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Dear friends

I am writing this a week or so before Malcolm's last Sunday, 26th November, the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the church's year. As you know, Malcolm will be retiring after four years as your Parish Priest. No doubt more will be written about the day after the event.

Losing a leader is always hard, especially one who has looked after your spiritual welfare. There will have been good times and bad times, celebrations and commiserations. It is one of the great privileges of parish ministry to be allowed to share in both.

Malcolm and I have been colleagues for four years, and I know you will have valued his ministry. I know how much I have valued his friendship, his wide and varied experience and his quiet wisdom. I know also that, with me, you will be wishing Malcolm and Sue a rich retirement with time to enjoy their children and grandchildren.

We are actively looking for Malcolm's successor, someone whose heart is for this church that truly is at the heart of your community. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we undertake this task. It is a process that can take some time, but I am sure that you will bear with us as we try to balance proper haste with the vital importance of finding the right person.

In the meantime, our Curate, Ian, our Licensed Lay Ministers, Gail Partridge and Sally Milner, and I are always available for any pastoral issues that may arise. Your Sunday services will continue with the four of us and with locums leading your worship – John and Anne have been working hard to put in place a rota for the next few months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them, and all those stepping up to help them, for all that they have done, are doing and will do in this time of vacancy.

Advent Sunday will not only mark the start of the new church year but also the start of the vacancy. This season of preparation and reflection then leads to the joyful celebration of Christmas.

I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Kindest regards,

Graham

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followed by the

Christingle Service

St Michael's Church 11 a.m.

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Do come along.



Charity knitting

Thank you to everyone who has contributed a baby blanket to the SANDS charity. I have sent a total of 34 blankets over the last few months, which means that we have supported 34 families who have experienced the grief of a neonatal or still birth. This has been a tremendous effort

and our contribution has been greatly appreciated by the charity.

If you are still knitting or crocheting a blanket, I am happy to give you the details of where to send it but I will not be sending another box of blankets from the local community.

Anne Weaver

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If the weather is bad we meet at the farm to sing indoors before refreshments. Please come prepared for the outdoors with a torch and warm clothing.

There will be a collection for the Gambian Horse and Donkey Trust,

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The Crib Service Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.



Westhumble Bonfire Field where the children will form a tableau to depict the story of Jesus' birth in that humble stable in Bethlehem.

Final preparations are under way for our annual Crib Service, but we still need battalions of angels, flocks of shepherds and a camel train of wise men. Children and adults alike are welcome to come suitably dressed – so seek out your old tea towels and dressing gowns and join us.

We will be starting our procession at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the junction of Adlers Lane, Burney Road and Chapel Lane and will process to the

If you have not been before, make this the year you join us to experience something truly delightful. The Crib Service is not just for children; everybody is welcome to join us. There will be some short readings by the children, some carols and the opportunity to remember what Christmas is all about – not turkey, mince pies and an endless list of things to do, but the birth of an innocent baby whose parents must have felt joy and fear in equal measure.

Following the service, which will last no more than 40 minutes there will be refreshments afterwards and the opportunity to exchange greetings with all your friends and neighbours.

If your child would like to take a leading role as one of the main characters, please contact me as soon as you can.

Anne Weaver, 01306 883932
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Mickleham Remembers

On Sunday 12th November St Michael's Church was packed out once again for the 11th Remembrance Sunday concert by Mickleham Choral Society, this time in support of the Invictus games and church funds.

Starting with a haunting rendition of *The Last Post* by candlelight, the programme took its now familiar form and showcased some of the choir's pieces for next year's Leith Hill Musical Festival, interspersed with solo performances by our area's extraordinarily rich seam of young classical music talent.

The choir started with two dramatic and challenging pieces from Elgar's *The Kingdom* oratorio. (If, like me, you have to look up classical music terms on Wikipedia, an oratorio is similar to an opera without the theatrical element and commonly on a sacred theme).

Then we heard four very varied pieces all by living composers. One of them, Adam Stanworth, Box Hill School's Director of Music, played the piano accompaniment for his own beautiful composition with words from Tennyson's poem *There is Sweet Music*, sung by an ensemble. *Something Told the Wild Geese* followed and just like a goose started quite delicately but quickly took on a more robust air. Then came two pieces with just the gentlest hint of gender stereotyping. The men performed *Wide Open Spaces* evoking

the western theme of adventure under big skies, and then the ladies performed *Stocking and Shirt* about the challenges of doing the washing in inclement weather! Thankfully, any militant rumblings were quickly undone by the latter's delicate and humorous little flurry to finish which drew a chuckle from the audience.

Three further pieces, all from America, followed. They included two slavery-era spirituals *Soon I will be done* and *Ride on King Jesus*, contrasting powerful crescendos with delicate phrasing, the latter alternating interplay between male and female voices – a technical test for conductor and choir alike.

Perhaps the greatest praise should be reserved for our younger soloists though. Elliot (the Von Trapps have nothing on his family) Perks brilliantly conveyed the drama of *Romance* for viola by Bruch from 1911, a piece evoking the era before World War I transformed society and music forever. Lettice Rowbotham later treated us to a superb performance of John Williams' instantly recognisable, sublime and haunting theme to *Schindler's List* for violin. Arguably the loudest applause was reserved for Emily Heuvel though, whose solo rendition of the spiritual *Deep River* had everyone enthralled.

At the end of the programme the audience showed their great appreciation to Juliet Hornby for



another excellent performance as conductor for the evening; to Jan Assersohn and Tracy Kennington for their superb piano accompaniment and of course to the members of the choral society themselves, without whose talent, commitment and enthusiasm such concerts would not be possible.

The evening finished with the usual convivial atmosphere in the church and the corresponding surge in demand at the 'Runners'.

Final mention should go to the penultimate item on the programme though: Martin Cox's evocative reading of Tennyson's 'O-Level classic' the *Charge of the Light Brigade*. In this year, the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, it was a fitting tribute to all those who have put themselves in harm's way in service to their country, often in the most desperate of circumstances.

We will remember them. Rob Machin

Mickleham Choral Society's

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Mickleham – My Running Idyll

I have always loved to run. Whether it be to cross a finish line, reach a ball during a match or scale to the top of a hill. If I am not running, then you will find me walking or biking. Anything to burn off energy, breathe in fresh air and enjoy the outdoors. With that being an integral part of my make-up, imagine my joy at moving to Mickleham. A perfect bespoke playground to pursue my loves.

Before I chatter on though, I should introduce myself. I am Nikki, and along with Jon, we moved to Mickleham this year. Having spent my previous years in north east Hampshire, there was a lot of adjustment and orientation required.

So what better way for me to get to know my new surroundings. Pull on my trainers and explore it on foot, which leads nicely to my next introduction. Ted is the third party in our trio. He is a rather bouncy and enthusiastic six-month-old 'sprooodle'. His breeding of English Springer Spaniel and Poodle have certainly produced my perfect running buddy.

Using my trusty OS map, along with trial and error, I am mentally joining everything up. Although navigating Headley Heath has been the source of much confusion. Jon has received several phone calls from me saying 'I am a little lost and will be longer than anticipated. Don't worry I'll work out where I am!'

With my confidence building, and Ted getting older and stronger, our runs are now expanding into Norbury Park, Denbies and Ranmore. I do not think I will ever tire of finding new routes, chancing upon inspiring views and sensing the change of season in the air.

You may have already bumped into Jon, Ted and me when we are out and about. The three of us are easily recognisable as Jon and I sport red faces and puff like trains. Ted on the other hand will be sniffing, full of vigour and be insisting that we speed up.

If you do see us, give us a wave and some words of encouragement. We will certainly be needing it! Nikki Sansom



Leatherhead Community Association 2018

EMINently Interesting! – 'Mad Tracy from Margate' is the title of the first lecture in the new series of Art/History lectures, and this can only be about Tracey Emin.

Come to the Letherhead Institute in January 2018, just the place to come in out of the cold, and learn more about a fascinating and controversial lady in the first lecture in the Art/History lecture series on 17th January. There are four more to follow on subjects of 'Suburbia', Zoffany, German Expressionism before 1914, and a fairly unknown Danish Artist.

For bookworms looking for a cosy shelter – did you know that there

is a library of some 1500 books and over 350 DVDs that is free and open on weekday mornings with a resident librarian present on Fridays. Added to which there is a warm stove and coffee is always available.

Just to whet your 2018 appetite – From January yoga, bridge, table tennis and snooker and Scrabble take place weekly, and once a month there is Book Club, Tea with Talks, and recorded music afternoons with the first on 17th January exploring 'New Beginnings' through music. Visits start again in the new year (full list from the Institute).

Wellies may be needed! – For the

more energetic, (and hale and hardy) the full and varied programme of walks, both short and long start again in February and Peter Humphreys is happy to give you all the details - 01372 378347.

If you would like to have all the information as to what is arranged by the LCA please try the website-www.leatherheadca.org.uk, or contact Sarah the administrator on 01372 360508, or email-LCA2@btconnect.com, she is always very happy to help.

Everyone at the LCA wish all the readers of the Mickleham Parish magazine a very happy Christmas and, hopefully, a peaceful 2018. Frances Presley

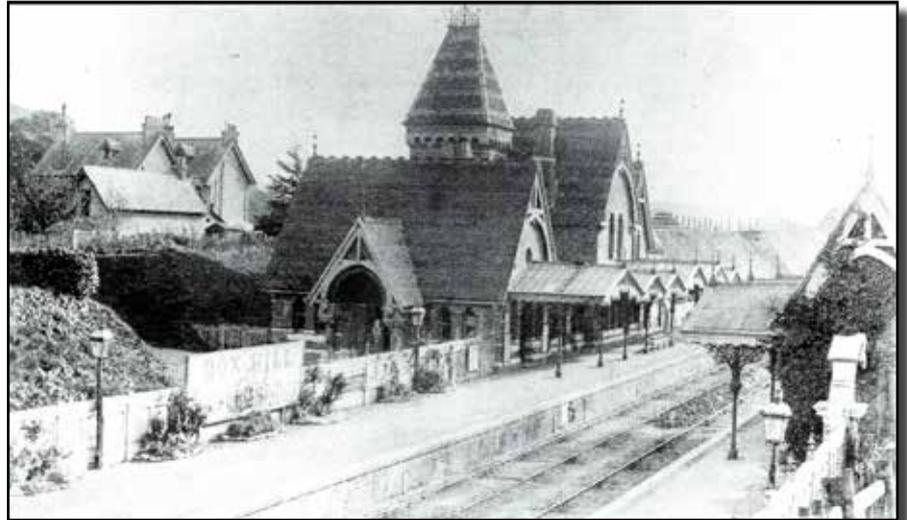
Our Railway Station included in the Top 10 in Britain

Having written books on Britain's 1,000 best churches and 1,000 best houses, former Times editor Simon Jenkins has now taken on railway stations. In a recent review of his latest book, Britain's 100 Best Railway Stations*, the Guardian chose its top 10 – one of which was Box Hill and Westhumble.

Rather than describe the article, it is easier for me to use Simon Jenkin's own words:

Were I to tire of travel, I should apply, Betjeman-like, for the post of stationmaster at Box Hill & Westhumble. My visit was on a warm summer's day, with the soft outline of Box Hill on the North Downs in the distance. Passing trains were mere irritants. The manor in which Fanny Burney lived, a pub and a scatter of cottages were hardly visible. This is as perfect a rural halt as I know.

It was not until the 1860s that the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway (LBSCR) built a line from Leatherhead to Horsham. The station, by company architect Charles Driver, is a marriage of his favourite styles, French chateau with elements of Venetian Gothic. There appears to be more roof than wall, the building being composed of sweeping gables covered in layered patterns of slate. The facade



Box Hill for Burford Bridge Station from an original 1900 postcard photograph published by Action Packs. Note striped tiles on roof of tower and middle gable.

to the platform is of two steeply gabled wings, separated by a large off-centre bay with ornamental tower. At one end is an elaborate porch resting on extravagantly floral Venetian columns.

The station sits in a dell, so thickly treed that to wander to the end of the platform is to feel lost in the woods. The platform sign carries lines from local Victorian author George Meredith, declaring: 'Nowhere in England is there a richer foliage, or wilder downs and fresher woodlands.' The former ticket hall, with roof rafters as in a medieval

hall-house, is occupied by a friendly coffee bar cum bicycle shop called Pilgrim Cycles. The Pilgrims' Way runs nearby.

Which I think is a pretty accurate reflection. I can particularly recommend arriving a few minutes early to catch a train, and wandering to the far end of the (now-extended) platform – it really does have a 'deep-in-the-country' feel.

Chris Budleigh
Station occupant

*Jenkins, Simon (2017) *Britain's 100 Best Railway Stations*, Viking

Editor's note: In 1861 when the proposed route of the railway from Leatherhead included parts of Norbury Park, the then owner was Thomas Grissell (1801-1874) who made his fortune as a public works contractor. His firm was responsible for constructing a number of prestigious buildings in England, including railway stations. Thomas laid down stringent conditions for the proposed railway, including a tunnel which should have no shafts and the company was forbidden to disturb the surface above it. At his behest the railway station at Westhumble was built in the French chateau style.

Photograph Ben Tatham



Box Hill and Westhumble station today. Far left: The porch leading to what was the booking hall. Note description in text above. Left: The station looking north

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Andy is aiming to lose a colossal FIVE stone over the next SIX months, starting in November after a ten-day detox... that's no alcohol... repeat, no alcohol for TEN days! Sincerest apologies to The Runners and The Willy: loss of earnings will not be compensated during this period.

While losing the weight Andy is hoping to raise as much money as possible for some really worthy local causes, The

Brigitte Trust, LeatherHEAD START and The Meeting Room.

So if you would like to get behind Andy (not literally) and drive him towards his goal any donation would be gratefully received. He will be setting up a Just-giving page in the coming weeks so watch out for details.

As part of his efforts to lose weight Andy will be hitting the roads and taking part in the Moonwalk. The Moonwalk is in aid of 'Walk the Walk', one of the UK's largest grant-making cancer charities

and takes place on May 12th 2018 in London. There are two distances: half-marathon and marathon.

If you are looking for an excuse to get out of the house and would like to keep Andy and Anna (Darnell) company during their training walks please do get in touch (FYI some may terminate at pubs). You could even join their Moonwalk team... Diamond's Double Divas

Please contact Andy on diamo1@hotmail.co.uk or Anna annamariadarnell@icloud.com



Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre

62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS, Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk 01306 876591

Closed after 16th December and re-opening 4th January

Dorking Museum offers seasonal greetings to all readers and to the supporters and friends of the Museum. If you are in the town, why not drop into our shop for some Dorking themed cards, books or gifts? Among the items available this year are three unusual and original Christmas cards, created exclusively for the Museum by a young German artist, Sarah Mueller, and depicting original images of three Dorking landmarks, Dorking Halls, the Dorking Cockerel and St Martin's Church. Our current exhibition, 'Dorking 1917', remains on display until January 20th. This is the fourth in our popular series of exhibitions showing what life was like for locals and visitors on the Home Front during each year of the Great War. A fascinating glimpse into the lives of an earlier generation. The exhibition shows a time of hardship and tension in Dorking and the villages, as well as remembering the many casualties at

Passchendaele and further afield. But it also shows the lighter side of the year.

Some relief for the locals was provided by Red Cross Week in June 1917, the biggest event of the war years in Dorking and the villages. The programme included a baby show, parades, whist drives, concerts, sales and auctions raised over £6,000 for the British Red Cross and the Dorking War Hospital Supply Depot.

The highlights of the week included the Grand Garden Fête in the grounds of Pippbrook and the auctioning of a donkey presented by Lord Northbrook. By the time it reached Dorking it had been repeatedly auctioned to raise money for charitable causes. Before the auction, Lady Lawrence of Burford Lodge was dared to ride the animal through the market in return for £1 for charitable funds.

All the villages held their own events. *The Dorking Advertiser* commented on



Lady Lawrence (Sandra Wedgwood's grandmother) on the £100 donkey 1917

the fête at Newdigate Place that the village presented a merry scene. Its summing up of that event could well have been applied to the whole week, or even the year: 'the long absence of pleasure had made everyone determined to enjoy themselves'.



Rosa moyesii

Few of us fail to love and enjoy roses, yet we often deprive ourselves of one of the rose's outstanding features – its hips – by our habit of dead-heading, which while very sensible to aid new growth and prolong flowering, does mean that by the end of the season we are left with stems and leaves but no hips and thus no colour!

I am not advocating abandoning dead-heading or pruning of cultivated roses but left to their own devices they will produce excellent hips. A slightly more judicious removal of deadheads or leaving major pruning until the New Year will give them a slightly longer and more colourful life.

But truly, hips are where species roses come into their own. They seldom require major pruning and can be allowed fairly unfettered growth in the right places. *Rosa canina*, the dog rose, is one which is probably familiar to most of us as it grows wild in hedgerows

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Hooray for Hips

and along roadsides, flowering in early summer with small, single pink or white flowers. Their clusters of brilliant red hips light up our hedgerows until the birds start stripping them or children, eager to make itching powder, sneak off with some, hoping to be unseen by watchful adults. It is the hairs inside the hips that cause the itching, the rest is not only perfectly harmless but a rich source of Vitamin C, such as in rose-hip syrup. In 1941 it was considered so important that a National Week for the Collection of Rosehips was set up in September with the aim of collecting at least 500 tons which were duly sold in chemists' shops the following year. The Ministry of Food publication, 'Hedgerow Harvest' was packed with recipes!

One rose that I treasure in my garden is *Rosa glauca*. It has a delicate arching habit (up to about 4 metres), grey-purplish leaves (excellent for flower arranging) and small, deep pink flowers. It also has superb, shiny hips in autumn. Over the weeks I watch them gradually disappear as birds help themselves and I have even watched squirrels climb up

into the branches and perch, picking them off individually in their paws.

Rosa rugosa may have very prickly stems, and slightly wrinkled leaves (*rugosa* = wrinkled) but the flowers, produced through summer and autumn, have the most fragrant scent. They start to produce their large red and orange hips early, quite often at the same time, creating a lovely combination. This rose is excellent as an alternative to more conventional hedging choices and choosing *rugosas* with both red and white flowers makes an attractive display that will last for much of the year.

My third choice of a rose with hips would be *Rosa moyesii*. It will grow up to 6 metres high, so choose your spot carefully! Flowers may be red or pink, but the real attraction is the large, long, bright red hips that are flagon-shaped. There is a magnificent specimen on one of the courtyard wall at Sissisnghurst.

So, let rose hips prolong your autumn display into winter and help feed the birds and ground feeders like mice at the same time.

Judy Kinloch



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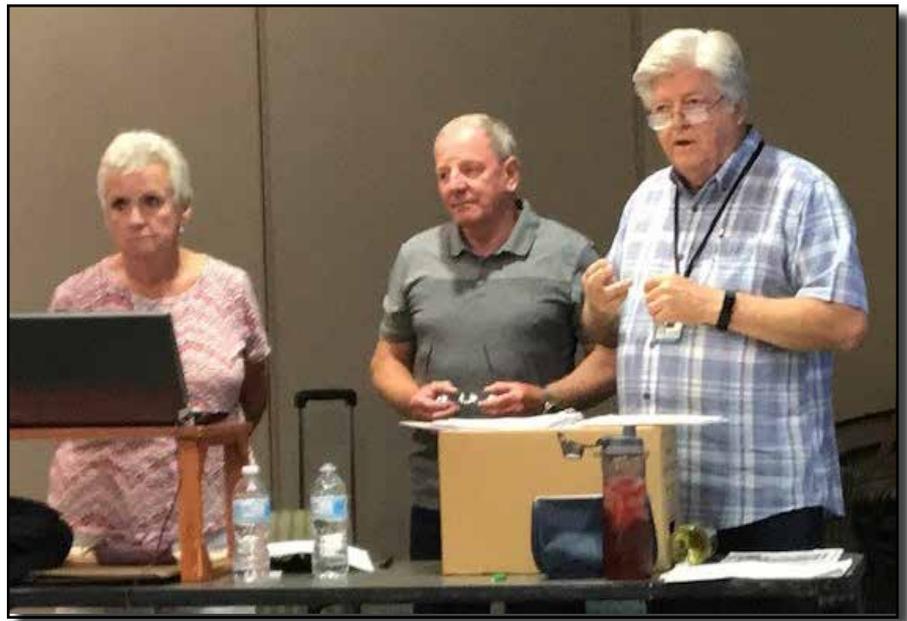
Mickleham Presentation in California

Hello Mickleham! This is your Overseas correspondent writing from Irvine, California. I wanted to tell you what a splendid job my cousins Eric and Mary Flint did with their presentation about your beautiful village to the England Special Interest Group of the South Orange County California Genealogical Society. This group, which I lead, meets once a month to learn how to find their ancestors in England. And on 9th October, about 40 of our society members attended. Many of my 'regulars' were already familiar with Mickleham from stories I had told them about visits my wife Nancy and I have made there to see Eric and Mary.

Eric began the presentation with a very informative pictorial walk around the village, beginning at the old forge and blacksmith shop (now Frascati's), up Byttom Hill to the Almshouses, and past all the notable places in Mickleham so well-known to you who live there. The group heard about the 'The King Willie' and The Running Horses, and how the pubs figure in local village life.

Mary presented a section on the administration of weddings at St Michael's, including the marriage records and the marriage registration process, which was of particular interest to our genealogy group.

Eric also told us about St Michael's Church and the churchyard. Our group was especially interested in the slides showing the consecration of the new



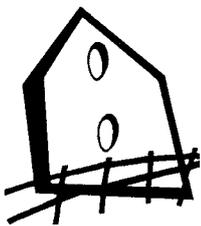
burial ground with the Bishop of Guildford, your Priest Malcom Raby, and members of the congregation processing anti-clockwise around the new grounds as part of the consecration ceremony. They were also curious about the 'leper's squint' and lych gate at the church, and public footpaths, which were unfamiliar to many.

Their presentation ended with a short section showing Eric's wonderful garden with members of the Leatherhead Art Club spending the afternoon sketching and painting his beautiful plants and flowers. When I first suggested to Eric and Mary that they give a presentation

Mary and Eric Flint with Eric's cousin, David for my genealogy group during their visit, I had no idea they would take it so seriously and put so much effort into it.

I am pleased to report to you that they were the very best representatives for your village, and won some new friends and admirers here for Mickleham. It is easy to see the care and pride you all take in your beautiful village. We spent a very memorable morning learning about Mickleham, St Michael's, local history and customs. We return them to your care with thanks, and regret we cannot send some of our California sunshine along with them.

David Flint



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basis so in the New Year we will need to review how we communicate.

Options could include:

- reducing the list by confirming who really wants the mails and possibly limiting to one address for each individual/home
- requiring participants to accept cc where mail addresses are visible
- having a closed Facebook page and residents would opt to receive a private email whenever there is news

- using a third-party piece of software like Mailchimp.

Or maybe you have another idea? We will be discussing options at the January WRA committee meeting.

Holly McLaren, WRA Chair

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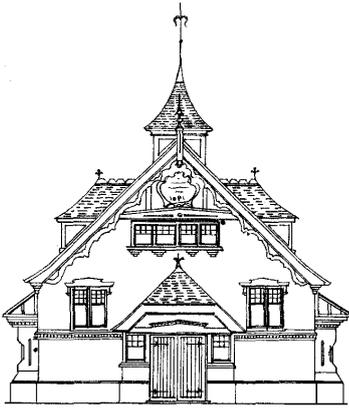
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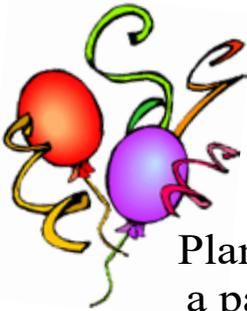
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3	ADVENT SUNDAY	8 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m.
10	2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
15	Friday	8 p.m.
16	Saturday	5 – 10 p.m.
17	3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
19	Tuesday	6 p.m.
21	Thursday	7.30 p.m.
22	Friday	7.15 p.m.
24	CHRISTMAS EVE	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 11.30 p.m.
25	CHRISTMAS DAY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.
31	1 st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	8 a.m. 10 a.m.

JANUARY

7	1 st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.
14	2 nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
20	Saturday	9 a.m.
21	3 rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.
22	Monday	3 p.m.
24	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.
27	Saturday	9 a.m.
28	4 th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.

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EMBER

Garden Shed Wreath-making Workshop.
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HOLY COMMUNION Order 2
Christingle Workshop
Christingle Service – note time 11 a.m.

Holy Communion Order 2
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer (CHAPEL)
Choral Society's Carol Party. Village hall
Pop-up Pub at Westhumble Chapel

Holy Communion Order 2
Holy Communion
Service of Lessons and Carols
Carolling in the Westhumble Chapel Ruins
Ex-Crew members get-together.

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Holy Communion Order 2 in church
Holy Communion
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Midnight Communion

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Holy Communion



Holy Communion Order 2 (subject to change)
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Holy Communion Order 2
Holy Communion

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Holy Communion
Morning Prayer (CHAPEL)
Men's Breakfast. Running Horses

Holy Communion Order 2
Holy Communion
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Kerry met me at an early age and we shared 22 years of happiness together. We moved to Dell Close, Mickleham in 2005 where Kerry quickly became a well-loved member of the community.

What was extraordinary about Kerry was her love of life, her compassion and her ability to connect with other people. She touched many lives.

Her life was tragically cut short in September 2017 aged 40 after a long illness. Kerry inspired many with her strength and courage as she refused to be defined by the illness which she



Kerry with 'Arthur' who she rescued as a calf

endured from the age of 27. She will be greatly missed. Andrew McCollough

After a private cremation, a service was held for Kerry at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Mickleham on 9th October. We send our love and sympathy to Andy.

Your Parish Magazine

Sue Tatham writes...

First, many thanks to everyone for their lovely get-well messages during my recent illness. And a huge thank you to Charlotte Daruwalla who stepped in and edited the November magazine, although it was not her turn. (We usually edit alternate issues.)

Recent events have highlighted the need to recruit some new staff members to ensure that the magazine survives. We have been discussing how various administrative tasks can be shared around, and have identified two areas on the editorial side requiring urgent action. First, we need help to gather news from both Westhumble and Mickleham so that we can ensure that the contents are up-to-date and

accurate. This would not necessarily involve writing articles, it is more about keeping us informed about things that are happening that might make an interesting item in the magazine. Of course, we welcome offers of articles as well.

Most of all however, we need to find someone who has desktop publishing skills or someone who is reasonably computer literate who would like to learn how to do desk top publishing. It is a very useful skill to have.

If you value the magazine and want it to continue, we need your help. If any of the above roles appeal to you, please contact me on 01306 882547 or sue@thetathams.co.uk



Do you remember Philipp?

In 2012 a young German, Philipp Heckmann-Umhau spent a year in Mickleham as a National Trust volunteer at Warren Farm, before he went up to King's College Cambridge to read architecture. During his time here many of us got to know him as he sang with Mickleham Choral Society and contributed articles for the National Trust newsletter. He went up to King's in autumn 2013 and that Christmas we were delighted to see him again on TV as he read one of the lessons on 'Carols from King's'.

Kingsman John Lowes spotted in the *King's Parade* that Philipp has won a prestigious international prize for his dissertation, *Stadtbildung – Bildungsstadt, The Transformation of Munich under Ludwig I of Bavaria (1786-1868)*.

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Notes from Mickleham Parish Council

Alterations to the lighting at the Circle Housing Association building in Swanworth Lane have prompted comments from residents who are concerned that it has become dangerous to walk there at night. It appears that the light-sensors now have only a limited range and do not come on for people walking in the lane which leaves them vulnerable to stepping into one of the many potholes there.

Mickleham Parish Council has asked Circle Housing if they can look at the situation again and re-instate the light at the back of the building which used to illuminate the car park area.

Two new waste bins – equipped with lids – have been installed at the

Children’s Recreation Ground and the Parish Council will follow that initiative by replacing the noticeboard in Old London Road opposite The Running Horses public house.

Councillors want to introduce a bigger noticeboard which will incorporate a section for Parish Council business and a separate section for other organisations to pin up their notices.

At their November meeting, the Parish Council was given a presentation from Nikolai Johnson, Mickleham resident and a student at Imperial College, who is a strong advocate of electric vehicles. He believes Mickleham should encourage Surrey County Council to

take advantage of the grants on offer for charging points and identified areas of the village, such as the village hall car park and Swanworth Lane, where they could be situated.

Grants (covering 75% of the costs) would be available for up to £7,500 per charger for on-street charge points though the actual cost might be considerably less than that. Nikolai said the way forward was for a number of investors to get together and create a company which would manage the project. Chairman David Ireland thanked Nikolai for his research and presentation and said that he had raised significant issues which would otherwise not be faced.

Trevor Haylett, Clerk



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Answer on page 26.

Westhumble Bonfire and Fireworks

I had the best seat...

Photograph: Ben Tatham

I was fortunate enough to witness a rather extraordinary event last night. Or should I say unfortunate? Since I write this from the skies, let me tell you more of my short but exhilarating existence. As is often the case with you humans, life started as an afterthought, about a year ago, this time in the Lagarrigues' mind. Such thoughts tend to have a long gestation period however and it was not until October this year that I finally became flesh. Though not quite flesh as you know it.

I first began growing just legs, enough to fill a rather effeminate pair of 21st century denims actually, but surely no one would notice 10 metres away, so long as the rest of my body would exhale testosterone and masculine composure. Stuffed with overused turtlenecks and underused Metro pages, my lower limbs were initially rather limp, yet that would surely do just fine as a first attempt; the Lagarrigues had got going and I got growing. Divide and conquer some ancestors used to say. Not the simplest of tasks, but the Forsyth daughters somehow succeeded in *papier-mâché* my head together, complete with ears, nose and eye sockets. Not sure whether I should be content or not given the circumstances to come forth, I was subsequently flanked with a neat and subtle Mona Lisa grin. That and my carefully painted eyelashes, let alone my leg profile,

begged me to wonder whether I was meant as a lady after all. Never mind, at last I was alive, cravat and orderly hat would complete my attire, splendidly dressed as an imminent Monarch. Time for the Bairds to step in: big chest, wide shoulders, smartly wrapped up in a waistcoat, disposable latex fingers, my upper body finally looked like that I expected. Now was my Frankenstein time, becoming one from many pieces through many stitches. I ended up rather tall, and no way would my flimsy legs do me justice. More stuffing, – pine femurs and shin bones, not quite Usain Bolt but surely good enough this time, my smile would be the centre of attention after all.

It all finally unravelled on 4th November: sitting in my sedan chair (or was it a wheelbarrow?), I descended Adlers Lane followed by my disciples, arrived at Coronation Square and was carried to the best seat, high up on the tallest man-made throne – I would certainly not miss a thing. And this is when the realisation hit me hard: all these people



The Guy and friends

were not cheering with me but at me, the smoke was not that of cigars but coming from my melting moccasins. I was no King after all, but plotting to assassinate him. No time to think further, the fire certainly caught quickly this year. As I flew into clouds of ash, I could only admire the sublime fireworks from above. I had the best seat after all, what a night. Well done citizens of Westhumble, you've done it again.

Guy Fawkes

More than 450 people attended this year's bonfire. Is this a record? Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make this such a successful event, chiefly Bonfire Architect Mike Weller and his helpers, Neil Mason who supplied refreshments for the bonfire builders, the families organised by Justine Lagarrigue who built the splendid Guy (Justine also acted as intermediary for the above message), Lucy Mason and Anne Weaver for feeding the hungry masses on the night. And of course special thanks to Neil Mason, ably assisted this year by Rob Machin, for the brilliant firework display. A magical evening!

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KING WILLIAM IV

Thanks to all those who turned up for the fireworks, I think it was our best one so yet, if you log on to the King William IV facebook page you can see some snippets.

Thanks again to our parish priest Malcom and Sue who recently completed their last quiz for us. Thanks to them great fun has been had over the years and we wish them an enjoyable well- deserved retirement. Maybe come back one time for an encore?

During December roast turkey with all the trimmings will be on our Sundays roasts menu. Or come over for mince pies and mulled wine, which will be available throughout the month and great for the carol singing on the 22nd December.

All of us at The King Willie wish everybody a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR - hope to see you soon.

Eamonn, Anne and the team

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Garden Shed Events

Soil Science

A good showing gathered at the Stepping Stones in October and, after a visit to the bar, we were given a illustrated talk, *Soil Scientific* by soil scientist and Westhumble resident, Katya Dubrovskaya. She helped us to appreciate the structure of soil at the 'particle' level and explained the chemical composition of soil, the importance of the various layers, depth, ground vegetation and the effects of the weather. Her last illustration referred to the 'lucky' pocket that is Westhumble in the Mole Valley area, similar to the soil where Katya grew up in the Ukraine. Apparently, we are very fortunate – but we knew already that! Thanks to Katya for her talk and to Ben Tatham, Projectionist Supreme.

Improving Flower Beds and Borders

In November we met for a talk, *Improving your Flower Beds and Borders* given by John Clachan. This is the second time that John has spoken on a gardening topic for The Garden Shed, and once again we all had an interesting and informative talk. The first subject was on your choice of garden style, formal or informal? He went on to explain about the correct sizing of beds, followed by plant structures and how one can improve the plant choices by looking at size and shape. John suggested plants that would give the garden more than one season of interest. We were shown how to harmonise our gardens by looking at



the shape and colour of leaves. People left enthusiastic to try his ideas in their own gardens. The evening finished with a Flower Quiz and there were with three winners. There was also an opportunity to share plants, cuttings, seeds, tools and ideas. A lively evening was had by all. Happy Gardening, till our next talk in January.

Christmas Wreath Making and Table Decoration Workshop

Saturday 2nd December - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon - Mickleham Village Hall

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Wednesday 24th January

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New Sports Hall Progress Report



Work on the new Box Hill School Sports Hall is progressing well, the roof is now complete, and the exterior cladding is 75% finished, many of the interior walls are all up with their splash coat and glazing of the windows has now started, our underfloor heating is completed with temporary boilers working to test it. We are on target to have the building works finished in the spring of next year, and are looking forward to welcoming the villagers of Mickleham for a tour of the new facilities.

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MICKLEHAM PLAYGROUND AND NURSERY PUB QUIZ

Mickleham Playground Association and St Michael's Community Nursery would like to thank everybody who supported the Pub Quiz held on 16th October at the King William IV. The evening was a huge success with £634 raised for the two charities.

Special thanks needs to go to The King William IV for hosting the event and donating the prizes, Sarah Parfitt for her brilliant (and challenging) questions and Martin and Kate Cox for being an excellent quiz master and score keeper.



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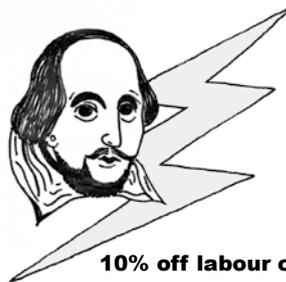
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Ruling the Roost down at the nursery



Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came to support another successful quiz night at the King William in October. The pub did a great job of hosting all the quizzers who came to pit their wits; it was a really fun evening (and very tricky!). The nursery team gave a good account of itself but alas didn't end up victorious. We'll try again next time!

At the nursery itself, we are in the midst of another busy term as this time of year provides us with lots of opportunities to link the many seasonal celebrations with our learning activities.

You may have spotted staff and parents alike scouring the village's horse chestnut trees looking for conkers. With

our stash, plus requisite craft items including pipe cleaners and beads, the children have made some great conker 'people'.

Soon after, Halloween arrived; while we do not actually focus on Halloween itself at the nursery, we incorporated some of the more light-hearted elements, for example enjoying some well-known stories such as *Meg and Mog* and *Room on the Broom*. The children also loved playing with homemade rhyming potions, slime and dressing up as story characters.

Hot on the heels of Halloween came 5th November. While there wasn't any sign of gunpowder, treason or plot in Mickleham, we did explore new painting techniques to create some firework type pictures, and at the end of the week we toasted bread and marshmallows. Yum!

On a more sombre note, we also paid a visit to the War Memorial at St Michael's Church. We talked to the

children about why we wear poppies at this time of year and tried to answer any questions in a simple and factual way. Our underlying message, one we feel the children will understand, was 'We wear poppies to say thank you to the soldiers who help to keep us safe.'

The last big event remaining this year is the Christmas Fair which, at the time of writing, is almost upon us. This is our most important fundraiser of the year, so thank you for your continued support with this event. I know the adults love it almost as much as the children!

Finally, we are delighted to advise that our chicken coop is once again full as five new chickens have joined St Michael's. One has been named 'Chestnut', and for a small donation you can be in with a chance to choose the winning names of Chestnut's friends – just contact Hilary at the nursery if you have name suggestions which won't ruffle any feathers. No fowl play, please!



Above: Visiting the War Memorial. Top right: Potion making
Bottom left: Developing fine motor skills by hammering golf tee's into a pumpkin

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Denbies to host Mole Valley's first Parkrun

The organisation called parkrun stages free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone and are safe and easy to take part in. Parkruns are not races, but participants are timed, and a record is kept so that they can log their progress. The launch is expected to take place in the new year. The runs will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. A team of volunteers will be needed to help with these events, including marshals and organisers.



BRAIN TEASER answer: HURRY UP

The Poppy Appeal Lest We Forget



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November is a month for remembering and saying thank you. Once again here at St Michael's School we have proudly worn our paper poppies as a symbol of remembrance, making sure that we do not forget fallen service men and women killed in conflict. And of course we are only a tiny part of the big picture. Since 1921 armies of volunteers have picked up their collection tins and trays filled with poppies and offered them out into their communities in return for donations. The iconic paper poppies are now distributed throughout the nation in over 100 countries and the money raised is used to help support the vital work done by the Royal British Legion for the Armed Forces community.

One of the aims of the appeal is to bring communities together to raise funds and work as a team for this important cause. We have been very happy to be a part of this and could not have done it without the help of our Year 2 pupils, so we want to say a huge thank you to them and the people that bought their poppies from them.

Throughout the week before our Church Service the children learnt more about the significance of the poppy and made their own poppies and crosses. In Church we were able to think again about the soldiers who had fought in wars so that we could live in a more peaceful world and said thank you for keeping us safe.



Christmas at St Michael's

Our Christmas celebrations this year will begin with the arrival of the Christmas tree for the hall. The children will be making decorations for the tree in class and will be able to hang their decoration while we sing carols during Celebration Assembly. The children will start to collect coins for doing jobs at home for our Advent charity. This year we are raising money for Ilakiya; we sponsor her to attend school in Devakottai, South India. The Christingle Workshop will be held in St Michael's

School Hall on Sunday 3rd December from 9.45 to 10.45a.m. The magical Christingle Service will follow at 11 a.m. at St Michael's Church. The workshop and service are open to everyone and we hope as many people and children as possible will join us. On the 8th December the children will be able to come back to school for the 'Night Before Christmas Story Telling', they will be able to dress in their pyjamas and listen to stories with a Christmas theme. While the children are listening

to their Christmas stories their parents are invited to stay for a festive tittle and snack. Our Christmas productions are on 12th and 13th December at 1.45 p.m. in the school hall; everyone is welcome to join us for this lovely event. On 15th December we will decorate the hall and the children and staff will sit down together to eat Christmas lunch. Our festivities will end with Christmas parties for the children. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Paula Bliss, Executive Headteacher

New School Governor Needed

St Michael's governors are seeking a community governor with an understanding of finance who can join us in December and contribute to the strategic development of the school. It is with thanks that we have to reluctantly say goodbye to Duncan Irvine who has completed four years as a valued governor.

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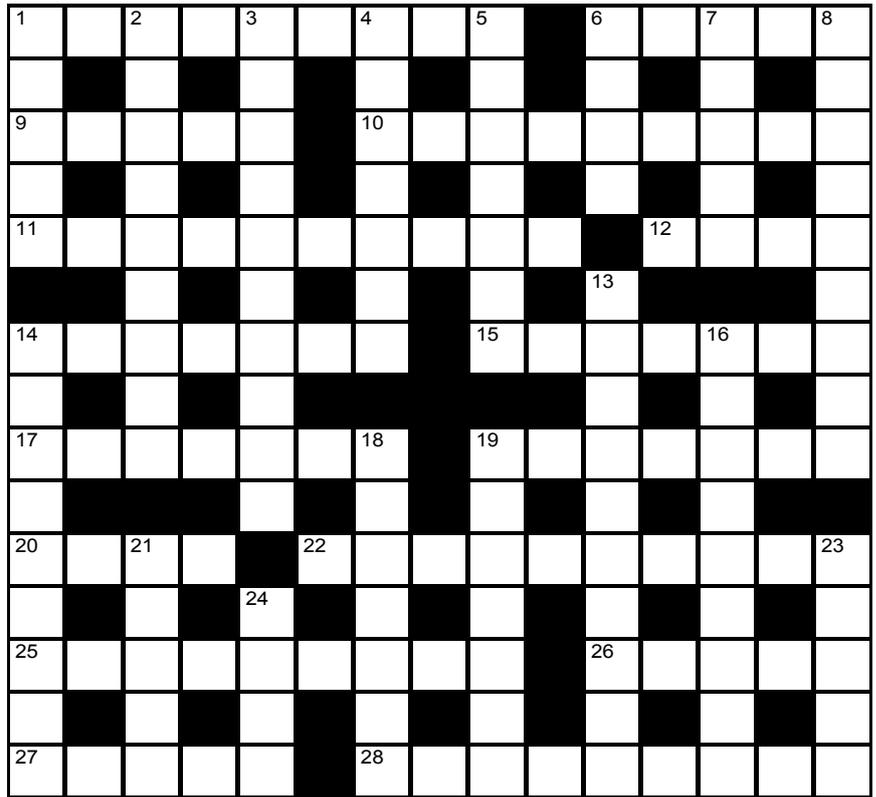
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Hail is inert eggs dancing (9)
- 6 Promised O, for example, but in the end it's ten times bigger (5)
- 9 Do well for 40, say (5)
- 10 Wives of ten lords a-leaping (9)
- 11 Accompaniment to 9 ladies? (5,5)
- 12 Porridge is served in this (4)
- 14 Star of a 28 song croons in "Goose cooked without onions" (7)
- 15 14 has nothing, but still he's someone who kept cracking jokes (7)
- 17 Argues visitors to Box Hill could start being involved (7)
- 19 Explosive growths no longer double-barrelled after Brexit? (7)
- 20 Yellow and white nightie: the beginnings of a sign that it's time for bed (4)
- 22 These need a master - how about Ernie comes? (10)
- 25 Hat makes Sue Titham the parish magazine editor (3,3,3)
- 26 Marcus Aurelius is impassive when receiving 23 (5)
- 27/28 1 across when serving roast strangely makes my Mrs starchier (5,9)



DOWN

- 1 Give gaudy top to Oliver for wanting more (5)
- 2 Odd but not a Brexiteer (9)
- 3 Dalek voter made cross and then became convinced (6,4)
- 4 Hold back the air, heavenly body! (7)
- 5 Cooking roasted pet goat's not wise without potatoes (7)
- 6 Don Revie was a great manager for keeping sight of things (4)
- 7 Was Lawrence a problem after unwrapping at Christmas? (5)
- 8 Bans princess taking drinks without whiskey (9)
- 13 Ho-ho! So super when husband is sent off to derelict institutions (10)
- 14 A method of organising U-boat pack? (9)
- 16 Cross that accidents in firm occur (9)
- 18 American holding can-opener to become someone who scoffs (7)
- 19 The top is more sugary with figure finally becoming fat in the middle (7)
- 21 Main ingredient of wine made by birthday boy (5)
- 23 Punches in the face for giving unimaginative presents (5)
- 24 Sorry, the queen's gone potty and red-faced (4)

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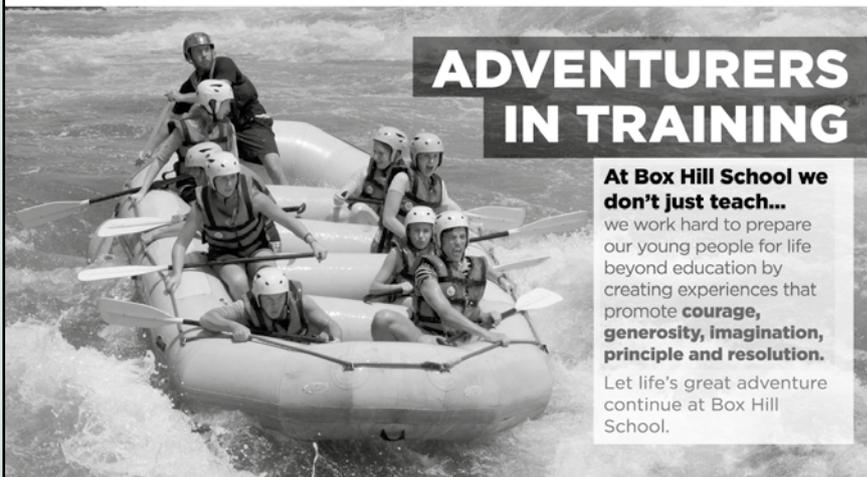
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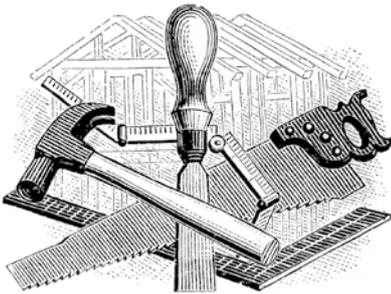
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