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WORDS IN SEASON

The beauty of the morning: silent, bare,
 Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and
 temples lie
 Open unto the fields, and to the sky,—
 All bright and glittering in the smokeless
 air.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH
Upon Westminster Bridge, Sept 3 1802



A was once an apple-pie,
 Pidy
 Widy
 Tidy
 Pidy
 Nice-insidy
 Apple-Pie.



EDWARD LEAR (1812-88)



“I’m trying Jennings at centre-half,” Mr Carter was saying. “Where would you like to play, Darbshire?” Positions on the field meant nothing to Darbshire’s life and this seemed a silly question ... “I’d like to play on that field behind the chapel, please, sir,” he replied, “cos it’s next to the road, and I might be able to get some car numbers if they come close enough.” “What I mean is,” explained Mr Carter, “which position do you want to play in? ...” Derbshire understood at last. “I think I’d like to be wicket-keeper, sir”, he said, surprising himself by his ready command of sporting terms ... Mr Carter kept a straight face. “You’d better try outside-left, Darbshire,” he said.

ANTHONY BUCKERIDGE (1950) Jennings Goes to School



Oh, it’s a long, long while
 From May to December
 But the days grow short
 When you reach
 September.

When the autumn weather
 Turns leaves to flame
 One hasn’t got time
 For the waiting game.

MAXWELL ANDERSON

‘The September Song’ from
Knickerbocker Holiday (1938)
 (music: Kurt Weill)



“I said ‘Rabbits’ dutifully this morning when I woke up—so now we can eat partridges and oysters—and so another season opens—‘oh, sweet monotony of the year.’ I forget who summed it up so neatly—but suspect myself—My memory, however, is so bad that I mistrust my own quotations.”

VITA SACKVILLE-WEST

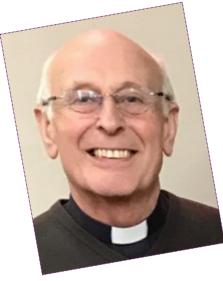
Letter to Virginia Woolf,
 1 September 1933

COVER: Revd Laura Hewitt (*Area Dean*) & Fr Nick Wheeler (*Team Vicar*) after St Peter’s Patronal Festival, 27 June 2021 (*N Dean*)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

REVD NICK WHEELER
TEAM VICAR



I do hope that you have all had some kind of summer break and rest, despite the indifferent British summer weather and the difficulties of seeking the sun warmth abroad with Covid restrictions. As I write this letter, the much heralded mid-August heatwave has yet to appear (but we live in hope!)

In St Peter's, with the lifting of Covid restrictions in late July, we have opened up a bit more with larger gatherings, started to sing hymns in church (see page 14), much to most people's delight, but still using face coverings and encouraging social distancing. Music helps lift the sense of worship. Recently, in August, we had a Memorial Service delayed since April. We have also had three infant Baptisms. We are looking forward to a wedding in St Peter's in early September: the last wedding in St Peter's was in June 2012! Much excitement! We also continue to have our regular Sunday and Wednesday morning services; so why not come and join us and experience the presence of God with us? Find out what the church and the Christian faith are all about and whether it is for you. Have you ever asked or wanted to ask, what life is all about? Why am I here? Is there really a God? If so, how relevant is that? If there is a God, why is there so much suffering in the world? You don't need to be a member of the church to attend it to talk and learn about these questions. Anybody is welcome. Remember there is now new electric heating in the church; so hopefully you will no longer feel cold when the days turn cold.

We want to remind you again that St Peter's is your Church of England parish church and is here for you to celebrate lifetime events such as births, marriages and deaths. We may have had, and continue to have, the Covid pandemic, but the beauty of the Church of England is that it is an enduring church. It is here for you to mark these important occasions and it is a great joy to help you celebrate them.

Why not come along and find out more? We would love to meet and see you. There are so many of you out there in the Arkley community whom we don't know.

Nick A



Summer blooms at St Peter's: 27 June (Patronal Festival) and 8 August
(Photos: N Dean & S Williams)

ST PETER'S CHURCH LUNCHEON

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at 12.30pm
(following Family Eucharist)**

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“I find how often in life Beethoven is the answer— even if the question is,
what is the best dog film?”

TIM LIHOREAU, More Music Breakfast (Classic FM), 9 August 2021 .

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WHAT IS MICHAELMAS?

MICHAELMAS DAY—the Feast of St Michael and All Angels—is 29 September. This date marks the dedication, before the 7th century, of the Basilica of St Michael in Rome.

Michael is chief among the **archangels**, of whom one other, **Gabriel**, the messenger associated with the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (*see Six Degrees of Separation 41, AC&CN, 3/20*), is mentioned by name in the New Testament. The Epistle for St Michael and All Angels portrays Michael (*left*) as a warrior angel:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out ... (*Revelation 12:7-9*)

ST MICHAEL is **patron saint** of Christians in general, as well as soldiers, policemen, fencers, philatelists and radiologists. He is often depicted weighing souls at the Last Judgement and, hence, is patron of trades and professions that use scales, such as grocers, pastry cooks and chemists. Foundations associated with St Michael include the 10th century Mont-Saint-Michel in northern France and its Cornish counterpart, St Michael's Mount, as well as Coventry Cathedral (11th century) and St Michael's, Linlithgow, where Mary, Queen of Scots was baptised in 1542.

MICHAELMAS is an English **Quarter Day**, when traditionally rents were due. The others are Christmas Day, Lady Day (25 March: *AC&CN 3/16*) and Midsummer Day (24 June: *AC&CN 6/16*). Michaelmas is also the name of the **autumn term** at Oxford and Cambridge Universities (and at some other places of learning: it was still in use locally at Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School in the 1960s) and is the first of the four **legal terms** in England and Wales. Other seasonal associations include **Michaelmas goose**, traditional fare believed (by novelist Jane Austen, among others) to augur well for prosperity; and the **Michaelmas daisy** (*Aster amellus*), which flowers in the late summer/early autumn (*AC&CN, 9/16*).

FOR many years, “St Michael” was a brand name used by Marks & Spencer. Its origins, in the 1920s, are not wholly clear—it may relate to the co-founder, Michael Marks, or complement another former brand name, “St Margaret”, after an area in Leicester where a lot of M&S clothes were made. But it had no discernible or likely connection to St Michael himself. **A**

“Michaelmas Day. This day my oaths for drinking wine and going to plays are out and so I do resolve to take a liberty ... I sent for some dinner ... and then to the King’s Theatre, where we saw *Midsummer Night’s Dream* [by Shakespeare], which I have never seen before, nor shall ever again, for it is the most insipid ridiculous play that I ever saw in my life.”

SAMUEL PEPYS
Diary, 29 September 1662

~ WITH CHEERFUL VOICE 10 ~

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

(Common Praise 555; Hymns Ancient & Modern Revised 365/New Standard 192)

This popular hymn, which opened our Patronal service at St Peter's on 27 June (see page 14), was published in 1834. It was written by the Revd Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), who also wrote *Abide with me* (see AC&CN 2/19), the hymn sung before every FA Cup final since 1927. The words are based on those of Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name ..." Lyte's original refrain of "Praise Him! Praise Him!" has, since 1861, widely been replaced by "Alleluia, Alleluia".

Lyte was a religious conservative, associated with the High Church revival of the early Victorian era. He supported the abolition of slavery, for which Parliament legislated in 1833, and worked actively to that end with the Revd Samuel ("Soapy Sam") Wilberforce, son of the pre-eminent abolitionist William Wilberforce.

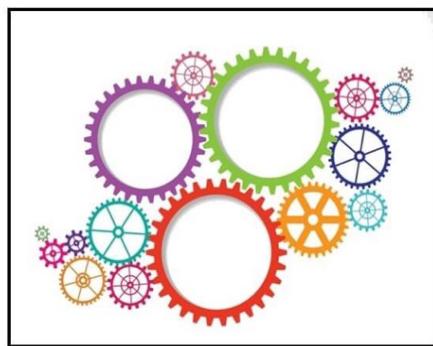
The almost universal music for *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* was composed in 1868 by Sir John Goss (1800-80), organist of St Paul's Cathedral, whose pupils included composers Sir John Stainer and Sir Arthur Sullivan. A

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

[verse 4 of 4]
Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

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SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

52: WILLIAM HERSCHEL

FREDERICK WILLIAM HERSCHEL (1738-1822)

was a Hanoverian-born astronomer and composer, who moved to England in 1757. He is best known for discovering the planet Uranus 240 years ago, in 1781, since when it has completed fewer than three orbits of the sun*. Herschel discovered also two moons of Uranus (Titania and Oberon) and two of Saturn. A prolific composer, his works included 24 symphonies and 20 concerti. Herschel worked closely with his sister ...

King GEORGE IV

(1762-1830),

who succeeded George III in 1820 and, due to the latter's incapacity, had ruled as **Prince Regent** from 1811. In 1815, he instituted the Royal Guelphic Order, a Hanoverian order of chivalry, to which, due to Britain's sharing a monarch with Hanover until 1837, British subjects were often admitted. Although not carrying with it the title of 'Sir', a Guelphic knighthood was bestowed in 1816 on ...

* See page 26

CAROLINE HERSCHEL (1750-1848),

herself a notable astronomer, who was the first (and, until 1996, the only) woman to be awarded the Royal Astronomical Society's gold medal. She was also the first female scientist in England to receive a government salary, granted to her in 1787 by ...

JOHN NASH (1752-1835),

whose other prestigious commissions included London's Regent Street (1825) and the orientally inspired Royal Pavilion in Brighton (1787-1823), built for ...

King GEORGE III (1738-1820),

who, in 1761, the year after his accession to the throne, married ...

Queen CHARLOTTE of MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ (1744-1818),

for whom Buckingham House was acquired as a private residence. This became known as the "Queen's house", but, by the 1790s, was often referred to as Buckingham Palace. In the 1820s it was remodelled by architect...

OUR WORD(S) OF THE MONTH
49: ping; pingdemic

"Javid's Covid sparks No 10 pingdemic" - Mail on Sunday, 18 July 2021

"We've seen so much disruption to the economy and, in many ways, the functioning of the country through this pingdemic, as it's become known—yet another portmanteau for us all to cringe at ..." - LUCY FISHER, Press Review, Sky News, 29 July 2021

"The sharp ping of the old musket" - J Redding Ware (1909) Passing English

Ping is an imitative word, in use since the 19th century, which means, and derives from, a short, high-pitched sound. An example is that created by tapping a spoon against a crystal glass. *Roget's Thesaurus* groups 'ping' under 'resonance' with 'tinkle', 'jingle', 'ring' and 'chime'. In the summer it became one of the more unlikely buzz words of the coronavirus pandemic, referring to the signal that a message has been delivered to a smartphone *via* the NHS Covid app: "The day after his return, he reportedly got 'pinged', informing him he had been in contact with someone who had since tested positive with Covid" (*Sunday Times*, 18 July). Since July the escalating number of such alerts has widely been described as a **pingdemic**. In fact, very quickly, this "portmanteau* for us all to cringe at", as the *Daily Telegraph*'s deputy political editor put it, had entered everyday speech, its consequences being referred to in some media as **pingdemonium** ("Pingdemonium chaos sees one million children off school, the pound plunge, bins uncollected ...": *Mail Online*, 20 July). The *Evening Standard*'s political correspondent christened Westminster **Pingminster** when the Prime Minister and some of his ministerial colleagues were obliged to isolate after being 'pinged' (Sophia Sleigh, 19 July), while the delayed opening of the West End musical *Cinderella*, due to its cast's having to isolate, was portrayed as "**Pingerella!**" (*Daily Mail*, 20 July).

In the first half of the 19th century, 'ping' became current among sportspeople as slang for speaking in a quick, high voice. Another sporting term, **ping-pong**, is, of course, an alternative name for table tennis. This too was an imitative formulation, registered as a trademark in 1901 by J Jaques & Son, makers also of croquet equipment (see AC&CN 8/20), although the term had been in use since about the 1820s. By analogy 'playing ping pong' often describes the process (or lack of one) by which an issue or problem is batted back and forth without anybody taking responsibility. A claim that 'ping-pong' comes from the Mandarin Chinese *ping pang qui*, meaning 'ping-pong ball', is probably fanciful and it seems more likely that it was incorporated into Chinese from English, rather than *vice versa*. In the 1970s, *ping-pong diplomacy* was coined to describe efforts to improve relations between the USA and China. These began in 1971 with an invitation to the US table tennis team to visit China. The following year President Richard Nixon met Chinese leaders in Beijing. Among other things, they agreed to improve opportunities for mutual exchange visits: "When they [the Chinese] come, Americans will find them to be formidable, intellectual competitors, as well as vigorous opponents in ping-pong and badminton" (Richard Wilson, March 1972). In 2007 *Do You Know?*, the English version of a song by Enrique Iglesias, was sub-titled 'The Ping Pong Song' by his record company because his recording opened with the sound of a ping-pong ball. **A**

*For discussion of 'portmanteau' words, see *Our Word 4*, 5/16



MRS LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME: In our last issue, we recalled that, in 1857, the missionary and explorer **Dr David Livingstone**, his wife Mary and their family lived in a rented property on Hadley Green. This bears a plaque commemorating merely Dr Livingstone's tenure. By contrast, **Mary Livingstone** (*née* Moffat, 1821-62) (*left*), a seasoned traveller and outstanding linguist, is less well known than her husband. With this in mind, the David Livingstone Birthplace Museum in Blantyre, near Glasgow, which re-opened on 28 July after a re-fit, has enhanced its coverage of Mary's contribution. As the *Guardian* observed recently:

The cliche runs that behind every great man stands a great woman. In Livingstone's case, the reputation of his fearless wife, Mary Moffat, actually went before him, smoothing his path through remote regions. (20 June 2021)

Mary's father, Robert, a Congregational missionary, had worked among the Bechuana people of southern Africa. She herself spoke several African languages and, after their marriage in 1845, frequently accompanied her husband on his missions. When she remained in Britain, it was mostly to give birth or for the sake of their six children's welfare and education. Mary is buried at Chupanga in Mozambique, where, aged only 41, she died of malaria, five years after the furlough in Barnet. **A**



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THE BOOTHS: FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

The mission that became the **Salvation Army** was founded in London's East End in 1865 by **William Booth** (1829-1912) and his wife **Catherine** (1829-90). They and their son **Bramwell** (1856-1929), by then the Army's Chief of Staff, came with their families to live in Hadley Wood in 1889, four years after the opening of the railway station (*see AC&CN 5/16*). They took two houses there, built by local property developer **Charles Jack**, whose name is preserved in 'Jack's Lake' at the heart of the wood itself.



Catherine Booth

William Booth started out as an apprentice to a Nottingham pawnbroker, but became a Methodist minister in 1852. In 1878 the **East London Christian Mission**, which he and Catherine (*left*) had established, adopted a military structure, with William as the Salvation Army's first General. The new movement was intended primarily as a religious revivalist body, but the Booths had become profoundly aware

of deprivation in the East End and so soon mobilised the Army to provide social assistance. (It was timely that, in 1879, the **Revd William Walsham How** was appointed as the first suffragan bishop in the Diocese of London, with specific oversight of the East End: *AC&CN 7-8/21*. He and William Booth developed a good relationship, were near neighbours in Hackney, and, despite their theological differences, How preached to Salvationists in Stoke Newington.)



General William Booth visiting Barnet Market, early 20th century

The methods of the new Army were unconventional and flamboyant, and its militaristic trappings aroused some opposition. In 1893 a ‘Skeleton Army’ was founded to oppose the Salvationists. There is a story that Booth once encouraged the precocious Margot Tennant (who later married future Prime Minister Herbert Asquith: *see also page 17*) to publicise his cause by riding in Hyde Park wearing a Salvation Army bonnet. Margot protested that this would look ridiculous, to which Booth replied, “Christ did not mind looking ridiculous”. “No”, remarked his young acquaintance, “but he would not have liked being *advertised*. I think there is something horribly vulgar in trying to get too familiar with men’s souls”. Indicative, perhaps, of the middle and upper class stand-offishness of the time which the Salvation Army fought the good fight to overcome.

Catherine Booth was taken ill shortly after the move to Hadley Wood and died at Clacton in 1890. William then embarked on a phase of worldwide travel, but eventually returned to be near Bramwell who was still living in Crescent East, Hadley Wood. The Salvation Army had a house called ‘Rookstone’ built for the General in Lancaster Avenue, where he moved in 1903. With rather dark humour, he described this as “their gift to me, a corner of the world to die in”. Booth later conceded that it was “not such a bad little hole”, but nonetheless considered that “I should not stay ... but

N Dean



the Chief [Bramwell] lives so close by”. He died at Rookstone, which now displays a blue plaque, on 20 August 1912. 150,000 people filed past Booth’s coffin at a hall in Hackney and his funeral at Olympia was attended by Queen Mary.

Bramwell remained in Hadley Wood until his death in 1929 and his widow Florence (1861-1957) for a further 20 years. From time to time members of the family worshipped locally at St Paul’s Church, which had opened in 1911. The eldest of Bramwell’s seven children,

The Salvation Army’s Enfield Citadel Band at St Peter’s, Arkley in April 2016

Catherine Bramwell-Booth (1883-1987), an active Salvationist who, in her teens, played in the band of the High Barnet corps, became an engaging media celebrity in her nineties and lived to 104. On her 100th birthday (in the year that this article was originally published) she gave a memorable TV interview to Malcolm Muggeridge, 20 years her junior, cheerfully rejecting his pessimism about modern life and apparent eagerness to depart it. **A**

**Adapted from an article in the February 1983 issue of Life,
the former paper of Christ Church, Barnet**

Parish Jottings

FORMER Team Rector, the **Revd Chris Ferris** (right), who left the Chipping Barnet Team at the end of 2019, will be inducted as Team Rector of Langley Marish, Buckinghamshire on 1 September.



LAST year's **Patronal service** for St Peter's Day (29 June) was pre-recorded for viewing online, with the Bishop of Newcastle contributing an address by video link. Despite social distancing and face coverings, this year's service, on 27 June, was attended by 50 people, including Theresa Villiers MP, and, although we were unable to sing as a congregation, a choir performed hymns and an anthem. The guest preacher was our Area Dean, the **Revd Laura Hewitt** (left), who is Vicar of St James's, New Barnet. In the House of Commons the following day, Ms Villiers asked newly appointed Health Secretary Sajid Javid when hymn singing would be allowed again in churches, indicating in a Facebook post that this was after the matter had been raised with her at St Peter's. On 5 July Mr Javid announced that restrictions on communal singing would end, which they did on 19 July. Congregational singing was restored to our services on 8 August.

WE understand that plans are well advanced to erect "**Welcome to Arkley Village**" signs in three strategic positions: by the Gate pub at the junction of Barnet Road and Barnet Gate Lane; by the Arkley pub; and at the northern end of Rowley Lane. Each sign will display a windmill motif in recognition of the local landmark.



ON the very day that our Summer issue was being printed, the **Lord Bishop of St Albans**, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith (left, at St Peter's in 2016), wrote to all clergy and church officers in our diocese about, hopefully, the final easing of Covid restrictions. This letter has since been printed in full in the August/September issue of the *Chipping Barnet Team Magazine* because much of what Bishop Alan had to say, especially as regards some of the stark financial challenges, affects members of our four churches generally. In a similar spirit we wanted to pass on the Bishop's concluding remarks:

I should like to repeat my sincere thanks for the immense efforts which have been made in the last fifteen months. We all face considerable challenges in the near future but I am confident that our Christian response to the generosity of God will support us and those we serve in these complex and difficult times. **A**

BATTLE OF BARNET (3)



All being well, the Barnet Medieval Festival will go ahead on 10-11 September at Barnet Elizabethans RFC in Byng Road. Last year's event was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year's marks the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Barnet, a crucial encounter in the Wars of the Roses, which was fought on Easter Day, 14 April 1471 (see AC&CN 4/21 & 5/21).

On our back page are some memories of a re-creation of the battle staged for the quincentenary in 1971. The photo of the street procession was taken near High Barnet station. **On this page, above:** stamp issued on 4 May 2021 (the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Tewkesbury); **below, clockwise from top left:** Theresa Villiers MP opening the 2019 festival with a bang (courtesy of T Villiers); banner of the victorious King Edward IV, part of a display along Barnet High Street and in the Spires, June 2019; **500th anniversary** ceremony at Hadley Hightstone (erected in 1740 to commemorate the Battle of Barnet), April 1971 (*Barnet Museum Archive*); **Hadley Hightstone** in April 2021 (N Dean); **Hadley Hightstone** on the cover of Arkley Church & Community News, April 2021 **A**



The Collect

49: THE £5 MILLION STAMP



FOR MANY YEARS the world's most valuable postage stamp has been a rather nondescript and faded **one cent magenta** (above) issued in **British Guiana** (now Guyana) in 1856. This was produced as a contingency on the Georgetown presses of the *Royal Gazette of British Guiana* to make up for a shortage of imported stamps. It was not the first time this had been done: one of the earliest local issues was a four cent lemon-yellow (1851), whose stamps were separated with scissors rather than perforations. The octagonal 1856 issue was also unperforated and,



**Definitive
British Guiana
2 cent of 1860:
the 1856
magenta had
similar wording
and a ship motif**

replicating a little crudely definitive stamps of the time (see left), bore the motif of a ship. All examples were thought to have been lost until a 12-year old boy came across one in Demerara (whose postmark can be made out on the stamp) in 1873. He sold it to a local collector for six shillings (30p), since when it has passed through many hands. In 1922 King George V, who founded the royal stamp collection, was among those thought to have been outbid when the magenta was auctioned for 300,000 French francs (about £7,300). In 2014 it was bought by the shoe designer Stuart Weitzman, who, at auction, paid a world record sum for a stamp of \$7.9 million. On 8 June this year the stamp was sold once again, at Sotheby's in New York, for the slightly lower figure of \$7 million (£4.97 million). The buyer this time was the world's premier philatelic dealer, **Stanley Gibbons**, founded, as it happens, in 1856, who plan

to display the stamp at their London premises in the Strand and subsequently to devise arrangements whereby the public can buy shares in it. A

Update on **POSTERS**: In our summer issue we examined the collectability and enduring appeal of many posters, especially those relating to travel. These facets were illustrated in July by the 84th Rare Posters Auction held in New York by **Poster Auctions International** (posterauctions.com). A highlight of this 500-lot sale were eight posters by French **art deco** illustrator **Roger Broders** (1883-1953), which advertised travel to such places as Antibes, Dunkirk, Marseilles and Tunis. This rare poster for the *Chemin de Fer du Nord* (1929) shows an elegant couple on board ship in the port of Dunkirk (11 years before the wartime evacuation of British and allied troops from the area). Its estimated sale price was \$17,000-20,000. Our summer issue included a pre-First World War poster of Boulogne for the same company. >>>



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Unfortunate typo when instead of thanking a Churchwarden for their continued ministry [I] typed thanks for their continued misery¹ ... **It's like St David versus Goliath stepping into the lions' den**² ... There are language battles worth fighting but "from whence" is a lost cause. Psalm 121 is too well known and loved³ ... **Asked to name the seven wonders of the modern world [comedian] Hugh Dennis ... chose as his top wonder: toast. The bishop's son recalled his father preaching Matthew 4:4—"Man shall not live by bread alone"—and thinking, "Ah, but if it was toast he could"**⁴ ... I walked with [cricket correspondent] John Woodcock [1926-16 July 2021] from central Adelaide to the cathedral at about 7.30am in the mid-Nineties. He said: "I last did this in 1954 when [England batsman the Revd] David Shepherd [*later Bishop of Liverpool*] was preaching. We had a sweepstake in the press box on the length of his sermon. I went for 12 minutes and cleaned up ... as he preached the same sermon on the rest day of every Test"⁵ ... **When I told [my mother] I was heading for prison ministry full-time, she said she was relieved. "Why?" I asked. "Because you are not very good at being a parish cleric," she replied ... When acquaintances, or friends of hers, ask after me, she wryly responds, "Oh, she's in prison."**⁶ ... Raducanu's latest winning performance [at Wimbledon] caught the eye of singer Liam Gallagher, who tweeted "Emma Raducanu BIBLICAL"⁷ ... **[In the] second set things went slightly wrong and unfortunately she [Ranucanu] retired hurt, but I think the whole nation was behind her, wanting her to come back Lazarus-like**⁸ ... Italy is European champion ... two penalty saves in a row take us to heaven⁹

(1) Revd Barry Hill, Twitter: *Church Times*, 'Quotes of the Week', 30 July 2021; (2) Sam Ricketts, *Sky Sports News*, quoted in *Private Eye*, 9 July 2021 [*confusing St David with the boy (later King) David, and Goliath with Daniel)*]; (3) Letter, *The Times*, 3 July 2021 [*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help": Psalm 121:1*]; (4) *Times Diary*, 21 July 2021; (5) Revd Andrew Wingfield-Digby, *The Times*, 28 July 2021; (6) Revd Sarah Gillard-Faulkner, *Church Times*, 13 August 2021; (7) *Sky News website*, 3 July 2021; (8) Michael Booker, *Press Review* (*Sky News*), 5 July 2021 [see *St John 11*]; (9) *La Stampa*, 12 July 2021

DNE of the most famous of all posters, a month after the outbreak of the First World War, was a call for men to enlist in the armed services. It featured an image of the War Secretary **Field Marshal Lord Kitchener** (1850-1916) and the slogan "Your Country Needs YOU" (later amended to "wants you"). The original version, designed by **Alfred Leete** (1882-1933) for the magazine *London Opinion*, appeared on news stands on 5 September 1914. On 28 May Dorset auction house Onslows sold one of these for £11,000 (against an upper estimate of £4,000). Leete designed also the "Lure of the Underground" poster (1927) in our summer issue. Margot Asquith, wife of Britain's Prime Minister in 1914, once said of Kitchener that "if not a great man, he was at least a great poster". **Update**



THE NEW NORMAL

For now we just want to enjoy this old new thing: going out. Being together. Laughing ... rather than just typing 'LOL' into a screen."

CAITLIN MORAN

Times Magazine, 24 July 2021

"I have been to two live concerts for the first time in 17 months. Not a cough was to be heard ... Perhaps this is an unexpected benefit of Covid."

Professor DAVID HALPIN

Letter, *The Times*, 17 July 2021

"The 1934 musical *Anything Goes* [at the Barbican] is a corker ... tap dancing, corny jokes and a Broadway belle with more teeth than an alligator. Musicals are theatre's antidote to lockdown glumness."

QUENTIN LETTS

Sunday Times Culture, 8 August 2021

"I've been to more parties than I've had hot dinners. I gloomily had to change 'going to parties' to 'throwing things away' in my list of hobbies in *Who's Who* this year, as there haven't been any."

RACHEL JOHNSON

The Oldie, August 2021

"Tinned fish is seriously having a moment. Colour-pop cans of Spanish Ortiz pilchards are popping up all over social media ... The US female-founded sustainable brand Fishwife has even released its own 'Hot Girls Eat Tinned Fish' merch over lockdown."

Sunday Times Style, 1 August 2021

"Hail Hertfordshire, the new Tinseltown"

The Times, 7 August 2021

"[Ellie] Rowsell [of rock band *Wolf Alice*] says that there is a silver lining to Covid: nobody feeling comfortable about physical contact. 'I was like that anyway. Now that everyone is the same I can blend in.'"

Times Saturday Review, 31 July 2021

"The Belgians have the answer. [During the pandemic] they were granted a *knuffelcontact*—or 'hug buddy' ... It even became the Flemish word of 2020."

The Oldie, July 2021

"As we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, everyone is searching for answers to numerous questions such as: How will we bring on-screen animation closer to physical, real-life animation?"

Siggraph Asia 2021, Tokyo
Private Eye, 'Pseuds Corner', 9 July 2021

"Nothing says 'back to normal' more clearly than an England batting collapse"

Country Life, 14 July 2021

"Single-use 'vintage' 35mm cameras are flying off the shelves at Boots ... My teenager explains that you take a picture with real film, which means you don't even know what your picture will look like until it's developed. Imagine!"

LESLEY THOMAS

Times 'Notebook', 31 July 2021

ON-SCREEN DATING

NIALL PATERSON: So, should the country be opening up on July the 19th?

LISA NANDY MP (*Shadow Foreign Secretary*): I think it's absolutely right to say that we open up as soon as possible. I'm desperate to open up ...

PATERSON: I'm desperate for you to open up and give me a date ...

NANDY: I take it you mean a date by which we'll open up, rather than go on an actual date?

PATERSON: I had my second Covid jab yesterday ...

Sky News, 7 July 2021

THE LATE SUMMER GARDEN

After last year's disruption due to coronavirus, the horticultural year of 2021 has been a lot more normal, while the need to adapt to new circumstances and changing expectations has sparked innovation. Among major events, the **Hampton Court Flower Show** went ahead in July, but the **Chelsea Flower Show**, cancelled last year, is due to open on 21 September, four months later than usual. This means that, although plants for such events are often nurtured, out of season, in special conditions, a number of show gardens at Chelsea will be planted with vibrant late summer blooms rather than those more common in late spring and early summer. For example, **dahlias** (*see AC&CN 8/20*) and **echinaceas** (cone flowers) are likely to be more evident than lupins and alliums; and we hear that a Nepalese style garden will feature hydrangeas, rather than rhododendrons, as originally planned. In some cases trees will be repositioned because canopies are denser in September than in May, when woodland plants such as **bluebells** (*AC&CN 4/17*) may still be in flower before trees are fully in leaf. Hence, a woodland garden to mark, a year late, the bicentenary of the birth of the nursing pioneer **Florence Nightingale** (1820-1910) will now include late summer perennials to "complement the birch and yew trees and palette of pastel greens, yellows, blues and lilacs" (*The Garden*, August 2021).

Some notable gardens have remained closed to the public. These include a number within centres of learning, for example in Oxford and Cambridge. Even so, **Magdalen College, Oxford**, best known perhaps for its **fritillary** meadows, which were inaccessible in the spring for the second year running, has re-opened to the public (£8 entry). In addition to its gardens close to the River Cherwell, one of the sights of July and August were the wonderful lime green **hydrangeas** '*Annabelle*' which dominate the Cloister quadrangle (*above*). Opposite Magdalen, the **Oxford Botanic Garden**, the oldest in the country, founded in 1621, has various special events to mark its 400th anniversary (obga.ox.ac.uk).



Sadly, **Prince Philip**, who died on 9 April, did not quite reach his 100th birthday, which would have been on 10 June. However, **Harkness Roses** marked the occasion by presenting HM the Queen with a deep pink **Rosa 'Duke of Edinburgh'** (*left*), which had been cultivated at its nursery in Hitchin and is now in a mixed border at Windsor Castle. Harkness are donating £2.50 for every sale of this rose to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Living Legacy Fund. **A**



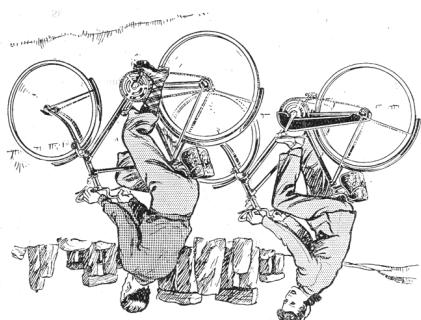
N Dean, July 2021

THE HEPTATHLON

CHURCH FETE EDITION



Cartoon by Dave Walker from the *Church Times*, 30 July 2021 (CartoonChurch.com)



"Why can't we just watch the Olympics on the telly like we usually do?"

AND THE FORECAST ...

As September, so the coming March

If on the 19th [September] there is a sudden storm from the south, a mild winter may be expected

On Michaelmas Day [29 September] the devil puts his foot on the blackberries

Richard Inwards (1893) *Weather Lore*

MALAPROPS

"Mrs Malaprop would be in her element had she been commentating on the Olympic Games this year. She would have had stiff opposition, however ... 'Off his own back' ... 'Edging their bets' and that old chestnut 'In one fowl swoop'."

Letter, *The Times*, 7 August 2021

This is the fiftieth in our series of malapropisms, so called after Mrs Malaprop's mistaken, but amusing, utterances, in Richard Brinsley Sheridan's play *The Rivals* (1775).

"Illiterate him, I say, quite from your memory" (*The Rivals*, 1:ii)

Our famous QUIZ

Answers at bottom right

1. A female swan is known as what?
2. The Rijksmuseum is in which city?
3. Which actress, who died on 12 August, aged 84, played Mrs Hudson and Rita Garnett on TV?
4. In the Book of Exodus, who was the youngest brother of Miriam?
5. Which Australian was this year's women's singles champion at Wimbledon; and who, for the first time 50 years ago, was her most recent compatriot to win the title?
6. 25 years ago which song recorded by the Spice Girls topped the UK sales charts for a record seven weeks by a female band; and, in Rod Stewart's number one single 50 years ago, who was told: "It's late September and I really should be back at school"?
7. Which "temperance drink" (as it was described) was first marketed in Atlanta, Georgia in 1886?
8. Which fourth word was added this year to the 127 year old Olympic motto, "Faster, Higher, Stronger"?
9. Which one of these resorts has a shingle beach: Bournemouth, Clacton, Hastings, Margate?
10. Who scored for England in the second minute of this year's Euro 2020 final v Italy?
11. Berengaria of Navarre was the wife of which English king?
12. In his sermon at St Peter's on 11 July, which three subjects did the Revd Nick Wheeler suggest were most likely to sell newspapers?
13. The name of which crystalline form of carbon means literally "writing stone"?
14. In which sport did 13 year old Sky Brown this year become Britain's youngest ever Olympic medallist?
15. Why did Humpty Dumpty enjoy autumn?

20 YEARS AGO ...



N Dean (1980)

10 September 2001 The Bank of Scotland and the Halifax merged to form **HBOS 11 (9/11)** In New York the twin towers of the **World Trade Center** (above) were destroyed when terrorists flew highjacked passenger aircraft into them. In Washington a third aircraft was crashed into the Pentagon (US Defense Department). The total death toll from these attacks was almost 3,000 **13** Iain Duncan Smith succeeded William Hague as leader of the Conservative Party

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. a pen 2. Amsterdam 3. Usha Stubbs (in Sheerock & Till Death Us Do Goodagoing-Cawley (also won in 1980) 6. Wan-na-bee; Maggjie [May] T. Coca-Cola 8. Together 9. Hastings 10. Luke Shaw 11. Richard I ("the Lionheart") 12. royalty, sex, religion 13. graphite 14. slateboarding (bronze) 15. Because he had a great fall!

teaser correction: In July we invited you to insert missing letters to identify five composers. We regret that one answer we gave was incorrect. The fourth composer was SchuBERT and not Schumann.

WHAT'S ON in ARKLEY ~ pages 22-27

We are gradually re-building this section following the lockdowns of the past year. We are happy to include free listings in our *Diary Dates* section (page 26).

Please send changes, additions and details of events to
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ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL ~ bookings: Iris Auburn 020 8449 0980 (see opposite)

LOCAL RADIO

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POTTERS BAR RADIO: online @ www.pbradio.co.uk

DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS ~ stalbans.anglican.org ~ Twitter @diostalbans

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Jeremy Hirst
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ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL: see stalbanscathedral.org

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and he shall hear thee

Job 22:27

"The argument that Latin is elitist and irrelevant has been repeated *ad nauseam*."

EMMA BIRCHLEY, Sky News, 1 August 2021

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- Coffee mornings
- Community and charity meetings



Ring to view or discuss

Iris Auburn on 0208 449 0980

“*Repêcharge* is a French word meaning, sort of, repêcharge.”

Dame KATHERINE GRAINGER on the arrangements for Olympic rowing (BBC1)
(quoted in *Private Eye*, 6 August 2021)

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THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO REOPEN THE FACILITIES

As soon as it may safely do so for local clubs and private event hires, run according to government guidelines. The nursery has continued in operation through the Covid-19 lockdown in accordance with government recommendations.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

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To: Arkley Association c/o Steve Gray 22 West End Lane, Barnet, EN5 2SA

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone number:

I agree to the Association emailing us with information about the Hall and Association. Full details on how your personal data is handled is available on www.arkley association.org.uk/privacy

Signed:

The Association is run by its members and a management committee is elected each year at the AGM. We encourage everyone in and around Arkley to become a member and to bring your skills and talents to assist us in running a vibrant Association.



DIARY DATES

in & around ARKLEY

SEPTEMBER 2021



DAY	TIME	EVENT
28 Aug ^{to} Thurs 30 Sept		EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY KEITH WEST ~ St John the Baptist ~ arranged by Barnet Museum
Fri 3	11am-1pm	CHRIST CHURCH FOOD BANK ~ St Albans Road EN5 4LA (weekly)
Sat 4	10am-12.30pm	MADAGASCAR COFFEE MORNING ~ St John the Baptist ~ to raise funds for Bishop Hall Speers, former Rector, to help with two projects: a water well to be installed at Port Berge and rebuilding a church in Ampobibitika
Sat 11 & Sun 12		BARNET MEDIEVAL FAIR ~ Barnet Elizabethans RFC, Byng Road (barnetmedievalfestival.org)
Sat 11		HIKE 'N' BIKE ~ fundraiser for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust (which contributed to the cost of new heating in St Peter's) ~ contact Parish Office (020 8447 0350) or go to bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike

Sun 3 October @ 10.30am: Harvest Festival ~ St Peter's

*We do our best to verify arrangements but can take no responsibility for any changes.
In present circumstances, we advise checking with the organiser that an event is going ahead.*

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AUTUMN EQUINOX: WED 22 SEPTEMBER @ 7.21pm

SUNRISE/SUNSET ~ 1 SEPTEMBER: 6.13/7.47 ~ 30TH: 7.00/6.40

FULL (HARVEST) MOON: MON 20 SEPTEMBER @ 11.55pm (rises 8.26pm)

The full moon nearest to the autumn equinox is known as the 'Harvest' moon. If clear, this year's should be visible at its fullest and, in practice, it will look full for a few nights.

See also 'Six Degrees of Separation' on page 9 regarding the discovery of Uranus in 1781 by William Herschel, who initially named it Georgium Sidus ('George's star') in honour of King George III. Suggestions by other astronomers included Herschel and Neptune, the latter proposed by a Swede in honour of British naval victories during the American War of Independence (1775-83). Although Herschel himself thought that mythological names for 'new' planets were unsuitable in the modern world, 'Uranus', after Ouranus, the Greek god of the sky, was largely standard by the mid 19th century. Neptune was the name adopted much more quickly for the final major planet of the Solar System to be discovered (in 1846).

"I got a bag of pound coins from a bank after a year of going contactless.
I thought the change would do me good."

Sounds of the 60s (Radio 2), 7 August 2021



ST PETER'S : ARKLEY

SEPTEMBER 2021



ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT PRESENT

DAY	TIME	SERVICE
Wednesday 1 September	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 5 <i>Trinity 15</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662) Family Service
Wednesday 8	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 12 <i>Trinity 16</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 15	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 <i>Trinity 17</i>	8am 10.30am 12.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist followed by Church Luncheon (pre-booking required)
Wednesday 22	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 26 <i>Trinity 18</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 29 <i>St Michael & All Angels</i>	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 3 October HARVEST FESTIVAL <i>Trinity 19</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) HARVEST THANKSGIVING

ONLINE WORSHIP: CHIPPING BARNET TEAM MINISTRY

@ barnetparishchurch.org.uk or Facebook (Parish of Chipping Barnet)

SUNDAY MORNING: Eucharist or Matins (streamed services resume on 5 September: times vary)

MONDAY to THURSDAY @ 10am: Morning Prayer

These are usually live streams with recordings available on Facebook

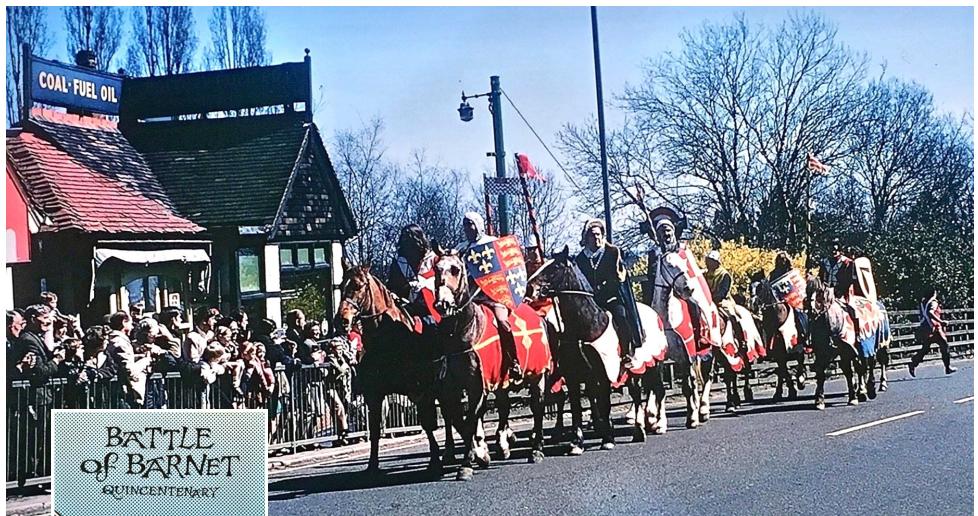
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**Re-enacting the Battle of Barnet
(1471) for the 500th anniversary
in 1971: see page 15**
(Photos: Barnet Museum Archive)



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