

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - PURLEY ON THAMES

**

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30 a.m. First Worship - An informal service including All Age Teaching (creche provided)

11.15 a.m. Parish Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

JUNE 1995

Dear Friends,

DID YOU EVER HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

The other day on one of my regular visits to Purley C/E Infants School, I told the children the story of the boy Samuel from the Old Testament. He heard the voice of God calling him one night, although at first he did not recognise it! It needed a wiser and older man to realise what was happening. It came through the ordinariness of a human voice, but in it was the extraordinary message God had for him.

Many people think that God, even if He is there at all, has nothing to say to us. The idea of God actually speaking is foreign to them, but the wonderful truth is that God has much to say to each one of us! Listening out for Him is hard enough for most of us, but if we don't realise He wants to speak with us, it will be even harder to hear His voice. He speaks to us in *very ordinary ways* for most of the time, but the problem is that we are often too busy - pre-occupied with other things, so that we can't hear or see what He has to say.

In the middle of last month a group of us from St. Mary's (20 adults and 9 children) went away together for the weekend to a lovely old house in Hampshire. On the Sunday afternoon we all joined in a walk - in pairs. For twenty minutes we walked in silence - just noticing the world around us, and then we turned round to walk back. On the return

walk we talked about some of the things we'd seen. People noticed different things, of course, but in nearly all of them we "heard the voice of God". Here are some of the things we noticed:

houses (large ones) with high walls and closed doors.

Who are the people, and what are the hurts behind those walls and doors? Do we know? *The message was - we need to care more, to be more concerned - and involved with people.*

withered branches on trees. **How many people are living**

"withered" lives? *The message was that, without God, our lives are impoverished and we are missing the most important thing of all for which we are made.*

in very stony soil, a young plant with obvious life,

growing well. **How often our lives feel "stony" and we think things will never change. *The message was that, even in the most unpromising setting, God can do something new for us.***

Well, you might think such things are trite and hardly worth noticing, *but through what He has made, God has so much to say to us about Himself and about our own lives.* But we have to look and listen in order to see and hear the message. Very ordinary, isn't it! God deals in the ordinary in order to help us see the extraordinary. It could be no other way, for if it was, we would just not be able to understand! And the greatest wonder of all is this - that in the *ordinary* human life of Jesus Christ, God has disclosed Himself to us in a unique way. Have you got the message?

The next time you go for a walk to the riverside - look and listen. If you are not even sure whether God is there, say this: "*Lord I am not even sure if you are real or not, but if you are there, help me to see you and hear your voice please.*"

You may be surprised at what happens!

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

23rd April Alex Gregory Thorpe
 Tara Louise Williams
 Cydney May Webb

17th May Karleigh Jayne Hatchett
 Imogen Alice Lees

Wedding

6th May Peter Doyle and Emma Clarke

Funeral

16th May Dorothy Mae Sayer, aged 89 years (cremation)

PROJECT PURLEY

The annual "walkabout" will take place on the evening of June 16th. This year the venue will be Lardon Chase and The Holies. If you would like to take part, please contact Rita Denman or any member of Project Purley.

On April 21st, David Kent talked to us about The Swing Riots of 1830. When mechanised farm machinery was brought into use, an uprising of agricultural labourers swept across southern England and many men from Berkshire were sentenced to transportation to New South Wales. David Kent's research into this event and his findings regarding the recognised rural customs and traditions of the time, prompted his conclusion that the men had no idea of the gravity of the consequences which would follow their action. It was a lively meeting with strong points of view being put forward.

Rita Denman, Hon.Sec.

PURLEY C.E. INFANT SCHOOL

On 1st May our Year 2 children took part in a country dance festival at Basildon School. This event was organised by teachers from the Kennet and Theale Rural Schools Federation. As well as taking part, we were able to watch a display of Maypole dancing. This was a very enjoyable event and our children performed well.

Also during May all our children took part in a sponsored "Walk for Purley School". We walked around Bucknells Meadow counting the laps as we went. At the end of the afternoon, some very tired but proud children returned home. The response to this fundraising event has been tremendous. Thank you to our many friends in the village for sponsoring Purley children.

The governors have just set the budget for 1995/96. Thankfully we are able to continue with the same level of teaching and non-teaching staff as last year. Other areas of expenditure have been drastically cut.

Each year the children raise money for a particular charity. Last year we raised funds for the British Heart Foundation. Already this year we have taken part in a "Joke Assembly" for Red Nose Day and are at the moment collecting used stamps to help raise funds for Spinal Research. If you have a lot of stamps, please bring them into school to add to our collection.

Future events include our Summer Fete on Saturday, 10th June at 1.00 p.m. The theme this year is "Carnival". Please come along and join in the fun. A display of dance and music by the children will start the proceedings. Well worth seeing!

If you wish to visit the school and see us at work, or if you would like to put your child's name on our admission lists, please telephone 842384 for an appointment.

Jeannette Goddard
Headteacher

APARTMENT TO LET

Menorca, Calan Porter, Siesta Marl - pretty apartment, sleeps 5, gardens, pools, central location, beautiful safe beach, available to let weekly or fortnightly. For further information, telephone 844564.

Extension to Purley Burial Ground

There has been a lot of misleading information put around about the Parish Council's proposals to extend the burial ground at Purley. I hope that this article will help you to understand what is happening and that you will feel able to support the project.

Every resident of the parish has the legal right to be buried within his or her parish and the Parish Council has a duty to ensure that facilities are available. In past years the Parish Church has been able to provide the space but the extension provided in 1930 is now almost full and urgent steps must be taken to secure additional burial plots. Although the vast majority of the population opt for cremation, there is still a steady and growing demand for burial, running at the moment between 4 and 10 each year. Even cremations these days require space for interment of the ashes and memorials.

The Parish Council has been considering the matter for some time and has had confidential discussions with the rector, diocesan authorities and District Council. The result has been a proposal which all parties have agreed is the only practicable solution. What is proposed is that approximately half an acre to the south of the existing burial ground should be acquired by the Parish Council and made available to the church who would continue to operate the new burial ground as an extension of the old. This is a much better arrangement than for the Parish Council to try to operate its own burial ground, even if suitable land was available elsewhere, which it is not. Alternative suggestions such as using the Pond Field, the Memorial Hall grounds or part of the recreation ground would be both unsuitable and encounter even greater opposition.

If nothing is done, then the church would be entitled to seek a Closure Order and the full cost of maintaining the existing churchyard, paying off the debt on a new burial ground, maintaining that new burial ground and administering burials would fall upon the parish

precept and be chargeable against every house in the parish, less what can be collected from burial fees.

This land is not ancient woodland. It is, in fact, the original site of the Purley Barn which has been allowed to seed itself. Prior to 1800 it was a farmyard. Surrounding the area are a number of very fine yew and other trees with mainly laurel adjacent to the existing churchyard. The centre contains primarily scrub and saplings which, so far as we can judge, has not been cared for in twenty years other than to cut up trees which were blown down in a storm some years ago.

The plan is to fence the area, clear about half of it and ensure that the vast majority of the large trees are properly protected and preserved. To this end, the Parish council will be seeking a Tree Preservation Order. Only about three of the mature trees will need to be removed; these are not yews and well past their prime. The central area will be laid out to grass and this will provide a burial ground for the next 200 years or so at present rates. This may seem a long timescale but Parish Councils do sometimes have to think well ahead for the benefit of future generations.

There will be a small loss of wildlife habitat, but this will represent only a very tiny proportion of the total woodland and, while the Parish Council regrets this, it has come to the conclusion that wider considerations must take higher priority. Suggestions that the proposed burial ground will affect water supplies have no foundation whatsoever. The existing burial ground has been in use for around a thousand years with no adverse effects and, until recently, no applicable health regulations. So far as we are aware, there are only about six wells within a mile of the site.

All the plans were drawn up from Ordnance Survey maps and using observations from the churchyard. At no time have members or officers of the Parish Council or District Council entered the site. The first step in the process had to be notification to the owners of the land of the proposals; this has been followed by an application for change of use to the District Council and public consultation will follow as for any planning application.

There follows a copy of a plan showing the proposals in slightly more detail than the one which has been submitted to Newbury District Council seeking a change of use order. There will be the usual public consultations and the full application papers can be viewed either at Newbury District Council Offices during working hours or at the Parish Office by prior arrangement.

Reg Marshall

Chairman, Purley on Thames Parish Council

DISTRICT NOTES

Thank you to all those who turned out and voted for me on the 4th May. I greatly appreciate your support and also the good wishes I have had from those that didn't.

I was able to send in quite a long list of street name plates for attention and hope that they will be able to be dealt with in the near future, but please do let me know of any others that are broken or missing.

We have been having discussions about moving the bus terminus in the River Estate. At the moment it is at the western end of Chestnut Grove and causing lots of problems to people living nearby. Two other sites have been suggested; outside the pumping station on Brading Way and opposite the shop on Colyton Way. It would be very helpful to have people's view in writing, especially from people who will not be specifically affected. I can assume that anyone living close to a terminus is going to object, but what do the majority of you think? Please write and let me know.

John Chapman
Newbury District Councillor, Purley Ward

PURLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE

The school has been running for nearly 9 years using St. Mary's Church hall as its base.

During this time, many children have been entered for the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing exams.

On April 29th, the children performed very successfully in a show **Just Dancin'**, with another show planned for 1996, when the school will be 10 years old.

Should you require any further information, please contact me.

Janet Foskett
LISTD, Registered Teacher
842542

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the May meeting, V.C.O. Mrs. Morden came to help us decide what we thought about The Resolutions, and how to instruct our delegate to vote for us at the Intermediate General Meeting. There was a lot of discussion of the benefits or otherwise of carrying Identity Cards, and concern was expressed at the difficulties for people with allergy problems, faced with inadequately labelled food. If the W.I. nags the Government enough, quite often something happens!

We then played games, had refreshments, drew the Raffle and voted for the Flower of the Month. Mrs. Watts had produced a very unseasonable dahlia as big as the peonies which surrounded it, which came first; Miss Pryor's lilac came second.

Plans were made for the Group Meeting on 25th May and for a cake stall at the Horticultural Society's Sale. Miss Pryor will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, 20th June at 10.30 a.m. with a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Associated Women of the World.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th June, 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall, when Eric Hartley will talk about walking in New Zealand. The competition is "A Sandwich" and there will be a bottle stall.

Sybil Pryor

SHORT BREAK IN CORNWALL

Why not have a relaxing break in a comfortable, detached, character cottage on the edge of a quiet village not far from Bude.

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For more information, please telephone 421716.

PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITES FOR THE COMING MONTH

14th June	7.30 p.m.	Women's Institute
15th June	2.15 - 4.00 p.m.	Health Visitor Clinic
6th July	2.15 - 4.00 p.m.	Health Visitor Clinic

Also:

Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Upholstery Classes - Re-upholstery: traditional or modern, recovering and repairs, headboards and covered boxes. Ring 843740 for further information.

Each week during term time, Monday to Thursday, 9.15 - 11.45 a.m. : Purley Pre-School Playgroup. For further details, please telephone Sue Slade on 410778 or call in during one of the sessions.

Mrs. J.E. Hutchings,
Hon.Sec. (843809)

ELECTION 95

The result of the District Council Election held on the 4th May was:-

John Chapman (Con)	485
Barbara Stephenson (Lib-Dem)	371
Cara Brenda (Lab)	153

There was a 31.6% turnout.

COTTAGE TO LET

Country cottage Brittany/Normandy borders, self-catering, sleeps 5/7. Half-hour from Mont St. Michel, half-hour from St. Malo, one and a half hour's drive from Cherbourg. Few bookings left. Enquiries to: Della Davies, 427919.

TEA DANCES

Following the announcement in a previous issue of this magazine, the tea dances have shown to be very popular and are now held every two weeks on a Tuesday at The Rosewood Hall, Pangbourne Working Men's Club & Institute, Whitchurch Road, Pangbourne.

The next one will be on Tuesday, 13th June from 3.00 - 5.30 p.m. So come and take

your partners for a "nice" biscuit and a cup of CHA-CHA-CHA and dance to the live music of "NIGHT SCENE". Cost £2.50.

A. Cullen

PURLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual coach trip this year takes place on **18th June 1995** to **Kew Gardens**. The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, covers an area of just over 300 acres on the banks of the River Thames between Richmond and Kew.

The living plant collection is the largest and most comprehensive in the world. Other famous features to investigate are the Palm and Temperate House, the Waterlily House, the Alpine House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory. The Rock Garden is at its best in June; the Pagoda must be seen, and close by is the Heather Garden. The Marianne North Gallery should also not be missed.

Food and drink are obtainable in the Orangery Restaurant with assisted service, the Pavilion with self-service, and the Kew Bakery with quick-service take-away snacks. Alternatively, you may wish to bring a picnic.

Cost for Coach Fare AND entrance: £8.50

Concessions for Senior Citizens, Students, Unemployed, and those eligible for Social Security Benefits, refer to J. Murphy.

This excursion is limited to members of the Society and immediate family members.

Application forms can be obtained from the Trading Store, or from John Murphy, 6 Hazel Road, Purley (Tel: 419185), and should be returned **by Sunday, 4th June**. Cheques should be made payable to Purley Horticultural Society.

The Summer Show takes place in September. The schedules are available from the Trading Store. It's not too early to start nurturing those prize plants and practising the cake recipes, and see if you can't finish that handicraft!

The Trading Store is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

If you have any queries about the Society, please call me on 420057.

REMINDER TO ALL MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTORS

There will be no August edition of Purley Parish News, so remember to include any forthcoming events for that month in the July issue - copy to reach me by **15th June** please. Editor

SUCCESS IN MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Earlier this year, thirty Year 9 pupils entered the UK Schools Intermediate Mathematics Challenge, organised by Birmingham University, sponsored by Sharp Electronics. Half of the pupils won certificates - six Bronze, eight Silver and one Gold.

Subsequently, nine of the certificate winners were invited to take part in "Le Kangourou des Mathematique", a European-wide competition for Year 9 students. The competition took the form of a one-hour multiple choice test and was held on 21st March. Only 5,048 pupils in the whole of the UK have been invited to participate. The participating pupils were:-

Hannah Sutcliffe	Lucy Bray	Katharine Ziebart
Laura Bridges	Louise Jamieson	Natalie Creswick
Suzannah Ives	David Elliot	Laura Waugh

Hannah Sutcliffe performed so well in the UK Challenge - she scored 96% - (the qualification score for Year 11 pupils was 95%), that she was invited to take this year's "International Intermediate Invitational Mathematical Challenge" organised by the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada. This took the form of a two hour, five question written paper and took place on Monday, 1st May. At the time of writing we are still waiting for the results.

David Evans

PURLEYTOTS

PurleyTots is a mother and toddler group. It is designed to provide a safe and happy meeting place for local children and parents.

We meet in St. Mary's Church hall and have two helpers who organise each session. There is a book corner, baby area, puzzle tables, playhouse, slide and larger toys for toddlers who are mobile.

One of the most popular features is the craft tables, with a weekly change of events. The helpers ensure continued interest by ringing the changes in the large selection of toys and games available each week.

We have vacancies on Wednesday afternoons (from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.) If you want to relax in a friendly atmosphere, do come and see us, or ring Lucy on 844017. Children aged 0 - 3 years will love it.

Annie Thorpe

THE BARN

If everything goes according to plan, the Barn will be handed over to the Parish Council on June 24th. This will be the culmination of many years of effort and we are most grateful to Bryant Homes for all their support - so get out and buy their houses folks!!

The Barn will be open for parishioners to view on the afternoons of Saturday, 24th June and Sunday, 25th June starting a 2 p.m. Project Purley will be putting on an exhibition, the Scouts will be laying on teas and will be putting on displays of their activities. It is located at the Beech Road Recreation Ground and will be a bit difficult to miss!

It was built originally around 1740 and stood between the old manor house and the church, just to the south of the present churchyard. It was moved to its next site on Sherwood Rise by the Storer family around 1800. This site had long associations with the Sherwoods and the South Berks Hunt and was the HQ of Trenthams from 1950. When Bryants acquired the site they generously offered it to the parish and have paid all the costs of the move.

It has been moved to its present site under the supervision of Richard Sprattley and everyone will agree he and his team have done a splendid job and given the parish a marvellous asset. Initially it will be used by the Scouts and Youth & Community and will be available daytimes and at weekends for limited use by community groups. But note it will not be available unless the Memorial Hall cannot accommodate the activity.

Reg Marshall

Chairman, Purley on Thames Parish Council

PANGBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The season of the school journeys is upon us once more. This Spring sees three residential school trips taking place in various parts of the country. How varied they are

turning out to be. Our Year 4 pupils set out for Wantage in a snow storm, wondering if we should be able to get up the hill to the Youth Hostel in Wantage. All went well, however, and a visit to the local museum instead of outdoor activities was well received by the children. The following morning the sun came out and the rest of the visit went according to plan.

What a contrast was the Year 6 visit to the New Forest! We were lucky enough to choose the warmest, sunniest weather of the year so far. The New Forest looked wonderful and the ponies and their foals basked in the sunshine. The whole week went splendidly but I think that the most delightful part of the whole experience for me was the excellent behaviour of our pupils. We were complimented everywhere we went on the politeness and charm of our group. From the guides in Winchester Cathedral to the New Forest Rangers and the members of the public in Bucklers Hard, all said what delightfully well behaved children we had with us. Our young people represent our future and it is reassuring to note that not all that we hear about them is bad.

Our third residential journey was to a farm in Devon at the end of last month. Again, the weather was very pleasant - last year on Dartmoor it was bitterly cold!

Pam Hillier-Brook
Headteacher

LOCAL ACTOR HITS THE LONDON STAGE!

Geraint Cardy, the son of the old (or is it young?) rector of St. Mary's, David Evans, has written and is performing in an exciting new play which has been invited into London's West End.

The play is about the famous Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, and is being performed at the Jermyn Street Theatre in Piccadilly. After this, the play is travelling to Edinburgh, has been asked to go to Swansea (Dylan's birthplace) and negotiations are starting regarding the Disunited States of America. As the M4 only reaches Fishguard, we feel that maybe Piccadilly would be easier.

The theatre is one of London's premiere smaller venues and is showing the play between the 26th June and the 8th July at 8.00 p.m. The tickets are £10 and £8 concessions and the number of the theatre is 0171 287 2875.

I wish all in Purley and Tilehurst well and, to all those who thought me just a scruffy rector's son, well you're still right but at least I'm a scruffy rector's son in the West End!

Geraint Cardy

LONG LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again, the children of Long Lane Primary surpassed my expectations, not in relation to their studies, but rather in the way they responded to the call to help our chosen charity "Feed the Children" as part of the VE Day commemorations.

Regular readers may remember that we were asked to organise a "Songs of Hope Concert in school which was to serve as an act of remembrance for those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom during the Second World War. We decided to widen the event in order to raise money for the charity which supports needy children in communities within Europe and beyond.

In the past, our parents and children have collected shoes, blankets and clothes as well as educational materials for children in the mountainous region of Albania - Europe's poorest country. This time our focus was to raise money to help with the transportation costs of donated items.

The link with VE Day is simply this - that the hard fought freedom, which included the privations of war for those who remained in the UK, is a precious gift, a legacy beyond price and borne of sacrifice and suffering. 50 years on we want to honour that sacrifice by choosing to use this gift of freedom to help the needy.

With this in mind, we held a non-uniform day, had the grand Penny Pouring, supported several sponsored events organised by the pupils, ran a Cake Stall and Bring and Buy Sale and organised a Musical Concert.

The concert featured our children playing and singing a range of music, the climax being a song written especially for the occasion by Mr. Lambden, our Deputy Head.

We were joined by 100 parents as well as a team from "Feed the Children" who showed some slides of the charity's work in Albania. We had a VERY pleasant surprise in that the Mayor of Reading decided, at short notice, to attend our concert and I know many were moved by the children's efforts, particularly the school choir's singing of the original song "Hanging by a Thread" which had a very simple but powerful message urging us to use our freedom to support the needy.

Overall, we raised £310 for "Feed the Children", a magnificent sum and one that we gladly pass on to help those children in Albanian villages who are trying to rebuild their country after 40 years of dictatorship.

I was heartened by the willingness and enthusiasm of the children to spend THEIR own money during the day and many did extra "chores" at home to raise money. Despite all the problems surrounding school funding, or more accurately UNDERfunding, younger generations ARE still prepared to think of others and I believe in this way they honoured the memory of those involved in securing their freedom 50+ years ago.

A.T. Kuhles
Headteacher

FROM MY HISTORY NOTEBOOK

In Receipt of Parish Relief circa 1828

Before the establishment of the Bradfield Union Workhouse in 1835 and before the first Old Age Pensions were given out in 1910, the old and infirm, the widows and children, etc. received weekly payments from the Overseers of the poor of their Parish of Settlement. Only one book of these accounts exists for Purley; it dates from 1826 and is stored in the County Record Office. In between payments for coal for the Church at 1/5d per cwt, 16 loads of stones at 6d per load to repair Long Lane, and for sparrows at 3d a dozen and hedgehogs at 4d each (they were considered vermin and a threat to the crops), there are listed week by week the names of those receiving Parish Relief of one sort or another.

The old men received 3/6 per week, widows 3/- and married couples 6/-. Younger widows received irregular assistance as they were expected to obtain seasonal work in the fields; but young children received 2/- plus some clothes or shoes as required. (Shoes cost 5 - 10/- a pair [25 - 50p].

On one occasion William Lukeman was helped by the Parish to get rid of what must have been a very uncomfortable predicament. He had arrived in Purley with his wife Ursula some 50 years previously and, during the next 17 years, the couple presented seven children for baptism, of whom two died in infancy. It must have been a keen disappointment to them when their eldest daughter, Sarah, bore two illegitimate children, Ursula and Fanny, before finally marrying another man. These two grandchildren grew up in the Parish and were Confirmed here in 1802 when they received a Prayer Book and Testament each.

When Fanny Lukeman was 19 she married a 45 year old widower, Richard New, and they produced a family of 12 children during the next two decades. Tragically three children, aged 4, 3 and 1, died within ten days of each other one hot summer. As their family grew, Richard and Fanny found it harder to make ends meet and they received intermittent assistance from the Parish, plus 5/- to pay the midwife for the last two confinements.

Meanwhile, Fanny's grandfather, William Lukeman, by now an elderly widower, was unable to work and supported by the Parish at 3/6d a week plus a supplementary benefit in the form of 50 faggots of wood, worth 9/-, for his fire. £3 had already been spent on doctor's fees when he became so infirm in September 1828, he was by now 87 years old, that New's daughter Eliza aged 15, and William's great-grand-daughter, was paid 1/6d a week for attending him. Six months later came a crisis and William was given 1/- worth of castor oil and he had to be looked after by Dame New, his grand-daughter Fanny, who received 3/- for this service - it was reduced to 2/-. By December 1829 he had sufficiently recovered for the younger girl to look after him again until he died five months later at the grand old age of 89. During this period, Richard New, his son-in-law, received 1/6d a week which ceased when William died, and I think it may have been some form of rent allowance paid to the family for lodging the old man.

Looking back, it is very hard to imagine how the poor managed in those days, as the money they received barely covered their rent and basic food costs, and left nothing for clothes or any small luxury that we now take for granted.

Jean Debney

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PURLEY CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures:

Saturday	3rd June v Braywood (1st XI League)	Home	2.00 p.m.	
"	3rd June v Frimley 3rd (2nd XI League)	Away	2.00	
p.m.				
Sunday	4th June v Mortimer (Friendly)	Away	2.30	
p.m.				
Saturday	10th June v Theale (1st XI League)	Home	2.00 p.m.	
"	10th June v Theale (2nd XI League)	Away	2.00 p.m.	
Sunday	11th June v Hermitage (Friendly)	Home	2.30 p.m.	
Saturday	17th June v Emmbrook (1st XI League)	Away	2.00 p.m.	
"	17th June v Emmbrook (2nd XI League)	Home	2.00	
p.m.				
Sunday	18th June v Shinfield (Friendly)	Away	2.30	
p.m.				

Saturday	24th June v Sandhurst (1st XI League)	Home	2.00 p.m.
"	24th June v Wraysbury (2nd XI League)	Away	2.00 p.m.
Sunday	25th June v Kidmore End 3rds (Friendly)	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	1st July v Broadmoor (1st XI League)	Away	2.00 p.m.
"	1st July v West Ilsley (2nd XI League)	Home	2.00 p.m.
Sunday	2nd July v Sulhampstead (Friendly)	Home	2.30 p.m.

Practice takes place on Thursday evenings from 6.30 p.m. at our home ground (The Recreation Ground, Beech Road).

If you are interested in participating in the Cricket Club in any way (playing, umpiring, scoring or watching), either come along to any advertised event or contact:

Paul Neal on 417957 or Martin Bishop on 427142

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Editor

LAUGHLINES

A notice on the edge of the large fish and water-lily pool at the Royal Army Chaplain's Department Centre, Bagshot Park, Surrey, reads: "Please do not walk on the water."

Do you often think about the hereafter, Gran?" asked Sammy. "Certainly!" came the reply. "Several times a day I go into a room and think "now what am I here after?"

On the gates of the Winnipeg Anglican cathedral, which is set in a cemetery, appear two notices: 'The Anglican Church Welcomes You' and 'The Premises are Protected by Guard Dogs'.

We are all cast in the same mould; but some are mouldier than others.