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Hello everyone

As I write this the Platinum Jubilee celebrations have just finished. What a great and memorable time we have had, as a nation and as a local community. I hope wherever you were and whatever you did, it was a good. A four-day weekend was appreciated by most and although the weather was not brilliant there was at least some sunshine, dry periods and no danger of heat stroke. The events in London were wonderful to watch but for me the best parts were about family and local community.

It was great to chair the planning group and work with people who had different gifts and made different contributions as we sorted out what to do and when, identified our needs of volunteers and resources, sorted publicity and bookings, organised a tree and a church service. While our first preference was road closure and some effort went into trying to arrange that, our next option involved the Hobbs' drive alongside the churchyard with their kind permission but finally we ended up in the village hall and car park. It was amazing how many people helped eg making salads, cooking on BBQs, putting up the marquee, moving furniture, and decorating and laying tables. Of course no village should be without bunting on such an occasion and what a wonderful team effort to create 500 metres or so of bunting from material recycled from cast offs. It festooned structures in both Mickleham and Westhumble.

The Stepping Stones pub in Westhumble provided great entertainment on Saturday and then on the Sunday we had an almost full church for a service to thank God for our Queen. We included a quiz, some reflections on the Queen and her faith, prayers, wonderful congregational hymn-singing, and lovely numbers by the church choir and Mickleham Choral Society, and a very appropriate talk by David Ireland.

The Big Lunch for around 180 people was memorable and I am particularly grateful to those who sat outside despite the chill and to 51 Degrees North who provided and served the soft drinks. It was also good to have musical entertainment. This was a real community event and space here does not permit the naming of individuals as there were so many but a big THANK YOU to everyone involved in whatever way. Each contribution made the day special. Even Covid which many of us sadly had after Sunday did not detract from the joy of the event.

I am very glad to be part of this community of Mickleham and Westhumble and of a church which takes seriously the call to work for and with those in our parish. The early use of the word community dates over 600 years and while there are several related meanings the Jubilee highlighted our community as a local group of residents with a common interest, supportive fellowship and having shared values. The community although diverse in age interests and gifts worked together to put on a great event and partied together in an inclusive and fun way. The celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> June not only honoured the Queen and her long reign but succeeded in cultivating community spirit and building closer relationships. I hope and pray that this will be an enduring legacy for our parish and villages.

*Sandra*

The Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini Parish Priest

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Please refer to Pews News Online for the latest information. If you missed any of the services or would like to revisit them all are available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCI4pbewCT91iZhcd0EjBIw>

## Post-Jubilee Covid Outbreak

Unfortunately, many people were struck down by Covid following the Jubilee celebrations, leading to the cancellation of various planned activities. Many thanks to Churchwarden Catherine Diffey who conducted Morning Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June for a sadly depleted

congregation. Remarkably, this was outnumbered by Zoom participants, including Sandra who was among those of us who were isolating. The Confirmation Service planned for that evening was cancelled as were various group meetings and Tea@3 over the following weeks.

## Leading our Intercessions

While it is really special to be invited to lead everyone in prayer at our church services as part of our spiritual outreach, it can also be a rather daunting prospect that many of us feel unprepared to tackle. To help build the confidence of the small band of volunteers we already have, and to encourage more of you to 'give it a go', we are offering two training sessions in August, led by Sandra.

**These will be in St Michael's Church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August (8 - 9.30 pm) and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August (7.30 - 9 pm).**

Everyone is welcome to attend: those currently developing their skills and confidence, anyone who thinks they might like to get involved but are unsure about what is expected, and those who just want to know more.

Please note that you will not be tested in any way, or expected to pray out loud in front of everyone, this is all about learning from each other, building confidence and developing your own style!

To register your interest or for more information please contact Amanda Wadsworth 07788 645404, or email [aewadsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:aewadsworth@hotmail.com)

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On a sunny afternoon in May over 30 adults and three children came together at St Michael and All Angels to learn more about the history of our church. For over an hour and a half the wonderful Sue Tatham, ably assisted by Ben her husband, talked to us about the origins of this very special building and the changes that have taken place over the last 1000 years. Settlement on this site may date to Roman times and successive generations have

## History Ancient and Modern

recognised the beauty and accessibility of Mickleham and the surrounding areas. Evidence of this history is seen in the names given to local roads and buildings in recognition of some of the people who have made this their home, from the acclaimed diarist, novelist and playwright Fanny Burney to Viscount Bennett, the only Canadian Prime Minister not to be buried in Canada. Although the local gentry have left more visible signs of their existence in our church in the various memorials and hatchments, there is also evidence of others, such

as a photograph of Mrs Pack the pew opener who decided who sat where in church and the graffiti of some restless boys in the Norbury chapel.

This short piece cannot hope to do justice to all the fascinating facts so next time you are passing please call in. There is lots of information in the leaflets and booklets to your right as you enter the church.

Thanks again to Sue and Ben, for a truly informative talk and to Alison and Mike for the delicious refreshments.

Catherine Diffey

There will be another guided tour of St Michael's in the autumn.



## St Michael's Church Community Group

### Robert Marsh from Combat Stress writes...

*Thank you to St Michael's Church Community Group for your extremely kind gift of £370 which I'm pleased to confirm we received from your Lent Lunches. Your generous support is vital to enable us to provide specialist treatment to veterans with complex mental health needs. Veterans rely on us, and we rely on people like you. Former servicemen and women continue to turn to us – 14 years is the average time it takes from leaving the military for a veteran to seek our help, but many wait even longer. Forty years on from the Falklands War veterans who served in this conflict are still coming to us for help for the first time.*

*Right now, for some veterans, their family and friends the news from Ukraine is triggering difficult thoughts and painful memories as they recall the impact of war and feeling under constant threat. Many of the calls our Helpline is receiving are due to the effect the war is having on the mental health of veterans.*

*It's vital at this time that we unite – so remember to check in on those who served and encourage friends and family to talk about their feelings and seek help if necessary.*

*Your kindness towards veterans is so important – thanks you for helping us support veterans with the specialist mental health treatment they need and deserve.*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

After the success of the Lent Lunches, it has been decided to hold three monthly 'Autumn Lunches', in September, October and November. The dates are as yet not defined, but are likely to be on Thursdays in the village hall.

We are looking at a possible inter-village quiz in the autumn, but more excitingly a professionally-run, automatically-timed, 8-lane Scalextric competition later this year. An event will, as usual, be planned for Christmas.

In the New year, we are looking at staging a live performance of 'Posting Letters to the Moon', excerpts of

wartime letters between Celia Johnson, the actress (*Brief Encounter*), and her husband Peter Fleming, the explorer, based with Army Intelligence in India. This has played at various locations, and stars Lucy Fleming (Celia's daughter and Simon Willams, who is widely known, *inter alia* for the *Forsyte Saga*. Keep fingers crossed on this one!



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## The Noble Provenance of Westhumble's Platinum Jubilee Oak



The ceremonial planting in Westhumble, of the Jubilee oak tree to commemorate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, took place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9 am. A small number of residents gathered in the drizzle to witness Westhumble Residents Association President, Ben Tatham, carry out the planting, using a silver spade. The tree was planted near the Adlers Lane gate into the field where we hold the bonfire each year.

A young sapling has been chosen as it can withstand dry weather better than larger specimens. My wife Lucy had grown it from an acorn collected from the ancient oak which grew in Leladene's garden. See left for David Judd's history of this magnificent tree.

Neil Mason

## Cleveland Court's Jubilee Tree



*Leladene oak in the snow April 2008*

## The Leladene Oak *Quercus cerris*

It is believed that the this tree dates back to about 1700 and was part of the Camilla Lacey estate. It would have been the centrepiece of the Gertrude Jekyll-designed garden of Camilla Lacey, probably commissioned by the then owner the Rt Hon Leverton Harris in about 1914.

In 1923, soon after Victor Freeman took over Camilla Lacey his wife Lela died and he built the arch and renamed the estate Leladene in her memory. Following Freeman's death in 1931, the estate was broken up. Camilla Drive was developed from its garden. The first house built on the left beyond the arch

was named Leladene and the oak tree stood in its garden.

The tree was one of the biggest of its species in the country with ultimately a girth of 19ft and a spread and height of about 100ft. It was an outstanding specimen, perfectly proportioned and with a trunk characterised by a series of cathedral-like buttresses. The leaves each year would have easily filled a 40ft shipping container, so green bins were not much use. Sadly the tree succumbed to a fungal disease in 2015. On removal the wood from trunk and branches filled five full-size 40ft trucks.

David Judd



A Norway Maple *Acer platanoides* 'Pacific Sunset' was chosen by Cleveland Court residents to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was planted at the first bend of the drive. In years to come this large tree will provide a stunning autumn display to all who enter Cleveland Court.

Derek Dalston



## Mickleham's Platinum Jubilee



## Celebrations – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022





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Mickleham's newest business, 51 Degrees North, held its official opening on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The owners, Mark and Kwan Over welcomed a large number of guests, including neighbours. Also present were Harry from the *Fine Pie House*, based in

Norbury Park and our own cheese maker Michaela, who were presenting their goods, some of which will be on sale in the shop at weekends.

Mark Over thanked the local community for their understanding and support during the past year and expressed

the hope that the facilities would be valued by the community in the future.

David Ireland, as Chairman of the Parish Council, was invited to cut the ribbon to mark the official opening and wished 51 Degrees North every success.



## Huge Swarm of Bees

Anne Weaver sent us these photos of this swarm which was collected from the yew tree near the Leladene Arch in Westhumble at the end of May. Apparently it was a 'prime swarm', that is the first to break off from the main hive.

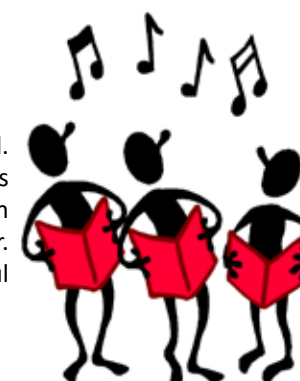
## Come and Sing

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 7.30 for 8 pm Mickleham Village Hall

Mickleham Choral Society meets on Thursday evenings at 8 pm in Mickleham Village Hall. New members are always welcome – no audition is required. We do three concerts a year plus participating in the Leith Hill Music Festival in April. Just come along for an evening to sing with us and see how you like it. Our first rehearsal of the new season is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Music and refreshments will be provided and of course we hope you have such a wonderful time you will come back for more.



For more information, please go to [www.micklehamchoral.org.uk](http://www.micklehamchoral.org.uk)  
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## A big thank you to everyone who helped with our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

**Mickleham Village Hall** for providing the venue, tables and chairs... **St Michael's Church** for the food and the **Church Community Group** for helping coordinate the church resources... the **Parish Council** for funding the Jubilee Tree and providing logistical support... the **Hobbises** for agreeing to the use of their drive, even though the weather caused a change of venue on the day... the **Murrays** for providing parking space near the church... **several anonymous donors** who generously supported the cost of the event... **Mickleham Choral Society** for adding their tuneful voices to ours. The nine members of the amazing **Bunting Team** organised by **Kirsten Johnson**, who not only made 500 yards of bunting, but also helped to put it up and take it down ... **Juniper Hall** for loaning us their tables, chairs, and three barbeques. **Volunteers** involved in transporting the furniture, setting it up and decorating with **Jason Wilson** providing essential back-up, as ever... **51 Degrees North** for providing the soft drinks... the 10-strong **Salad Team**, who each made three delicious salads for our lunch... the **Cooking Team** included cooks who helped prepare the chicken, six barbecuers who cooked the other meat and (separately) vegetarian options, and the food servers... **Volunteers** who helped with bell ringing, childrens' entertainment, posters, signage, event photography, parking as well as providing other behind-the-scenes support... and not least, two **first aiders**, thankfully not needed.

And a final big thank you to the **Jubilee Group Committee**, chaired by **Sandra Faccini** who formulated the service and facilitated a détente between church and parish council which many reckon was the single best outcome of the event... **David Ireland** who spent a huge amount of time in eventually futile negotiations with SCC for permission to close the Old London Road for the Street Party... **Tim Mathieson** who was responsible for timescales and job allocations. **Feena Graham** who did a remarkable job organising advertising, 'ticket' allocations and seating plans (which all had to change at the last minute)... **Mark Day** tree acquisition and planting, Head of Salads and Ice Cream supremo... **Andy Diamond** who obtained/stored meat and was head of the cooking team. What a good job was done! And **Denise Darling** from Westhumble, who made sure the events were advertised, organised bunting and was deputy Head of Salads. Thanks also to co-opted member, **Helen Birchmore**, who found and chain-ganged volunteers, such that each and every task was covered. Excellent job. Thanks also to **Tina Blore** for the Jubilee events at the Stepping Stones... and to individual **Street Party Organisers** for their initiative and hard work.

*And finally, many thanks to all those who provided photographs for this magazine including, Michael Tester and Kelvin Pritchard.*



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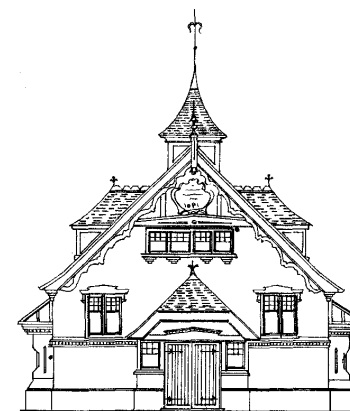
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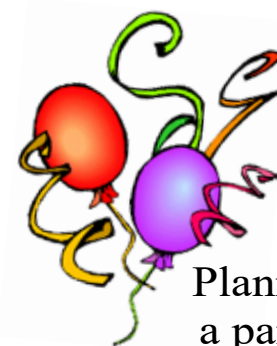
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1	Friday	6 - 8.30 pm	Ashleigh Grange and Ashcombe gardens open
2	Saturday	10 am	Coffee Morning at Westhumble Chapel
		2-5.30 pm	Ashcombe garden open
3	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 3</b>	10 am	Family Service
		2-5.30 pm	Ashleigh Grange and Ashcombe gardens open
5	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
6	Wednesday	2 pm	Garden Shed visit to Plant Passion Flower Farm
9	Saturday	2.30-4.30 pm	Summer Show at the village hall
10	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 4</b>	10 am	Holy Communion
		11.30 am	Matins at Westhumble Chapel
11	Monday	3 pm	Tea @ 3 at Old House
16	Saturday	9 am	Women's Breakfast at the Stepping Stones
17	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 5</b>	8 am	Holy Communion in church
		10 am	Holy Communion
22	Friday		End of Summer Term
23	Saturday	9 am	Men's Breakfast at the Stepping Stones
24	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 6</b>	8 am	BCP Holy Communion at Chapel
		10 am	Holy Communion
31	<b>SUNDAY - Trinity 7</b>	10 am	Morning Prayer

## AUGUST

2	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
		8 pm	Intercession Training in church
6	Saturday	10 am	Coffee Morning at Westhumble Chapel
7	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 8</b>	10 am	Family Service
9	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Intercession Training in church
10	Wednesday	10 am	Garden Shed visit to Great Comp Gardens
14	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 9</b>	10 am	Holy Communion
		11.30 am	Matins at Westhumble Chapel
20	Saturday	9 am	Women's Breakfast at the Stepping Stones
21	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 10</b>	8 am	Holy Communion in church
		10 am	Holy Communion
27	Saturday	9 am	Men's Breakfast at the Stepping Stones
28	<b>SUNDAY – Trinity 11</b>	8 am	BCP Holy Communion at Chapel
		10 am	Holy Communion

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September's 10 am Family Service will be held outdoors in the Rectory garden.**

### Dates for your diary

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term
	Come and Sing with Mickleham Choral Society
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Beating the Bounds 1 - Westhumble route
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Beating the Bounds 2 - Mickleham route

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Westhumble / Norbury Park  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
and

Mickleham / Box Hill  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Beating the Bounds is a custom that dates from Anglo-Saxon times. Over centuries it took place to make sure that the boundaries of a parish were known maybe in case an adjoining parish decided to increase their own boundaries! Parishioners would walk around the boundary of the parish and from time to time stop for the vicar to beat any boys who were present to make sure that they remembered where the boundaries were when they became adults. They were then rewarded with a halfpenny to stop their crying. Sandra has assured us that this custom will not occur on either day – in part at least because halfpennies have been removed from circulation.

Because the boundaries of each of the villages is about seven miles long we are going to hold the event on two Saturdays: the first around Westhumble and Norbury Park on 24<sup>th</sup> September and the second around Mickleham and Box Hill on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Before you decide that seven miles is not for you just as it is not for me, we plan to

arrange stopping-off points and joining places for those who only want to walk part of the boundary. There will be no need to register that you are coming but nearer the time we will ask those who are joining us along the way to provide a phone number and details of your joining point so that we can ensure that we meet up. Full details of joining points will be in the September parish magazine.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September we will start from Westhumble Chapel at 10.30 am. (Those who are walking from Mickleham will start from St Michael's Church at 9.45.) Sandra will arrange for the Chapel to be open for coffee paid for by the walkers and it is hoped that there will be a lunch stop at 'Wild about Coffee' by the old sawmill in Norbury Park. Likewise on the 15<sup>th</sup> October those from Westhumble will leave the Chapel at 9.45 am to join up with walkers leaving from St Michael's Church at 10.30. There will be a lunch stop at the National Trust café on Box Hill.

Please bring your own lunch and drink – the last is important but we suggest you go easy on the alcohol. We would also encourage you to buy food and drinks at the two lunch-stop places. The National Trust café has a full menu while 'Wild about Coffee' offers coffee cakes/energy bars/flapjacks etc.

The walks will take place irrespective of the weather, that is unless another Storm Eunice is forecast or no-one turns up! Dogs are very welcome as long as they are under control (please note that we may find livestock in one or two fields). We did consider whether this should be a fund-raising event, it was felt that it was something to be left to the individual.

I hope that we have whetted your appetite to help us resurrect this ancient custom after an interval of twenty years. Please put one if not both dates in your diary. If there are any questions please email me.

Frances Presleysempres@gmail.com



## The Hearing Champions

There is a Guildford Diocesan initiative called 'Hear Hear' or 'Champions' which was set up to help those who might be having trouble with hearing aids. For a few years now Sheila Cole and Alison Draper have been going to Martha's Market in the Leatherhead Parish Hall, holding clinics to do just that. They can only deal with NHS hearing aids, but can supply batteries, tubes and earpieces, but maybe most important of all they will offer helpful advice. No appointment is necessary. Martha's market meets twice a month

on the first and third Fridays from 10 to 11.30 am.

Sheila and Alison have both said that they would be very happy to help anyone from Mickleham and Westhumble as well. Sheila has said that she would be willing to help set up such a clinic in Mickleham if there is sufficient demand.

If you would like more information, please ring me or speak to Sheila Cole on 07981 892594.

Frances Presley  
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## Stan Piper

We are sorry to report the death, after a long illness, of Stan Piper on 13<sup>th</sup> June. He and his wife Jaki lived in Dell Close many years ago and were very active in the community. After they moved away they continued to maintain contacts here and were long-time mailing list subscribers of the MPM. We send your love and sincere sympathy to Jaki and her family.



## Garden Shed visit to Highgrove



The Garden Shed had their second visit to Highgrove, this time in May. We were delighted to see its splendour in a different season. Many remarked on how forward-thinking Prince Charles had been 40 years ago when he set out to create a totally organic garden. Unfortunately we are not allowed to take photographs of the gardens.



A herd of Indian elephants greeted us at the front entrance of Highgrove. The display of these life-sized elephant sculptures is in support of the CoExistence campaign to draw attention to the loss of biodiversity caused as humans encroach on wild spaces throughout the world. Sculpted from dried Lantana Camara stalks wrapped over steel structures, the elephants have been made by artist Shubhra Nayar and a collective of local artisans under the creative direction of conservationist Ruth Ganesh. Lantana, which was brought to India by British tea planters as a decorative plant has become a toxic, invasive species outcompeting local flora, further highlighting the damage to global ecosystems done by humans. There is also a display of these Elephant sculptures at Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire.



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## Westhumble Fields: An Update

Following our article in the last edition of the magazine we are delighted to report that we have now reached our fundraising target and share certificates have now been despatched to all those who have contributed – so a heartfelt 'thank you' to you all.

May we take this opportunity to remind all shareholders that when they move out of the village they need to transfer their shares either to the new owner of their house or another resident of the village. This can be done by executing a share transfer form (which can be downloaded from the internet) in favour of the transferee and delivering it along with their share certificate to the company secretary below and he will process the transfer free of charge. If you have any questions about this

process please feel free to raise them with him.

Also a reminder to those who back onto the fields not to empty garden waste or other material into the fields (as, at the very least, this can be a hazard for the cattle) and not to compromise the farmer's stock fencing (which is designed to keep the cattle in the fields and out of your gardens!).

Finally, on a different note, Jim and I have been directors of the field company for over 20 years. Although we are happy to continue, it would make sense to add one or two perhaps 'younger' residents to the board to ensure 'continuity' in the future for this important community asset. So if you would like to consider contributing in this way and would like to know

more about what is involved do please feel free to contact either of us below and we will be happy to answer your questions.

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### Dog Owners! Children need your cooperation

The Mickleham Recreation Ground was originally given to the parish specifically for the benefit and well-being of children in our community.

It is still very popular both with the playground area and the space provided for football, rounders and other ball games; as well as giving St Michael's School a site for its Sports Day.

However dog owners are increasingly failing to clear up their animals' mess and this is creating a real health hazard for children using the Rec.

PLEASE will dog owners clear up after their dogs. Otherwise the parish councillors who are trustees of the recreation ground will have to consider banning dogs from the area.

Thank you dog owners for your support.

David Ireland

Chairman, Mickleham Parish Council

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# Mickleham Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Ranmore Room on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. The Annual Report of the chairman was received and is printed below. The main item on the agenda was a talk by The Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini who presented her vision of her role and that of the church in Mickleham and Westhumble.

She began by expressing her view that the church has two main functions; worship and service, which of course reflect the greatest commandments of Jesus; *Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.* The second is this: *Love your neighbour as yourself.*

*There is no other commandment greater than these.* We are all called to gather together to worship which we hope will enable us to follow Jesus more closely and honour God with all of our lives and go out to serve our local community and help those in need.

Sandra went on to expand these views in practical terms as the church engages with the broader diocesan vision of growing disciples, growing in diversity and in community engagement.

St Michael's Church is running another Alpha Course to encourage those enquiring about the Christian faith and is encouraging prayer and Bible study groups.

Sandra spoke of the church wanting to be at the heart of the community

and the importance of the Church Community Group in facilitating social activities which will bring together the full range of those living in our community as well as raising funds for a range of charities.

The Jubilee celebrations present a marvellous opportunity for the church and the parish council to work together for the benefit of the whole community. She concluded by saying how much she was enjoying living in Mickleham and the friendliness she has already experienced. It is a beautiful place to live, although its residents still experience many of the problems faced in society at present. Finally she expressed her thanks to all who contribute to the life of this community, not least the parish council.

## Mickleham Parish Council Chairman's Report – May 2022

The past year has been a busy one for the Mickleham Parish Council, with a number of issues needing to be resolved.

Covid restrictions clearly continued to affect a number of activities, although the Council has been meeting in person for the whole of the year, albeit socially distanced for most of the year.

At our first meeting of the year on May 24, 2021, Graham Clark was elected to the role of Vice Chairman and David Ireland and David Ottridge re-elected as Chairman and RFO (Responsible Finance Officer) respectively.

Working groups were established to explore certain issues, including applications to Surrey CC's 'Your Fund' for additional equipment for the playground and the establishment of suitable barriers to secure footpaths and bridleways in our area. The second of these applications was eventually withdrawn and the first failed to get funding.

The Working Group to co-ordinate the consultation and development plans in Norbury Park continues to function under the guidance of John Lowes but the consultation process has been delayed on several occasions.

The Community WhatsApp group is thriving and the Church Community

Group has organised a number of successful activities, including a picnic at Juniper Hall, the Harvest Supper, Advent Windows and most recently a Skittles Evening.

Traffic calming on the Old London Road remains a challenge. The vehicle activated speed camera has been installed; the Community Speed Watch team is now back in action and the proposals for additional traffic restrictions are due to be implemented very shortly.

The trustees of the Mickleham Playground Association maintain this much used facility and have a number of new volunteers to assist with its regular safety checks. Two acts of vandalism were reported and the damage addressed.

The new council notice board at the junction with School Lane and Byttom Hill was installed and is much used.

A number of other matters have arisen since the last Annual Parish Meeting, including the appointment of a new Parish Priest, the Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini. The new café and coffee shop, 51 Degrees North, opened in April and is much appreciated, as is the new management of the Running Horses by the Little and Large Pub Company.

The 'Local Plan' has been carefully examined and a response submitted by Mickleham Parish Council in November 2021. The final report on the 'Local Plan' is due later this summer.

The Boundary Review Commission's proposals have also been thoroughly examined and a response made both by the council and by individual members of the community.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is to be celebrated on June 3-5 with a number of joint community-based activities, including a tea party and live music event in Westhumble and a civic service and Big Lunch in Mickleham. To celebrate this historic occasion Mickleham Parish Council has presented a tree, which is to be planted in the new churchyard extension.

Other issues have also been discussed but time prevents the writer of this report from detailing them all. Suffice to say that one change, decreed from on high, demotes your chairman to an item of furniture in future reports!

Thanks must be expressed to our Parish Clerk, Feena Graham, for keeping us so well informed and in order and to my fellow councillors for their continuing hard work on behalf of the community.

David Ireland, Chair(man)

## CRYPTIC DELICACIES

Last month's puzzle had golden squares pointing to a name associated with CAGE, CONSTANT, and ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION as well as BENZENE and RUBBER BALLOON. Even if you didn't know the answer, putting those words into Google would point to only one name: MICHAEL FARADAY (1791-1867). He really was the most extraordinary man whose life's work directly impacts the lives of everyone on this planet today. The son of a fundamentalist Christian blacksmith's apprentice, he went on from his own apprenticeship as a bookbinder to become one of the greatest scientific discoverers of all time. He was self-taught through reading widely and then attended lectures in London by eminent scientists of the day. Sending a book of his notes to Humphrey Davy led to Davy taking on Faraday as one of his assistants, including an extraordinary honeymoon tour through Europe during the last two years of Napoleon's reign when Faraday acted as valet and met many leading scientists as well as dealing with the snootiness of Davy's new wife.

Though Faraday is primarily remembered for his visionary work on electricity and magnetism (including: the Faraday CAGE, an enclosure used to block electromagnetic fields, e.g. in cars and aircraft to protect passengers from lightning; and the Faraday CONSTANT, the absolute electric charge of one mole of electrons, discovered via his work on electrolysis), it is indicative of the breadth of his interests that he also invented the RUBBER BALLOON (to be able to hold gases in his lab) and BENZENE (finding it as an oily residue from the production of illuminating gas, though he called it 'bicarburet of hydrogen' – see his original sample in the Faraday Museum at the Royal Institution).

For more of his story, I can greatly recommend: *'Faraday, Maxwell, and the electromagnetic field - how two men revolutionized physics'* by Nancy Forbes & Basil Mahon. Michael Faraday and his subsequent fellow visionary James Clerk Maxwell were two true beacons who showed the way through curiosity, industry, humility and humanity.

Here are some of the clues worked out, with definitions underlined:

**13 Nothing personal smells – at last there is a means to turn wind into sweet melody (4)**

OBOE

'Nothing' = O, 'personal smells' = BO (for Body Odour), 'at last there' means you take the last letter of 'therE' = E.

**15 Periodical about Scottish mountains might be made out to be the biggest cause of smell on forecourts (7)**

BENZENE

Scottish mountain = ben, so a 'periodical about Scottish mountains' might be a ben-zine ('zine' is short for magazine). 'might be' is an indicator of that jokey cryptic tricksiness. 'made out' is an indicator of a homophone (i.e. if spoken 'ben-zine' could be made out to be BENZENE). Benzene is an additive to petrol (it raises the octane rating and reduces knocking), though since the discovery of its carcinogenic toxicity it is limited to no more than 1% of petrol content in Europe. It was a surprise to me that it is not named after Karl Benz (of motor car fame), but rather 'gum benzoin', from which it was synthesized after Faraday's initial discovery. Gum benzoin is an aromatic resin found in trees and imported from the Orient since the 16<sup>th</sup> century for use in perfumes and flavouring. Benzene's own distinctive smell led to it being used as an aftershave until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (in fairness, it can't have been more noxious than Lynx for Men).

**26 It could be said that Partygate authorised angry constituents to deliver cake from the EU (6)**

GATEAU

'constituents' is an indicator to a hidden word, as in some of the component parts of the words that precede it – so within 'PartyGATEAUthorised' you can see what delivers the cake.

**1 Big name drummer holds on to eyeball as a way to see someone like Galileo (9)**

STARGAZER

'Big name drummer' = STARR (i.e. Ringo), 'eyeball' is as in the verb = GAZE.



**4 Dry land is reached by black bird after swish with feathers (4,4)**

DUST BOWL

'swish with feathers' = DUST (as in what you do during housework), 'black' = B, 'bird' = OWL.

**5 I am indebted to broadcast boss taking the lead in workshop (6)**

STUDIO

'boss' = STUD (as in a raised ornament – very common synonym in crosswords) which leads I + 'am indebted to' = owe, which when 'broadcast' sounds like O.

**6 Large vessel heading off from port in emergency service (5)**

AORTA

'heading off from pORT' leaves you with ORT which you then put in AA for the Automobile Association or, as they called themselves, 'the 4<sup>th</sup> Emergency Service'.

**19 Return to research facility with madman and mushroom (7)**

BALLOON

'research facility' = LAB, when returned = BAL, madman = LOON.

**23 Shut up! What on earth is the time spent so far by Charlie? (4)**

CAGE

'What on earth is the time spent so far' = AGE which is put next to ('by') 'Charlie' = C (from the NATO phonetic alphabet).

I hope this helps and it would be great to get any feedback via [andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk](mailto:andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk) Andrew



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Lucy Adshead

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Regular readers will be delighted to know that Mickleham foxes have not yet realised the nursery chickens have returned, which of course means that our chickens have settled back into their term-time home and love free ranging in what would otherwise just be a redundant but prolifically

nettled area at the back of the village hall. Sadly, the chickens do not eat nettles, but we have seen red admiral butterflies (who lay their eggs on them), so are pleased we are helping some wildlife. Last year we planted several buddleias to encourage more butterflies to our garden, and we have just purchased some painted lady and peacock butterfly larvae for the children to watch and begin to understand their lifecycle and metamorphosis.

We enjoyed a fabulous Jubilee, made crowns and had a crown parade. We especially enjoyed Paddington's tea party with the Queen and have been making our own playdough cakes suitable to a royal tea party. The forest schoolers continue to have a wild experience in both the area attached to the nursery and to areas around Mickleham. They have explored

another dead creature this month, a slow worm, and discovered how this lizard tries to evade capture by shedding its tail. They have also experienced a zip wire and a blindfolded obstacle course, which is a fantastic activity to show their descriptive language skills and trust in each other.

This year our end of term show will be 'The Enormous Turnip'. The story has given us the opportunity to learn new words to describe big, we are learning new songs and look forward to acting out the story for parents at the end of term. We will be bidding farewell to 25 children this year as they move onto the next stage in their educational journey. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they are doing as they hopefully all return to see us in their big school uniforms or at least return for our Christmas Fair.

Hilary Budd

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## Solution to the June crossword

**Across:** 7 Stair 8 Induction 10 Crèche 11 Antedate 12 Magnetic 13 Oboe 15 Benzene 17 Electro 20 Brim 22 Accented 25 Tribunal 26 Gateau 27 Detention 28 Annoy.

**Down:** 1 Stargazer 2 Pince-nez 3 Enhance 4 Dust bowl 5 Studio 6 Aorta 9 Nest 14 Freemason 16 Nominate 18 Constant 19 Balloon 21 Rubber 23 Cage 24 Tried.

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*Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you to spend a lot of time with them and it will change your life.* Amy Peohler

In so many aspects of our professional (and personal) lives we are fully aware of the power of partnerships: the opportunity for growth and development, the strength in sharing the efficiency and effectiveness of a team and the positivity of learning new ideas and approaches. So it will come as no surprise that schools across the country are rising to the recent government challenge of 'no school should stand alone' by exploring and developing a whole range of collaborations and partnerships that will facilitate their growth and development with others.

As small village infant schools St Michael's CE Infant School and Newdigate CE Infant School are fortunate to have a very committed and dedicated staff governing body and parent community (as well as our linked village and church communities) who go above and beyond for the children in their care. Like a family we know each other well and have supported each other through the good and bad times, this has certainly been the case in the last few pandemic years! Our relationships and connections are precious to us and we would never want to lose our family feel. However with the ever-increasing expectations of education we have become increasingly aware that every member of our community needs to

take on more and more in order to fulfil our duties and that we would need to think and work differently if we want our small schools to continue to flourish.

Both schools have been actively involved in partnership work for many years to drive school improvement initially through the usual Local Authority and Diocesan routes but also through the Dorking Schools Partnership (DSP) a confederation of 14 Dorking schools who joined together to create 'an effective network maximising the educational opportunities for the local community.' [www.dorking-schools.net/index.asp](http://www.dorking-schools.net/index.asp)

Yet still we knew we needed more; a closer relationship that worked with greater depth and detail and included targeted exchange and collaboration. We chose to do this through an informal partnership of our two small village voluntary aided infant schools. The benefits of working with a partner school were quickly realised and over the last five years we have gone from strength to strength and can now boast a wide range of collaborative projects that have enabled both schools to improve their offer to the families within them. Our staff are now familiar with the challenges and benefits of the partnership and speak highly of the opportunities it has provided from



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resource sharing and professional and curriculum development to sharing of policies and practice and eventually teacher and leadership exchange.

We have moved from an informal exploratory school partnership to a strong well-established alliance that has provided better learning outcomes for pupils at both schools whilst retaining the individual identity of each. So for both schools there is no looking back! We are excited about the next steps and know that whatever the future holds we will be stronger together. In March of this year the government set out the future educational landscape through their white paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child.' Because of our partnerships we are now more than ready to rise to this challenge!

Paula Bliss  
Executive Head



## Here is a taste of our 2022 Ofsted Report

### 'What is it like to attend this school?'

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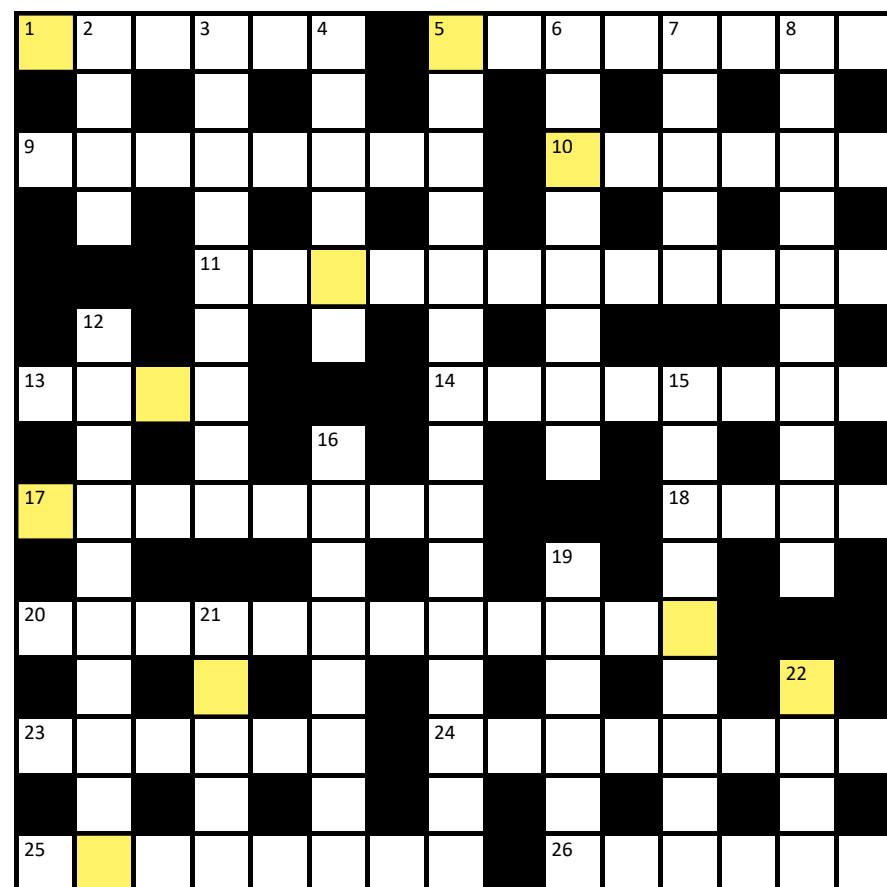


# Cryptic Crossword

The golden squares point to someone connected with 4 and 23 before becoming a 5D and releasing '26 8' (4,6)

Across

- 1 Ne'er-do-well has unseemly urge (3,3)
- 5 Sent a fun comic directions after a French firm went to Open (8)
- 9 Soup made by Italian with 106-year-old bloodbath (8)
- 10 It's considered to be rude to burp at lunatic (6)
- 11 Those covering the tops of sporting bodies warned ethics are being dismantled (12)
- 13 Nancy's number can be derived from 22 — added to 23 it becomes significant to the one of the golden squares (4)
- 14 Bounce back from erotic disagreement about central heating (8)
- 17 I'd eat men if suffering with cerebral disorder (8)
- 18 Plant acorn whilst secretly holding a corn product (4)
- 20 What felony will second half put on show when edited in a way for viewers to see the truth? (3,2,3,4)
- 23 God, it takes a mint to eat little starter! (6)
- 24 Omit tuna recipe for appearance of freak of nature (8)



- 25 Error after calling for surrenders to 5D (6,2)
- 26 Leaves Zoom to go through the roof (6)

Down

- 2 An exam was announced, leaving one in a state of murderous frenzy (4)
- 3 A different place that can mend, sew and reheel (9)
- 4 Half of huge car contains a load of stars (6)

- 5 Undress as a camel cavorted with someone more trustworthy than Boris Johnson (4,3,8)
- 6 Fire leads sergeant to give an example with lots of stamping and clapping (8)
- 7 Attempting to make a wasp rational is essentially the calling of a small child (5)
- 8 Once had money to gobble soft cheese without needing head of bank's know-how (10)
- 12 Rein in petrol usage in a way that gets one in the wrong place for free (10)
- 15 Diversionary tactic lay in being still and allowing others to react (9)
- 16 Son tests perverse items that hold 37.85411784 liters or 45.5609 litres (8)
- 19 Cook famously found what to put on a Mars bar in Scotland (6)
- 21 Excuse me, source of illumination, can that get you drunk? (5)
- 22 Belt the last character to join United (4)

Andrew Tatham

Tony Butler, Tim Mathieson and Jonathan Blake sorting out the Big Lunch marquee at the village hall after it had been blown over by the wind on Saturday.



The solution to the June crossword is on page 26

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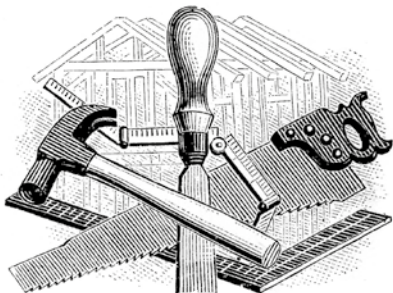
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