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Dear friends

By the time this edition of the magazine goes to print we will have a new government in place and we will be beginning to see whether the pre-election promises were real promises or just a means of ensuring our vote. There are huge issues facing our nation with Brexit and dealing with terrorism high on the agenda. It is very easy to criticise our Members of Parliament and, from time to time, individuals do let the nation down, but I hope that we take time to pray for them as they make decisions which will affect our future and those of our children and grandchildren.

The 'diary' for July and August will look quite empty as many groups and organisations take a well-deserved summer break, and this includes many of our church activities. If you are going away over the summer do travel safely and have a wonderful time, realising that it is a privilege to have the opportunity and the finance to travel to exciting and exotic places – something that most people in the world can never experience.

The Archbishop of Canterbury wrote a book for Lent entitled 'Dethroning Mammon'. It is a very readable but challenging book and it has been suggested that it would be a good to discuss the issues raised. If this interests you – whether or not you call yourself a Christian – do get in touch and we will see what can be organised.

With best wishes

Malcolm

Malcolm, our Parish Priest, is more than happy to visit people in the parish (with or without church links) to discuss pastoral and/or spiritual matters. He is also happy to offer home communion to those not able to attend church on a regular basis. Just contact him.

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Church Pews



We have two pews plus one other item of furniture which are now surplus to our requirements and we would like to offer them to interested parties. The pews will be 'on view' in church in the north aisle week commencing Monday 10th July 2017. Anyone interested in purchasing a pew should place their 'bid' in a sealed envelope – making it clear which item(s)

they are bidding for – and handing it in at the Rectory by Noon on Sunday 16th July.

After this, bids will be opened and the pews sold to the highest bidder.

Please note that the pews are sold 'as seen' and the successful bidder will be required to take the pews away within a few days.

Thank you

Last month, Anne Weaver wrote that she had despatched 16 blankets made by local people to the SANDS charity. She has received a thank-you letter which reads as follows:

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In September Anne plans to send blankets presently being made and any new ones you would like to contribute. If you would like a pattern, please contact Anne (see page 14).

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For the whole community

Please note: Non-church goers are very welcome to join the men's and women's breakfasts and Tea@3.

A trip to the Palace



Angela and David Ireland were guests at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May

St Michael's Churchyard

Churchyards can be dangerous places so we would ask parents to make sure that children are properly supervised whilst in the churchyard and not allowed to run over graves etc. The same applies to dog owners and we do ask that dogs are kept on a lead in the churchyard. There have been several reported cases of dogs fouling the churchyard and owners failing to clear up the mess. When this happens on a grave then it can cause considerable distress. If you are aware of any dog owners acting in this way please let us know so that appropriate can be taken – and 'thank you' to the majority of people who treat the churchyard with respect.

From time to time memorials require attention and may, until repair work

has been completed, be laid flat for safety reasons. Families with memorial stones should be aware that they are responsible for their upkeep and should ensure that they are safe and the area around kept in good order.

As you probably know we have been able to extend our churchyard and this will ensure that burials are possible for many years to come. The first burial has now taken place so please avoid the temptation of using the area as a place where dogs (and children) can run around freely.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

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Last Fair Trade Stall 2nd July

Amanda and I are sorry to have to report that Sunday 2nd July will be the last time we are able to hold a Fair Trade stall in church after the 10 a.m. service.

We have been running the stall once a month after Family Service since September 2009. This has proved to be very successful, with many people buying the excellent Traidcraft products on a regular basis. The Christmas cards have been especially popular as there has been an opportunity to see samples of the cards before ordering.

Over the eight years we have sold goods totalling in excess of £14,000. This is an amazing amount for a small church community and we are tremendously grateful for the support the church members have given the stall during this time. Buying some of our groceries through Traidcraft we have all helped to ensure that farmers and producers in less advantaged parts of our world

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While this is extremely sad at a personal level, the good news is that all those changes in purchasing behaviour and platforms means that it is not only possible but very easy now to purchase

direct from Traidcraft. Sign up on-line to request a catalogue; this is really easy to do, or telephone if you are web-phobic. You will receive a paper catalogue twice a year showing all your favourite food items and the lovely crafts and clothing now available, plus a huge range of Christmas cards in the autumn catalogue. You can of course browse the on-line catalogue if you are so inclined. The link is traidcraftshop.co.uk or 0191 491 0855.

We will still be ordering the church biscuits, teabags and sugar on a regular basis (and we buy Fair Trade coffee from the company which supplies our coffee machine) so we will still be supporting producers as a church, and we urge you to consider doing the same from time to time. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to give either of us a call.

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2018 will be a busy year!

We are starting to plan for next year's Village Fête on Saturday 7th July. Usually the Fête and the Village Party alternate years, but for various reasons the party has been postponed to 2018. It will take place in the grounds of Juniper Hall two weeks after the Fête on Saturday 21st July.

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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Visit to Warren House

Although the visit to Warren House was organised for the History Group, a treat was in store for gardeners too. The house is now a conference centre and wedding venue but was originally one of the finest country houses on the Coombe Estate in Kingston. Our visit began with coffee in the old billiard room where Edward VII had played and where we were introduced to Vicky Good, whose family bought the property in 2005. Vicky has researched the history of the house and its owners and recently published a book on the subject.

Vicky told us that the house was built in the 1860s for Hugh Hammersley, a wealthy banker with Cox & Co (and the uncle of Gertrude Jekyll), on part of 14 acres of land on the Coombe Estate. Several years later Hammersley acquired an adjoining piece of land containing a Japanese water garden, which had been part of the renowned James Veitch & Sons Coombe Wood Nursery. The water garden was the first of its kind in the country and quite a status symbol.

Substantial additions were made to the house in the 1880s by the next owner, George Grenfell Glyn, 2nd Baron Wolverton and Paymaster-General in Gladstone's government. In 1907 the house was bought by General Sir Arthur Paget and his wife Mary, a wealthy American heiress and society hostess. The Pagets were part of Edward VII's Marlborough House Set and the King made several visits to Warren House. After the deaths of Arthur and Mary, the house passed to their daughter Dame Leila Paget and her husband Sir Ralph Paget, a diplomat and Leila's distant relative. Leila was very different from her mother and found her calling running a military hospital in Serbia during the Balkan Wars of 1912-13, after Ralph had been posted to Belgrade. She continued to help with the Serbian Relief Fund and maintained a lifelong connection



The original house built in 1876 has black brick decoration

to Serbia. During WW2 she converted Warren House into a convalescence home for the military. In 1954, when it was becoming increasingly expensive to maintain such a large house, Leila sold Warren House to ICI who used it as a management training centre. For financial reasons ICI later sold off some of the land next to the house, including the famous Japanese water gardens. Fortunately, these are still open to the public twice a year under the National Gardens Scheme. The house was briefly owned by a group of businessmen before Vicky's family acquired it.

The second part of our visit began with a talk by garden designer, Andrew Fisher Tomlin, who has recently designed the Veitch Heritage Garden at Warren House. Andrew explained that the new garden features plants introduced by pioneering plant hunters who were sent all over the world by the famous Veitch Nurseries. Their main propagation nursery was in Coombe Wood near Warren House and they introduced an astonishing number of plants to Europe, including orchids, magnolias and rhododendrons. Five generations of the Veitch family were involved in the nursery business and the RHS continues

to award the Veitch Memorial Medal for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the art, science or practice of horticulture. One member of the family, Harry Veitch, was instrumental in founding the Chelsea Flower Show and was knighted for his services to horticulture.

Andrew then took us on a tour of the garden. En route to the Veitch Heritage Garden we stopped to look at the winter garden, which contains a stone grotto made from Pulhamite, an artificial cement render familiar to some of us from the winter garden at Juniper Hill. Next stop was the Veitch Garden itself where established trees, including quinces and a row of pleached limes, mix with new additions such as the handkerchief tree, *Davidia involucrata*, and a grove of *Acer griseum*. The new perennial borders were in full bloom and several of us could not resist making a purchase at the plant stall (Astrantia 'Shaggy' being a popular choice). After a walk through the rest of the grounds it was time to say our goodbyes. For me it had been the ideal outing – history and horticulture together in one morning!

Judith Long

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to increase our supply of strong plastic bags for MPM deliveries. Please keep them coming.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose III

Last in a series of articles by Angela Ireland looking at old parish magazines in the village archives

Then and now - There were of course some radical differences in the past from the lives we lead today.

The parish magazines also reveal that throughout the 20s and 30s 'Missionary Sales' were held in the Rectory garden every summer (precursors to the fêtes which began in 1935). The most profitable stall every year was the 'Needlework stall'. Crafts pursued by the young men of the village were ploughing, thatching and rick-making and their success in competitions was noted in April 1928. Not surprisingly in the days when transport out of the village was more limited there seemed to be more local entertainment such as concerts and theatre productions in the Village Hall.

Despite the oft repeated concern over the diminishing number of church goers, 27 candidates were presented for confirmation in 1929 – a very large number for so small a population! There were also many more services held each Sunday both in Mickleham and Westhumble. Rev'd Bedford was assisted by a curate and also several retired clergy, including his predecessor Rev'd Lloyd. As we know, clergy never completely retire! The church organ was causing concern again in 1925 but for a very different reason – it was driven by water power and the building of the new houses in Dell Close had reduced the water pressure. The tenure of churchwardens was much longer than it is today and in October 1963 Mr Gordon Pollock celebrated his 38th year as churchwarden. The way the church was funded showed some significant differences in the days when the Rector held the 'living'. I was surprised to read that the Rector planned to use his 'Easter Offering' in 1922 to pay towards the mortgage on the benefice. Later still in 1968 Rev'd Cornell was expressing his dismay at being expected to bear

the cost of resurfacing Dell Close – something he was obviously not in a position to do.

Most surprising of all to me was the level of vandalism in the church which was recorded in the 1930s and the 1960s. There had been various instances of theft and also of people picnicking in church and leaving their litter behind. In 1968 the theft of silver from the vestry safe was recorded. As a result the church was kept locked and volunteers were requested to supervise the church on a rota basis on Bank Holidays so that visitors could look around. How lucky we are today to be able to keep the church open every day.

Mr W.M. Praed who, as previously mentioned, was generous with both his time and his money funded repairs to the church from his own pocket in 1887 in his capacity as churchwarden – something current churchwardens will be relieved not to have to contemplate.

Unlike the present day, there were so many local residents needing places in the Almshouses in 1930 that they were reserved exclusively for local people. A surprising situation was noted in 1931 whereby six local houses were standing empty. The reasons for this were not disclosed but presumably related to social and economic problems of the times. The life of the village must have been considerably diminished thereby not least because of the loss of employment in the big houses. In 1933 the Parish Council was disbanded when the Dorking Urban Council was set up. In 1935 the parish magazine was reported to be struggling to maintain its popularity. How fortunate we are not

to experience problems in any of these areas today.

Of purely historical interest I noted that when the new flats were built by the council in Swanworth Lane in 1967 priority was given to Mickleham people, with the result that several former residents returned.

Way back in 1887 St John's School Leatherhead was frequently mentioned in the magazine as 'St John's Foundation School for the sons of poor clergymen'. The school which our granddaughter now attends is a flourishing and highly sought-after school but still remembers its origins.

Of particular significance at the present time, when our 465 bus has recently been under threat, is the information that as far back as 1925 an 'early bus service' was introduced so that commuters to London could travel to Leatherhead station in time for the train. How sad to think that this facility has been available to Mickleham residents for nearly 100 years and might have been abandoned in 2017!

These old parish magazines are a most fascinating source of information about our very special village of Mickleham. Sadly, but for obvious reasons, there is much less information about Westhumble in the older magazines although Sunday services at the Chapel of Ease (then known quite simply as 'The Barn') and the Infants' School are mentioned quite frequently. It would be wonderful to fill in the gaps in our knowledge if any readers have copies of magazines from the first decade of the 20th century or from the 40s, 50s or 70s hidden away in their attics.



Dell Close in the 1930s

The Silk Road – a modern mystery

Elizabeth and I have just returned from a Saga tour of the Silk Road. A seven-hour flight to Tashkent, followed by a two-hour flight on to Khiva (pronounced 'Hever'); a nine-hour coach ride over badly potholed roads to Bukhara; a two-hour train ride to Samarkand; and a bullet train ride back to Tashkent. Eleven days of wall-to-wall sunshine cooled for the most part by a gentle wind. All guided by a young male local guide whose English, although defective in many ways, was always easy to understand. An excellent holiday – though exhausting.

Tashkent is a thoroughly modern city with hundreds of modern buildings paid for by Russian money – but little of the mediæval world. Khiva is the very opposite - an old world town with intact ancient walls way out in the desert. It would not surprise you if you met a dusty camel train trundling through the ancient gates after a six-month journey from China, carrying bundles of colourful silks and trailing an odour of spices.

Bukhara is a mixture of both old and new. The Saga itinerary describes it as 'the best example of a mediæval city in central Asia and has more than 140 historic monuments that attest to its past glory'. Samarqand (its exotic nature is emphasised by spelling it with a Q) holds the greatest treasure of all: Registan Square, a truly vast space bounded on three sides by three great Madrasas of pale blue and white tiles. It adds to the magic to be told that the secret of the blue colour has never been discovered and cannot be replicated. Round every corner you come upon yet more examples of these magnificent structures – they are truly breathtaking.



For me, James Elroy Flecker's words 'For lust of knowing what should not be known, we take the Golden Road to Samarkand' created the magic – and here it was in all its mysterious glory.

Between Samarqand and Tashkent, but off the beaten track and through a mountain pass, is the largest ruin I have ever seen. Ak-Saray Palace was once the Timurid Dynasty's showpiece. It was originally two massive towers 50 metres high joined together by a 22-metre arch – but the arch has gone and the towers are now reduced to 38 metres high. Behind this ruin in an extensive and beautiful garden is a massive statue of Timur the Great, known to us as Tamburlaine.

So, what did we discover about the old Silk Road? We certainly got the feel of it on the pot-holed road from Khiva to Samarqand, particularly when we stopped at (the modern equivalent of) a caravanserai for lunch. But strangely our guide was more interested in telling us about the country's struggles against Russian domination. He showed us a memorial garden to the many Uzbeks killed on Stalin's orders – mostly the better educated who were more likely to challenge Russian authority. I had the distinct feeling that our guide feared the return of the Russians under Putin.

The country's long standing dictator,

Karimov, died last year and the succession went smoothly enough. But how much freedom is there? I quote from our tour guide: 'Uzbeks are free to leave the country. We only have to register our departure and our return and record how we have spent our currency.' Some freedom! The local currency shows all the signs of rampant inflation. 1\$ = 3,000 sums on the official market but 7,000 on the black market.

So we experienced the feel of the Silk Road, but did not learn much about it. Nor did we come any nearer to solving one of the three great riddles of history. Why was it that China, having invented silk, gunpowder, paper and so many other useful aids to modern life, and having opened up through the Silk Road a route to the West, failed to become the economic powerhouse of the modern world rather than Europe?

Do I hear you ask what are the other two great riddles of history? Here is my answer. First why did the Arabs who were streets ahead of the West in the early Middle Ages fail in the same way as the Chinese. Second – rather more controversial – why did the three great Abrahamic religions (Jewish, Islamic and Christian) all fail to free themselves from the burden of their history. Maybe there is a common explanation – but if so, I would like to hear it.

Barry Moughton

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Tour of Dorking 11 a.m. Wednesday 27th September 2017

Please join us for a guided tour of Dorking led by volunteers from Dorking Museum Walks Team. We will meet outside the Museum, located at 62 West St, for a prompt 11 a.m. start. The tour will last about 90 minutes and will be followed by an optional lunch at Côte Brasserie in St Martin's Walk. The cost is £3 per person and numbers must be confirmed by 20th August. To reserve a place or for further information please contact Judith Long: judith.long2@btinternet.com or 01372 375206

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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Wild Flowers and Road Verges

A few months ago, Network Rail installed an access way on to the railway track at what we old inhabitants call 'the new road' which now turns left from Swanworth Lane; some of us may remember this used to lead to a level crossing with a signal box operated by Charlie Kenward at what was then known as Railway Cottages (but now elevated to Norbury View).

The new access way took two weeks to install and involved some earth moving before the construction of a concrete ramp on to the track. The surprise benefit to passers-by has been the emergence of numerous bright red common poppies, the same as those which grew in Flanders fields during the Great War. The reason for both these appearances is ground disturbance which brings dormant seeds to the surface and to life. What I think is a form of chamomile with little white flowers has also emerged. On the other side of the road is a site that was disturbed some years ago that now contains a number of wild flowers such as toadflax, mullein and knapweed. The meadow that houses the Shetland ponies has ox-eye daisies and the meadow buttercup in profusion.

Red poppies used to be common on meadows, cultivated land and field boundaries as well as waste ground but have been in decline for some years, so that the sight of bright red among yellow corn, once common, is increasingly rare. Some farmers are

these days deliberately cultivating field edges to encourage the wild flowers that used to grow without intervention.

One of the places that has the capacity to provide an important habitat and a refuge for our wild flowers is the roadside verge. While safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists must be paramount, and clear site lines need to be maintained throughout the summer, there are many ways in which the mowing regime can help to encourage the growth and spread of our native wild flowers. This in turn supports birds, bees, butterflies and moths – in fact all our insect pollinators.

What needs to be born in mind to make the most of this important wildlife resource? Firstly, the life-cycle of the plant needs to be considered. To survive and spread, plants need to grow, flower and fruit. It's no use cutting them off in their prime, however dead they may look. This has implications about when and how often mowing should take place; ideally the experts say early in the year around February/March and then not again until late summer. It is also very important to remove cuttings to create open and thriving ground.

Verges have become a vital breeding ground and provide linking corridors for the 570 plant species found in them that create the diversity which we should be supporting. Currently, 12% are under threat. In Mickleham and Westhumble we have dual carriageways



Photograph taken in Swanworth Lane.

that have been planted with trees and hedges (although not replaced when destroyed) but the mowing regime leaves much to be improved. Yes, safety must come first, both for the public and the contractors, but a great deal of unnecessary mowing also takes place. Tidy may be what you want in your garden but verges need not be manicured.

NB We are looking forward to seeing lots of people on 15th July and better weather than last year! Please note that the Alan Huggett Cup this year is for SWEET PEAS, not dahlias as printed in the schedule.

Judy Kinloch

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society

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Saturday 15th July at 2.30 p.m.
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Plenty of children's classes both through St Michael's and the Nursery but also individual entries welcomed
Schedules have been delivered and are also be on our website at <http://www.surreycommunity.info/mwhs/>



Photography class titles:
'First Light', 'Shot in the Dark', 'Animal Magic', and 'Nature's Sculpture'
Keep your eyes open for original subjects.



Exciting news
From the
Mickleham Broad-
band Working Group: Mary Flint,
Kirsten Johnson, Will Dennis, Robin
Rowland and John Banfield:

Superfast broadband is coming to Mickleham for those residents on the 01372 telephone number. We have worked hard to negotiate an acceptable contract with BT Openreach for a Community Fibre Partnership and the Parish Council were able to sign the contract on 1st June, 2017; a culmination of two-and-a-half years hard work.

BT have quoted £23,613 as the cost of the installation of the new cabinet, to be positioned opposite Frascati and to include the Norbury Park premises. The good news is that through BT we have been awarded a school grant of 50% of the total cost. We have also received a few generous donations including one from Norbury Park House owners. However, we as a community must fund the remaining balance. This amount needs to come from money that individuals in the community have pledged to bring this vital service to Mickleham.

BT have said that they aim to have completed the work by 12 months after the contract payment date. There is still a lot of work ahead of us but the benefits to our community will

Important Mickleham Superfast Broadband Update

be huge. The children at St Michael's Infant School and the younger children at the nursery all use iPads. Fast reliable internet connections are vital today for education. Older children will be able to download and upload school work without having to go to grandparents' houses or sitting outside The Running Horses and people will be able to work more efficiently from home. An acceptable and reliable broadband speed has become an essential utility.

A big thank you to the group of volunteers involved in getting this far with the project. We will keep you updated with the progress.

The Mickleham Broadband Working Group have contacted all known residents on the 01372 exchange for donation pledges to cover the funding gap. Let us know if you have not been contacted. You do not have to be on the 01372 telephone number to contribute to this important community project but if you would like to make a donation please email: micklehambroadband@gmail.com for information on how a payment can be made.

Please read the quotes below; they say it all!

Jeremy Smith, Headteacher, St Michael's School: *We are delighted that the school and village will benefit from a new super-fast fibre link. It will mean that using our education apps in school will be quicker and more reliable and give the children an excellent grounding in using new technologies. A big thanks to all that made this possible.*

Hilary Budd, St Michael's Community Nursery: *This week Oscar asked me about a 'double helicopter', not really my field of expertise, but using the internet meant I could confirm with images that a 'double helicopter' was in fact a Chinook, and also meant that I could respond to further specific questions that were not answered by my book on transport! Because Mickleham is Mickleham, it took a while for the page to load and the iPad went to blank screen saver, fortunately Oscar is very patient, another child may not have been so and the shared learning opportunity would have been missed. Superfast broadband will enable us to use the internet in a timely way, without the worry of it 'dropping' and then losing that moment we had to capture and enhance the learning of our very young children.*

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STOP PRESS

It gives us great pleasure to announce that we now have the funds needed to complete the BT Fibre Partnership contract for the supply of superfast broadband to Mickleham. Implementation should be by 1st June 2018.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and a special thank you to the donors who were especially generous.

Please be patient as we have been told by BT that lots of planning takes place before any physical work will commence. We will keep you updated.



residential use.

Directors: James Aarvold, John Banfield, Brian Wilcox, Ian Wright
14th June 2017

Rose's Stores Mickleham Village Shop

As you are aware Serena Florides indicated her desire to sell the Shop in August 2015 and, together with the Directors of Mickleham Village Shop Limited, has searched for a prospective purchaser who would maintain it as a shop.

Various people have expressed an interest but, until Christmas 2016, no one had made an offer. As we have previously indicated, Serena received

an offer from someone interested in providing a shop and a café, however he has subsequently been unable to raise the necessary capital.

Serena wishes to move on with her life, move to a different part of the country and register her grandchild with a new school.

In view of the above we, in conjunction with Serena, have reluctantly accepted an offer to convert the property to

Mickleham Churchyard Lichens

Churchyard memorials and church walls are an important habitat for lichens, associations between a fungus and an alga (or more rarely a cyanobacterium). These give the stonework a patchwork of colours, which vary according to the type of stone. This is easily seen even on a casual glance as limestones tend to have many orange-yellow patches, whereas sandstones and granites tend to have greens, greys and browns. Some species grow just on the surface, while others are immersed, growing just under the surface of the stone.

Mickleham churchyard has been the subject of intensive study by professional lichenologists and citizen scientists since the late 1960s, partly because of its proximity to the Field Studies Council field centre at Juniper Hall. Particularly careful recording was undertaken by the late Peter W. James, lichenologist at the Natural History Museum in London and Joy Fildes who studied it for an MSc degree, and in the 1970s it had the honour of being the churchyard with the most recorded lichen species in the UK: 153 species were known. Repeated visits have been made by students from the Juniper Hall



Photograph: Ben Tatham

Centre on specialist lichen courses, for many years led by Frank S. Dobson and more recently by myself. Specialists have also visited independently from time to time, including a visit by the British Lichen Society in 1993 when 105 species were seen in one day. On 5th September 2016, the site was revisited by Frank along with Mark Powell and Paul F. Cannon, and on 8th April 2017 by six members of the South-East England Lichen Group.

A staggering 182 species (including six specialised fungi that only grow on lichens) were recorded as present in 2016-17. It therefore still ranks as one of the richest recorded churchyards in the UK. The cumulative total ever recorded there now stands at 251 species, of which 69 were not refound in 2016-17. Most of the species that have not been seen in recent years were ones that

occurred on the elms which were lost to Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970s or on the ground or mosses.

It has not yet been possible to inventory the stones individually, an extremely time-consuming task, but several memorials of particular note have now been identified. At least maps of the memorials are available, which will help expedite this task in the future.

Lichenologists greatly appreciate the care with which the church authorities continue to manage the churchyard in a way that safeguards its importance as a lichen habitat. The South-East England Lichen Group would also like to thank the Rev'd Malcolm Raby, Carole Brough Fuller, Sue Tatham, Judith Long and Judy Klnloch for allowing us to visit the churchyard and providing so much helpful background information.

Professor/Cllr David L Hawksworth CBE

Abseiling postscript

Will Dennis and Mary Banfield write:

As a postscript we would like to thank the pupils of Box Hill School, who raised £736 on their Annual Box Hill Day via various events, baking cakes, throwing sponges at the teachers and the like. This sounds like more fun than either of us remember at school, but this unexpected and hugely generous donation came too late to mention in our earlier article.

Also, £100 from Patrick Gardner Lettings and some more from individuals has raised our total take to nigh on £5,000. Many thanks all!



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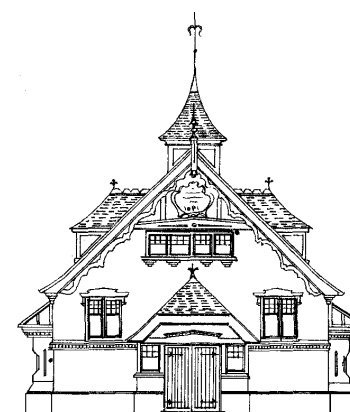


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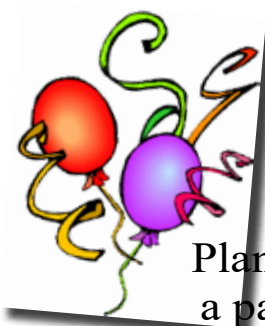
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Baptism

4th June Oliver James, son of Nicola and
Andrew Kirk, brother to Benjamin.

Wedding

8th June James Angus Evans and Tracy Nicola
Collyer

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at the back of the church

Calendar of Events

July

1 Saturday	Canada Day		Ordination of The Revd Ian Stonehouse (Curate at Leatherhead)
2 Sunday	3rd Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 2 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Worship Together Wedding
8 Saturday			
9 Sunday	4th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer (CHAPEL) St Michael's School Governing Body meets Wedding Flower Show at the Village Hall
10 Monday			
15 Saturday		12.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m.	
16 Sunday	5th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
18 Tuesday		10.30 a.m. 10.45 a.m.	St Michael's Church Building Committee meets Garden Shed visit to Polesden Lacey
20 Thursday		1.30 p.m.	St Michael's School end of term service in church
23 Sunday	6th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 8 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) (CHAPEL) Family Communion + Baptism Tea at Three Garden Shed Composting workshop - part 1 St Michael's Church PCC meets
24 Monday			
30 Sunday	7th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	RIDE LONDON!! No service this week Family Communion – for those able to attend

August

5 Saturday		1 p.m. 4 p.m.	Wedding Garden Shed Composting workshop - part 2
6 Sunday	The Transfiguration of Jesus	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Worship Together + Baptism Garden Shed visit to Parham
9 Wednesday		11.45 a.m.	
13 Sunday	9th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 1 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer (CHAPEL) Wedding
19 Saturday			
20 Sunday	10th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Family Communion + Baptism
27 Sunday	11th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) (CHAPEL) Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th September - Heritage Open Days guided tour of St Michael's Church
Wednesday 27th September - History Society Guided walk in Dorking
Saturday 30th September – Jazzy Harvest Supper

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Roger Maynard

1937 – 2017

Roger was born at Chingford, father a spice merchant, mother a busy housewife and trained pianist: Roger inherited her musicality. During WW2 his father was posted abroad with the Army, while German planes bombed reservoirs near the family home. Roger remembered a doodlebug blowing his older sister Shirley across the room.

In 1948, the family moved to Cheam. Roger attended Sutton Grammar School and joined the 8th Cheam Scouts and St Dunstan's Players (doing sound for their productions for 60 years). He met Margaret at the Players and in 1966 they married at St Dunstan's Cheam, living at Tattenham Corner before moving to Westhumble in 1972.

Roger was very talented technically. He learned a multitude of skills while apprenticed at the Distillers Company, Burgh Heath and studying for his HNC in Mechanical Engineering. He became a draughtsman at Mullards, Hackbridge, but decided he really wanted to work for the BBC, although this required an Electrical Engineering HNC. With his usual quiet determination, he spent another seven years at evening classes - after which the BBC decided that his Mechanical Engineering was fine by them! But he never regretted spending 14 years on these two qualifications, an unrivalled base for all sorts of practical activities.

In 1962 he joined the BBC as a draughtsman on the design of short-wave aerials, then became an Installation Technician in the Planning and Installation Department, supervising wiremen at the new BBC

Welsh HQ in Cardiff. As an engineer, he worked in telecine at TV Centre and the iconic Ealing Studios, then in studios at Broadcasting House, Bush House, Birmingham Pebble Mill, and for the original radio broadcasting of Parliament. Eventually, as Project Leader he specialised in the design and installation of local radio studios at Radios Devon, Cornwall, Cambridge, Norwich, Lincoln, Leicester, Humberside, Inverness, and the Island of Lewis. This last project was fraught with unprecedented difficulties, so, when the BBC outsourced specialist studio installations and asked who would like early retirement, Roger could not volunteer quickly enough!

There followed 25 years of fulfilling retirement. Always fascinated by trains, he became a volunteer signalman on the Kent and East Sussex heritage railway, and built a model narrow-gauge steam railway in his garden. He recorded the Dorking Talking Newspaper, coincidentally run by colleagues from Radio London. And always there was boating. He and Margaret had sailed his dinghy at the BBC Club at Teddington, then from 1976 cruised the canals in their narrowboat, often mooring near his work sites so he could live onboard. The few long-haul holidays (to Canada, and Down Under to visit Shirley and family) naturally featured long-distance train journeys.

Many wonderful condolence cards emphasise Roger's character: talented, interesting, fun, calm, his smile, and (repeated many times) the words 'a lovely, kind, patient, gentle man'. He was



Margaret's best friend and companion over 50 years of marriage, and Shirley's children have fond memories of their uncle. His nieces Gaynor and Dale flew halfway around the world for his funeral, where Gaynor read a touching tribute by Roger's nephew in New Zealand, concluding, 'The fact that over my lifetime I have only spent a few months in your company and that you have such a memorable place in my heart just goes to show what an exceptional person and great uncle you have been.'

In 2014 Roger was diagnosed with the oesophageal-gastric cancer from which he died. He had survived non-Hodgkins lymphoma, so quietly endured a major operation and chemotherapy, until, in February 2016, he decided against further treatment and came home to die. This took much longer than predicted and sadly his life became extremely tedious, but he was always patient and uncomplaining. And so he now rests in peace in the beautiful new graveyard of St Barnabas, Ranmore Common.



Peter Creasey

We are very sad to report the death of former Box Hill Head Warden Peter Creasey on 30th May, aged 73. We hope to include his obituary in the next issue. In the meantime we send our love and deepest sympathy to Fiona and to Matthew and Lalage.

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT

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dance!

Community News

Congratulations and best wishes to Tracey Collyer and Jim Evans of Flint Cottage who were married in St Michael's on 8th June.

Congratulations also to May Hardwicke of Chapel Lane on the arrival of her first great-great-grandchild, Euan Mclean, born on 13th May.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jill Anne Hendry, of Givons Grove, who died on 13th May aged 74. Her funeral service was held in St Michael's Church and burial took place in the new graveyard on 2nd June.

Welcome to Adam Hurley, new head chef at *The Running Horses*. Classically trained, Adam has cooked under Michel Roux and his son Alain at the Waterside Inn in Bray and has also worked under Mark Flamagan, now the Queen's personal chef. The 'Runners' will be the first pub he has worked in since his parent's pub during his childhood.



We are always grateful to receive news items from our readers.



The Garden Shed

Join us for a free private guided tour of

The Gardens at Polesden Lacey

on

Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 10.45 a.m.

Meet us at 10.45 a.m. at 'The Well Head', which is inside the grounds, in front of the main entrance to the House at Polesden Lacey and enjoy a private garden tour. There is no charge for the tour.

Followed by lunch in the Polesden Lacey Restaurant.

If you are a member of the National Trust it is free to enter. For non-members the entry fee is £13.60. Lunches there are very reasonable.

Parking is free to members and for non-members £5.00

Transport not provided, suggest we share lifts where possible.

Join us at a free

Composting Demonstration

on Monday 24th July 2017 and

Saturday 5th August 2017 both at 4 p.m.

Including information on Lawnmowing Mulch and Leafmould

By Jennifer Louis in her garden in Westhumble

Outing to Parham House Garden with lunch

Wednesday 9th August 11.45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(more information to follow on the Horticultural Society website see page 9, or contact Pauline or Susie for details)

If you are interested in joining us at any or all of these contact Pauline Davis 07759 646353 or paulinemdavis@gmail.com

or Susie Gowenlock 07768 923088 or susiegowenlock@gmail.com

Leith Hill Place

A National Trust botanist has been working at the Rhododendron Wood on the Leith Hill estate for some weeks this spring, cataloguing the specimens growing there. We are keen to establish the exact link between Caroline Wedgwood, her brother

Charles Darwin, his friend Joseph Hooker (plant hunter and director of Kew) and the older shrubs and trees in the wood. If anyone can point us in the direction of correspondence, diary entries, or family stories that might give us evidence of exactly when and how

the wood was planted, please give us a ring on 01306 711 685. Thank you.

Leith Hill Place is hosting a number of musical events over the summer. For details see their website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place



Do you remember the great storm October 1987?

This autumn we are planning to put on an exhibition commemorating 30 years since the great storm. Throughout the year we are looking to gather as much information as we can, including photos, memories, videos etc.

If you have any information you are willing to share, please email Sophie Parker sophie.parker@nationaltrust.org.uk



Juniper Hall

The year has been going well at Juniper Hall and this summer we are meeting a variety of students from schools, colleges and universities from across the UK and Europe. We have been running some great courses for adult learners that have included chalkland flora, insects, wild orchids and moths.

As we get to the end of the summer term we will then be starting our annual two-week Summer Nature Club for 5-9 year-olds (see page 23) and also our Real Family Holidays.

We also want to invite all of the residents of Micklemham and Westhumble to our summer birthday party! If you are able to join us for a barbecue and barn dance on the 29th July it will be great to see you all and celebrate with you.

I hope you all have a great summer!

Simon Ward
Head of Centre

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WHEN

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4pm-11pm

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To celebrate the 70th anniversary of FSC Juniper Hall we would like to invite all our supporters and residents of Micklemham and Westhumble to help us celebrate!

TIMINGS

4pm: Tea, Birthday Cake and Bouncy Castle

6pm: Barbeque will be lit

7.30pm-11pm: Barn Dance

TICKETS

All tickets are FREE and include all food, bouncy castle and dancing.

Although this event is free, a ticket is required.

A cash bar will be available.



No rush hour trains from Box Hill & Westhumble for most of August

From 5th to 28th August 2017 no trains will run from Box Hill & Westhumble or Dorking to and from Waterloo. This is as a result of the works at Waterloo to allow longer trains to run in the future.

For many years the principal rush hour trains from Box Hill & Westhumble to London have been the 7.04, 7.32 and 8.03 departures, all to Waterloo. These trains will not run during the three week period. I have been in correspondence with both SWT and Southern and their responses have shown a total lack of co-ordination or concern. South West Trains has indicated that passengers from Box Hill & Westhumble should use

Southern trains. However, none stop between 6.57 and 8.24!

SWT – No alternative bus services will be provided and 'Southern services into London Victoria will continue' - unfortunately there are none during the morning peak, as I have pointed out to SWT.

Southern – In response to my suggestion that the two Dorking to London Victoria trains, which stop at virtually every other station, and pass through just after 7.15 and 7.45 should stop, '... we cannot add stops to a non-stopping service ...'

(A further complication is that First MTR (First Group & Hong Kong Mass Transit

Railway, i.e. the Chinese government) will be taking over all services to and from Waterloo from Sunday 20th August – at present it is not possible to contact this company.)

The end result? – there will be no services to London from Box Hill & Westhumble between 6.57 and 8.24. You can check this on the National Rail Enquiries website. I have drawn this matter to the attention of London Travelwatch – the independent transport user watchdog which covers the London area as far out as Dorking – and I await its reply. I suggest you do the same. <http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk> Greg Haigh

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KING WILLIAM IV

Thanks to one of our neighbours for coming to our rescue and managing to source some accommodation for Anne's nephew who is spending a couple of months working with us over the summer - very kind of you to help.

We are now into our busy season, so the gardens are getting busy especially when the sun comes out. We are doing lots of BBQs, and the Sunday afternoon Jazz is once again proving popular. During June we experimented with a beer festival and had 14 different beers from local breweries. Customers enjoyed this, with many of them pouring their own beers from our makeshift garden bar. As the weather is nicer, our menu has been updated to reflect this, so gone are some of the heavier dishes replaced with lighter ones such as dressed crab, more salads etc

I am thinking of doing a gin festival - or Pimms and cocktails day or something of the like, which might be fun. It would be nice to get some feedback from our locals if something like this would be of interest.

Eamonn and Anne

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Mickleham Parish Council

Mickleham Parish Council, along with every other parish council in Mole Valley, is being asked for its views about proposals for development that will form the basis for MVDC's next Local Plan.

Entitled Future Mole Valley, the project will set out plans for land use in the district for the next 15 years; it will include targets for delivering new development as well as setting out those areas which will continue to be protected.

Urging local involvement, Duncan Irvine, MVDC's Executive Member for Planning, said the aim was to help households who are struggling to find suitable, affordable accommodation, create better conditions for local businesses and adapt to the changing demands with regard to retail and leisure services.

'This is about the future of the District for everybody who lives here, so it is vital that we understand what you think,' Mr Irvine said. 'Doing nothing is not an option. It is clear that development will have to take place to meet these needs, and we want to

positively shape how and where that development goes for the benefit of all.'

The consultation runs from 1st July to 12th August and roadshows will be held in Leatherhead and Dorking during this time to meet residents and receive views direct. The consultation - which is not about specific sites but on the best approach to achieve new development - will focus on two main themes: making the best use of brownfield land, and the potential release of greenfield land.

Mr Irvine added: 'This is an opportunity for everyone in our District to help shape the direction of development to meet the housing and economic needs of Mole Valley, while protecting the countryside that we all love so much. We need your views because we need to get this right, so please do take part.'

A video is available to view on MVDC's website at www.futuremolevalley.org.

Mickleham Parish Councillors are concerned about proposals to reduce the frequency of verge-cutting in the area. Under current arrangements, Mole Valley District Council is funded by Surrey County Council to do the work

on its behalf and SCC says it will cut the funding by 36% from 1st April 2018.

The announcement leaves MVDC with three options: (a) to terminate the present contract and leave SCC to resume direct control for the work; (b) to maintain the contract but at a reduced level to reflect the loss of funding; (c) to retain the contract and maintain it at existing levels with additional funding being provided from elsewhere.

Options (a) and (b) are likely to produce only the legally required minimum cut levels - preserving road safety requirements but probably little else. Rural cuts are likely to be reduced from 3 to 2 each year. Even the current amount of cutting has been criticised by the Parish Council with the grass on the island between the double carriageways of the A24 allowed to grow so tall that it presents a safety risk.

At the time of writing, Mickleham Parish Council was considering its response to MVDC. Mole Valley Councillors were due to decide on a course of action at their meeting on 20th June.



In last month's magazine we included an article about Dorking Museum's Summer Exhibition 'Time Gentlemen Please!' which reflects the rise and fall of public houses in Dorking and the surrounding area.

Dorking Museum

Time Gentlemen Please!

The Museum will bring added life to the story with its Gallery Talk on Thursday 30th July. Exhibition organiser David Langford talks about the changing face of Dorking pubs from earliest records to the present day. This takes in pubs that have changed over the years and the many 'lost' inns, revealing their history, the variety of roles many of

them played in the lives of residents and travellers, and colourful stories of individual establishments, their landlords, clientele and activities. At Dorking Museum, 62 West Street, 7 p.m. doors open 6.30 p.m., entry £5 on the door, includes a glass of beer or Prosecco.

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Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Six of our Old Boxhillians, Joshua Bayly (who took the photo), Mille Shakeshaft, Mary Kidd, Oli Parker, Timmy Horn and Oli McCauley were recently invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards which they completed during their time at Box Hill School.

Many Box Hill School students have successfully completed their DofE awards and it continues to be an integral part of school life. Widely acknowledged as the world's leading achievement award for young people developing key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working, it takes 12-18 months of hard work and dedication to complete the coveted Gold DofE award.

Mary Kidd said of her experience 'DofE was a real adventure- my teammates

and I got to know each other very well, DofE made us learn how to work as a unit as we all had our strengths and weaknesses. It taught me about challenges and how to overcome them (with a little help from my friends!). I was able to see so many beautiful landscapes and I learnt to appreciate simple pleasures in life - such as brushing your teeth or dry socks!

She continued 'My favourite time on DofE was dinner time- as the whole group would sit around the portable gas stove warm our cold extremities and have a good laugh, relieved the day's walk was done. On DofE you learn many things but I think the most significant for me was how important mental strength was, even more so than physical strength. The volunteering aspects showed me how easily you can



give back to the community and help others. As well as this, DofE requires that we learn a skill and a residential course has resulted in my becoming a fully trained chalet chef. Going to the Palace was a huge achievement after going through so much and to finally reap the rewards and I am forever grateful to Box Hill for giving me the opportunity to do Gold DofE and helping me change my life!

Congratulations to our Old Boxhillians and Good Luck to this year's current students who will take their Silver and Bronze awards soon.

Running for Cancer Research

Gill Wilson writes:

I have been encouraged by my family to do my bit for Cancer Research prompted by the fact that a friend of mine has recently lost her Mum to terminal cancer (stage 4) and a colleague at work is currently undergoing treatment for stage 3 cancer.

Although like most Mums I am charging around all the time trying to fit in a hundred and one things I felt I could do my bit by agreeing to the Cancer Research Mud Run. As time is precious and I am completely unfit I have agreed to the 5K and this will take place on Saturday 29th July 2017 in Stoke Park, Guildford. I have been good and read up all the preparation notes and this morning along with my girls did a 2.9k walk / run. About 50% of each (The training schedule suggests this!). I aim

to be running at least this distance by the beginning of July.

I realise that we are always sponsoring one person or another raising money for this or that so I am asking if everyone could donate just £1 or £2 I should be able to hit my target of £200. I am running with a friend who is also trying to raise the same amount.

Many thanks in advance for anyone who sponsors me and I am sure my family will support me by taking some ridiculous pictures which I can share after the event. I have below put my fundraising contact details which is working as I have already had some money donated.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gills-fundraising-page-183>

Thanks again and wish me luck.



Gill is running with Isabel Bathurst (above with her children), also known in the area. Gill added that her daughters have just had their waist-length hair cut to their shoulders donating at least 7 inches each so that wigs can be made for children who are currently having treatment for cancer. Below left and right we have the 'before' and 'after' pictures. Gill and Jason are justly proud of them.

Ed



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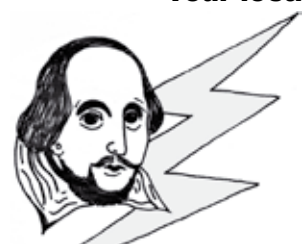
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Shapes, shapes, shapes are everywhere...

A nursery is predominantly an environment with lots of 'hands on' work – painting, sticking, cutting, and playing. However, there is also a place for new technologies within a nursery setting - changing both the way we learn and also the process of teaching.

At St Michael's we use an interactive 'online learning journal', which helps us to track the developmental stages and milestones of our children and assess more formally how they are progressing. Traditionally these records have been collected in folders; however, this can be a time-consuming (and costly) method of observing the children.

Our online journal allows us to create records of observations instantly, capturing key moments quickly and easily. We can add photos, videos and text to children's profiles to share with parents who, in return, can view and comment on these special moments. We are delighted that superfast broadband will be coming to Mickleham, this should speed up the process and ensure we do not have to abandon the iPad with the photo taking so long to upload!



Above: playing with tessellating shapes;
right: going on a shape hunt; right below:
chick racing at St. Michael's School Fete.

Our journals also provide us with an excellent aide memoire, providing us with a handy review of the curriculum areas we have already tackled and highlighting any gaps we need to cover. As a result, one of the topics we are concentrating on in the run up to summer is shapes. You may be familiar with the nursery song about shapes – they are everywhere, triangles and circles, rectangles and squares. And this will certainly be true this term at St Michael's nursery.

From an early age, children notice different shapes even if they may not know their names or characteristics. Shapes are an key part of the Early Years Foundation and an important building block to future learning. Understanding shapes is a tool for skills in all curriculum areas, from maths and science to language and reading. Distinguishing between shapes means a child is better equipped to notice the differences in shapes of letters and helps promote number recognition. Shapes also aid categorising and comparison skills and our activities help develop problem-solving skills.

Away from all those shapes, thank you to everyone who joined us at the Spring Fête where our badge-making stall



and chicken races raised vital funds for the nursery. Later this month we are welcoming the parents of children who will be joining us in September at our open evening. And, if we have time, we might start to learn songs for our end of term play – always a highlight on the St Michael's calendar for parents and children alike.

Hilary Budd

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It seems a long way off, but the bonfire will take place on Saturday 4th November. Put it in your diary and also think about helping with the construction.



BRAIN TEASER answer: READY FOR ANYTHING

A Successful End to the Academic Year at St Michael's

Mention the word 'inspection' to anyone working in the public sector and it fills them with a certain amount of nervousness; although you may know yourself things are working well you enter an inspection with a certain amount of trepidation with regards to the result.

Church schools are not only inspected by the education watchdog Ofsted but also by a Diocesan appointed inspector under the criteria set out in the Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools, or 'SIAMS' inspection as they are known. These inspections take place every 5 years and, interestingly, funded by the government. Previously St Michael's was rated as an 'outstanding' under the old SIAMS system in 2012. However, the new raised standards for SIAMS are more challenging.

In May the SIAMS inspector spent time observing collective worship and RE lessons, talking to children, staff and parents and looking at paperwork. He assessed:

- how effectively the needs of all learners are met through the school
- Christian distinctiveness the impact of collective worship
- the effectiveness of religious education
- the effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school.

Following the SIAMS inspection which took place on 19th May I wanted to share the news that St Michael's **continues to be an 'outstanding' church school.**

In his report the inspector noted that: 'St Michael's is a church school for the

community, one that through its own evaluation: 'has a warm, nurturing and inclusive ethos based firmly upon distinctive Christian values and the teaching of Jesus'.

Relationships throughout are very positive and accordingly shaped by the Christian character of the school. There is great deal of respect and courteousness between the adults and children and between the children themselves. Pupils are taught kindness and consideration to each other and to the adults who help them. Behaviour in classrooms and around the school is excellent and facilitates productive and successful learning.

There are varied and regular opportunities for the development of pupils' spirituality and the curriculum provides opportunities for them to explore their ideas through deeper questioning, reflection and thought. Classrooms are places which support reflection and wonderment. Cultural development increases their understanding and respect of diversity and difference. They learn about the festivals that are celebrated in other religions and this helps them acquire empathetic understanding.

Pupils achieve well in reading, writing and mathematics. The proportion reaching the expected standard in reading and writing is above the national averages and the proportion exceeding (greater depth) is above the national averages in all these core subjects. In the Reception Year the proportion of pupils reaching the early learning goals is high when compared to others nationally.



St Michael's School

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There are strong links with the local church. The vicar maintains a high profile and is much respected in the school and by parents. Prayer spaces are created and resourced in conjunction with the local church, usually focused on special events and festivals, such as Advent. Such spaces are used in the school grounds and consideration is being given to extending these opportunities within the school building. Pause days are a successful feature and provide opportunities for deeper thinking and reflection. Parents are wholeheartedly supportive of the school and have a strong partnership with the teachers to underpin their children's learning and achievements.'

What headteacher would not be immensely proud of comments such as those above. We are proud of the outcome which was definitely a team effort with Rowan Dickinson leading RE along with all the staff teamwork that went into making the day successful. Many thanks go to Malcolm and the church community for their support and the work of the governors which was commented on by the inspector.

For the full SIAMS inspection report, see: <http://www.stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk/parents-information>

Jeremy Smith

Photograph: Ben Tatham



This delightful, newly-completed mural adorning the lower playground wall was designed by Karen Pearson. It was painted by Sophia Cowx and a group of St Michael's parents, ably assisted by pupils from Box Hill School. The art materials were supplied by a donation from Dorking Decorative and Fine Arts Society's Young Arts Fund.

Cryptic Crossword



- Across
- 1 Simple argument for person in court (9)
 - 6 Being silly in a new way (5)
 - 9 Wild riot on a lake (7)
 - 10 Chalices with small mouths? (6)
 - 11 Skin used for 13, available from a paper merchant (9)
 - 12 & 14 French cat cleans out eleventh-hour opportunity (4,6)
 - 14 see 12
 - 16 Trim but wrinkled fruit (5)
 - 19 Place dedicated to discussion or hesitation? (5)
 - 20 Her little Anthony off to the capital (6)
 - 23 Powder extracted from this magnesium metal compound (4)
 - 24 Whimsical wildcat faints (9)
 - 27 There's a fine mess you got us into! (7)
 - 28 Sticker can advertise here, right? (7)
 - 29 Fast but cold and old waitress (5)
 - 30 Back Avon agent we will make a star (9)

- Down
- 1 Brochure contains strange PC postures (10)
 - 2 Type of road aerial receiving radio telegraphy (8)
 - 3 In which direction, thin or thick? (5)
 - 4 Me, Ronald and Edward smoothed things out (6)
 - 5 People who get in brawls about the Queen (8)
 - 6 Bias of one with a business degree and a spear (9)
 - 7 Having strong dislike to one part of poem (6)
 - 8 Piece of cake, as you see! (4)
 - 13 Where human rights were set out as cat (anagram) (5,5)
 - 15 Cross like half a minim (9)
 - 17 Rascals who hang around funfairs (8)
 - 18 9 + OR - n = musical work (8)
 - 21 Invent, or bury the hatchet (4,2)
 - 22 How can MEP pitch tent? (6)
 - 25 Shrink from scary lab horror (5)
 - 26 Gun carried by most English soldiers in WW2 (4)

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- 1 Whit 3 Sunday 6 Sum 9 Sepal
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- 1 Washboard 2 Impasse 4 Unstable
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Bird's nest orchids found in Cockshot Wood by Will Dennis.

From the Wildlife Trust's website:

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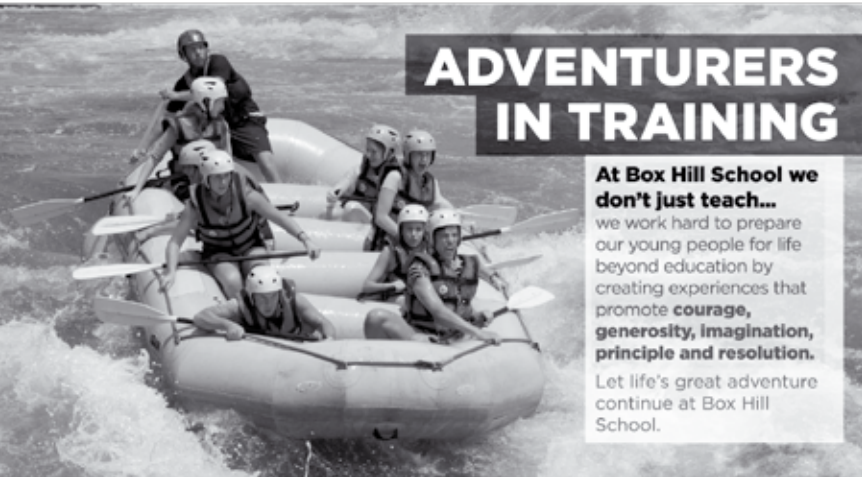
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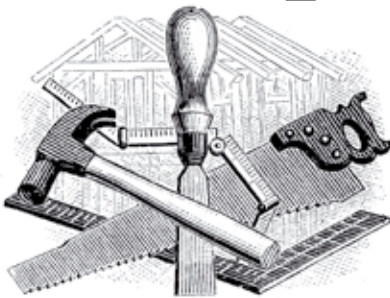
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