



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

# BROADSHEET

APRIL 2009

A MONTHLY NEWS ROUND-UP FOR THE PARISH OF ALDBOROUGH HATCH

## Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

*Palm Sunday*

- 8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Family Service with Parade  
6.30pm Holy Communion

### Holy Week

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

- 8pm Holy Week Service

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

- 8pm United Service at St. Teresa's

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- 8pm Meditation: Witnesses of the crucifixion

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

*Maundy Thursday*

- 8pm Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

*Good Friday*

- 10.30am Family Service  
2pm Devotional Hour

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- 8pm Easter Vigil

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter Day*

- 8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Low Sunday*

- 8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Holy Communion

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

*Second Sunday of Easter*

- 8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### Weekdays

The church is open for private prayer on Monday and Wednesday (10.30am to 12noon) – except Bank Holidays  
Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

## Enjoy the gift we have

*'He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood.'*

I've been reading a book about a soldier shot during the First World War for desertion. It's a novel in which the hero tries to uncover the story behind the execution. Eventually we discover the young Irishman helped a young boy to escape (he'd signed up age fourteen to escape a borstal sentence), then returned to the lines to rejoin his comrades. He thought it was inevitable that he would die. But the horror and meaninglessness of all he'd seen appalled him. He wanted his death to mean something. So he risked execution in order to save the young lad. The book uncovers the story of the Irishman, the young lad and one of the soldiers on the court-martial that condemned the Irish soldier to death. It explores their motivation, their sense of responsibility and their guilt. In the end we find the young lad, now elderly, carries no guilt – just a realisation of the new chance he had been given. So, from that moment he made a new life for himself – a good, happy and contented life. He returned briefly to England to pay his dues (spending a short time in prison). He speaks of the Irishman who saved him. *'He died for me, so I have lived for him'*. His death *did* have meaning.

Quite Christ-like, really. Christ gives us His life. We thank Him best by living a life that honours all He stood (and stands) for. Our lives give His death meaning. So let's enjoy the gift we have – and live life content with what we have, that shares our good fortune, and reflects His justice and love. I wish you a joyful and happy Easter.

Rev Clare Nicholson, Vicar

## Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning

in aid of Bornean Sun Bear Conservation UK

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 9am to 1pm

at the home of Pam Trump, 6 Applegarth Drive

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## Fairlop Waters wins £400,000!

Earlier this year we invited readers to vote for Fairlop Waters in the Mayor of London's *Help a London Park* project. You did so – and Fairlop Waters was voted one of the top ten parks in the whole of London – and receives £400,000 for development. Thanks to all who supported Fairlop Waters – including the pupils at William Torbitt School. For further details visit the website at <http://www.london.gov.uk/parksvote>

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## St. Peter's Flower Festival 2009

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

*The following events are being held to raise money to purchase the flowers*

### Showtime Revisited

See the Aldborough Hatch Players in their Production of *Showtime* on the Big Screen

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Halls

Tickets £6 from Linda Bowley (020 8551 3357)

Cheese Platter – Bring your own drink and glasses

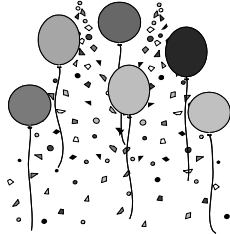
### Just Desserts Evening

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at Aldborough Hall Farm

*Have your main course at home,*

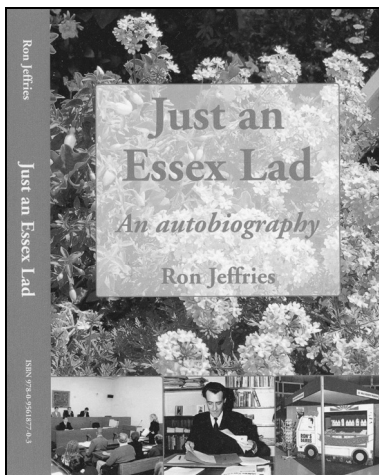
*then enjoy a range of delicious desserts at 50p per portion*

## St. Peter's May Day Fete Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1pm to 4pm – Admission free



**All the fun of the fair!**

Sideshows – Bric-a-Brac – Books  
Toy Tombola – Raffle - Games  
Bottle Tombola - Homemade Cakes  
Sweets: Candy Floss and Chocolate  
Fountain - Bedding Plants  
Light Refreshments



**Just an Essex lad**, written by the Editor of the St. Peter's BROADSHEET, was published in paperback in March.

With a full-colour cover and 390 pages plus 8 pages of photographs, the book includes articles about St. Peter's in the 40s and 50s that have appeared in the BROADSHEET over the past year or so, recollections of wartime in the local area, memories of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group in the 50s and 60s, experiences as Editor of SCOUTING and MILK INDUSTRY magazines, and as a magistrate and Bench Chairman at Redbridge Magistrates' Court, together with humorous reflections on many bizarre incidents in his life.

Described by a reader as "un-put-downable" and another as "a real page-turner".

The cover price is £9.99 (plus £2.50 postage and packing) from Ron Jeffries, 37 Spearpoint Gardens, ILFORD IG2 7SX  
TEL: 020 8599 7250

Email: ronjeffries@hotmail.com.

## Redbridge Leukaemia Research

# Quiz Night

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

St. Peter's Church Halls

Entry £5 – Tables of 6/8

Bring your own refreshments

To reserve a table ring

Steve Gowers (01277 624049)

### Monday Club

6 <sup>th</sup> April	Cards
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Bank Holiday - No Club
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Speaker: Brian Kerrison
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bingo

We continue the riveting tale (that had readers on the edge of their seats last month) of the first Servers at St. Peter's in Post-War Aldborough Hatch, when rhubarb grew in the field next to St. Peter's and iPods had not been invented (well, we don't think they had!).

## The boys in blue

The church had two wooden kneeling desks and two more were made by Mr Dearlove in his workshop in the garden of the bungalow opposite the Vicarage on the corner of Oaks Lane. The desks are in the Sanctuary today and carry brass plaques in memory of David Michael Greer, the son of Favil and David Greer, and the grandson of the Rev Byng, who drowned tragically in the Vicarage lake in 1949 when he was two-years-old.

The first four Servers were Brian, Geoff, Tony and Ron. Others joined us as the years went by so that we had eight Servers at any one time with new members joining the ranks from the choir as their voices broke. Some went off to national service, others moved away, whilst David Ford and Hugh Wybrev entered the ordained ministry. David was at one time a Canon at a Cathedral in the North, whilst Hugh served in London, Jerusalem and Oxford, recently retiring as a Canon and living in Oxford.

There were Servers at every Sunday service – two at Holy Communion at 8am, and four at Morning Prayer at 11am and Evensong at 6.30pm. On Festivals one Server got up in time for the 7am Service of Holy Communion – but no-one rushed for that honour!

At morning and evening services, one Server rang the bell (two sessions of five minutes each), another put the hymn numbers on the boards (and took them down afterwards, wearing just cassock with cotta removed as is the correct mode of dress before and after service), another lit the candles before the service and put them out at the end of the prayer book service and before the sermon, another was Crucifer carrying the processional cross, one took the choir collection bag round and another accepted the congregation's offerings on the big brass plate. There were jobs for everyone, with a monthly rota so that the tasks were shared around fairly. Those who aspired to do so were encouraged to read lessons.

One problem with being a Server was that you could not guarantee that you would be off duty on Sunday evening to sit

with your girl friend in the back rows of the church. As the Vicar ascended into the pulpit at evening service, the lights in the body of the church were switched off – need I say more? There are some who regret the passing of this practice of Sunday evening sermonising carried out in the dark but, sadly, there is no longer a rush for the pews at the back of the church. **RJ**

## Brushed Away

The Aldborough Hatch Art Group has closed after fifteen years. Here Irene Godfrey recalls the Group's success and explains why it has closed.

Aldborough Hatch Art Group was started on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1993 when local artist, the late Frank Hebbard along with like minded enthusiasts formed a constitution agreeing to meet for two hours each Tuesday in St Peter's Church Hall.

It was a successful venture encouraging the talents of local residents who, under the guidance of the club's secretary Nettalli Wilson, also engaged in many enjoyable coach outings and socials, including Christmas Lunches. Before long, popular parishioner Ralph Copsey took on the role of Chairman while Irene Godfrey became Treasurer and under Frank's tuition, the group some of whom were already accomplished artists were soon holding exhibitions in Ilford Library and the Kenneth More Theatre. Sadly Frank died in September 1998 and with the sudden death of Nettalli soon after, her work was shared by the Chairman and Treasurer and while the group continued to flourish it began to wane with the sad loss of Ralph in April 2004.

Tuition had continued under Jim Jerram and later under Essex Artist Trevor Harwood and in due course Sheila Leake became the Secretary and Diana Gross stepped in as Chairman. But the welcome addition of new members from time to time did not compensate for the deaths of the original stalwarts and the decline in numbers led, regrettably, to the closure of the club on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Many friendship were forged during its existence which it is fervently hoped will continue after the closure.

Mention was made of subsequent meetings and reunion lunches to keep alive the memories of many happy hours spent together in the friendly little hall where tea was served through the serving hatch and experiences shared.

Thanks to the members of St Peter's church who administered and assisted the club. We wish you all happiness and success in the future.

**St. Peter's Organisations**  
Monday Club - Monday 2pm  
Beaver Scouts - Monday 5.15pm  
Cub Scouts - Monday 6.30pm  
Scouts - Monday 7.45pm  
Brownie Guides - Tuesday 7pm  
Guides - Wednesday 7pm

Vicar: Revd. Clare Nicholson – 020 8599 0524 Churchwardens: Roger Goffee – 020 8590 1610, Martyn Stewart – 020 8599 7516

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