



THE 2010 SPRING MEETING

will be held on Sunday 9th May 2010

at St Alban's Centre, Holborn

(address: Baldwin's Gardens, off Gray's Inn Road)

Buffet Lunch at 1.00 p.m.

followed by (at approximately 2.15 p.m.)

'My Memories of Barbara'

Frances Kendrick

Frances Kendrick, who served with Barbara in the WRNS just after the war, will be interviewed by Committee Member, Michael Wilson. They will be discussing Barbara's and Frances's time in the WRNS and Frances will be recounting her memories of her friendship with Barbara. We hope also to have a review of the correspondence between the two that is lodged with Barbara's archives in the Bodleian.

Frances Kendrick (as she was then) met Barbara when they were both serving in the WRNS in the 1940s, and they corresponded throughout Barbara's lifetime.

Frances was a great admirer and avid reader of Barbara's novels. When *Some Tame Gazelle* was published in 1950, she wrote "Dearest Barbara, For three days I have been trying to think of the most 'suitable' way to begin my fan letter to you, but the moment I start thinking about *Some Tame Gazelle* I get a terrific rush of superlatives to the brain ... It is a joy - something warm, comforting and rewarding. I adored every word of it ... It is not only extremely funny but, at times, very touching and profound. I will never be able to tell you of the pure joy and delight which reading it gave me ..."

**Members are invited to attend High Mass at 11.00am
in the adjoining Parish Church of St Alban the Martyr.**

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Please return to: The Barbara Pym Society, St Hilda's College, Oxford OX4 1DY by **26 April 2010**. Tel: 01865 373753

- I/we will be attending the Spring Meeting
- I/we would like lunch (£15 per person, inc. a glass of wine)

I enclose a cheque for _____ (*made payable to the Barbara Pym Society*)

- Please send me a map with directions - I enclose a stamp-addressed envelope

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ TEL. NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

GUEST'S NAME: _____