

Parish Pilgrimage to St Alban's



Under a perfect blue sky which lasted the whole weekend, thirty parishioners, covering all ages, travelled to St Alban's on midsummer weekend to join in **The Alban Pilgrimage 2014** and then to visit the parish of St Mary's, Redbourn. The pilgrimage procession was a wonderfully colourful affair, featuring huge puppets, a marching band and hundreds of flag-waving pilgrims grouped by parish, many of them dedicated to St Alban, from all over the Diocese and further afield. Proceeding along the main thoroughfare through the City from St Peter's Church to the Abbey the procession stopped three times for brief enactments of the story of Alban's Capture, Trial and Execution. There was then an impressive Festival Eucharist followed by an afternoon picnic and games in the sunshine, and

finally Festival Evensong during which hundreds of red roses were placed around St Alban's Shrine which houses his relics. After a convivial supper in a local restaurant our group then travelled on to Redbourn for an overnight stay – some in a hotel and some in local homes.

The following morning, we reassembled for the 9.30am Eucharist in St Mary's Redbourn taken by their Vicar, the Rev Will Gibbs, who is a long-standing colleague and cricketing friend of Joe's. There was then time for a leisurely walk around the enchanting village, followed by a delicious lunch provided by the parishioners and eaten in the rose-scented, beautifully mown churchyard. It was a happy and extremely enjoyable 36 hours during which much was learned and many friendships cemented. Thank you.

Susan Jacobs



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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014



StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

A few reflections on a very successful Village Fair at the end of June.

Firstly, it's very difficult to announce The Marvellous Imaginary Menagerie without getting your tongue in a twist! But it was a very entertaining show, as was the daring Dick Danger. Our thanks go to Lesley Bossine, the Landmark manager, for booking such excellent acts.

Secondly, it was brilliant to see a full fairground all afternoon. Our church volunteers were managing queues on the bouncy inflatables from noon to 5pm and there always seemed to be a good crowd. It felt like a genuine coming together of all the community. For the general organisation of the event, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Sheena Harold and her team from Teddington Society.

Thirdly, I was greatly impressed by the huge variety of voluntary organisations and local businesses that were present. Three cheers for all who participated in the pram race – a very fine tradition to resurrect. But I also discovered some clubs that were new to me, the Skiff Club being a fine example. It made



Teddington Village Fair, The Marvellous Imaginary Menagerie

me reflect on how fortunate we are to have a wealth of independent clubs, organisations and businesses all passionate about the local community. There are many suburbs that claim to have a 'village feel'. But in Teddington it is not just an empty phrase used by estate agents. There really does seem to be genuine sense of community which was encapsulated by the fair.

I guess this is why it is so disappointing for many of us to hear that Sainsbury's have won an appeal to take over the Calligaris furniture shop opposite our hall. With such a good high street of small independent retailers, and with such widespread local opposition, it doesn't seem right. It appears that the big supermarkets have the power to win time and time again. I hope this doesn't dampen our enthusiasm for all things local, diverse and independent. See inside for details about the ongoing campaign, how you can get involved and let's keep up the community spirit.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Teddington Fair 2014



The summer is not complete without the Derby, Wimbledon, Henley and the Teddington Fair which this year took place on Sunday 29th June.



The promise of dry weather held good despite a bank of threatening clouds which loomed overhead early afternoon. With the sunshine came the crowds who could not have been disappointed by the variety of stalls and entertainment provided. There was something for everyone. The choice of three bouncy castles was a huge hit with the young ones, alongside pony rides, face painting and *Catch a Penguin* where everyone was a winner. The story corner provided some welcome down time and an opportunity to indulge in some English tea, ice cream or even Pimms. Many were captivated by the fantastic dance troupe and the drama of the acrobatics show.

The afternoon passed seamlessly and belied the



*Dick Danger's Amazing Acrobatics,
photo courtesy of Brian Holder*

huge amount of organisation and hard work that had gone into making this year's event yet another success.

Sarah Turley (photos by Fred Squire)

Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
29th June: Cora Martha Lily, daughter of Matthew & Julia Heyn

6th July: Joshua Richard John, son of Matthew & Claire Crane; Freya Sarah and Tess Rosie, daughters of Peter & Fiona Howgego

13th July: Ava Violet, daughter of Carlos & Clare Leon

Weddings – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

11th July: Chloe Redmond & Oliver Cooper

Hampton Fuel Allotment Grants

HELP TOWARDS FUEL BILLS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN OUR AREA

HFAC is able to award grants for gas and electricity to low income families living in Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton. The family income may come from part-time wages, low incomes or benefits. The grant could be as much as £520 and parents can reapply after twelve months.

If you think you may be eligible, or for more information on how to apply, please go to www.hfac.co.uk or contact Mrs J Price, Grants Manager direct on 020 8941 7866.

Patronal Sunday Family Fun Day

**Sunday 7th September 2014,
11.30am – 3pm**

Bring a picnic and join us for a day of family fun, children's entertainment, tea & cake, and Pimms
ALL WELCOME

*Sign up if you are interested via
Suzanne Parker at
parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org
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Say NO to Sainsbury's Campaign

Thank you to everyone for your kind support on this campaign. After a unanimous verdict against the application for a Sainsbury's in the conservation end of the High St (currently Calligaris) last summer, Sainsbury's appealed and 4 weeks ago they unfortunately won. Richmond Council have decided not to challenge the Appeal verdict, despite the campaign having the support of Dr. Vince Cable and the huge public rejection of the scheme.

We, the residents of the listed Peg Woffington Cottages, opposite the site, have been leading the campaign from the beginning and are moving forward to challenge the decision on behalf of the community. The challenge has to be based on very specific legal grounds and our barrister has identified 5 issues to challenge and to move forward with. The campaign points have been whittled down to very narrow grounds with regards to transport, but the bigger picture still remains that this site is not suitable for a supermarket attracting a high volume of cars and unloading vehicles. It will change the face of Teddington and threaten our successful independent high street.

We would welcome your support. More detailed information on the campaign can be found at: www.sainsburysteddington.wordpress.com

To date, the large costs of the campaign have been funded by ourselves with donations from residents and we are in desperate need of further support to see the campaign through. If you can help in any way, please visit our donation site: www.youcaring.com/sainsburysteddington

Or drop in a donation at Peg Woffington's (Tony and Betty's old tea rooms).

Thank you for your support.

Diary for August

SERVICES – *Sundays: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am (NB – No midweek services)
Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am
Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am
Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12 noon*

NB – No midweek services

Sunday 3 rd	7 th After Trinity WWI Service of Commemoration in Church, 6.30pm
Thursday 7 th	Parish Lunch, The Royal Oak, 12.30pm
Saturday 9 th	Time to Talk, 10.30-12noon, St Peter & St Paul
Sunday 10 th	8 th After Trinity Baptism, 12noon Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 12 th	Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Saturday 16 th	Wedding, 1pm
Sunday 17 th	9 th After Trinity
Friday 22 nd	Wedding, 3pm
Sunday 24 th	Bartholomew the Apostle Baptism, 12noon
Sunday 31 st	11 th After Trinity Baptism, 12noon

Looking ahead

Wednesday 3rd September

Confirmation Course, Parish Office, 8-9.30pm