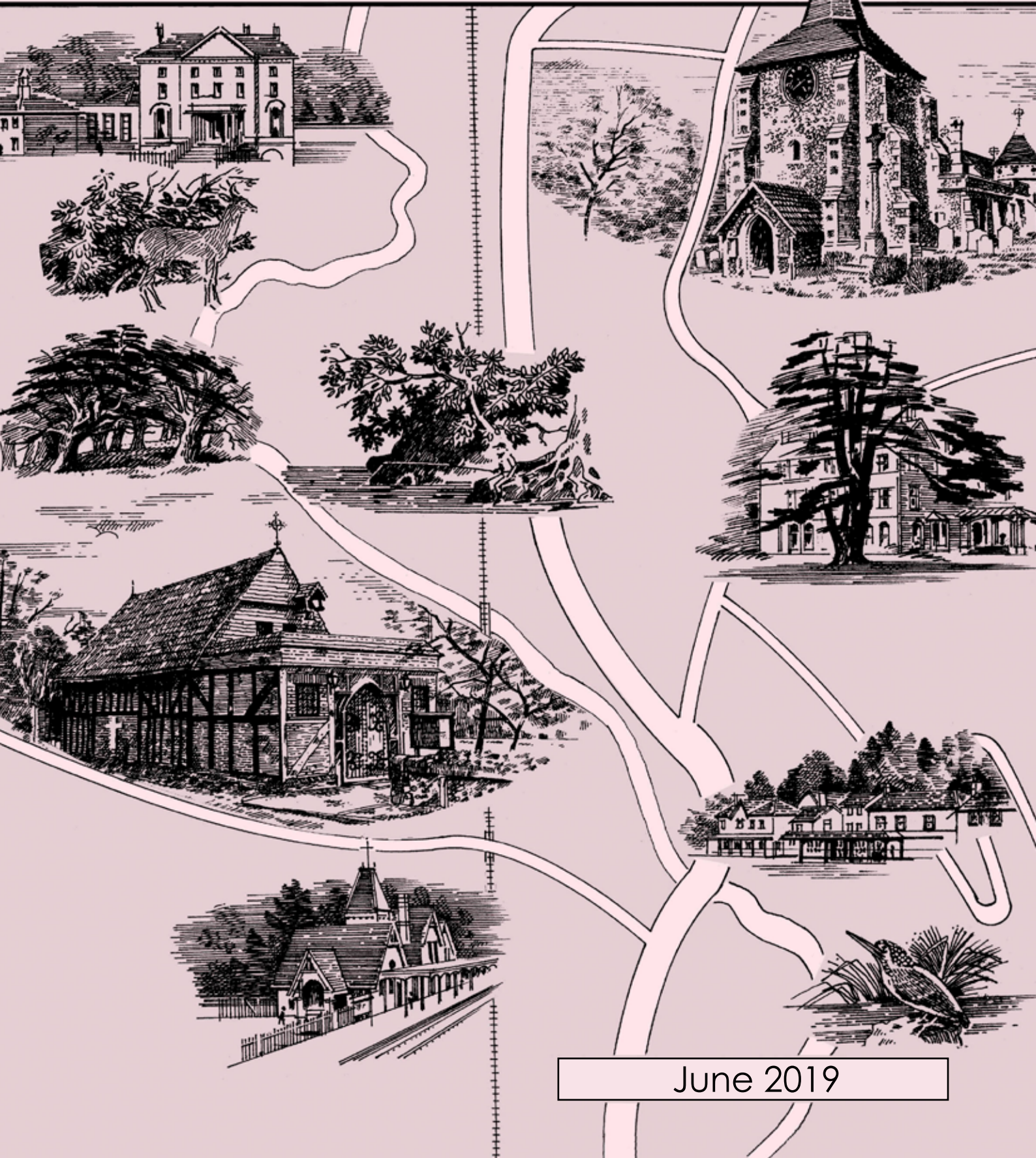


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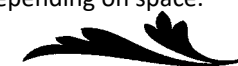
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Dear friends,

I am sure we have all been there, those times when we have a very difficult choice to make, or perhaps when we feel overwhelmed by the enormous challenges we may face in life. What should I do? How do I make the right decision?

We probably all have our own methods for helping us answer those questions, and like many others I have certainly found it very helpful to do two things, the first being to write it all down. When I have put it all on paper or on my screen, I can see the basic facts, the possible courses of action and the potential likely outcomes.

If we do this, it can be very helpful for us to then pause and reflect on what is there in front of us, it helps us to become more objective, to step back a little from the emotion of the situation and potentially make a more qualified and appropriate decision.

Rushing into hasty decisions and failing to stop and reflect like this can have serious consequences. On the night of the 14th April 1912, the watchman assigned to the crow's nest at the top of the Titanic had a problem. The binoculars he needed to keep an eye out for large obstacles (icebergs for example) were inside a locked locker, and the key was missing. Right before the ship left port, the cruise company made a last-minute decision to replace the ship's second officer who, in his haste to make the switch, forgot to hand over the keys to the locker.

Just as noting everything down can be the first help, then secondly asking God for guidance may result in Him giving us incredible insight and wisdom into our situation. In the Bible, a king named Hezekiah received a letter from the then world superpower the Assyrians, threatening to invade and destroy Jerusalem and all his kingdom. So Hezekiah went into the temple of God, spread out the letter on the altar and in his desperation he asked God to come and deliver his people from this invasion. (2 Kings 19:14). We know that God heard and answered his cry for help, and history records that the city remained safe.

God may not give us anything as dramatic an answer to our prayers as He did for that faithful king who brought his written concerns to God, but then again who are we to say what God may or may not do if we just ask for help and guidance!

If you are facing a situation that is making you anxious or fearful, if you are feeling really desperate, I can only encourage you to write it all down and then ask God for help; ask Him to guide you and grant you the wisdom, strength and all that you need to successfully address all that concerns you. Just give Him those concerns and trust Him to bring peace and direction into your life, even in the midst of the situation.

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'
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Lent Course and Prayer Workshop

LENT COURSE 2019

Easter has come and gone... or has it? Why leave behind the legacy of the mystery of God, as if somehow Easter is just the start of spring, a season that passes, moving on into whatever comes next?

At the heart of Easter is the visible evidence of the awesome power of God that can make death come back to life, restore relationships, heal hearts and minds and change things for the better. And in preparation for this incredible time, a group of interested people joined together during Lent to explore just some of the aspects of the mystery of God.

We discussed and wrestled with:

- what it might mean to be made in the image of God, recognising the impact that births and deaths have upon us individually
- the experiences of good and evil, of temptation, and our response to these times in our own lives
- what is God's glory, and does it have any impact upon individuals, both those who chose to believe and those who chose not to believe
- a deeper understanding of what sin might mean to us, the suffering we see in the world, and what hope is there for the present and the future
- how we are all made for relationships, and what might reconciliation mean
- a definition of love, and what would we be prepared to sacrifice for love
- a deeper understanding of joy, and God's offer of salvation for all eternity

Many of us found it to be a challenging, thought-provoking and fruitful time as we sought to bring open hearts and minds to fundamental questions of life, helping us to grow in a deeper understanding of who we are, in addition to what we believe impacts our lives.

PRAYER WORKSHOP

Our Prayer Workshops seem to be valued as a way of understanding more about prayer, considering some of the difficulties in our prayer lives, and finding new ways to help us learn what works for us in terms of being comfortable yet more effective in our prayers. We thank God for His love and guidance as we grow individually and together.

This term's Prayer Workshop in church will be held on Saturday 8th June from 10 am to 12 noon, with some ideas and resources for enhancing your prayer life, in addition to teaching and sharing about aspects of prayer.

Do please email me if you will be coming, so that we can seek to be as effective as we can in planning this morning.

We also host a monthly Parish Prayer Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in church; the remainder of the dates for this term are 4th June and 2nd July. You are very welcome to join us.

Canon John



St Michael's Churchyard

We are blessed with a beautiful and peaceful churchyard. Not only does it contain the graves of many of our relatives and friends but also is of historic and botanic interest. It is a quiet place to sit and enjoy the views over the church to Norbury Park and The Gallops. It would be enormously helpful if we could all do our bit to preserve and respect this important part of our parish. In the past, dogs have been allowed to foul the grass and footpaths but we are all much more aware of this nuisance and keep our pets under close control as we walk through, although

there are still some offenders. Allowing pets to foul the graves is distressing for the families and very disrespectful so we need to remain on our guard and ask people to clear up after their dogs. The hedges and grass will soon need cutting so it would be very helpful if you could remove any pots, vases or tools you may be keeping behind a memorial stone so that there is easy access for the strimmer and hedge trimmer. This will also ensure that your property is not damaged accidentally, it can be difficult to see things if the grass has grown up around them. Thank you for your help.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting took place on Sunday 14th April and was chaired by Canon John Harkin. The meeting was attended by the officers and 36 parishioners.

At the Vestry meeting which preceded the APCM, Anne Weaver stood down as churchwarden; she was given flowers and a card as a sign of the parish's appreciation of her service over her years as a churchwarden. Thanks were given to John Banfield and Anne Weaver for all their hard work and dedication in the past year. John Banfield and Sarah Blake were elected as churchwardens for the coming year.

At the APCM there were elections to the PCC. Mark Day, Amanda Wadsworth and Frances Presley had completed their terms and were re-elected for three years. Elizabeth Moughton had

completed her term and was re-elected for one year in order to balance the numbers changing each year.

Richard Siberry, as Treasurer, reported on the financial affairs of the PCC. He drew attention to the significant deficit of £6,764 on 'general account' compared with an equivalent deficit of £633 last year, and he encouraged people to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme to make regular payments to the church, as this scheme results in improved cash flow and much less administration at his end.

Reports were received on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (John Banfield and Anne Weaver), Leatherhead Deanery Synod (James Riches and Simon Ward), Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (Jenny Hudlass), Stewardship (Frank Warren), General

Data Protection Regulation (Alison Wood), Almshouses (John Banfield), St Michael's School (John Banfield) and Mickleham Parish Magazine (Sue Tatham). All these reports were available at the meeting and are available from me if you would like to see any of them.

Elizabeth Moughton
PCC Secretary

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

James Aarvold	John Banfield
Sarah Blake	Mark Day
Andy Diamond	Jenny Hudlass
Elizabeth Moughton	Frances Presley
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This year there is a wonderful opportunity to support the Mickleham and Westhumble Village Fête in association with the Horticultural Society's Summer Show, by purchasing one of the 120 raffle tickets for an amazing prize. 'Tea on the Lawn' is a framed limited edition by celebrated local artist Sherree Valentine Daines, which she has very generously donated and which is being raffled by pre-purchased ticket.

Sherree writes of her inspiration behind this beautiful painting: 'The boater, blazer and modestly lengthy dresses give away the famous location of this tableau which is, of course, the Henley Royal Regatta. I have folders of sketches and photographs from so many memorable days out at this wonderful event where I have been painting for over 30 years, and these provide an endless source of material as well as bringing me great joy. What I loved about this scene, apart from the elegance and timeless charm of the subject matter, was the light. It was a dazzling day, and the three friends were bathed in a latticework of



shadows; this served to highlight the almost other-worldly brightness of the sunlight and heightened the contrast of the white dresses with the deep, lush greens of an English summer. Just beautiful!

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THE SAGA OF MICKLEHAM BROADBAND

Part 1 – Winter is Coming

The year was 2016, I had arrived in the most blessed and beautiful land of Mickleham. Overflowing as it was with history, charming character and beautiful nature, and despite prior to move-in reconnaissance relaying positive feedback, Mickleham was, alas, fundamentally flawed. There was only enough internet to produce a never-ending buffering circle on screen. With A levels on the horizon and demand for online past papers growing exponentially, Mickleham's connection to the world wide web, was at best, dire. No company, it seemed, could provide proper broadband service – even Huawei had left Mickleham untouched. Research was required – we were playing for time and it was running out. Only EE, the UK's 'biggest fastest most reliable network' could aid the current situation. It allowed mobile internet access, albeit rather expensive access, which led me to Mary Flint, the woman on a crusade, a crusade to drive Mickleham into the 21st century of super-fast broadband, a long and perilous crusade that still required much work. I lost no time and made

contact. She did not mince her words either – further division of labour was required (HELP). Naturally my response was tepid, lukewarm, the house had yet to be in order, I was still waiting for a new boiler.

'No one ever has any time,' Mary's words drilled into my sense of duty, the sleepless nights of guilt that I could not supply the basic internet utility for my kids, the children of Mickleham starved of the prefix www, the stalling circle going round and round on screen not knowing if the Amazon order had gone through – it was too much to bear, there was no choice, I had to help 'OK, I'm in.'

Within seconds Mary had convened an extraordinary general meeting of the 'Lack of Broadband' sympathisers. They were wary, the situation was laid bare, it was not going to be easy – it was time to roll up my sleeves and initiate contact with BT.

Mary concentrated on gaining public sympathy, in all weathers she walked the streets day and night – she understood the sacrifice she needed to make. Eric would just have to spend this time



without her training for the long bike ride to London to download 'The Crown' in case our endeavours for Mickleham failed.

Before I knew it, a Mickleham Cobra meeting was called in the Vestry, and I had a seat at the table. Our comrade in two camps, the indefatigable Will I Can, steered with precision and rallied the Council members. With the Council on board, we needed to focus on gaining support from the clans north of the A24. Winter was coming and the lord of the lightning fast broadband was still nowhere to be seen.

.... to be continued

Kirsten Johnston & Nikolai Belousov



is coming...

Have you heard?

An idea has blossomed at the Stepping Stones Pub in Westhumble... A local festival!

Ange and Mark Treanor moved to Westhumble in 1999, and in order to maintain contact with their friends and family from Wales & Liverpool, a small festival evolved in their back garden. It became known as Surrey-Fest and soon outgrew itself, with over 70 people camping and parking.

Ange suggested we should have a local equivalent and so 'Festhumble' was

born (such a great name who could resist). A group of Westhumble and Mickleham locals approached Tina Blore, landlady of the Stepping Stones who liked the idea so much that she agreed to host the event on 29th June. We all agreed that LeatherHEAD START is the charity we want to support. Del Laurent our music co-ordinator, is organising four main live acts, with a few smaller music slots in between.

With al fresco food (BBQ & paella), great music and local stalls*, it's our aim to create a fun day out for all the family. 'A local festival, at a local pub, supporting a local charity with local musicians and

local stall-holders'. Hopefully this will become an annual event that everyone in our community will enjoy.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates – full line-up of bands will be released soon.

*We still have a few stall holder plots available, so if anyone would like to run a stall at our event, please message us via Facebook (Festhumble) or email diamo1@hotmail.co.uk

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Mickleham Lives – Part 1

Memories of my Father, Jesse Fuller 1901 – 1972

Bill Fuller, legendary waiter at The Running Horses was born and grew up in Mickleham. At the time of his death in January 2000 he had been writing a series of memoirs for the parish magazine. This edited version of Bill's articles gives us an opportunity to put some photographs from the village archives into context, which we hope readers will find interesting.

My father, Jesse Fuller, was born on the 25th July 1901 at 3 Hillside Cottages, London Road, Mickleham. Hillside Cottages were situated above Flint Cottages, halfway between the site of the old Forge Café and what is now Frascati's. (In the early 1900s these two buildings were working forges.) Both sets of Hillside Cottages were pulled down some 35 years ago, as was The Old Forge Café. For many years the source of water for Hillside Cottages was a deep well situated between number 4 and the second block of cottages, numbers 5 to 8. Dad went to school at the top of Byttom Hill, not surprisingly now called Old School House. In 1908 the school was transferred to the present building in School Lane. Dad must have been a diligent pupil as on two occasions he was awarded the Samuel Woods Prize. When I was in infants, Miss Strudwick had great pleasure in pointing out his name on the Roll of Honour board on occasions when I apparently was not paying attention to the subject in hand. It would of course be an impossible task to recall my father's earlier years

but for the fact that he had put in writing some 20,000 words from which I am able to draw. In 1915 he left school and took a gardening job at Juniper Hall, but with pot washing, weeding and pulling the lawn mower with the head gardener sitting on it, Dad quickly became disillusioned. The next year my grandfather told Dad that Mr Hunt, the manager of the Burford Bridge Hotel, wanted a page boy, at ten shillings a week (50p), uniform provided and to live in. As Dad was only getting eight shillings a week at Juniper Hall he jumped at the chance and started work at the hotel on 28th March 1916. Little did he know he would still be there 50 years later. One of Dad's jobs was to fill the match containers all over the hotel with Bryant* & May 'Runaways'. One morning Mr Hunt said to him 'These matches have got a good name; the blighters do run away'. (*The Bryant family lived at Juniper Hill in the late 1800s.)



Hillside Cottages

My father soon moved from page boy to bar work, taught by Louis, a Swiss barman whose fiancée was a waitress in the billiard room. (In the Second World War this room was heavily sandbagged, the billiard table was set upon the bags and the cellar created beneath was a very secure and safe air raid shelter! This room is now the cocktail bar and lounge). Dad then went into the dining room to assist the head waiter, Jimmy Blaney, serving the vegetables and later coffee, also re-laying his tables for him. This was apparently a good financial move as he was given an additional shilling (5p) and a packet of cigarettes. 'So that's where I got the habit!'

At 9 o'clock each morning Albert Bull, the chef would bring a large jug of hot milk to the bar, and with two waiters would toss a coin to see who would pay for the rum which was to go into it. All three were due to be called up for the army, and not very enamoured with the idea. I could have taken to Mrs Hunt, the manageress at the Burford Bridge, who refused to call my father Jesse as she said this was a girl's name and always referred to him as 'Tommy'. Each morning she would ring the dining

room bell at 11 o'clock and tell one of the staff to tell Tommy to bring two Worthingtons up to her sitting room, on doing so she then told him to close the door because one was always for him.

Many famous people used the hotel and became great friends of the Hunts, among them Marie Lloyd, Lily Langtry who stayed with her husband, Sir Hugo De Both, and José Collins at the height of her fame in 'Maid of the Mountains'. It was cocktails, champagne and Beehive 1848 brandy. Then there was Vesta Tilly, Douglas Fairbanks and the Crazy Gang (which reminds me that Mr Owen Stewart, who held the licence of *The Running Horses* from 1938 until 1983 purchased Bud Flanagan's Rolls Royce). On Saturday nights the Burford often hosted the racing fraternity. And Sunday lunch was attended by notables from the stage, including Harry Preston, The Hon Mrs Greville of Polesden Lacey, and Count Ziborowski, whose famous car, Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang, was parked proudly outside the hotel. It had four large brass pipes coming out of the bonnet and a tremendous exhaust pipe. If you were behind it when he started the engine, it would bowl you over. When peace came in 1918 Mrs Hunt, wife of the owner of the Burford Bridge Hotel, bought more champagne glasses for the occasion. The dining room was packed. Fireworks were supplied by *Nicols* of Redhill and one of their employees was sent to oversee the display. Unfortunately, he got drunk, was carried to the stables and bedded down on some hay, after making sure that he had no means of starting a fire. Bonfires were burning all around the hills, then it started to rain, which did not detract from the celebration inside the hotel, though it did ruin a piano



The stage coach at the Burford Bridge Hotel

which had been left out on the lawn; nobody worried, the war was over.

My father recalls that Mr Hunt founded the first Masonic Lodge in Leatherhead, the Ledrede Lodge; their gatherings were held at the Old Swan Hotel, Leatherhead. The Old Berkeley coach ran each weekday during that summer, it was owned by a Mr Goddard and Mr Mills of circus fame. It started from the Berkeley Hotel in London, changed horses at Sheen, then on to the Burford. It was an attempt to re-establish the tradition of Mr Vanderbilt, the American, who ran his coach from London to the Metropole in Brighton, the Burford Bridge being halfway was the lunchtime stop. Mr Vanderbilt would get off the box, go into the smoking room and have a pint of Bass in a special silver tankard with a big 'V' on it. He went down in the Titanic in 1912. His tankard was much admired by visitors to the hotel, but eventually it was 'lost'.

To appreciate the value of that money, here are examples of prices in the hotel in 1918: a mild ale 4d (pence) a pint, that is where the public bar got its name

'Four Ale Bar'; Bass 7d a pint; Worthington, Bass and Guinness 7d a bottle; light ale and brown ale 4½d a bottle; whisky, gin and rum 5½d a nip, proprietary brands 7d a nip. A four-course lunch 4/6d; a five-course dinner 6/6d. Mr Douglas Bing, the famous cabaret artist, paid 50 shillings (£2.50) in all for one week's stay! How times have changed.

In my father's early years what we know as the Old London Road was the main road and there were big fields opposite the Burford Bridge Hotel. Surrey Trust, who owned the Burford, wanted to purchase some land facing the hotel for a car park, but the owner, Miss Drummond of Fredley (suffragette and great friend of Mrs Pankhurst), would not sell. Later, when she realised the potential of the site, Miss Drummond sold it to a friend who turned the field into a car park and petrol station with four pumps. Not to be outdone Surrey Trust then had two pumps installed in front of the hotel. Eventually the owner of the garage and four pumps sold out to the Surrey Trust.

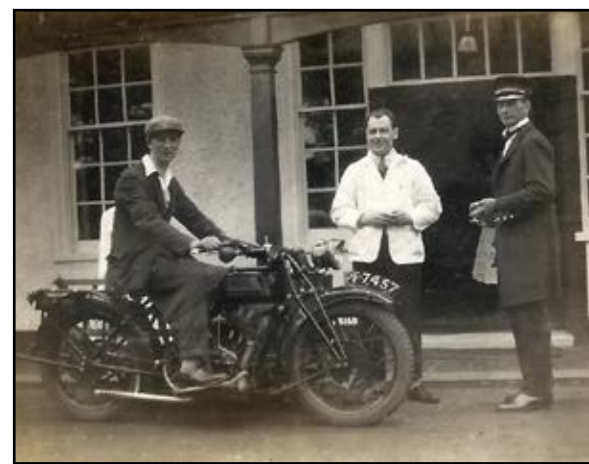
One of the hotel staff, Harry Orbell, had a brother who worked in Sam Darling's stable at Newmarket. He used to send Harry tips, which seldom won. One day Harry was told that Mr Macomber would win the Cesarewitch and Cambridger with Forseth and Masked Marvel. Dad had a pound each way double, but Harry didn't trust the information – both horses won completing a 500-1 double! Dad's luck was certainly in.

Another day a young man came into the hotel and was raffling his motor bike at one shilling and sixpence a ticket as he was going to Australia. He had just two tickets left in his book; Harry purchased one, Dad the other. You've guessed it, Dad won! MacFisheries in Dorking used to raffle the turkeys which were left after Christmas, and for four years running Dad won, the last one weighed 28lb. Not bad for a shilling! His best win though was meeting my mother, but that is another story.

To be continued ...



Teas being served in the Burford Bridge Hotel Garden - early 1900s



Jesse on his motor bike with other members of hotel staff



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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Visible on the Horizon – Summer at last!

It is that time of year when a garden that was manageable suddenly becomes so full of things to do that one is inclined to get easily distracted from what was supposed to be the task in hand. Weeding a particular bed may be on the 'to do' list but there is a climbing rose that must be tied in quickly before you start and by then you have noticed that unless you stake that paeony you will not enjoy those gorgeous blooms you have been waiting for all winter. And so on. I'm afraid this article may be a bit similar!

Firstly, a steal from 'The Garden' about growing courgettes up a stake. I have seen this done successfully, and outdoor cucumbers too. The RHS advice is to knock a 6 foot stake firmly into the ground and put your plant as near to it as possible. When the plant is established it should begin to trail and then you can start the process of tying it in but taking care to use soft, thick ties. These should be loose in order not to damage the hollow stem of the courgette. Keep tying every 4-5 inches to get strong, upright plants. It may sound like hard work but it does have the clear advantage of taking

up far less room on the ground and reduces the likelihood of finding that foot long 'courgette' that has remained unspotted for a week or more. I am going to try to grow one plant this way. Many of us traditionally grow our own tomatoes in summer, whether outside or in a greenhouse. Plants are not difficult to raise from seed but they are easily bought and my impression is that many more different varieties are available than there used to be when Moneymaker seemed to be everywhere. As well as gro-bags there are now a number of clever devices that self-water and make life comparatively trouble-free. To give tomatoes a deeper root run gro-bags can be cut in half and upended (similar to bags for potatoes) but if you are laying them flat they should at least be fluffed up to avoid the compaction they often suffer from when they have been piled up on top of each other in the garden centre. For best results and to avoid skin-splitting or blossom end rot (an unsightly water-soaked spot on the bottom of the tomato that turns brown and leathery) it is important to water consistently. Staking of some



kind is of course essential and plants are much easier to look after if you snap off side shoots. Too much leaf will shade the ripening tomatoes. This is of course a counsel of perfection, one that other people may live up to but not me.

I am determined to liven up the appearance of my salads this year and some research shows plenty of edible flowers that we do not perhaps think of eating. The leaves and flowers of nasturtiums (Latin meaning 'nose twist') are quite peppery but pleasant; chive flowers can be used as well as the leaves, similarly mint. The petals of calendula (the common marigold) add a vibrant orange and yellow effect to a bowl of greenery, as do scarlet runner beans. I did grow a white borage last year to add to those Pimms' moments but actually the usual blue is much prettier! Roll on summer...

Judy Kinloch



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Answer on page 26

Grumpy Old Mickleman The Pleasures of Air Travel

Boarding the Aircraft: Why do all aircraft departures to Malaga depart before the dawn chorus? And why do all passengers for such early departures wear such ghastly clothes? I hope it is not what they would choose to wear in polite company, but that it is deliberately intended to ensure that the image of the UK abroad reinforces their Brexit position. If it is, I would have thought that Juncker, between his 10th and 14th G&T would have said ...oh ***** it, let's let them go....excuse my French. There are track suits which are rarely the right size and pieces of flesh emerging in unexpected places, shorts (string tied almost certainly without any under-layer), topless see-through sunshine things, copious evidence of pre-holiday sun tan cream and, worst of all, endless tattoos – the point of which escapes me entirely.

'Passengers at Gate B1 for the Dyonair flight to Moscow...sorry, Malaga, please note Gate change to C104: boarding now'. The walk is about the same distance as you came by taxi, and half the passengers were sober then, and did not have their full allowance of duty-free clinking in their already flimsy hand-luggage.

Duty-free: there's another thing – freedom from duty stopped many years ago, but we all feel a duty to buy something which we would never normally look at simply because it's on offer and we are on holiday. Hence, the final outcome is Spanish cleaners have lots of left-over Advocaat.

You board the plane. 'My name is Denise and I am your senior in-house (probably a good idea) customer safety and comfort liaison officer for Dyonair on this flight to Dusseldorf....sorry, Malaga. Me and my team welcomes you on board and thank you for choosing Dyonair'. Her team is clad in tangerine overalls.

You are queueing back in the aisle for a rather oversized traveller in Row 8 to force his 1960s tartan bag into the locker above his seat. He seems to be wearing an Arran pullover which was appropriate for his start time at 04.30, but will clearly have to be jettisoned

in-flight. You are in Seat 55B, the last row, adjacent to the toilets. However, 5 is your lucky number. It is 20 minutes before you reach Row 55. A child has been sick on your shoes and you are upset by a hen party who are already singing lewd songs in Rows 51 to 53.

As Row 55 is next to the toilet block you have 3 inches less legroom than all the other seats, but its only 2 hours so you don't make a fuss, until you realise that your locker is crammed full of lifejackets. This seems weird, given the only stretch of water to be overflowed is the Channel, and is very annoying when you find out your travel pills are above Row 48.

After watching the safety announcement, which is hosted by a rather more attractive tangerine person with a much lower cleavage than Denise or the other liaison officers on your flight. The tangerine people are now moving down the aircraft moving luggage from between seats to the lockers and some from the lockers to the floor, just giving you a sense of activity. But you can see that the pilot is outside having a cigarette, checking tyre pressures and refilling the window washer bottle. 'My colleague Patsy is about to come round with your newspaper. Unfortunately there has been a bit of a mix-up, but we do have *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Hands up if you would like one!'

'Our last passenger is on his way'. Speaking poor English, he has been found at Gate B1 for hours. A portly man duly appears, in panama hat, holiday shirt and huge shorts, and carrying two large tartan cases. He bruises most passengers in seats B and C as he aims for 55B, your window seat. You stand in the toilet while he and Patsy have an extended conversation in a foreign tongue, until he sits, claiming both armrests. You introduce yourself. He is a Ukrainian botanist, you think.

Out on the left hand side, you can see two heavyweights throwing luggage into the hold. There is comfort to be had, however, as if there had been a bomb in one, it would go off while we are on the ground, greatly increasing your chances. Patsy is refining the



lockers at random so as to cause maximum confusion at Malaga. She then slams each one shut to make sure something does not land on your boxed breakfast while in flight. Trisha, meanwhile is ensuring that the tangerine curtains between first class and the rest is entirely closed and that no-one gets a glimpse of the first-class breakfast box.

'Good morning all, this is your Captain, Ivan Wildblood. Just to say we have checked our fuel and oil gauges and we have enough of each for this flight to Hyderabad, sorry, Malaga, and we will be on the roll soon. Our passenger liaison team today is, whispers: pass that piece of paper, George, Denise, Trisha and Fatsy'. All said is a soothing off-hand way.

Captain Wildblood has now switched on the Fasten Seat Belt sign, Trisha and Patsy are now patrolling the aisles like bloodhounds, jolting you upright in your seat, stowing unstowed tables and staring sternly at your groin: there is a lot of tutting going on.

Finally, we are off the tarmac. Trolleys are immediately in the aisle, before the Fasten Seat Belt sign goes off, thus blocking routes to toilets and causing much reversing and more tutting. The rather svelte Italian brunette with the long wavy hair whom you have been quite taken with to date, becomes suddenly less enticing when she puts back her seat and dangles said wavy hair into your omelette and sausage.

Mark Day

With due acknowledgement for idea's and content to Oliver Pritchett 'My Sunday Best@.

Cryptic Delicacies

Last month the theme words referred to in 7D were TROLLOP, WILD, STERN, GREEN which when spoken (or with an E added to the end) give you NOVELISTS.

Here are some of the other clues:

14 Writer for the masses of baboons not having benefits and central heating (4)

DEFINITION: Writer for the masses

'benefits' = 'boons' removed from BAboons leaves BA, abbreviation for 'central heating' = CH

ANSWER = BACH (who did write for the masses but maybe not the ones you first thought!)

24 Central heating at first was always noisily going boing (5)

DEFINITION: boing

A different way of cluing with 'central heating', this time with 'central' being a pointer to the middle of 'heaTing', and then 'at first' pointing to the first letters of 'Was Always Noisily Going'

ANSWER = TWANG

27 The dirty hack is missing the point of tennis (6)

DEFINITION: the point of tennis

'hack' in crosswords is most often used for 'ed' (as in the journalist) which you then subtract from 'The DIRTY'

ANSWER = THIRTY

29 Alan Brown possibly makes things more appealing (6)

DEFINITION: makes things more appealing

A red herring of which I was entirely unaware was the fact that Alan Brown is the accompanist for the Leith Hill Musical Festival (which was going on during the period covered by the last magazine – I do love a good coincidence). Here it is actually being used as examples of two names of Sugar: Alan Lord Sugar, the creator of the Amstrad brand that is synonymous with quality, and Brown Sugar, the eating of which is a penance (and

therefore good for you) because it is the colour of sackcloth and deserts

ANSWER = SUGARS

1 Show through a flash new store before opening (6)

DEFINITION: Show through a flash

'Before' opening points to its first letter: B, which is added to STORE and made new

ANSWER = STROBE

11 Five-eighths of seven's in a statement (4)

DEFINITION: a statement

Clue 7 is 'novelist', five-eighths of which is 'novel' = NEW and the S after the apostrophe is then added (very usefully ambiguous for cluing – the S can be a part of the answer as here, but it can also just mean 'is' as a link to the definition part of a clue)

ANSWER = NEWS

22 Scale inside a limitless mist to reach an English town (well, it was until 1558) (6)

DEFINITION: an English town (well, it was until 1558)

Inside 'sCALE' = CAL, then A, then limitless (i.e. with no ends) 'mISt' = IS.

ANSWER = CALAIS

Calais was captured by Edward III in 1347, becoming English to the extent that he threw out the original inhabitants and populated it with English people who then had representatives in the English Parliament. Keeping hold of it was expensive and only seems to have had the purpose of annoying the surrounding Continentals (who did not get around to recapturing it for two centuries because they were too busy fighting each other). When the unified French did decide to lay siege and conquer Calais in 1558, the then queen, Mary I, said 'When I am dead and opened, you shall find 'Philip' and 'Calais' lying in my heart'. The 'Philip'



to whom she refers was her husband Philip II of Spain. It is an example of how inconvenient truths are written out of history that he is usually omitted from the list of English monarchs despite him and Mary actually reigning jointly (as pointed out by some heroic pedant at the Barnado's Quiz in March when it was announced that there had been no English King called Philip). Both their heads were on the coins for the four years of their rule and the Great Seal showed them holding the crown together. However it was written into the terms of their Marriage Act that on Mary's death his reign would end, and he did not do himself any favours in the eyes of English history by sending over the Spanish Armada in 1588. Just to show how nations grew out of who owned what and was married to whom, Philip was a Hapsburg (the family originating in Austria), and was also King of Portugal and of Naples & Sicily. He outlived all four of his wives, the first being his Portuguese first cousin (being the daughter of his blood uncle and blood aunt), the second being English Queen Mary I (who was his father's first cousin via Catherine of Aragon), the third being the 14-year-old daughter of the King of France, and then after refusing the hand of her sister (because he said it was against religious law to marry your deceased wife's sister) he thought it was OK to marry his Austrian niece as his fourth wife. Thankfully things have settled down with European affairs in recent times and life is so much simpler.

Always good to get ideas of things to discuss in my article, so any responses or queries will be happily received at andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk

Andrew

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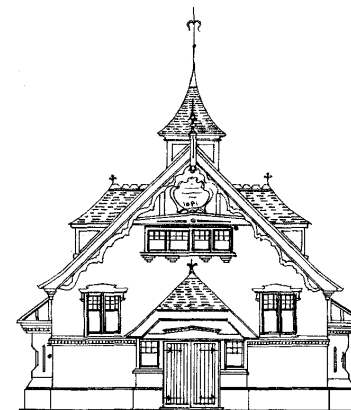


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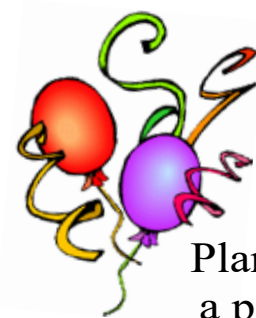


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3	Monday	9.15 am	St Michael's School assembly in Church
4	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
6	Wednesday	1 pm	History Group Tour of Charlwood
8	Saturday	10 am - 12 noon	Prayer Workshop in church
9	PENTECOST SUNDAY	8 am 10 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer at the Chapel
		<i>Deadline for July/August Mickleham Parish Magazine</i>	
15	Saturday	9.30 am	Men's Breakfast
16	TRINITY SUNDAY	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Service
21	Friday	6 to 8 pm	Gardens open at Ashleigh Grange and Ashcombe
22	Saturday	9.30 am 2 pm	Women's Breakfast Wedding of Alex Judd and Clare Davies in Westhumble Chapel
		7.30 pm	Vivaldi Gloria Concert St Martins Church, Dorking
23	1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8 am 10 am 1 to 5 pm	Holy Communion at the Chapel Family Service Gardens open at Ashleigh Grange and Ashcombe
24	Monday	3 pm	Tea at Three at Mickleham Lodge
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Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Gray and Christopher Connett who were married on Friday 26th April in Herefordshire. Christopher was organist and choirmaster at St Michael's from 2011 to 2017.



Barry and Elizabeth Moughton attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 15th May in honour of Elizabeth's award for more than 30 year's voluntary service for Citizens Advice.

Community News

Many congratulations to Robin and Lauren Taylor on the somewhat early, but safe arrival on 18th March of their twin sons, Jack William and Oliver John. Many readers will remember Robin who was manager of The Running Horses for quite some time. The family live in Dorking.

Lauren and Robin would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the good wishes, cards, flowers and the huge assortment of baby clothes and other presents.

Joyce Lloyd and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind letters and cards of condolence following their recent bereavement.

Fête and Village Show Saturday 6th July

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Singing Is Good For You

around a small village yet it has 60 or more active members who arrive at Mickleham Village Hall on a Thursday evening – tired, but willing to sing their hearts out. They leave two hours later, still tired because they have worked hard but smiling, laughing and elated. It is a transformation that I marvel at every week. It is the power of music, friendship and singing.

Our concerts are an affirmation of all that can be achieved by a dedicated group of amateurs. MCS sing VERY well! On Saturday 22nd June we are having our annual 'Summer Concert' in St Martin's Church, Dorking. We will be singing the joyful music of Vivaldi – The Gloria, accompanied by a wonderful, youthful orchestra of players many of

whom are from the Yehudi Menuhin School or who are former students. We are truly blessed to have such fine musicians on our doorstep. The second half of the concert is lively and is made up of spirituals, music on the theme of water, music with a strong percussive character and finishing with a glorious South Korean song which was our winning performance in the Leith Hill Festival this year.

All concerts need an audience! We need you to support us. Please do come. This is an evening not to be missed. MCS will give you an evening to remember and you too should leave smiling, laughing and hopefully elated by what you have heard.

Juliet Hornby

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Mickleham and Westhumble Village Fête in association with the Horticultural Society's Summer Show Saturday 6th July 2-5 pm – Village Hall



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KING WILLIAM IV

Hello all

I am writing this during a busy time. I have spent a few days at Killarney races with my brothers, then dashed to Luton Airport to meet Anne, driving to Stoke for a few days for a wedding of one of her old friends.

I have lost even more brain cells so I am looking forward to returning to the pub and enjoying Sunday jazz.

See you soon

Eamonn

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Mickleham Choral Society at The Leith Hill Musical Festival

As a newcomer to Mickleham who has had the pleasure of singing with the Mickleham Choral Society since September last year, I really didn't know what to expect from this major event that takes place in Dorking each year with no less than 12 local choirs competing in three groups of four choirs with each group competing for 7 categories as well as overall group winner. Confused? Yes, so was I. Mickleham found itself competing with large and high standard choirs drawing from large areas such as Dorking, Bookham and Holmbury St Mary. At 8am we assembled for a warm up in the main hall at Dorking Halls and by 9am the competition phase started. Each choir sang the same madrigal (*Lady, when I Behold* by John Wilbye), a piece for lower voices (*In Taberna* from Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*), a piece for upper voices (*Who is Sylvia?* By David Wilcox), a part song (*The River of the Water of Life* by Malcolm Archer), a selected excerpt from *Carmina Burana*, a selected excerpt from Alan Bullard's *Travelling Tales* and an ensemble piece with just eight singers which was Andrew Carter's *Two for The Price of One* which combined the well-known nursery rhymes of *This Old Man* and *There Was an Old Man*.

For the final competition piece, each choir was free to sing a piece of their own choosing and Mickleham had selected the very unusual *Arirang* – a

traditional Korean song. How would a rural Surrey audience and two very English adjudicators take to possibly their first experience of Korean music? Well, as the final results came in, the Korean piece had been very well received and gave Mickleham their ninth win in this category in the last ten years. It seems our conductor, Juliet Hornby has a gift for selecting a challenging piece that meets the standard of our choir well. In other categories we came first equal in one, second in two, second equal in another, one third place, one third equal and one last place, coming a close third place overall just three points behind Dorking. After a pizza and well deserved glass (or two) of Pinot Grigio at a nearby local restaurant for many of us, we returned for a thorough full rehearsal for the evening concert with all three choirs now combined with the addition of two pianos, a large assortment of percussionists and a youth choir consisting of Choristers of St Mary's Merton, and young singers aged between 8 and 13 from two schools - Reigate Grammar School and Reigate St. Mary's Preparatory and Choir School.

Following the rehearsal we all disappeared for a rapid change of attire and refreshment before returning for a full evening concert by the massed choirs accompanied by two pianos and a large percussion section. Before the interval prizes were given by Alan

Bullard, composer of 'Travelling Tales'. The evening concluded with the full Carl Orff work *Carmina Burana* – a rousing and very challenging piece that delivers German-Latin lyrics at break-neck speed with some excellent solo performances. Parts of 'Carmina' have been used in films, as well as the 'Old Spice' advertisement.

As a relative newcomer to Mickleham Choral Society I found the whole festival experience both tremendous fun and hard work, a culmination of many months of rehearsals. For such a small village to turn out a choir of around sixty singers at such a high standard is something we can all be proud of, not least our conductor Juliet Hornby who managed, with unstinting patience and persistence, to bring out the very best of all of us collectively for yet another year. I am sure all of us would like to thank her for her huge contribution to a quite remarkable event.

For those of you who have yet to witness our choir in action, our next concert is on Saturday 22nd June at St. Martin's Church in Dorking at 7.30pm with a full programme including the fabulous Gloria by Vivaldi and many other pieces. The programme will include our winning Korean traditional song *Arirang*. For tickets, please contact Anne Weaver 01306 883932 or by email: secretary@micklehamchoral.org.uk

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

Box Hill School celebrated 60 years of creativity by hosting a stunning Visual Art Exhibition. This opened on Thursday 28th March displaying creative art from current and past students, staff and friends of Box Hill School. This included work by two previous Heads of Department; Fred Masters (1976-1997) and Mike Coleman (1997-2017), works by famous artists Peregrine Heathcote and Mimmo Paladino, an Italian printmaker, and logo creations by one of Box Hill's first Housemasters, Colin Burn (1959).

Virtual reality came to Box Hill School on Saturday when Old Boxhillian, Matt Gazzard, generously shared his virtual reality headset with our students and visitors, showing the future of digital art. On the opening night, the Fashion and Textiles department staged a wonderful catwalk show, which saw a number of students modelling over 56 items of clothing produced by current and past pupils. This event was a true celebration of the creativity produced by our school across 60 years! Here's to 60 more!



Mickleham Cricket Club (the Other MCC)

As May showers descend on us and brighter evenings appear between the downpours, so the cricket season cannot be far off, with the Cricket World Cup being hosted in England this year, and England the bookies' favourite. Far more important to our readers however, is that Mickleham will soon once again be basking in the gentle sound of leather on willow.

The opening game of Mickleham Cricket Club (the Other MCC) for 2019 was away at Abinger on 12th May, and somewhat to our surprise we won quite easily. We batted first, and from a disastrous start of 1 for 2 recovered to 138 all out, with Henry Smith, Mark Albon, Greg Ayton and Will Dennis all contributing. We thought this was about 30 too few, but Kevin Walker (3 wickets and a stonking

catch) and Rob Alvey (2 wickets) had other ideas as they ran through the top order, leaving Jake Presley to clean up the tail with a five-for. Abinger all out for 86, and we won by 52.

Our full fixture list appeared in the last edition of this magazine, with one addendum which is that we now do have a game on 9th June. Most of our fixtures are at Box Hill School (by kind permission of the governors), start at 2 pm on a Sunday and finish in good time to get to our clubhouse, aka the Running Horses, for training and quality purposes.

We welcome new players of all ages, abilities and diversities. There is no subscription, but a £10 a head match fee (£5 for juniors). All kit is provided. Previous experience of cricket is not necessary (and certainly not evident

in some of our players). The ability to enjoy a fun afternoon is, however, important – we play in the Caribbean spirit (mainly Malibu, but more recently budgets have dictated the cheaper Lidl substitute). That said, it would be nice to have some bowlers who did not specialise in medium-paced long hops. Looking further ahead there will be a Running Horses v King William IV evening 20/20 game on Tuesday 16th July, and then a tour of the New Forest, over the Ride London weekend from 2nd to 4th August. For around £120 a head you will get two nights' accommodation, at least two games and a lot of Hampshire hospitality. What's not to like?

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The season of growth

Our summer term is here, and although we have not quite had the weather to match the season, it has given us plenty of opportunity to turn our attention to growth.

We began this theme before Easter with the fundraising for an incubator, which in turn housed eight chicks. These chicks are now housed in the workshop side of our Gingerbread house, it is like having our very own zoo exhibit! The children continue to delight in watching them grow each week and we decided to gain a deeper understanding of how all things change, develop and grow, by having a growing theme.

Spring became our stepping-stone to this new theme of growth, and summer is the perfect platform to show us how from tiny seeds big things grow. Like all good growth strategies we turned our attention to food!

Saint George's Day, also known as the Feast of Saint George, fell on the first week of our summer term. It is traditionally celebrated by several

nations, kingdoms, countries and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint, so what better way to start the term than going on a dragon hunt? We used our speaking and listening skills to describe dragons, with many of the children designing their own dragons and making shield shapes.

Continuing to learn about nourishment, the children have been planting a variety of foods – from beans to potatoes, radishes to tomatoes. And as our children are always so 'full of beans' we used this as a familiar theme, reading stories like Jack and The Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. Each child planted their own beans to take home and watch grow on their own windowsills, we have already had reports of magic beans as some appear to be growing overnight!

To round up our growth activities, we developed songs, dance and musical accompaniment so that the children could use their imagination around using their whole body to develop actions around growing songs.

We are currently planning our outing to Juniper Hall, where children will have the chance to experience the magnificent setting in the heart of North Downs. We are looking forward to some successful humane mammal trapping and seeing if their tadpoles are further along in their life cycle than those in the nursery. The Nursery is home to one of the Juniper Hall bird boxes (you may be aware there are several around the village) We have no residents yet.. but a blue tit has been spotted 'looking'.

Until next time, we hope you all enjoy discovering the changes in our beautiful village as summer truly arrives.



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London Marathon

John Judge, left, took part in the London Marathon and writes:

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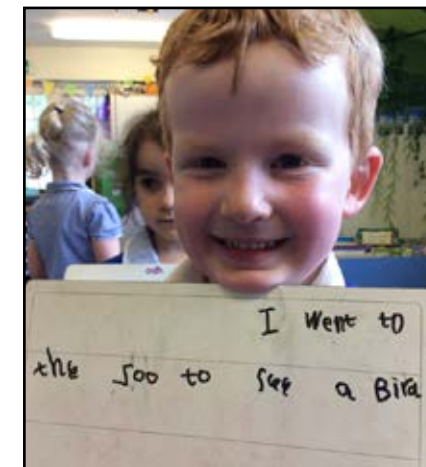
School Update

As Spring turns into Summer we have been enjoying the change in the weather and getting out and about even more than usual at school since the Easter holidays.

This is a short half term for us, of just 5 weeks but we are already busy. We had a fantastic Easter Pause day where we took time to reflect on the significance of Easter with a variety of activities to participate in from feet washing and the last supper to hot cross buns, Easter biscuits, prayers and singing.

In Reception the children are really enjoying their 'Animals' topic inspired by 'Noah's Ark'; they have been reading the story 'Dear Zoo' and have set up their own class zoo with lots of interesting animals from around the world.

The children in Year 1 have started their topic of 'The Great Outdoors' and are currently learning all about the United Kingdom. They are enjoying exploring England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, before comparing and contrasting these areas to areas further afield later on in the term. They have been starting to multiply and divide in maths. In science they have now concluded their mini topic about 'humans and senses' and are about to learn all about plants and the animals that occur in our local environment. They are studying the work of Vincent van Gogh and are replicating his style in

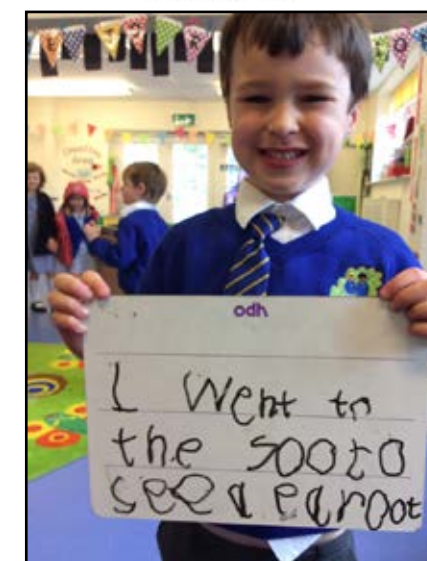


their own work. Year 1 are also learning about other faiths and are currently learning about Judaism.

In Year 2 the children have started their new topic 'Animal Habitats', learning about the Polar Lands and also finding out about Climate Change and the impact that it is having in these areas. The children will be thinking of ways that they can help to protect our planet for the future.

In forest school the children have been having a fantastic time learning the 'Countryside Code', in addition to building dens, hunting for mini beasts, having bonfires, starting to plant seeds in the garden and doing a wide variety of other outdoor crafts in our superb woodland area.

We are fortunate that our neighbours at Juniper Hall have installed a bird box



in our woodland area which will have a camera fitted inside it, so that we can hopefully watch any future inhabitants. We have also spotted that we have a nest of robin chicks in another area of the school, and we are enjoying watching them grow and develop. In addition to this we are joining Juniper Hall for their 'Big Nature' week shortly which we are all really looking forward to participating in.



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Solution to the May crossword

Across: 1 Soft spot 5 Magnum 9 Roulette 10 Waiver 12 Bête noire 13 Mulch 14 Bach 16 Stepson 19 Trollop 21 Wild 24 Twang 25 Cary Grant 27 Thirty 28 Fireball 29 Sugars 30 Grandson

Down: 1 Strobe 2 Fruits 3 Stern 4 Ostrich 6 Alarm bell 7 Novelist 8 Morphine 11 News 15 Alligator 17 Statutes 18 Donating 20 Pace 21 Warrior 22 Calais 23 Stolen 26 Green

Cryptic Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Raging outbursts about huntin', shootin' & fishin' as a group (6)
- 5 Bash about head with cold tap (8)
- 9 Drop zone for flea or louse? (8)
- 10 Reproduces hare, top to tail (6)
- 11 It's rash to dream it, it's really crazy (10)
- 12 The young go at something in the beginning together (4)
- 13 Punch leads to this servant being in bed, doubtless first to get the chop (5,3)
- 16 It's debauched to laze about in Surrey (6)
- 17 Study in back bar, drinking a single unit (4,2)
- 19 After accident, scan tyre for lines of strain (8)
- 21 Raise flag (4)
- 22 Exposed bum to a lion in a display of wildness (3,2,1,4)
- 25 Distribute 'To Die For' cover of short film (6)
- 26 There is a key to lock these up, with obligations to having room (8)
- 27 Sit back on plane before arriving at dump (8)
- 28 Cast do's set for uproar (6)

DOWN

- 2 A state of acidity after some early starts (5)
- 3 For last meal, goes out to 'Orbit' (5)
- 4 Health Officer leaving infirmary is said to make you drool (7)
- 5 Staff crept around in suave clothing (7)
- 6 Is against what happens in theatre sets (7)
- 7 Girl goes audibly in pulses (9)
- 8 Czar due to whizz round playground for the rich (4,5)
- 14 Double toilet has killed a large President (4-5)
- 15 Reminder to stop going over balance (9)
- 18 There's method in the madness of corpses (7)
- 19 Skilled worker in go-cart is anomalous (7)
- 20 Maybe ring leader for 1, 10, 11, or 18 ? (7)
- 23 Hides from US city tax department (5)
- 24 West is around about the edge of visible light in the shade (5)

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