



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BROADSHEET

MAY 2009

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

Services

Sunday 3rd May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 17th May

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday*

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

Thursday 21st May

Ascension Day

8pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May

Sunday after Ascension

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 31st May

Whit Sunday

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Healing Service

Sunday 7th June

Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Holy Communion

Weekdays

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

**St. Peter's
May Day Fete
Monday 4th May**
See overleaf!

Making the world a better place

Were you excited by the election of President Obama and his visit to England and Europe? I have to confess I was.

He is an inspiring character. But I wouldn't like to be him! It feels as if the hopes of the entire world rest on him. How can one man satisfy all that is expected of him? Of course, he can't. Perhaps he is a bit like Jesus! When He rode into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday the crowds looked to him to save them. At that time Israel was a part of the Roman Empire. Many dreamed of a time when Israel would be free once again, and even a great nation in the world. It seemed Jesus might lead them into a new, great era for the Kingdom of Israel! Unrealistic hopes and dreams. And so they called out: *'Hosanna to the Son of David'* (Hosanna means 'save us'). Jesus as the new king.

Another set of unrealistic hopes. Hopes and dreams that Jesus didn't share. For He offered (and offers) another kingdom. And in the Kingdom of God Jesus needs us all, every one of us, to realise His dreams. Dreams of a kingdom that offers freedom and justice, love and respect, hope and healing, to all people. A dream that can only be achieved when each of us allows that dream to live in our hearts and shape our thoughts, words and actions. That's how Jesus works. Through those that love him and share His hopes. He inspires us. And through us He changes the world.

One man can make a difference. President Obama isn't Jesus Christ! But he can make a difference, if those who are inspired by him and share his hopes for the world allow those hopes to change the way we live and work. He talks of listening to one another, meeting with those from different faiths and cultures, respecting our differences. He talks of America determining to reduce their carbon footprint. He talks of a world without nuclear weapons. How about it? With the hope Jesus gives, and with people to inspire us, shall we determine to do what we can to make the world a better place? I'm going to try.

Rev Clare Nicholson, Vicar

St. Peter's Flower Festival 2009

Theme: Our green and pleasant land

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th June

Saturday: Church open from 10am to 7pm; Craft Market 10am to 6pm

Sunday: Church open 10am to 7pm; Craft Market 10am to 5pm

Monday: Church open 10am to 7pm

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 30th 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

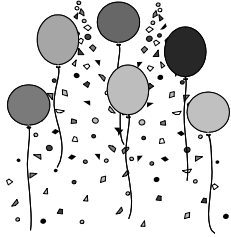
Friday 12th June at 7.30pm at Aldborough Hall Farm

Have your main course at home,

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

Around the Hatch

St. Peter's May Day Fete Monday 4th 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 - Puzzles

Julie thanks those who supported the Coffee Morning last month which raised £140 for Bornean Sun Bear Conservation UK.

Hillbilly Express Banjo Band

St. Peter's Church Halls
Saturday 16th May - 7.30pm
Tickets £8 from

Yvonne Jeffries (020 8599 7250)
Fish & Chip Supper - Bring your own drink.



(Above) The scene outside the church halls last month when the old metal windows (seen left - installed when the halls were extended in the 1950s) were removed and replaced with double glazing.

From Westminster to Aldborough Hatch A history of St. Peter's Church

Priced at £1.50, copies are available from
Ron Jeffries on 020 8599 7250.
All profits to St. Peter's Church.

London Borough of Redbridge Garden waste collection

From 1st April until the end of October 2009 it is no longer necessary to book a garden waste collection from Redbridge Council.

Garden waste presented in untied sacks inside the front of your property nearest the boundary by 7am on the morning of the day following the scheduled collection day for household waste will be collected by the Council's contractors. Thus if your household waste is collected on a Thursday, the garden waste collection will take place on a Friday.

Maximum of 20 bags per collection.

John DeBere looks back to 1920s and 1930s when he sang as a choirboy in Ilford's Super Cinema, accompanied by a mighty organ – in the days before mobiles and digital cameras, when the sun shone from morning till nightfall and it always snowed on Christmas Day.

Sacred music and twittering birds

In the piece which I wrote for the BROADSHEET in April 2008 about my days as a choirboy at St Alban's Church between 1928 and 1932, I mentioned that our very talented Choirmaster and Organist, William Manton, left us to take up a similar post at the now demolished St Clement's Church.

This move found him playing an organ with an electric action; one of the first, if not the first, organ to be so equipped. The electric action was the brainchild of Robert Hope-Jones. Hitherto, organs had entirely mechanical actions to admit air to the pipes when a key was depressed; either tracker action (a system of wires, rods and levers) or tubular pneumatic (where compressed air passing through tiny lead tubes opened the valves into the pipes).

Hope-Jones' electric action made it possible for the first time for the organ console to be placed quite remotely from the pipes, with the two connected by a multi-cored telephone type cable. Indeed, at St Clement's the console was on one side of the chancel and the pipes on the other.

In the Spring 2009 edition of the magazine *This England* (p.58), there is a tribute to Hope-Jones, and his ingenuity. He went on to join the famous Wurlitzer Organ Company in the United States, where, no doubt, his talents were well used.

Sadly, St Clement's, built in 1890 to seat 1,100 (when London's rapidly growing population produced a boom in house building), failed to survive the general falling away of public worship and the change in its parish demography. It survived for only about 90 years.

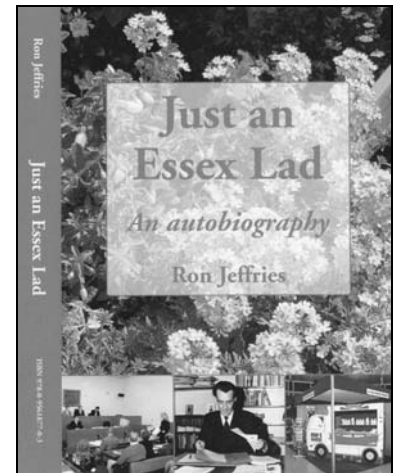
I wonder what became of St Clement's organ? It was a fine three manual and pedal board instrument. In my choirboy days the combined three choirs of St Clement's, St Alban's and St Margaret's used to do the rounds of the three churches, to sing one or other of the Easter Oratorios near to Palm Sunday, and I sang to the accompaniment of St Clement's very fine organ a number of times.

We even assembled the three choirs at the Ilford Super Cinema on the evening of Good Friday to sing Passion music at a service there, when William Manton accompanied us on the cinema organ (possibly a Wurlitzer).

Cinema organs, in addition to the usual pipes, also had several stops allowing access to a number of sound effects. On one never to be forgotten occasion, William Manton selected a sound effect stop by mistake and we suddenly heard birds twittering during the sacred music. The boys were greatly amused, although I imagine he wasn't!

John DeBere

Monday Club	
4 th April	Bank Holiday
11 th April	Annual Lunch at the Harvester
18 th April	Open Afternoon
25 th April	Bank Holiday



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 1st 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 £2.75 postage and packing) from Ron Jeffries,
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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

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