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Hi everyone

There is a phrase from the Bible, *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heaven'* (Ecclesiastes 3 v1) of which I was reminded recently. The change in season/weather has led to changes in my routine and activities. In winter I stay indoors more, turn on the fire, curl up with Lexi and read and watch TV. With the coming of spring, I like to go out to enjoy the flowers, wildlife and sunshine. I do a bit more dusting and cobweb removal because they show up more and I even do garden jobs sometimes. The heat of summer means I slow down again. I go outside mornings and evenings; garden activities are limited to watering the plants and sitting reading or socialising. Then autumn seems busy with Harvest, Remembrance, followed by Advent and Christmas.

There are also seasons of life. Children have boundless energy, learn really fast and want to do everything, even the hoovering, but are prone to accidents. Somehow, they change into teenagers who can be lethargic, hate early mornings, protest at chores, eat vast amounts and mutter. Older age brings maturity and wisdom, particularly around minimising strenuous activity like trying to do more than one thing when I go upstairs, although sometimes when I get there, I forget what I was going to do!

The Coronation was a memorable and moving event, and marked the change of season or era from Elizabethan to Carolean. A mix of old and new traditions, including a resurgence in popularity of coronation chicken as well as an ancient chair, but recognising changes in our society. Our village service and tea party were good celebrations, and it was great to be together and enjoy ourselves. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Perhaps now we should pause and ask ourselves: what does this season of the year, of my life, of our country mean for me and what can I do to make it a season of building community and serving my neighbour? Or, how to ensure that our concern for the environment impacts the way we live, travel, work?

This verse also reminds me that there is time to do all that is needful, all that is important to me and those around me and to find time for God. I wonder how easy you find it to consider God and his invitation to come to him, spend time with him, talk to him. He is a quiet, gentle, and undemanding presence and so the louder voices clamouring for our attention will lead us to ignore him. He continues to wait until the season seems right for us. He never gives up on us. He never changes, his love and his compassion never change. He has given us seasons of various kinds, given us time, and given us himself in Jesus. Is this the season to respond?

Enjoy the summer and let us hope it is sunny, without being too hot and the rain comes gently and at night!

God Bless

*Sandra*

The Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini, Parish Priest



**Pictures and write up of the Coronation Tea party on pages 6 and 7**



## St Michael's Church Services

10 am Sunday Services available on Zoom

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# Mickleham Parish Council May 2023 Report

Your Parish Council – Reflections and Responsibilities

As we look ahead to another year, the local elections are behind us and those representing Mickleham on the parish council have been returned un-opposed.

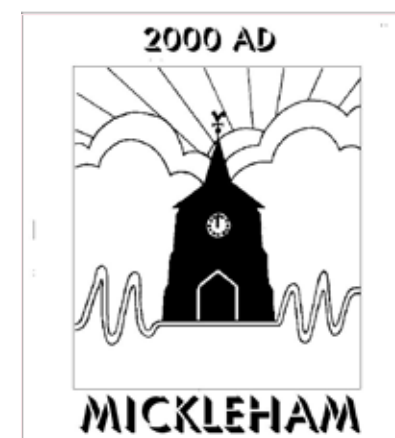
This means that your local councillors are John Lowes, Graham Clark, Will Dennis, David Ireland, Andrew McNaughton and David Ottridge. We have one vacancy because of Kayleigh Hunter's move from the village and we hope that this will have been filled by the time you read this article. It is a privilege to serve Mickleham in this capacity and to work for the well-being of its residents and their environment.

Some of the on-going issues that need to be addressed in the coming period include the thorny problem of traffic. In particular, the speed and noise of motorbikes and some cars, which choose to ignore the speed limits through the village along the Old London Road. The problem seems to have become more evident since the introduction of average speed cameras on the A24. These appear to have resulted in those wishing to avoid being caught on camera, driving through Mickleham. Our Community Speed Watch team works hard to monitor traffic and to report those

who exceed the 30mph speed limit. They depend on volunteers and would welcome additional help. Please contact Angela Ireland on [angela.ireland60@btinternet.com](mailto:angela.ireland60@btinternet.com) if you are able to assist. Efforts are also being made to reduce the speed limit to 20mph outside Box Hill School. Approaches have been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to allow the use of acoustic cameras on the Old London Road.

The parish council is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the defibrillator outside the village hall and the various noticeboards which are much used to advertise local events. The village signs are currently being re-vamped, thanks to the generous effort of Tim Garbett and friends. It is hoped that they will be back in place to mark this year of the King's Coronation.

The playground plays such an important part in so many young children's lives in Mickleham. This is thanks to the considerable efforts of the playground trustees, in particular Sarah Parfitt and more recently Carolyn Moore. The parish council maintains the surrounding recreation ground to extend the opportunities for recreational activities for families.



The Boundary Commission's review of district council ward boundaries means that Mickleham and Westhumble are now within the 'Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood ward, which stretches south and includes Westcott, Wotton, Abinger, Ockley and Okewood. We are very fortunate to be well supported by our County Councillor Hazel Watson and all of you who play such vital roles in so many ways within the village. The recent civic occasions of the late Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation have brought St Michael's Church and the Mickleham Parish Council together in a very strong and effective partnership, for which we are all grateful.

The coming years will be challenging but exciting ones for us all and your parish councillors are proud to represent the community of Mickleham.

David Ireland  
(Chair of Mickleham Parish Council)



## St Michael's Church Community Group

a form of organized chaos at times, but the team has a track record of delivering new events and we need 'ideas people' and 'do-ers', preferably combined!

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charities, as well as ensuring goods go to Dorking Foodbank. The drop-off points are the church, Garden Corner, off Old London Road, and St Anthony, Pilgrim's Way, Westhumble.

Mark Day



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## An interview with Sue Tatham St Michael's Church 30<sup>th</sup> April

Sue skilfully turned the proposed interview with Rev Sandra at the 10 am service, into a fascinating insight as to how, as a parish, we became privileged to have such an outstanding, award winning, monthly magazine, steered by nearly 40 years of Sue's unstinting leadership. Sue listed three questions, and in answering them, recounted the development of the magazine and her relationship with it.

- What motivated her to start the magazine in the first place?
- What had been the most significant changes over the years?
- What had she enjoyed most?

In 1984 Sue and Ben had been living in Westhumble for 15 years and, although both worked full time, they managed to earn the title 'local activists' by being involved in many community activities. At that time Ben was the local councillor for Mickleham, Westhumble, Box Hill and Headley. Sue became a regular reader of the Headley Parish Magazine; this was clearly a community magazine, keeping parishioners informed about all local activities. In contrast our

magazine was only issued around church festivals. It was limited to the Rector's Letter, times of worship, parish notes and a few jokes. Sue felt strongly, that as a parish, we were missing an opportunity to produce our own community magazine.

At the 1984 Annual Parochial Council Meeting, Sue proposed that we should consider producing our own community magazine (deathly hush apparently followed!) Incredibly only a few months later, following lots of discussions, the first edition was born... in Westhumble Chapel. Since then, the most significant changes must surely have been the advances within the technological world. The original versions (1984-2004) were printed at Juniper Hall Field Study Centre, by kind permission of the then principal John Bebbington. What a contrast to the 2023 editions now in full colour and printed professionally. Sue felt passionately that the magazines would help keep alive records of our social history within the two villages.

In addition to enjoying the challenge of learning new skills and keeping up

with changing technology, here's how Sue summed up, in her own words.

*'The enjoyable thing was working with people and getting to know them. I felt very honoured to have been the official village busybody! It has been very satisfying to find the magazine is so valued, and there's a very able team that's going to carry on. The aim of the magazine was to unite the community, and I think seeing all of you here today, just shows it's achieving that. LONG MAY IT LAST'*

It most certainly will Sue, depend on that.  
Jenny Hudlass



*At the service, Sandra mentioned Sue and Ben's recent 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1963 in Granville, Ohio.*

## Ironworks at Westhumble Chapel



*The handrails either side of the chapel garden steps*



A connection through Westhumble resident Jonathan Blake brought to the attention of the PCC Buildings Group, a company called Valley Forge based in Wiltshire. The company was commissioned to design, produce, and install metal railings and handrails at the Chapel of Ease.

Kind and generous donations from the Tatham family and Mickleham Parish Magazine meant that the work was completed in April. As the photographs show, the metal work provides a practical and attractive feature to the chapel. The handrails have been christened Sue and Ben respectively.

There is still some work to do to the garden. With the help of the eco group, we hope to carry out a planting programme in the near future that befits the simple charm of the chapel and helps to encourage local wildlife.

Catherine Diffey



*The new railings seen from the front and back*







## Coronation Parish Council and



What a great Community Day we had on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May as Mickleham and Westhumble welcomed our new king. It was great to see the results of the planning and hard work of the team from St Michael's Church, the parish council and community and the coming together of such a lovely group of volunteers who helped on the day. I think one of the best parts of the planning was having to sample the cakes, sandwiches, and jellies before we settled on the menu, as well as the laughs along the way! The biggest concern revolved around finding enough cake stands and teapots.

On the day of the Coronation hearing our church bells ringing from 10am to 11am, joining in with many around the country, was a reminder of the national significance of the event. On the

Sunday the civic service in church was a real opportunity to celebrate, reflect together and pray for a new era both as a nation and as a community. The singing was lovely, and it was surprising how much people knew about King Charles in the quiz. We all found David Ireland's words about the symbols of Coronation both informative and an encouragement to serve those around us in the love and power of Christ.

During the previous week souvenir teaspoons had been given to children at our Infant School and Community Nursery, then the remainder were sold for charity. There are still a number which can be purchased at £5 each. Please contact Feena Graham on [clerkatmpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkatmpc@gmail.com) if you are interested. The sale of teaspoons, and the generous donations of those in



## Celebrations St Michael's Church



church, meant that we have raised to date £800 for the two chosen charities; the Leatherhead Youth Project and Juniper Hall Bursary Fund.

In the afternoon more than 125 people of all ages gathered at the village hall, which looked amazing with the bunting from the Jubilee and the decorated tables. The food was lovely and abundant, and the supply of tea seemingly never ending. There was a great buzz of conversation as people caught up with old friends and made new ones. The children enjoyed their activities, and the Mickleham Choral Society sang beautifully with the finale of Land of Hope and Glory, which everyone joined in with waving Union Jack Flags provided on the tables.

Thank you to all involved on behalf of the church and community; every



contribution was valued. Particular thanks go to Michael Tester, our photographer, and to those who sponsored the event or donated towards it including the parish council, the Parochial Church Council and our friends Mark and Kuan of 51 Degrees North, who provided many of the essential ingredients such as tea bags and milk.

The challenge will be to find new opportunities to come together to eat, chat, laugh and sing together. Your suggestions are always most welcome.

Sandra Faccini and David Ireland

*Editor's note:* Enormous thanks to the Parish Council, St Michael's Church, the Community Group and the numerous volunteers. Their hard work and eye for detail made this such a successful and memorable event.





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With plenty of April showers and chilly winds keeping us away from enjoying time in the garden, our monthly Garden Shed event was

## Willow Weaving Workshop

perfect for helping us plan for the summer months ahead. Guided by Nicki who was ably assisted by Brian, we enjoyed a fun morning in the village hall creating our own sustainable spiral willow support for climbing blooms and vegetables.

Using traditional willow weaving techniques, we first constructed a frame before taking a well-earned break for home-baked cake and refreshments.

To complete the structure, finer stems were woven around and through the frame to produce an environmentally friendly obelisk, just under two metres high.

Not only can the obelisk be used as a natural support for climbing plants, it also provides a focal point or feature in beds or pots to be enjoyed during any season, whatever the weather.

Cathy Lee



### Next Garden Shed Workshop

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## Hedge-planting scheme modified after glow-worm discovery

Glow-worms have been discovered in a small hedgerow in Norbury Park. As a result, the hedge planting scheme that was underway has been modified. Gaps have been left in the hedgerows to encourage the growth of grass and wildflowers to attract snails, which are the glow-worms' favourite food.

Although rare, the species is not protected so Surrey County Council are keen to protect the colony by adapting the hedging plans. Sheep grazing nearby have also been moved to minimise disturbance.

Information from BBC news website.

Photograph from BBC News website



A glow-worm

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Do come and visit with your friends this year at a mutually convenient time, refreshments available (wine in an evening). Minimum of 4 visitors.

Angela Gilchrist





## Friends of Juniper Hall

The Friends of Juniper Hall is, as its name implies, a friendly organisation, whose objective is to raise funds to support worthwhile projects at the Field Study Council Centre at Juniper Hall. Our latest contribution was a pond, opened in September 2022, which will enable students at the centre to study all aspects of aquatic wildlife. The Friends meet every few months for a talk followed by a convivial lunch and the latest of these on 10<sup>th</sup> May was entitled 'Gardening for Wildlife'

delivered by Peter Almond, one of our members. This illustrated talk looked at the benefits and pleasures of gardening for wildlife and its relevance to the environment. It focused on the importance of domestic gardens as wildlife habitats particularly for insects, birds, and small mammals like the hedgehog, all of which are in decline.

The key message is that relatively small changes to gardening practices can make a difference and it is not necessary to turn your garden into a wilderness.



European hedgehog *Erinaceus europaeus*

The next meeting will be the AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6:30 pm with a finger buffet. You can find out more about the Friends and the future programme of events by visiting our website <https://friendsofjuniperhall.org/> where you can also find out how become a Friend and support this worthwhile, local cause. Peter Almond

## Seasonal Cycles or the Fredley Bicycle Mystery



Three of the bicycles

No, not an article about nature's rhythms, but something stranger - in fact a mystery. Not quite in the league of the murders of 'Why didn't they ask Evans?', but strange, nevertheless.

For a year now bicycles have been fastened to the metal fencing of the St Faith's Plantation, opposite St Jude's Lodge at the bottom of the Zig Zag Road. Sometimes they are there, sometimes they're not. Periodically the bikes change. In April 2022 there were two children's bikes, replaced by August 2022 with a gent's racer and again this March by a lady's bicycle, complete with wicker basket. These bikes are securely lashed to the railings, but otherwise sit there for weeks on end, with only occasional periods of disappearance.

Has anyone ever seen the owner? Who is the mystery cyclist? What is their purpose? Could it be an art project or a signal or an elaborate surrealist joke? Answers please to Micklemham Parish Magazine.

David Kennington

## Recreation Ground Boundary Marker

Recently walking across the Micklemham Recreation Field, I spotted a concrete post with numbers and letters cut or cast into it. It was on the corner of the back garden hedge in the southwest corner of the Rec. Close up to it I was able to make out MRG 1927. Micklemham Recreation Ground 1927. Presumably this was when the Rec was first created.

Barbara Jones



Editor's note: In a 1997 issue of the magazine, Mo Chisman writes about a ceremony on MRG on 24<sup>th</sup> May to unveil a plaque to Miss Bertha Valentine MacAndrew. It was the 70th anniversary of her gifting the ground to the children of the village.

## Companion Planting

*We all flourish in the company of friends ... and many plants are no different.*

Companion planting is an age-old technique. It is simply choosing to put plants together in the same bed whose presence is mutually beneficial. For instance, they may aid each other directly (salads and spinach are happier grown in the light shade of peas and runner beans), or indirectly (fallen deciduous leaves make hummus-rich leaf mould which enhances the fertility of the soil). Some plants can even handicap pests and diseases; trailing nasturtiums are said to repel woolly aphids.

You may have heard of the famous combination, The Three Sisters, which was practised by the Native Americans. This planting style involves sowing sweetcorn, beans and squash all in the same bed. The sweetcorn provides support for the beans, the beans fix nitrogen in the soil to aid growth of both the sweetcorn and the squash, and the squash produce large leaves that shade the soil (which thereby suppresses weeds).

We can use companion planting techniques in many ways in our gardens. This way of planting rarely produces an instant effect. Instead, its influence is slow and steady.



*Salvia greggei 'Mirage Deep Purple'*

Here are a few examples:

Small-leaved salvias such as *Salvia greggei* and *Salvia x jamensis* are particularly good at protecting roses from mildew and blackspot. They emit a strong scent in warm weather and release sulphur compounds which have this fungicidal effect. It must be

said that the roses must be pest- and disease-free when you plant them, as their companion salvias will not be able to eradicate disease once they are established. They will act as a preventative measure. Garlic and chives are, for similar reasons, useful companions to roses.



*Tagetes patula x erecta 'Konstance'*

French marigolds (*Tagetes patula*) have a distinctive smell. This well-known scent makes it harder for pests to find your precious crops. The roots of the French marigold exude substances that protect these plants from nematodes, and in so doing, also protect the crops planted in their vicinity. French marigolds are excellent at deterring the pesky whitefly from the greenhouse. Their smell, however, is not strong enough to drive established whitefly out, so always be careful when introducing new plants that you are not bringing whitefly in with them. Have a pot of French marigolds near every door and window, in your home and greenhouse, to prevent whitefly coming in. Since their scent also attracts slugs, snails, and earwigs, you can offer your marigolds up as a sacrifice. If you keep a good supply of them near your tomatoes and dahlias, you can protect your young plants from being eaten. With any luck, slugs and snails will devour the French marigolds before they reach your dahlias!

On the subject of whitefly, another classic preventative strategy is to grow basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) with tomatoes and peppers. The basil emits the fresh-smelling compound limonine which will deter whitefly. If you find your greenhouse is infested with whitefly, try putting pots of nicotiana (*Nicotiana*

sylvestris) in there. This sets a trap; these plants will lure the whitefly to them, and then you can spray the nicotiana with sugar syrup so that the captured whitefly become stuck to the plants. Remove the entire plant to the compost bin and introduce a fresh batch of nicotiana. Repeat the process as necessary.

Basil, lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*), and mint (*Mentha*) are all helpful in keeping mosquitoes at bay. Keep a pot of each on your patio table in the summer.

Borage (*Borago officinalis*) is said to improve the flavour of strawberries if it is grown in the same bed. Borage is also a magnet for bees and butterflies, which are all useful pollinators for many garden plants.



*Tagetes minuta Mexican marigold*

The Mexican marigold (*Tagetes minuta*) helps to deter perennial weeds such as ground elder, bindweed, and couch grass. These marigolds grow to about five feet in height and have minute yellow flowers, hence its name. Its roots exude secretions that have a herbicide effect. It is not a great beauty (and apparently it looks a little bit like marijuana), but its leaves smell lovely and make a refreshing herb tea or a delicious addition to a salad in small amounts. Grow this plant in a weed-infested bed for several seasons and you will see a marked reduction in perennial weeds.

If you would like to know more about this fascinating subject, Bob Flowerdew has published an excellent book *Companion Planting* (2010) as part of the Bob's Basics series. There is also an article on [www.gardenersworld.com](http://www.gardenersworld.com) called '10 Companion Plants to Grow.' Episode 106 of Sarah Raven's podcast 'grow, cook, eat and arrange' is called 'Grow Healthier Plants by Companion Planting, with Josie Lewis'

Sue Willis and Janet Barker

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Dear Friends and Neighbours,  
Anne really enjoyed the Coronation celebrations in the village hall, while I was left behind  
manning a very busy pub. However, she returned with a delicious coronation cup-cake for me  
and some lovely photos. We want to pass on our huge thanks to everyone involved in creating

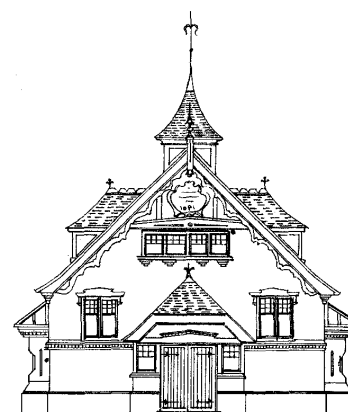
this amazing day; we know how much effort it takes to organise events like this.

We are well into our summer season now, with lovely new dishes on the menu, and music in the garden from 4.30 -7.30 pm  
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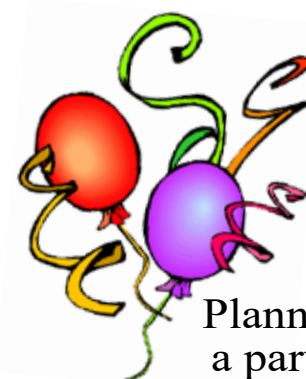
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2 Friday 6 pm  
3 Saturday 10 am to noon

Garden Shed container planting workshop  
Coffee morning Westhumble Chapel

4 **TRINITY SUNDAY** 10 am  
6 pm  
6 Tuesday 7.30 pm  
10 Saturday 1 - 5 pm  
4 pm

Family Service  
Sundays at Six at St Michael's Church  
Playground Association AGM Running Horses  
Quiet Day at the Dell Centre, St Giles, Ashted  
Ladybird Choir in aid of Meeting Room, see page 17

11 **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY** 10 am  
11.30 am

Holy Communion  
Matins at Westhumble Chapel

*Copy deadline for July parish magazine*

15 Thursday 3.15 - 4.45 pm  
7.30 pm  
17 Saturday 9 - 10 am  
5 pm

Messy Church at Mickleham Village Hall  
Playground Association Quiz Night at KWIV  
Women's breakfast at the Stepping Stones  
MCS 'Hot Summer Swing' at the village hall

18 **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY** 8 am  
10 am  
19 Monday 3 pm  
22 **Thursday** 6.30 pm  
24 Saturday 9-10 am

CW Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Tea @ 3 see page 2  
FOJH AGM at Juniper Hall  
Men's breakfast at the Stepping Stones

25 **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY** 8 am  
10 am

BCP Holy Communion at Westhumble Chapel  
Holy Communion



### Dates for your diary

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Tea @ 3  
Garden Shed talk  
Messy Church



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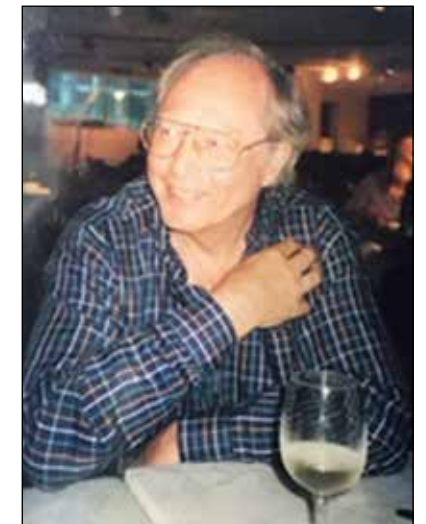
# John Soden 1931 - 2023

John was born in 1931 and lived in Hounslow with his parents before moving to Teddington. During the war, he was evacuated to a farm in the West Country and thoroughly enjoyed the rural life, so much so that he remained in touch with his adopted family throughout his life. John began his National Service at the age of 23, although he did not enjoy the experience and thought it a waste of time. He and his wife Jean moved to Westhumble in 1985, where he happily

settled into the peace and quiet which he found here, in Jean's words "he loved living in Westhumble."

John was a quiet man. Few people knew of the pivotal role he played in the development of the MRI scanner, designing a machine which facilitated winding the very fine wire, approximately equal to the circumference of a human hair, needed in its manufacture. We send our deepest sympathy and love to Jean and all of John's family.

Anne Weaver



We have only recently learned that Audrey Evans of Burney Road passed away late in 2022. Sadly, she had been confined to hospital following a fall. This brief resume is based on the eulogy given by her cousin Bill Brown, Sherriff of Santa Barbara, California. He made clear he was a politician, which he said, would account for the fact that it was not a short speech. Because of space constraints we are only able to include a fraction of what was said.

Audrey was born in Carshalton to Hector, a banker employed by Coutts, and Hilda who provided a very loving home. Audrey's younger brother died of leukaemia aged only five, a huge blow to the family and especially

Audrey. However, she was destined to get a surrogate sister when her aunt Marjory died in childbirth. Marjory's first child, Joan, was taken in by Hector and Hilda; her father was unable to raise her on his own in the Great Depression. Joan and Audrey were close in age and thrived in each other's company.

Growing up during WWII was a challenge. Hector enlisted in the RAF and after a while Audrey and Joan were evacuated to a boarding school in Sussex to escape the bombing over London. After the war Joan (Bill Brown's mother) pursued a career as an actress. Audrey returned to school before joining the Bank of England as a bank clerk, first in Finsbury Park, then at Cheapside. She met John Evans who had grown up in the same neighbourhood and worked with Hector at Coutts. They married in June 1953 and made a life together, sharing a mutual love of travel and visiting many interesting places across the UK and Europe, to the Crimea and to the USA to visit family.

Audrey's parents moved to Norfolk in retirement and Audrey spent happy days there visiting them. John and Audrey moved from Carshalton to

Westhumble and welcomed visits from family from the USA. All of them were bitten by the antique collecting bug; John and Audrey were amused by the number of suitcases and boxes being squeezed into rental cars heading to the airport.

Audrey lost the love of her life when John passed away in 2006. Surrounded by good friends and neighbours, and continuing to enjoy visits from relations, Audrey carried on with a resolve and stiff upper lip that were by-products of the WWII years. Life was difficult during Covid but a cousin, Michael, and his wife Hazel, lived nearby and provided support for Audrey then and in her last days; she was grateful to them as were other members of the family who were unable to help during those difficult times.

Bill described Audrey as the quintessential Englishwoman, professional and proper when she needed to be but with a fine sense of humour and a love of laughing. She loved her garden, animals, and the British way of life. Hers was a life well lived. We send deepest sympathy to her friends and family.

Charlotte Daruwalla

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Why is there always a need to get from airplane to car in record time? Well before the 'Keep your seatbelts fastened until...' announcement, 134 people are standing in the 18 inch aisle. People contort to reach overhead lockers two rows ahead. Bags and children are passed around over heads. Until finally you disembark in seating order anyway.

It's 2 am, your QueasyJet was two hours late and arrived at Gate 322. There follows a race along miles of drab, grey corridors, with springy floors, and walls with pointless perfume ads. You decide to use the travelator, which isn't working, giving that strange sensation of going backwards without moving at all. You stride on. You are annoyingly overtaken by two old ladies on a blue vehicle with flashing lights and sirens. Another travelator. This time some fools are standing still on it, having a chat! Can you believe that? You force your way through, shouting a sarcastic

'Thank You', as your wheely bag clips their heels. Another two old ladies go past.

There are 28 passport booths, and three officers on duty. You pick your queue. It is quickly clear that you are moving much slower than those next to you, and you are lapped by the fools from the travelator...

Finally, the baggage hall - always soulless, pale blue places with no windows and vicious air-conditioning. You grab a trolley, which only goes diagonally. More ankles are scarred as you move to a strategic position, waiting for the carousel number on the screen. When it does, all hell breaks loose as trolleys with similar random directional independence converge on carousel number four. After what seems an age, lights flash, sirens sound, and a single ski appears on your carousel... strange, as it's August and your flight is from Mallorca.

Minutes go past. You imagine the worst;

baggage handlers rifling through your luggage, laughing at your underpants, and removing single socks.

And then, a free for all! Bags tumbling onto the carousel, gloves off, manners forgotten. People are pushing their trolleys over others and shouting 'That's mine' as they spot their lime-green bulletproof case. Eventually, you see your bag, but it is grabbed by a woman closer to the reclaim point. You abandon your trolley position next to the carousel, shouting 'That's my bag'... reaching the woman just after she has checked the label and put your bag back on it.

Your bag now disappears for a lap of the entire airport. Everyone has gone apart from two bearded people in cagoules, a man in a beret and shorts, and a group of priests. All your haste has been in vain, as you realize that the bit of paper with the car park and bus stop details... is in your bag.

Then one of your socks glides past...

Mark Day

## Vote on Yellow lines

The WRA are asking for your vote on the extension of the existing yellow lines. The matter was discussed at the AGM and the majority were in favour of improving the existing set up.

The yellow lines were installed in their current format without consultation. You may remember that we discussed yellow lines some time ago and the overall vote was not to go ahead. This was overruled by Surrey County Council, and we ended up with the current situation.

There are areas that are being used for parking for the station on a regular basis and two danger points either side of the bridge.

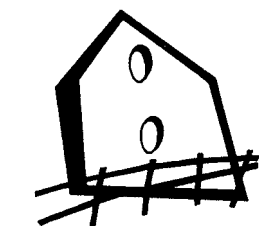
We believe there are two options:

- Install additional lines along Westhumble Street from the bridge to the Stepping Stones and short additions above the bridge.
- As above but with the yellow lines in Chapel Lane extended as far as Burney Rd.

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There will be a neighbourhood watch email you can respond to as well.

David Allbeury



Westhumble Residents Association  
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Far left, two views of Westhumble Street where the proposed lines would be added.

Near left and above, two sections of Chapel Lane where lines could be added.

## Anna's Marathon Story

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2010 we very sadly lost my dad to cancer, Nobber Darnell, who some of you may remember (once seen never forgotten). On 23<sup>rd</sup> April this year, exactly 13 years later, I found myself lacing up my very soggy running shoes on the start line of the London Marathon to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support in his memory.



The run had been in the works since 2020 but Covid got in the way more than once. Add to that injuries, illness and more. Three years flew by and here I was, finally making it happen. Back in 2010, I managed to raise £1,200 for MacMillan, even though I had to run the marathon virtually. Picture me, a novice runner, braving the pouring rain, pounding the pavement all alone for 26.2 miles along the Thames towpath. You'd think that experience would have scared me away, right? Well, guess what? I loved every minute and I love the training even more!

So, in 2021, I decided to have a little



fun and ran the Liverpool marathon, to prove to myself that I could, and that I still loved it. Flying high and with the marathon bug I was excited to line up some more races. Unfortunately, 2022 turned into a total write-off when it came to running thanks to various illnesses. But this year, with London as the goal and MacMillan offering me a spot in the marathon, there was no way I could turn it down. I mean, let's be honest, if dad were here, he'd probably say, "What the bloody hell are you thinking? You proved your point!" But just like him (sorry, Mum), I'm as stubborn as they come. So, I took the challenge head-on, with a fundraising target of £2,500 and a fitness mountain to climb.

Marathon training is no walk in the park. There were ups and downs, setbacks and breakthroughs, but somehow, against all odds, I made it to the starting line relatively injury-free and fitter than I ever thought possible. It was nothing short of a miracle.



I had the most incredible day. The rain was relentless at the start, but the support from the crowd was simply mind-blowing. Running past Cutty Sark, crossing Tower Bridge, and making my way up the Mall... those were some of the best feelings I've ever had running and I will never forget them. The cheers, the energy, the sheer wall of noise. It was impossible not to be swept away by the whole experience, no matter how much pain I was in or how sick I felt!

Now to my amazing support crew. Suzie Wood, you're an absolute gem



for putting me up the night before and sticking with my mum, armed with her unicorn balloon, as you battled through long tube queues and massive crowds. And to my top cheerleaders — Kayleigh, Lou, Leigh, and Karen — I can't thank you enough for screaming your lungs out, making it impossible for me to miss you in that sea of people. You have no idea how much of a boost that gave me, especially at mile 25 having just thrown up!

There is something very special and humbling about the spirit of London Marathon day. Your biggest cheerleader becomes the person you play cat and mouse with when bits of you start giving up (believe me I had a few of those) and there is nothing quite like being checked on by a guy in a blow-up dinosaur costume as you're about to be sick in a drain outside the Tower of London. Total strangers become your heroes, from the numerous huge rhino costumes to the guy carrying a 35kg fridge. I even passed and was then passed back by a total legend with a prosthetic arm AND leg. Marathon day is truly inspiring and if you've ever thought about doing it... go do it! It's totally brutal but one of the best experiences of my life although skydiving was much less work and over far faster!

Thank you so much for all of your lovely comments and even more so for your donations. At the time of writing, I have raised £2,321 with donations still coming in. My page stays open until the end of June, if anyone would like to donate to such a deserving charity. My just giving page can be found here: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-maria-darnell](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-maria-darnell)

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Anna Maria Darnell





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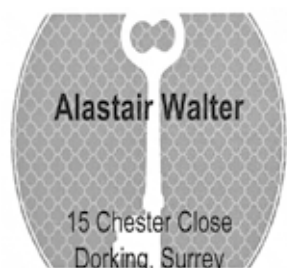
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## A Right Royal Restoration

Originally funded and donated to the village by the Mickleham Parish Council to mark the turn of the Millennium, the two distinctive signs at either end of the village were in dire need of a little TLC. Twenty-three years of everything mother nature could throw at them had left them a little ragged around the edges. Some of the lettering needing re-doing and a couple of decades of grime from the A24 traffic tarnished the beautiful metalwork.

If you've ever seen BBC's The Repair Shop, you'll know that Will Kirk and Dominic Chineva are their resident experts in woodwork and metalwork respectively. But who needs them when we've got Tim Garbett living in the village. Ably assisted by his henchmen, Nick and Jake Presley, and foreman Jim Evans, Tim has spent the last few weeks lovingly and expertly restoring both signs. Tim's efforts came to head on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, when his erection team managed to lift the freshly restored signs (showing no fear of the traffic careering along the A24) using a homemade winch, fashioned out of an extension ladder and a couple



The team in action

of pairs of Mrs Garbett's old stockings. The results are fabulous. The signs were given a right royal clean-up, just in time to have the village looking at its best for the Coronation weekend. We all owe a great debt of thanks to Tim for his efforts, and rumour has it that

BBC have already been on the blower to book him for a guest spot in the next Repair Shop series. Thanks too to the Runners for providing the pints of Pride that not only lead to the inspiration for the project, but also the celebratory and well-earned refreshment afterwards.

Nick Presley

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## CRYPTIC DELICACIES

Last month's theme was a connection  
between STOUT, SMILEY, STAR WARS,  
CHARLES I, DUBLIN, and also more  
tenuously LAVENDER and BRIDGE. Yes,  
of course the golden letter squares  
spelt out GUINNESS, both for the  
STOUT brewed in DUBLIN, and for  
Alec GUINNESS who appeared as  
George SMILEY in 'Tinker Tailor Soldier  
Spy', Obi-Wan Kenobi in STAR WARS,  
CHARLES I in 'Cromwell', as well as being  
Oscar-nominated for playing Henry  
Holland in 'The LAVENDER Hill Mob'  
and Oscar-winning as Colonel Nicholson  
in 'The BRIDGE on the River Kwai'. His  
name on his birth certificate was given  
as Alec Guinness de Cuffe, though his  
mother's maiden name was Agnes Cuff.  
No father was listed but there has been  
strong speculation that it was Walter  
Guinness of the famous brewing family,  
thus completely validating my puzzle.

Here are some of the clues with thoughts  
about solving (as ever, definitions are  
underlined).

**9 Fat ticket sellers seen with the first  
four characters going to the final (5)**

STOUT

'ticket sellers' = touts, and if you move  
the first four characters to the end you  
get STOUT.

**12 I've worked very hard not to make  
you this cellulose concoction without  
liquid oxygen and sulphur (8)**

CLUELESS

'concoction' points to an anagram  
of 'cellulose' but that is one letter  
too many. 'without' points to a  
subtraction but if you removed L O S  
(for 'liquid oxygen and sulphur') that

leaves you with two letters too few.  
Actually it should be read 'cellulose  
concoction without liquid oxygen',  
then 'and sulphur', i.e. CELLU(LO)SE –  
LO = CELLUSE anagrammed + S to give  
CLUELESS (I have put a lot of effort into  
making a load of clues so strictly you  
are not clueless even if you are clueless  
about my clues – and likewise I hope my  
efforts in these articles lead you to be  
less clueless about the clues).

**13 Pastel colour I rub out from Andrei  
Rublev's 'Reincarnation' (8)**

LAVENDER

'out' tells you to remove 'I rub' from  
ANDREI rubLEV – and what is left  
is then reincarnated as LAVENDER.  
Andrei Rublev was one of the greatest  
mediaeval Russian icon painters and  
Andrei Tarkovsky's film based on his  
life is one of the most extraordinary  
pieces of cinema I have ever seen, with  
depictions of early 15<sup>th</sup> century Russia  
including a mesmerising sequence  
showing the casting process for a huge  
church bell. And the film's feeling of  
immense spiritual uplift is especially  
extraordinary given the difficulties of  
making it under the godless Soviet  
regime of the late 1960s.

**7 Good man together with saint is what  
is essential for first-class vision (4)**

LENS

'Good man together' = Goodman = LEN,  
the late Strictly Come Dancing judge.  
'saint' = S.

**32 Throw fruit back avoiding one area  
known to be personal (4)**

TURF

'fruit' backwards is TUIRF, remove 'one'



= I, gives you TURF, here defined as in  
'being on your own turf'.

**21 What gives you toast butter side  
down or 32 with salad? (4,3)**

SOD'S LAW

'salad' = SLAW (as in coleslaw), and  
then you have a two-way extra clue – if  
you'd got clue 32 above you could have  
thought of synonyms for TURF, in this  
case SOD (as in a bit of ground) and if  
you thought buttered toast thing must  
be SOD'S LAW you could take SOD back  
to the clue for 32 and see what synonym  
might work (the key being to assume  
that I couldn't possibly know that it  
meant anything other than a piece of  
ground).

I hope this helps and it would be great  
to get any feedback via

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Andrew



'The Saviour',  
an icon  
painted by  
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Thursday 15th 11-8pm

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'On a rainy Sunday afternoon, in need of some visual inspiration, I made  
my way to The Art Studio, Surrey Hills, in Westhumble, after seeing a  
Facebook ad for the gallery. As someone who is not in the least bit  
physically creative, I have a deep appreciation for the talents of artists  
who can both visualise their creation and then bring it to life so well. The  
gallery is full of local artists who have done just that! From the intricacy  
of Dawn Thornhill's beautiful papercut lightboxes to the stunning and  
original jewellery of Izabella Meehan, there is a lovely choice of artists  
and their creative products to browse. I found myself inspired by the  
silk artworks of Keira Graham – eventually choosing two landscapes  
which reminded me of many a happy holiday and are now well placed  
at home, to provoke reflections of those happy memories every day'.

Sarah Woods, New Malden

This June, The Art Studio will be joined by two guest artists - Joanna  
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oil painter who captures beautiful places in Surrey. With three of the  
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## Coronation Celebrations



Celebrating and valuing cultural, religious and community events is an element of our early years' curriculum. While I suspect the bunting will be down and the Coronation will be a happy but distant memory by the time the June parish magazine hits your doormat, I thought I'd share some elements of our celebrations at nursery. We set up a street party role play area, with tea, pretend cakes, and jewel-like jelly beads for exploratory play. We added playdough jewel shapes to crown templates. We added hats and fascinators to our dressing up, and children also dressed our child-sized dummy in regal clothes and jewels. Play cars were elevated into royal transport,

hobby horses came out to play and we learnt a new song. Children painted their own memory crown money boxes and were very pleased to receive the commemorative teaspoon from the parish council and St Michael's Church. They also created a royal tea towel, a little fundraiser for the nursery. After the event and using newspaper articles as a memory aid, we captured some of their chatter. 'I watched all of it on my tv'. 'He's got a real sword as well'. 'I saw some soldiers. They were marching, the marching ones were marching and the standing still ones were standing still'.

'I saw the golden carriage, it was moving. Horses were pulling it'. 'I saw white horses, mummy thought they had blue wigs on'. 'I saw lots of people. Those aeroplanes are making the Union Jack'. 'That's a princess' (photo of Queen Camilla). 'I went to a party in the building behind the church'. 'We had a party, I had crown biscuits to decorate'. I hope they remember this event as being distinct from future coronations. Our children are likely to see several coronation ceremonies, but I suspect are unlikely to see many jubilees!

Hilary Budd



Reminder, Playground Association AGM 6<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Running Horses

### Solution to the May crossword

**Across:** 8 Bach 9 Stout 10 User 11 Hearse 12 Clueless 13 Lavender 15 Punish 17 Zaniest 19 Stature 22 Smiley 24 Oxbridge 26 Star Wars 28 Inkjet 30 Tree 31 Clang 32 Turf  
**Down:** 1 Babe 2 Charles I 3 Ascend 4 Sorcery 5 Strumpet 6 Dublin 7 Lens 14 Alarm 16 Sprig 18 Soy sauce 20 Thickets 21 Sod's Law 23 Larder 25 Bridge 27 Turn 29 Earl

Shed Art Gallery, including Westhumble artist Genevieve Brown, are participating in Surrey Artists Open Studios throughout June. See <https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk/artist-trail/south-dorking-art-trail/> for more information.





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## Life Lessons

### Ducklings

Miss Chapman, our Year 2 teacher very kindly organised some duckling eggs, from her family's small holding, for our reception class to enjoy. We had twelve eggs and were very lucky that we had seven live ducklings. The children watched some of them hatch and they learnt a lot about how the process works and what they need to survive and thrive. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed watching and holding them. Mrs Staples put the ducklings in some water and the children enjoyed seeing them have a lovely bath!



Ducklings having a bath

### Coronation

The school has loved learning about the life of King Charles and his Coronation over the last few weeks. We celebrated in style and had a Coronation tea party. The children made bunting, flags, and posters for the occasion as well as tea party food. We welcomed our families to come and join us and a fun time was had by all. Each child designed and made their own unique crown. Not quite displaying the glory of the crown jewels, but they certainly shone and were very creative. We were lucky with the weather. After days of rain, the sun came out and we were able to enjoy the occasion outside.

### Church visits

Both our Reception class and Year 1s have visited the church this term. Our youngest children were

learning about what makes a church so special, thinking about the building, the people that help there and the beauty of the inside. Year 1 learnt about what a church is and the important features within a church. The parish priest, Sandra Faccini, joined in with the learning and helped consolidate the children's understanding. She answered any questions the children had and was incredibly helpful. Links between the church and the school continue to be so important, and we really value the times we can work together as a community.



Reverend Dr Sandra Faccini

### Athlete

This term we linked partnership with SportsforSchools and welcomed the athlete, Nerys Pearce. Nerys visited our school to help with a sponsored, fun, fitness circuit. She was injured in a road traffic accident which left her paralysed from the chest down. Wanting to remain active following her accident, she has since competed in powerlifting, swimming, athletics, rowing, and wheelchair basketball at the Invictus



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Games winning 10 medals. Nerys came fourth in the Commonwealth Games! Her top tip in life is 'Always try again: success comes after many failed attempts'. We took part in this event to further promote P.E. across the school as well as the emotional well-being of our children. We recognise the important connection between physical and mental health. Meeting an athlete who has overcome adversity and shown incredible resilience really shows the children the power of what can be achieved with a strong mind-set. The sponsorship money raised has helped the school to buy new sports equipment, as well as raising money for Sportsfor Schools.

Nicola Cleather



Athlete Nerys Pearce



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# Cryptic Crossword



16, 1D, 15, 18, 21D, 22 are all this configuration of the golden squares (8)

Across

- 1 Making rice warm in a tumble drier is what separates evil from humanity (3,5)
- 5 Top promotion for starting to serve when observing thirst (1-5)
- 9 Without using arithmetic, Chris tots up how it feels to avoid green vegetables? (8)
- 10 In taste tests this coffee blend is not very strong (6)
- 12 Strong arm tactics have Root XI in disarray with ten out (9)
- 13 Happen to trounce clot with an about turn and an odd expulsion (5)
- 14 There's nothing in a medal that's worth a blow (4)
- 16 Positioned next to short leg, glaze over when sighting this fast runner (7)
- 19 Red snot could be a sign of having done this? (7)
- 21 Shrinking me on top of desk - that's not odd! (4)
- 24 Fight before heading to naked lego with no sense of self-worth (5)
- 25 Give pep up with Carrie in melt down as is this all they can now afford for the decoration of their mansion? (4,5)
- 27 A small altercation with a source of violent spitting (6)
- 28 Given one's marching orders, having replied, 'That is going to be ace!' (8)
- 29 What could be located above the

Down

- 1 Do embroidery on the way back to have hanky panky with Edward in the formal old style? (6)
- 2 Stokes is found burrowing into previous England captain's pads (6)
- 3 What can be found stuffing parrot or other flying thing (5)
- 4 Mother's riddle is heard to be fantastic (7)
- 6 Female spy gets a bit of sleep in all the excitement (9)
- 7 I am exhibiting bitterness about the ruling body of Europe - what an idiot! (8)
- 8 The Conservative party lose their head having presumed perfect outcomes (8)

feet to be part of the reason they stank less (6)  
30 Maybe has a daughter outside, bearing down (8)

- 11 Began saying something but kept holding back what was the problem (4)
- 15 Domineering woman makes extraordinary use of latex in the interior of strop (9)
- 17 Edward II's wife made a libel as manipulation (8)
- 18 When cat is near a bird, it becomes a missile (8)
- 20 Josh returns without Rex Knife (4)
- 21 A way to teach me what will clear the path ahead (7)
- 22 Race to get a cheap knock-off (6)
- 23 It's new to take flight with droop beginning to manifest in wrinkly things - it gets to adherents of Mary Whitehouse! (6)
- 26 Controller of the golden squares displays ego in intriguing scheme (5)

Andrew Tatham

## Community News

Many happy returns to Michael Hallett who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.

Our warmest congratulations to Bunty Rowbotham and Thomas Howe on their forthcoming wedding on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at St Michael's Church.

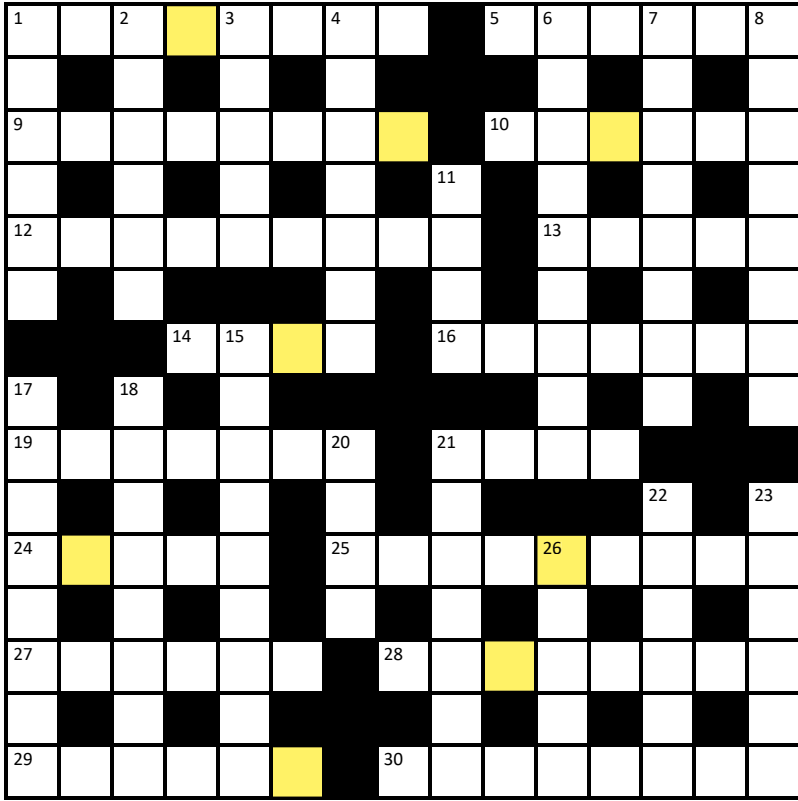
A warm welcome to Cassandra Baggett and her daughter PL, who have moved to Mickleham from London.

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Wild garlic in Norbury Park

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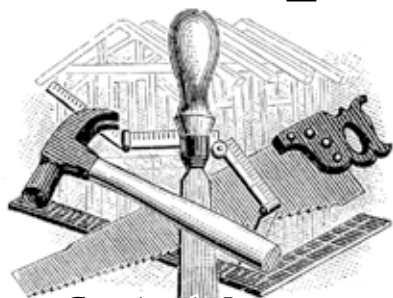

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