Guides

We have a fun-filled programme this term! We are focussing on our Outdoor Cooks badge and Go for It Explore Outside. We are enjoying the lighter and slightly warmer evenings so we can cook on fires and go out to the woods exploring. We are going back to traditional Guiding with these activities, dampers (a bread mixture cooked on a stick) are great with chocolate sauce and, of course, s'mores (toasted marshmallow sandwiched between two chocolate digestives) are a firm favourite!



Enjoying dampers

We have also started our camp blankets to keep us warm in the winter months. You may see us out in the woods around the local area soon enjoying challenges and games. We go to Longridge soon and will attempt a leap of faith challenge!

We still have a very long waiting list so would encourage parents to email our leader if you think your daughter may be interested when she reaches age 10. Also if anyone is interested in helping out for a couple of hours each Monday, then please contact us: your help would be greatly appreciated as it helps us do even more things!

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# Peppard Diary

JUNE													
Fri	1	Peppard School term ends											
Sat	2	Revels Jubilee Celebrations/from 10.00 Kingwood & Peppard Comn vol Grp/workparty/01491 628049											
Sun	3	Revels Jubilee Celebrations/from 11.30 Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00/01491 874220											
Mon	4	Revels Diamond Jubilee Dinner											
Tue	5	Greys Ct/ Jubilee Picnic/11.00-17.00/01491 628529											
Fri	8	Greys Ct/Floral Spectacular/11.00-17.00/01491 628529											
Sat	9	As above											
Sun	10	As above											
Mon	11	Peppard School term starts Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55 FISH Garden Centre/Details FISH Office RPPC Meeting 19.30/Planning 21.30/Pavilion											
Wed	13	Wl/Mem Hall/Circus Capers/14.30											
Thu	14	Chiltern Players/Play Reading/Reformation/20.00/01189724705											
Fri	15	Greys Ct/Private Lives/19.30-22.00/0844 2491895											
Sat	16	All Saints'/Christian Aid Concert/19.30											
Wed	20	Peppard Lunch Club/Mem Hall/12.15/01189722808											
Thu	21	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/Details FISH Office Peppard School Choir/Festival of Voices/Dorchester Abbey											
Sat	23	Bowls Club/Ron Watts Trophy Triples Competition RPPC Planning/Pavilion/10.00											
Sun	24	Ride for Ryder/01941 641070											
Mon	25	Peppard School/hrs 4/5 Res Trip to Hill End Oxford Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55											
JULY													
Sun	1	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00/01491 874220											
Mon	2	FISH Garden Centre/Details FISH Office											
Tue	3	Peppard Sch Production/Wind in the Willows/Kenton Theatre											
FISH Office: 0118 9723986 (Mon-Fri, 09.30-11.30)													
SC & Peppard Table Tennis Club/Mem Hall/Juniors – Mon 17.00/0118 9463191													
Rotherfield United Football Club/U5s/Sat.0930-10.30													

## AUGUST

Wed	1/2	Grey Ct/Children make a secret garden/10.00-12.00											
Fri	3	Greys Ct/The Twits/18.30-20.30/08442491895											
Sat	4	Kingwood & Peppard Comn vol/workparty/01491 628049 SC Library/Storytimes/Crafts/10.00											
Sun	5	Circle Dancing/Christ the King/15.30-17.00											
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Wed	15/16	Greys Ct/Get your Wellies on/08442491895											
Thu	16	FISH Pub Lunch/11.30/Details FISH Office											
Sat	18	SC Library/Storytimes/Crafts/10.00											
Mon	20	Mobile Library/Peppard School/11.45-11.55											
Sat	25	SC Library/Storytimes/Crafts/10.00 RPPC Planning/Pavilion/10.00											

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services at All Saints'	JUNE				JULY					AUGUST				NOTES
	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
09.00 Communion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A. Peppard Revels service on Common at 11.30. Bishop of Dorchester B. Benefice Sung Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Kidmore End at 11.00
10.30 Communion (sung)		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓ <sup>B</sup>		✓		✓	
10.30 Matins	✓ <sup>A</sup>				✓					✓				
10.30 Family Service			✓				✓					✓		
10.30 Sunday School		✓				✓								
18.30 Evensong	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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