

## **TRUGREEN**<sup>®</sup> Professional LawnCare

#### A lawn is never JUST a lawn

- Fertilisation Weed and moss controlAeration Scarification Insect control
- Disease treatment Hard surface weed control

Call now for a free LawnCare Analysis

### 01306 644886

TruGreen (Epsom) Michael Beecheno The Cottage, Pilgrims Way, Westhumble Starting at just £20 per treatment A*ServiceMASTER* 



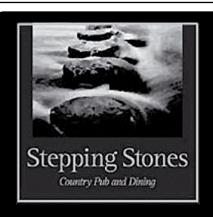
Your local, efficient and knowledgeable accountants in Dorking

• Inheritance Tax & Executorship • Accounting • Financial & Tax Planning • Audit • Taxation

#### Business Start-ups • Payroll • IT Accountancy Services

With over 80 years' experience we will understand your needs, whether business or private. For a free, no obligation consultation, including a quote, please contact Jill or Dee on **01306 880880** 

> 156 South Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2HF email : partners@bullimores.co.uk website : www.bullimores.co.uk



STEAK NIGHT EVERY TUESDAY TWO COURSE MEAL GLASS OF WINE £19 Food Served All Day – Free Wi-Fi Walkers – Muddy Boots – Cyclists – Families and dogs All welcome Lovely function room available for meetings, family and business events Near Box Hill and Westhumble Station 01306 889932 www.steppingstonesdorking.com steppingstonespub@gmail.com

Please see website for special events

Shevlock Funeral Service

Sherlock Funeral Service is an Independent family owned business, established over 100 years

- Private Service Chapel & Rest Rooms
- Home visits arranged if required
- Pre-Paid Funeral Plans available • Free Parking

## Telephone: 01306 882266

Trellis House, 190 South Street, Dorking RH4 2ES. Email: office@sherlockandsons.co.uk



# Mickleham Parish agazine

## October 2016

#### Mickleham Parish Magazine

A community magazine for Mickleham and Westhumble, published under the auspices of Mickleham PCC, with an independent editorial panel. The magazine is published at the beginning of each month, except January and August.

Copy Deadline For the November 2016 Magazine Sunday 9th October

send to: Sue Tatham St Anthony, Pilgrim's Way Westhumble Dorking RH5 6AW 01306 882547 sue@thetathams.co.uk

Contributions in any form are welcome, as are good quality photographs. There is no charge for advertising local charity and community events. However, the editors reserve the right to shorten, omit or reformat articles submitted for publication, depending on space.



Printed by Summit Print Ltd, Redhill

Mickleham Rectory

#### Dear friends

This month we celebrate our Harvest Festival. There will be a Family Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10 a.m. when we will be joined by children from St Michael's School. Do join us as we give thanks to God for the harvest in our land – and the fact that we can buy, at any time, food which has been grown throughout the world. I think that we too easily take this for granted and almost feel it is a 'right' to have the food we want when we want it.

Of course, the same cannot be said for millions of people throughout the world. I use a Prayer Diary produced by Tearfund who work with local churches to meet some of the great needs faced by many people. For example, political instability is causing widespread suffering for huge numbers of people in Burundi. Nearly a year of insecurity and violence has left 900,000 people facing hunger, unable to cope with the economic fallout and rising prices following a disputed presidential election. None in ten people rely on small-scale farming for a living.

How should we respond to such a situation? There are no easy answers but we cannot just 'walk by on the other side'.

I am hoping to set up a 'Mission Group' which will look at the wider world and help us as a church to really get involved – mainly through prayer and giving – in just one or two projects which will make a difference to communities in other parts of the world. If you would like to be part of this group (we will only meet every two or three months initially) then do let me know, even if you are not a regular member of our church.

As part of our Harvest celebrations we are having a Harvest Supper on Saturday 1st October. Tickets (to include a meal and first-class entertainment from professional comedian Mark Palmer) are £12. If you read this before the event then do get in touch with me to find out whether there are any last minute tickets available. It promises to be a really enjoyable evening.

Finally, just to say that we have a Bible Study Group which meets (during term time) on a Thursday morning and this term we are looking at 'Women in the Bible'. You are more than welcome to join us if you would like to know more about the Bible, in a warm, friendly and informal setting.

With best wishes

Maruh ~.

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

Rehearsals for this year's service of Nine Lessons and Carols: Sundays 20th and 27th November and 4th and 11th December - all from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Additional singers very welcome

The service will take place on Sunday 18th December at 6.30 p.m.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST THE RUNNING HORSES 9-10 A.M. Please book by the Tuesday before

MEN'S BREAKFASTS 3rd Saturdays 15<sup>th</sup> October

Book with: Andy Diamond diamo1@hotmail.co.uk

WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS 4TH SATURDAYS 22ND OCTOBER

Book with: Stephanie Randall 0773 6933 482 or 01306 879805 srandall55@gmail.com



Fairtrade Stall Sunday 2nd October In St Michael's after 10 o'clock service



Fourth Mondays Monday 24th October Host: Liz Absalom Chapel Farm, Westhumble ALL WELCOME TRANSPORT AVAILABLE



# HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

## Saturday 1st October

10 - 11.30 a.m. CHILDREN'S HARVEST WORKSHOP

at St Michael's School A morning of craft activities for children aged 3+ from throughout the community. All former St Michael's pupils and siblings are more than welcome as well.

> 7.30 p.m. HARVEST SUPPER in the Village Hall

A delicious home-cooked meal and great entertainment from



MARK PALMER, widely acclaimed South African stand-up commedian, now based in the UK 'Clean, classy, clever'

Tickets: £12 - bring your own drink - glasses provided Available from: Malcolm Raby: *rm.raby007@btinternet.com* and Anne Weaver 01306 883932 / *weaver\_anne@hotmail.com* You can book a table for eight people, but there will be plenty of places for people who come on their own

Sunday 2nd October 10 a.m. Harvest Festival Family Service at St Michael's Church

Including singing by the children from the Harvest Workshop





Entries in the Flower Show from St Michael's School pupils left: year 1 Self Portraits; right: year 2 Sunflowers



## Leith Hill **Musical Festival**

Come & Sing Fauré's

'Requiem'

with Jonathan Willcocks **Dorking Halls** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

11 a.m.- 5 p.m. registration from 10 a.m.

Jonathan Willcocks the new LHMF conductor is directing a Come and Sing. The music he has chosen is Fauré's 'Requiem'and his own 'Sing Africa'.

Music will be available on the day, as will tea and coffee. These are included in the price of: £21.75 adults / £11.20 aged 18 & under. Tickets are available now and may only be purchased online from Eventbrite, see LHMF website for link.

## MICKLEHAM CHORAL SOCIETY A CONCERT FOR Remembrance SUNDAY

## 13th November – 7 p.m. ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The varied programme includes Haydn's Little Organ Mass and other short choral numbers and vocal & instrumental solos.

Tickets: £10 (£5 for children under 14) Available from Anne Weaver 01306 883932 weaver anne@hotmail.com



The Christmas Cafe Christmas at The Chapel, Westhumble returns on Saturday December 10th 2 to 4 p.m. If you would like to have a stall (no charge /just a donation) please contact Jenny on jennyhudlass@sky.com.



KEEP THE DATE

Café

## Pop-up Pub at the Westhumble Chapel Saturday 17th December from 5 to 10 p.m.

There will be good beer and wine as well as a nonalcoholic choice for those preferring their fruit unfermented! Sausage rolls and other nibbles may also make an appearance. Once again, the bar will be run by Pop-up landlord Duncan Irvine ably assisted by right-hand barman Gerry Weaver.

Do come along and bring your friends. It is a chance to meet with neighbours, catch up with the people you have not seen since the last Pop-up, and make new friends.



## Got your shoebox? Operation Christmas Child

We are once more collecting shoeboxes filled with appropriate goods to brighten the lives of children living in countries where such presents would otherwise never be received. Your simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they are not forgotten.

Leaflets available in Rose's Stores, the church and St Michael's School. If you are unable to fill a shoebox but would like to support the work of the charity, the leaflet contains an envelope in which donations can be placed. Filled boxes should be returned to the church or the Rectory by Sunday 6th November.

Superb professional cleaning of carpets, oriental rugs, upholstery, curtains and leather Guardsman anti-stain protection

- spot stain and odour removal
- leather cleaning specialists
- flame retarding
- dust mite reduction service
- all work fully insured & guaranteed

For a free, no obligation quotation, call today Freephone 0808 144 9071 John Joannides, 28 Bracken Close, Bookham





We aim to provide an excellent service at competitive rates, supporting emotional, physical and social needs of our clients, always respecting and protecting their status as adults.

- Residential and 24-hour daycare
- Excellent cuisine
- Facilities for disabled: medic bath / lift
- Home doctor in attendance
- Single & sharing rooms
- Convalescent & short stays
- Lounge with TV & piano
- Separate dining room
- Physiotherapist, chiropodist & hairdresser
- Entertainment: theatre visits / parties & cabarets held on premises

National Trust Road, Box Hill Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6BY Telephone: 01306 889942 / 888253



# CHRIS HULME

Garden Machinery

Service and repair of all makes and models of:

Ride-on mowers
 Rotary mowers
 Chainsaws
 Strimmers
 Hedge cutters

Rotavators
 Blower vacs

Quality secondhand machinery Collection and delivery service The Barn, Cowslip Lane, Mickleham 01372 377757/07950 961606

Surrey Hills Concierge

Not enough hours in the day to get everything done? As your very own personal organiser, we can help you get organised and make your life run more smoothly.

We can help with errands, admin, holidays, decluttering, moving home, property management and renovation, party planning, pet care and more.

01306 740651 / 07747 444292 info@surreyhillsconcierge.co.uk Rothes Cottage, Rothes Road, Dorking www.surreyhillsconcierge.co.uk



01306 883511 fbe@btconnect.com 66 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1AY Order online at: www.flowersby elaine.co.uk



Mickleham Children's Playground Association

am sure we have all been watching our new playground take shape over the past month and that everyone will agree how amazing it looks! As I write, work has all but finished on the build and we hope to be opening the gates to some very excited children around the first week of October once the new turf and grass seed have established themselves enough to withstand hordes of small feet.

The new equipment adds heaps of additional play value for our children as, in addition to replacements for the swing, climbing unit and slide we have been able to add a seesaw, small roundabout, a springer, a nest that will

## Plans for our Wonderful New Playground Opening and October Charity Pub Quiz

accommodate multiple swingers and a series of balance trail pieces. We cannot wait to see them in use and, judging from the excited comments we have had from so many, neither can you!

We will be holding an official opening event in early October that we would love everyone from the village to come along to. Details for this are being finalised and will be published via the school and all of the village noticeboards over the next week so please look out for them. We hope to see you there.

October also sees our annual charity quiz night taking place at the King William IV. Martin Cox will be our genial quiz master once again at the event on Tuesday 18th October at 8 p.m. Last year's quiz night was a roaring success and sold out superfast so please start planning your teams quickly (max team size 4). Eamonn and Anne of the King William are once again generously donating prizes for the event and in addition we will be holding a raffle so there will be plenty of opportunities to walk away from the evening with a few goodies.

All tickets are being sold in advance and can be obtained directly from the pub or by emailing bourneheather@ hotmail.com

Although we are no longer fund raising for new play equipment, events such as this, the King Willy vs Running Horses cricket match and plant sale continue to be absolutely vital to ensure the playground charity has reserves to cover costs for ongoing maintenance, grass cutting and insurance so we hugely appreciate your support.



### Mickleham Playground Association It's back - Charity Quiz Night at the King William IV Tuesday 18th October 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets cost £10 per person with all proceeds going to the playground charity.

ost £10 per person with all proceeds going to the playground charity. Teams of four please. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PUB & IN ADVANCE ONLY Email: bourneheather@hotmail.com or call 07967 812103



Dorking Embroiderers' Guild Young Textile Group meet monthly on Saturday mornings at South Holmwood Come along for fun and learning with needle and thread. Age 5 - 18 welcome

For details or enquiries call Jo Freeborough 01306 876918

## The Last Supper

read with interest your report in the last parish magazine showing a picture of the Last Supper with a suckling pig as the main dish. With apologies for the poor quality of the photographs, here is the Ecuadorian take on the Last

Supper. This painting in Quito cathedral shows the disciples dining on guinea pig, which is a local delicacy in that part of South America. I am disappointed to tell you that like everything else



apparently exotic, it tastes like chicken (albeit with more bones and legs). Rat, which I have eaten in China, is far more tasty.

Will Dennis

## Mickleham Village Shop

Summary of document tabled at the AGM of Mickleham Village Shop Ltd Shareholders held on 9th September 2016 and then sent to all other Shareholders.

#### ROSES STORES

Following is a statement on behalf of the directors of Mickleham Village Shop Ltd (MVSL) concerning the current situation regarding Roses Stores.

#### History

In 1995 the then owner and operator of the shop Beryl Icke decided to retire and wished to sell the property as a going concern. In the event it proved impossible to find a buyer who was both interested in running the shop and had sufficient capital to purchase the entire property. Planning consent was obtained for change of use to residential with the consequent risk of the shop closing once the property was sold.

Largely as the result of an initiative by Ian Fraser and John Batt, an agreement was negotiated between Robin and Ann Vaughan and a group of some sixty local investors who established Mickleham Village Shop Ltd (MVSL) and raised £100,000 capital. That money was used to purchase half the equity in the property so reducing the capital outlay required from the Vaughans. The Vaughans purchased the other half interest in the property and an agreement was concluded between MVSL and the Vaughans to jointly lease both halves of the property to the Vaughans for them to operate the shop. This arrangement was repeated in 2005 when the Vaughans sold their interest to Serena Florides and Gary Reade.

MVSL was created simply to reduce the capital outlay required from those interested in operating the village shop. The arrangement does not generate a commercial return for the shareholders but does provide for repayment of the original debenture investment over some 40 years.

#### **Current Position**

The ten-year lease terminated on 31st December 2015. Serena Florides did not exercise her option to renew the lease as she needed to sell her share in the property as soon as possible due to financial difficulties. Whilst the property was up for sale MVSL signed 2 short term six month lease agreements with SF, the second one expiring on 31st December 2016.

The agreement between Serena and MVSL requires each party to offer their interest in the property for sale to the other party when the lease expires. If those offers are declined then Serena may offer her interest for sale to a third party who, as in 1995 and 2005, would enter into an agreement with MVSL to lease the other half of the property and run the shop. Failing that either party has the right to require the other party to join in selling the entire property.

Serena allowed the consent for change of use to residential to lapse. However as there has not been a single offer, an application to renew the consent would probably be successful and could result in the sale for residential use. This option was considered earlier by the directors but not followed through as a prospective purchaser proposed to submit a strong objection.

The property was placed with an agent by Serena at the end of August 2015 advertised both as a commercial property with residential accommodation available or if preferred a half share with a lease. The property was placed with a second agent, Christies, in February 2016 at the request of Serena.

#### Principles

MVSL was created to help preserve a shop in Mickleham.

MVSL was not formed to engage in any business other than part ownership of a property.

MVSL recognises Serena's current financial situation.

#### Options

The preferred option is for Serena to find a purchaser for her share in the property who is interested in operating the shop under agreements similar to those currently in place. The property has been on the market for 13 months and no offers have been forthcoming. MVSL has allowed Serena to conduct all conversations and negotiations with the agents allowing her to obtain an optimum level but obviously the asking prices have been too adventurous to obtain offers over this period. A second option is for Serena and MVSL to jointly sell the whole property to a third party interested in running a shop. A local resident expressed an interest in buying the property last year for multiple uses and the directors spent considerable time in discussions which in the end did not lead to an offer. Another put forward a suggestion as to how the property could be run but no offers arose.

A third option is for Serena to sell her share in the property to MVSL which in turn would lease the whole property to any interested third party or parties. This would require MVSL obtaining additional finance through a mortgage and/or contributions from private investors and then entering into a commercial arrangement to lease the property to the third party to repay the borrowings. This arrangement would change MVSL from a passive investor with a limited remit to a fully commercial property business. This would require a new corporate structure and probably a new Board of Directors of MVSL.

Finally each party has the right to require the other to join in securing permission for change of use and then selling the property for residential development so losing the shop.

The Directors have tried to assist Serena in every possible way including:

- Allowing Serena to select the marketing agents who were experts in the commercial market.
- Paying the upfront marketing fee of £900 to Christies.
- Granting Serena a 6-month rental holiday in 2014 / 15 and 2 six- month lease extension periods whilst the property is up for sale.

Despite the above, no purchase offers have been received.

#### Way Forward

The Directors are of the opinion that the property has been marketed at too high a price, without the involvement of local professional agent's advice, and would therefore recommend the following action:

1. That the original consent for change of use to residential, which has lapsed, be re-applied for immediately as this planning process normally takes in

### Sparks & shooting stars at Westhumble's Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display Saturday 5th November

Please come to the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Westhumble Field, as usual, at the bottom of Adlers Lane.

All from Mickleham and Westhumble are most welcome, along with all your relatives and friends.

We are still keeping to £5 per head (or more if you feel generous) and we would ask groups please to base their donations on this to ensure the continuation of this event. Bring as many spectators as possible — we need lots of people to blow at the bonfire to make sure it burns well this year!

So have your hats and woollies, scarves and wellies by the door and

\*\*\* come whatever the weather \*\*\*

Please remember that, as last year, our lower insurance premium means that hand-held fireworks are not covered, so

#### **Bonfire Building**

Saturday 15th October Sunday 16th October Saturday 22nd October Sunday 23rd October Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October

Finishing touches Saturday 5th November PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS – we have an alternative.

Bonfire building begins on Saturday 15th October and continues as below.

We were delighted to see some new faces to help build the bonfire last year, but a few more pairs of hands would not go amiss, as some of the usual suspects are getting long in the tooth! Even if you can only spare a short time everyone is very welcome, including children, but do remember that a bonfire can be dangerous, even before it is lit, so please keep small children and pets under supervision.

As usual, refreshments will be provided for bonfire builders.

On 5th November Guy Fawkes will lead the Torchlight Procession from the junction of Burney Road, Chapel Lane & Adlers Lane at 5.45 p.m.

morning from 10 a.m. afternoon from 2 p.m. morning from 10 a.m. afternoon from 2 p.m.

only if rain has disrupted earlier efforts: look for notices

morning from 10 a.m.

## Mickleham Village Shop continued

excess of nine weeks. Upon receipt of successful planning this course of action would provide us with much more flexibility in sale negotiations.

2. The current marketing agreement with Christies expires on 22nd September 2016. This will not be renewed, thereafter MVSL and Serena are free to select alternative advisors.

3. Enabling both parties to get a cross section of options we propose seeking valuations from 4 local Estate Agents, including one Commercial Agent.

4. Following this exercise, if we cannot agree a marketing price with Serena,

we seek an independent formal market valuation by a qualified surveyor which is a document used for any legal or funding purposes and represents the true value of the property at today's date. Thereafter there can be then no dispute by any party as to the figure quoted and will provide both parties with a degree of protection.

Directors: James Aarvold, John Banfield, Brian Wilcox, Ian Wright

9th September 2016

The proposed way forward was approved at the AGM.



Soup and sausages will be available from the barbecue in the field for a small donation.

If you have bonfire material (no rubbish, please) leave it near the bonfire site BUT NOT BEFORE 15th OCTOBER, as there may be cattle in the field until then.

NO GREEN YEW, SCREWS or NAILS, please: they can be dangerous to animals.

Unfortunately we have only very limited ability to collect material from around the village.

Neil Mason, Entertainments Secretary 01306 889073

Mike Giles, Chairman 01306 884598



For their first concert with new Musical Director Richard Wilberforce, the choir invite you to spend a mellow Autumn Evening enjoying the glorious music of classical / romantic giants Schubert, Mozart and Bruckner.

Tickets cost £15 from any choir member or from Lisa Kicinski on 07484 840955 or 01306 887946

Tickets will also be available on the door.

### ASHTEAD PARK LANE Fine Arts

**RESTORATIONS - PICTURE CLEANERS - FRAMERS** 

ART GALLERY

Many originals and prints for sale Open 9.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday or call for appointment

102 The Street, Ashtead KT21 2AW 01372 277284 or 07940 677932 lorna@parklanefinearts.co.uk

#### Betchworth Electrical Contractors Ltd.

Tel: 01737 843079 Mob: 07966 239644

- Additional Lights and Sockets

   Complete Rewiring
   Garden Lighting and Power

   Electrical Installation Condition Reports

   Specialists in Fault Finding
   Telephone & Computer Cabling
   Central Heating Controls
   Smoke Alarms to BS5839:Pt6
- Smoke All
   All work is

APPROVED

All work is in compliance with BS7671:2008 Amendment 3 TRUS

MARK

## EDE BR<sub>2</sub>S

·REMOVALS·STORAGE·SHIPPING·

- Since 1926, Capel-based and family owned
- STRESS-FREE, local, national & worldwide
- Contact us for your *FREE* estimate...

## 01306 711293 edebros.co.uk

## Mr Payne's Fencing and Gardening Services 07525 351237 01483 276901

Checkatrade.com

Mickleham Children's Playground Committee would like to thank Matt Payne for agreeing to cut the grass in the playground this year. Matt comes highly recommended for all gardening services

recommended for all gardening services.



Learn-To-Sew Lessons in Mickleham Adults, teens and children welcome

Individual attention

Morning, afternoon and evening classes

Call Tracey 07511 079 441 or email Tracey.ann.ohanlon@gmail.com

## ALFA CHIMNEY SWEEPS

- Clean prompt work
- 30 years' experience

01306 883287

- Specialist advice for old/problem chimneys
- Weekday and weekend service
- Fully insured



EDE BRQ

81306 711283

EDE BR

EDE BRQS

llage eens YOUR LOCAL FARM SHOP ON DENBIES WINE ESTATE farm shop FREE PARKING www.vgfarmshop.com 01306 880720 farm shop deli plant centre **English Apples** Open 7 days 9.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. **Pumpkins** Fresh fruit & veg – local & home grown Fresh bread, cakes, croissants & pastries We Stock Cook ready meals; Bangers Galore sausages Silent Pool Gin Great range of local cheese \* LOCAL NATURAL **ETHICAL** 

## Living History

n the spring of 2015 I started recording the plant species that I could see in the footpaths, road verges and the front lawns visible from the road in Westhumble. That year, I mainly looked at Burney Road. This summer, I continued with my recording, concentrating on Pilgrim's Way and including one private garden. I am primarily doing this as part of a project to record all the native plant species, together with non-native species in the wild, in every 1km square in the old county of Surrey. As can be imagined, this is a huge task and fortunately there is a team of botanists involved in this project. All of this is for a planned New Flora of Surrey. The verges and lawns of Westhumble have made a good contribution to the records for the OS square TQ1651.

As I looked at the verges in Burney Road, it occurred to me that there was another outcome for my recording, namely the history of the land on which the present day Westhumble lies. For many of the native species that I have been recording would have been there for centuries. Not the actual plants of course but the same communities of species, the same gene pool, would have been there before the old chapel was built and the nearby well dug. Quite a thought!

In more recent times, old postcards show that before most of the modern houses in Westhumble were built, the fields over which the present modern estate was developed were grassland, either pasture or meadow. A pasture field is mainly used for grazing whereas a meadow would have been shut up from early spring onwards until a hay crop could be taken off it. The Tithe Map of 1841 and its accompanying Apportionments should help elucidate the land use of the fields. I have not yet looked at Adlers Lane but being an old lane, I would expect some of the flora associated with old roads and

## Calling all 'Pyromaniacs'

Agentle reminder to bonfire enthusiasts about the effects of bonfires on neighbours particularly on sunny days when people are likely to be sitting outside or have windows open. Choosing a windless day when there is no likelihood of smoke drifting, avoiding burning damp material and also timing the bonfire when no one else is likely to be inconvenienced is always appreciated.

You can, of course, put garden rubbish in a bin with a brown lid for fortnightly collection (for a reasonable fee). If there is too much, as at this time of year, the best alternative is to take it to the tip, as many of us already do. The facilities at Leatherhead in particular are very good. You do not have to climb steps to access the skips, and the attendants are very willing to help unload.



## ats RNLI Christmas Fayre Tuesday 8th November

#### 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dorking Rugby Club

RNLI Christmas cards and souvenirs, homemade cakes, fashion accessories, jewellery, shoes, children's books, chutney and much more. Tea/coffee and cake will be available. Free onsite parking is available and the clubhouse has disabled access to both floors.

We need cakes, biscuits, fudge, etc for our cake stall. If you could contribute it would be appreciated.

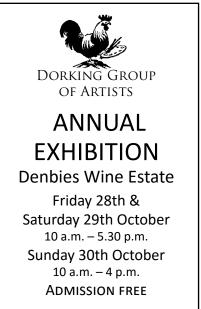
Please bring your old and new foreign money (including discontinued currencies), old mobile phones and used inkjet cartridges (not Epson) for recycling Contact: dorkingrnli@gmail.com hedges still to be present.

So far, I have recorded just over 100 native species. Not all of these species



will have been there forever. There are always new arrivals as habitats change and material is brought in from outside. Sadly of course there are the losses. What would have been there 100 or 200 years ago for example, never mind a 1000 years ago. Sadly, we can only guess at this.

As for the present day flora of Westhumble, for the benefit of biodiversity as well as for the historic evidence, please remember that the precious remaining species-rich verges and lawns of Westhumble are just as important as the paper and photographic material on which much of modern history is based. They can also be a wonderful sight – enjoy them! Ann Sankey



The DGA meets on Tuesday afternoons at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. Membership is open to artists of all abilities, from beginner to professional and costs just £20 per calendar year. The activities programme is varied and includes workshops and demonstrations. (Outdoor painting and sketching during the summer months).

For more information contact Jane Anderson Wood: 01372 375123 j.andersonwood@gmail.com

## 2016 September Show A Soggy Day in Mickleham Village!

t was particularly hard to wake up to heavy cloud and the promise of rain for most of the day after the sun had shone nearly all week and was due to do so again on Sunday! However, lack of sun did not in any way equal lack of entries. In spite of gardeners' dissatisfaction with this summer's weather (too wet, too dry, too hot, etc.) they had managed to put together a superb display of the most beautiful and colourful vegetables. Tomatoes jostled chillies, peppers nestled against the sweetcorn while many-coloured beetroot vied with the carrots. And the heaviest marrow went off the scale!

But for the best reminder of summer's colours one had to go to the jams, jellies, fruit gins and soft fruit as well as the entries in the flower and flower arrangement classes, not to mention the self-portraits and sunflower paintings exhibited by pupils at St Michael's School. The Nursery room housed some outstanding craft entries (although art and craft entries as a whole were less numerous this year) and a lovely display by the nursery children of octopuses (or is it octopi?).

Cookery classes were inundated with entries, many from children entering the adult classes and often doing very well indeed. Courgette muffins and chocolate cookies, cakes, strudels and Bara Brith filled the tables demonstrating skills certainly not lost in spite of the ready-meal culture. Photography titles were all popular with lots of memories of summer fun and portraits of flowers.

Thanks must go especially to John Winn for presenting the cups and to Alison Wood and her volunteer helpers for taking charge of serving tea and cake to all visitors. We were happy to welcome Ferret Rescue, the Spinners and Weavers and the Reigate Beekeepers who were not deterred by the rain. We hope they will come again next year and enjoy better weather! It was good to see Mary Dennis entering the show after a long absence and demonstrating that she has not lost any of her prize-winning talents. As always,

### And the trophies went to:

The Paynter Cup : Plot-to-pot: an attractive and productive vegetable area - Pauline Davis

The Aitken Cup : A border to inspire – Wendy Lorkin The Ellman Cup: the most outstanding exhibit in Flowers – Richard Siberry The Robson Cup: the most outstanding amateur entry Vegetables – Mary Dennis The Schreiber Cup: the most outstanding entry Fruit – Pauline Davis The Gordon Clark Cup: the most outstanding entry Floral arrangements

– Fiona Taylor

The Dennis Trophy: the most outstanding entry Cookery – Sarah Blake The Vi Bullen Trophy: the most outstanding entry Arts and Crafts – Alison Wood The Alan Huggett Memorial Cup: the best dahlias in the show – Richard Siberry The Taylor Cup: cookery - Greatest number of points – Mary Dennis The Colwell Cup: arts and crafts - Greatest number of points

– Charlotte Daruwalla

The Bronze Banksian Medal: greatest number of points in the horticultural classes – Mary Dennis

The Salomons Cup: greatest number of points in all sections – Mary Dennis The Irvine Cup: most outstanding entry children's section - 3 to 4 year old and the Community Nursery Class – Henry Frost

The Heygate Cup: most outstanding entry in children's section for children up to and including 8 years olds – Archie Armitage

The Wilkinson Cup: most outstanding entry children's section for children 9 & over – Eleanor Donnelly

The Hudlass Cup: best entry in St Michael's school classes – Joshua Stanbridge

thank you to all helpers, growers, bakers and makers that are essential to our existence, plus a very hard-working committee.

Judy Kinloch





Banksian Medal; centre: her winning onions; below: Richard Siberry's winning dahlias. This page clockwise from top left:Wendy Lorkin accepts the Aitken Cup; Pauline Davis accepts the Paynter Cup; the winning self portrait; the judges confer over the vegetable classes; Martin, Fiona and Frank share a joke; Alison Wood's winning quilt; Freddie Armitage with his winning squash; Angela Gilchrist's winning





cosmos.



Counselling **Reiki / Reiki Courses** Mind & Body Healing Shamanic Journeying **Munay-Ki Rites** 

'Wow, it's amazing! I feel so much calmer within myself and also emotionally too, which is really good. I feel so different.'

For further details please call Judith Cobby on 01306 882229 / 07790 614448 or visit www.healing-inspiration.co.uk

## **Ballroom** Dancing Latin American Dancing Professional Training [IDTA]

Private Lessons only Sunday, Monday & Wednesday Evenings 6 – 10 p.m. Beginners class Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.



At Mickleham Village Hall Dell Close, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6EE 07901 742 887

> **Rowlatt Garden Services** GS

#### Gardens large and small we maintaĭn them all

All aspects of private and commercial garden and estate maintenance, landscaping undertaken Fencing, grass & hedge cutting

Telephone: 01737 844373 Mobile: 07887 838666 References available upon request

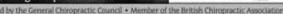
### In Pain? We Can Help **Dorking Chiropractic Clinic**

#### Dr Graham M Allen & Associates

- Back Pain and Sciatica
- Hip, Knee, Foot and Ankle Pain
  Neck Shoulder and Arm Pain
  Headaches and Migraine
  Sports/Occupational injuries
- RSI/Carpal Tunnel Back Pain in Pregnancy
   Arthritic Pain
  - Trapped Nerves
    Joint Problems



HSA





## **STEVE & TIM LANGLEY**

Experienced craftsmen

#### ANTIOUE RESTORATION CABINET MAKING FRENCH POLISHING

Free estimates, collection & delivery 01372 457700 07960 486455 07847 769517

### Road and Competition Engineering Ltd



Specialists in the maintenance and restoration of historic road and race cars

From general servicing, performance modifications, engine/gearbox rebuilds to full restorations. We also offer vehicle storage. Our workshop is based in Charlwood



Jamie Mason 07840 698452 www.raceltd.com

### DORI VANA PLUMBING YOUR LOCAL PLUMBER

EXPERIENCED, RELIABLE AND PROFESSIONAL From changing washers to changing bathrooms

> CALL DORI 07977 220465 / 01306 887282

> > Checkatrade.com

## Frances Lancaster 1920 - 2016

Frances was a lady of faith, who never liked a fuss but who always wanted things done properly.

Born in 1920, she was a Suffolk lass of 17 years when she met Lyonel, who was a theology student at Mirfield in West Yorkshire. He was on holiday staying with a friend in her small Suffolk village, Melton, as he could not return to India for the holidays. His father had a posting to India, and he had grown up in Calcutta. Frances trained to be a teacher, and started teaching during the War while enemy plane spotting as a ground observer in the evenings.

Frances and Lyonel married in 1944 at the end of his training to become a clergyman. They moved to a parish in the North of England before they left to work in India on one of the first ships to leave after the War. They spent the next 15 years in India, arriving at a very unsettled period in that country's history. Frances had many a story to tell about their experiences during the disturbing times of Partition.

Moving to Calcutta after some years in northern India, they lived in a compound at St Thomas Church, Free School Street, very close to the Bura (or Big) Bazaar and the slum area where Mother - now Saint - Teresa also worked. Again Frances had many stories to tell of those years as a clergyman's wife, a teacher, and in due course a mother of three children – a very busy life. Julia was born in Suffolk while Frances was on leave in England, while her brother and sister, Jeremy and Joanna, were both born in Calcutta. Lyonel became a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta while still continuing to work as a parish priest, so life was very varied. One of his curates, Peter Ince, later became Rector here at St Michael's - what a coincidence!

On their return to England, Frances and Lyonel settled in the parish of St Andrew's in Deal in Kent, where they spent over 20 years. Frances taught at the local primary school, becoming deputy head teacher, and Lyonel was the Rector and Rural Dean.

Lyonel died in 1984, not long after they had both retired and moved to Prospect Cottage, a Georgian cottage they had bought at the other end of Deal. Frances remained at Prospect Cottage for the next 25 years, continuing to play an active part in the life of the town.

She had many interests which kept her very busy. She was a very knowledgeable gardener, having created a beautiful garden from scratch when they had moved into a new rectory that had been built in the old churchyard, and then transforming the Prospect Cottage garden in her retirement. She worked at the local Oxfam store, and being artistic enjoyed doing their window displays, which were unusual and very eye catching, often displaying the drawing skills she had used as a teacher making endless work cards. Many a garment donated to Oxfam was washed and then invisibly mended by her - she was and remained to her last days a very accomplished needlewoman, darning, mending and carrying out alterations for the entire family. She was a founder member of the Deal Music Society, and attended many of the local concerts.

Having played the violin in her youth, she had great fun in later years singing traditional English folk music with The Deal Hoodeners, who performed in pubs to collect money for local charities. She was the archivist at the Maritime Museum well into her 80s, meeting and helping people from all over the world in their research work. Many an hour was spent cataloguing and sorting the fascinating historical documents. U3A Maths lectures and play-reading sessions took place in Prospect Cottage. It was a good central point for people to meet. She also took book-binding and calligraphy classes, and had many other interests.

Frances wrote poetry throughout her life, often waking in the middle of the night to scrawl a verse down at a crazy angle on the piece of paper ready by the bed. And, as with many people of that generation who had to learn poetry by heart, she could – and did – still recite many a poem. She had a real fascination for words and word puzzles which she did every day.

She came to live in Mickleham with Julia and Richard almost seven years ago. Her other two children, Jeremy and Joanna, and her four grandchildren all



live nearby. She said she had swopped her 'view of the sea for a lovely view of the trees'. Here she developed new skills. Every morning she read *The Times* newspaper on her i-Pad, on which she also played word games and looked at photos which were coming in via the internet from family here and from those working or travelling abroad. She loved sharing them with her visitors, especially during these last years when she went out less frequently – though she greatly enjoyed her last 'Tea at 3' as recently as 25th July.

With family close by, Frances's main focus was her children and especially her grandchildren, and it was her special pleasure to see them often. They were very good at sending her emails too – and having Skype calls with her. Although she did not master sending emails herself, she was good at dictating them. Julia and Richard's dog Raffles became her constant companion and shadowed her, snoring away on his bed in her room, and following her around the Old House and garden – but never tripping her up!

Frances' knowledge and love of the garden continued – a photo of her taken a few weeks ago was of her deadheading the geraniums in the courtyard of Old House.

Her interest in so many things, especially what others were doing, ensured that she always had people to talk and listen to, and she really appreciated the many new friends she made in and around Mickleham and who welcomed her into the community. She will be greatly missed, not just by her family, but by her many friends near and far.



## WANTED Poppy Appeal Collectors for Westhumble

have taken over the organisation of the Poppy appeal in Westhumble from the late Janet Curran and am looking for volunteers to help with the door-to-door collections. If

you would like to help and have some free time in early November, please leave a message on 01372 879482 or neilatkin@live.co.uk Thank you.

Neil Atkin, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Westhumble SEC16



## MATCH REPORT: MCC vs Bookham

Sunday 14th August played at Box Hill School on a beautiful, hot and sunny afternoon

MCC won by 36 runs. MCC: 170 - 7 (35 overs); Bookham 134 all out

MCC hosted Bookham in the first return fixture I can think of, with Bookham keen to avenge a tight defeat early on which MCC had won by 1 wicket. However it was not to be for Bookham as MCC ran out comfortable winners by 36 runs, a game in which Ex Tras excelled for both teams leaving umpires Rod and Mark exhausted after giving so many wides and no balls.

MCC won the toss (standard) and elected to bat. Opening with the Evans', Jim missed a straight one early doors to bring in the skipper, newly promoted up the order, by myself. That's what Power is. Fred E was going well and then was deceived by a slow looping full toss; Nick Presley was back in action though complaining about too much gardening and proceeded to score 10, all ran. Whatever happened to boundaries? Chris Presley is in very good form, showing his little brother how to do it and ended with an impressive 37. Debutant Jack Lemon came in and smacked a breezy 19; Eagers Junior and Will Dennis protected their averages at the end with not out scores, though Dad Eagers outscored son Mash. One for the OAPs. Lol. Ex Tras scored 30 this week (season's best/worst) and so we ended up with 170. A sumptuous tea followed courtesy of Jo P, Tania W and

Dinah (thank you very much for the calorie hit).

It was now Bookham's turn to bat. MCC opened with Mash Eagers and Woody. Mash bowled some good ones - a bit Bassett's overall really while Woody was deadly, taking 4 - 8 off 7 overs (he got 3 - 11 against them last time). However Woody missed his hat trick which earned him a Malibu, obviously. Bookham were reeling. Greg A kept the pressure on (1 -23) while Jack thought he was bowling on the next strip, making Rod look like a bird taking off such was his flapping. Chris Prezza bowled pretty tightly (3 - 27)on the correct strip and lobbing them out of the setting sun; Fred Evans was introduced to bowl his tidy spinners (1 -24) though he did drop one off himself. Malibu. The skipper introduced himself for the last over: magnificent is the only way to describe the next three deliveries, 1-1, the victim being their opener who was batting a second time having been given out in slightly controversial circumstances early on by umpire Rod, though this is perhaps not the only reason why Rod is leaving the country on Wednesday for Oz. In the field Will D took a smart stumping and a catch; Lemon, Chris P, Greg A and Fred also held on to their chances. Our

## Community News

Welcome to David and Adrian Hardy who have moved to Pilgrims Close from Manchester via Brighton; and

Congratulations to Daniel Weaver, son Of Ann and Gerry of Westhumble, and Lucy Neville, who were married on August 27th at the church of St. James the Great, Colwall, Worcestershire.



A very happy picture of the bride and groom

extras score was an embarrassing 33 (also a season's 'best'). Hmmm!

In the club house afterwards the Malibu Delivery System was suitably exercised after the fines committee had deliberated although it is a slightly alarming development to see some punters actually wanting to be fined. Shocking.

What a lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon. Thank you again to the Tea Ladies and thanks also to our stalwart umpires Mark Day and Rod Howard. We know you both enjoyed the exercise you had during the match. We all wish Rod safe travels Down Under: see you in 2017!

The MCC's record is now played 13, won 10. This Sunday we host Jack Frost in our last scheduled fixture of the 2016 season; Greg Ayton is Match Manager.

## Do you know the connection between Shakespeare and Box Hill?

Strangely you will see a wellrecognised part of Box Hill if you visit Shakespeare's New Place, at Stratfordupon-Avon, which re-opened in August this year. This is where Shakespeare had his family home for 19 years, and where he died four hundred years ago.

The re-imagination of Shakespeare's New Place is the biggest and most enduring project anywhere in the world to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death in 2016. Centre stage in the new garden, in the Heart of the Home (the Shakespeare's family living quarters), is a bronze sculpture of the beautiful old Hawthorn that was a landmark on the first bend of Box Hill's Zig Zag road.



As you can see in the picture, its branches sweep over a massive sphere which is burnished bright on one side, and in deepest shadow beyond. His Mind's Eye is the work of renowned sculptor Jill Berelowitz, a powerful metaphor for the irresistible force of Shakespeare's imagination. Many months ago, Jill's team carefully took a rubberized mold of the Hawthorn on the Zig Zag bend, with guidance from Natural England on how to protect the habitat, and then created this stunning sculpture.

In New Place gardens it is surrounded by a circle of pleached hornbeams and a 30m curved oak bench, with Shakespeare's desk and chair at stage right, this is intended to be the perfect spot to contemplate Shakespeare's work and take a picture. So Box Hill's Hawthorn will feature in photos from people all over the world!

If that story wasn't strange enough, a few months after this mould was taken, the Hawthorn blew over in strong winds, but as it still looked architectural it was decided by NT to keep it there. However shortly after this, a car coming up the Zig Zag missed the bend and ploughed over the bank and demolished the prone Hawthorn. So now if you want to see a memento of this tree you need to go to Shakespeare's place in Stratford upon Avon!

Lyn Richards

### A light hearted overview of Box Hill's Chalk Grassland with dinner at the Burford Bridge Hotel

At the Burford Bridge Hotel on the evening of November 21st at 6.30pm the Friends of Box Hill are offering you the chance to hear what makes Box Hill's beautiful chalk grassland so special in a light hearted talk by Catherine McCusker. Catherine is the Education and Events officer for NT on Box Hill and previously

worked in drama so the talk should be entertaining and informative.

The talk will be followed by dinner in the Burford Bridge's lovely Garden Room. The hotel is very kindly providing the barn for the talk and the Garden room for dinner and offering us a special priced three course meal. The total cost will be £22 per person for the event. the Friends and their guests but nonmembers will also be welcome. We will need to know numbers in

advance so please contact Lyn Richards on email lyn@mra.uk.net or 01737 842889 to book a place or for more information by 1st November

Priority will be given to members of

## Westhumble Talks

Westhumble Talks meets in the winter months to enjoy presentations from recommended speakers on a wide range of subjects. Our talks are held in the homes of members who are able to accommodate the 30-40 members who generally attend. Membership is open to all residents of Westhumble and Mickleham.

All talks start at 8 p.m., followed by

refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. The annual subscription for the five talks is just £8 per person. Guests may be admitted for £3.

To apply for membership please contact Mike Weller mike.weller@ btinternet.com / 01306 882097. Alternatively, for more information or to book a place please contact Secretary Stephen Lloyd 01306



The Duke of Wellington

#### The Battle of Waterloo

Wednesday 19th October Historian Rupert Matthews is an established public speaker and author of non-fiction books, magazine articles and newspaper columns. At 3 Cleveland Court, home of Barry and Elizabeth Moughton.



Autumn means new menus, pub quizzes(check website for dates),toasty log fires and hopefully a few Indian summer sunsets so lots to look forward to See you soon Eamonn and Anne

Byttom Hill, Mickleham 01372 372590 www.thekingwilliamiv.com

## Norbury Park

Summer 2016 has involved lots of work in and along the Norbury Park stretch of the River Mole, tackling various challenges and improving the habitat as well. This started during Invasive Species Week 4th – 11th July when Rangers and volunteers began pulling the very attractive but nonnative Himalayan Balsam plant, starting upstream at Nicols field. This plant has bright pink flowers which seed, 'shooting' approximately 800 seeds per plant for up to seven metres, therefore it spreads incredibly efficiently, particularly along watercourses such as rivers, taking over large areas and out-competing our native species. Thankfully it is relatively easy to pull up, even the bigger 'above head height' plants, and then trample on to squash the potentially re-rooting lower nodes. The volunteers did a fabulous job over four and a half separate days and although the aim ideally had been to get as far as Young Street (our downstream boundary) we were still hugely satisfied at getting to just level with Lilac Cottage, so only a short stretch not done this year. Benefits of the task were seeing kingfishers, little egret, and then a buzzard and red kite sharing the same thermal.

The next challenge, which was beyond the capabilities of both rangers and volunteers, was kindly met by the Environment Agency. Over the last couple of winters fallen trees and the debris subsequently washed against them, had caused two substantial 'log jams' across the Mole where it passes through Swanworth Farm. Surrey Wildlife Trust have neither the machinery nor the expertise necessary in removing all this sometimes quite massive material, so the Environment Agency put together a team, mainly from Kent and spent time over two weeks dismantling and pulling out root plates, trunks, branches and brash using a tractor and winch.

SWT, on behalf of the Mole Catchment Partnership and supported by The Wild Trout Trust, also spent two days working with Leatherhead and District Angling Society and volunteers from UK Network Power along the banks and in the river, creating a safe environment for the anglers that use Norbury Park whilst at the same time enhancing instream habitat for the benefit of both fish and invertebrates. The tasks were led by Glen Skelton (SWT's RiverSearch Coordinator) and the UK Power Networks volunteers got very



*Top: checking out the Himalayan balsam; below: winching a tree trunk out of the river.* 

well stuck into the work (not quite literally) and we think enjoyed their days with us.

September should now be winter work program but so far with record temperatures it does not feel like it. By the time you read this Norbury Park and Sawmill Open Day (18th) will be over but I am hoping for good but maybe not quite such hot weather!

Andrea Neal - Ranger



Hope Mausoleum

Find out about the Deepdene Trail which brings alive the revitalised landscape of the Deepdene estate, once the home of the millionaire collector and connoisseur, Thomas Hope. There is a virtual reality tour at the Museum, or you can book a guided walk on the Deepdene Trail.

The current special exhibition is 'Dorking 1916' commemorating a momentous year in the war, focusing on the Home Front and the impact of the war on

# TrailOur Family Activity on Saturday 15thisedOctober is 'World War One, 1916'. Theonceactivity is based around the museum'sctorcurrent exhibition. Families can hearherethe stories of our local 15-year-old

casualties, Valentine Joe Strudwick and Aubrey Hudson, and make a mini poppy wreath to commemorate the centenary of the war. Drop in any time between 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Ideal for families with children up to age ten. Free with regular Museum entry.

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Visit www.dorkingmuseum. org.uk. Enquiries to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk or phone 01306 876591.

## Dorking Museum in October

the people and life in Dorking and the surrounding villages.



By fostering with Barnardo's you can help her, whatever she's going through. And we'll help you.

Get in touch today: 01892 510650 barnardos.org.uk/fostering Believe in children Marnardo's



Rabbits, Moles, Foxes and Deer

Domestic, Commercial and Industrial 
 Contract Work 
 Preventative Control Programmes
 Experts in pest control throughout Surrey

www.dorkingpestcontrol.com

Chris: 07971 519415

Office: 01306 743001 Ivor: 07710 117491

## INSPIRATION Box Hill School Dalewood House opens for Heritage Day

On September 10th some 40,000 volunteers across England organized 5,000 events to celebrate the nation's fantastic history, architecture and culture by taking part in the national Heritage Open Day. This year Box Hill School were delighted to take their part by opening Dalewood House to the general public.

Heritage Open Day is a yearly chance to see hidden places and none of the days visitors to Dalewood had been to the school before and all were intrigued to see what lay behind the mock gothic façade. Members of the school staff conducted tours around the 'Gothic revival style country mansion', which was built by speculative property developer Charles Fox in 1883. He saw an opportunity in the market to appeal to wealthy industrialist families seeking a rural retreat. This had become possible through the expanding railway network and so he planned to build an aspirational country property, Dalewood House.

To build his 'aspirational' house Charles Fox chose the pre-eminent architect of the time John Norton (1823 – 1904) whose style was inspired by the celebrated Victorian Architect Augustus Pugin (1812 – 1852). Both designers centred their work on the revival of the pointed structure of the Gothic Arch, which symbolised Christian striving towards heaven and Christ's resurrection. Pugin is quoted as expressing that the ideal is that 'there should be no features about a building which are not necessary for convenience, construction or propriety, ... all ornament should consist of enrichment of the essential construction of the building ... in pure architecture the smallest detail should have meaning or serve a purpose - Beauty and piety'. In that way Dalewood is very much a building of its time.

In 1890 Charles Fox sold the Dalewood House Estate to Mr David Evans, one of the 19th century's pre-eminent silk printers and chairman of 'David Evans & Co'. The company was in operation until relatively recently and renowned as the last of the old London silk printers.

David Evans and his family lived at Dalewood House until his death in 1901 and, after his wife Sarah died in 1912 the house passed to their daughter Lucie Fosbery. She resided at the house with her husband Charles Widenham Fosbery until the house was requisitioned by the British Army as headquarters of the Canadian Army Pay Corps in the Second World War. By 1951 the house had been taken over and run as St Nicholas School by two Australian sisters. In 1959 Box Hill School was founded on the site by Mr Roy McComish, a Housemaster from Gordonstoun School in Scotland.



Top: The Entrance Hall; centre: the Library; below: Spring

You are always welcome to visit us at any time to tour Dalewood, please do give us a call we would be delighted to see you. Samantha Bushell



Juniper Hall's Bioblitz, 24th October 2016 This October half term Juniper Hall invites everyone to become a wildlife explorer for a day and discover what's living right on our doorstep by joining in at our local BioBlitz event. Our team of experienced naturalists and wildlife watchers need your help to find and identify as many different species of birds, bugs, plants and beasties as we can before the clock runs out, from 1000 to 1630. Just like a real scientific expedition, everything we find will be documented and passed on to local and national databases that monitor our local wildlife. With interactive activities for kids, grownups, beginners and experts alike there is something for everyone at a BioBlitz. Entry is free, parking is limited and £3 per vehicle. Refreshments will be available.



## www.shakespeare-electricals.co.uk **Building Plans** For home improvements & extensions

**Fully qualified** 

and insured

MARK

Including planning & building regulations Fast efficient service at competitive rates

MICHAEL LLO Ena MICE MINT Phone: 01483 205479 or 07958 791 402 for free consultation

Qualified Horticulturist Richard Everett RHS Specialising in the

ground maintenance of commercial and private properties

01737 843232 07887 525533 reverett\_hort@hotmail.co.uk





September is a very busy month in The nursery. This year we have 30 new starters and 25 have joined us during September. Some of those are older so will be joining our 17 existing children as our rising 4's. Others are younger and joining nursery is often their first experience of time away from parents or grandparents. At nursery we recognise how sensitive this time can be so we gradually introduce the children over the month, some with a shorter session to help them get used to the new environment, new rules, new grown ups and lots of new children to share the nursery toys with. For these younger children, the concept



The Nursery pupils' display of Octopuses at the Flower Show. They were very colourful and great fun to create, using a salad spinner!

of sharing can be very tricky, so we tend to talk about 'taking turns' and use visual sand timers to help the very young children understand.

We will soon be fully experiencing the autumn and look forward to playing in the fallen leaves, collecting autumnal fruits and playing with conkers! We are now accepting applications for new starters in September 2017 and January 2018. If you would like to visit the nursery please call or email to make an appointment.

Hilary Budd - Nursery manager 01372 361021 stmichaelsnursery@btinternet.com





for your event?

Mickleham Village Hall has been given a large quantity of plastic wine glasses. If you would like some please contact Ben Tatham OI3O6 882547 ben@thetathams.co.uk or Deanna Darnell 07790 941 601 d\_darnellMVH@hotmail.co.uk **Box Hill Bugs** 

Box Hill NT's toddler group Suitable for walking/18 months up to 4/5 year olds. Contact learningboxhill@ nationaltrust.org.uk for details and to book or ring Catherine McCusker on 01306 878554

St Michael's School is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers Please leave at the school, give to a current parent, leave at the back of the church (in an envelope marked 'vouchers for St Michael's School') or give to Sue or Ben Tatham at St Anthony, Pilgrim's Way

## All for the Children

This month one of our teachers, Anna Fox, reflects on the start of a new term:

Every teacher I have ever met (even those that have taught for many, many years) get 'new year' or 'new class' nerves; will I have lost my touch? Will I remember what to do? Will the children like me? The list goes on! Having recently been on maternity leave, I had almost a year off, initially I was delighted at the prospect of lazy days at home and no alarm clock (Ha, what was I thinking?) but it did not take me long to realise that I missed being at school, especially one that is as brilliant as St Michael's.

So what is it that makes St Michaels's School so special?

Let's start with its genuine Christian ethos. You have to step no further than the reception area to be greeted by Mrs Piggott, the children's hero. Last term I spent the day in the office writing reports. I was astounded by the love and care Mrs P poured over every single child. Whether it was a scraped knee, a bumped head or a paper cut, Mrs Piggott nursed them with love, kind words and genuine care, so much so that when I got home I felt compelled to text her and tell her how wonderful she is.

Then walk down to Mr Smith's office where he is genuinely enthralled by the children's ability to learn, committing himself to providing them with an environment in which they can thrive. Most prominently his dedication to developing them as kind and compassionate, individuals – praising the children for good manners, being helpful and showing care to others. But what I noticed most was Mr Smith's readiness to laugh with them, to see all of the children as individuals and to take the time to chat to them individually and to really get to know them.

In each classroom you can hear the love and guidance the teachers give the children. I remember when I started teaching in reception alongside Miss Hazel, one of her opening pieces of advice to me was 'every single child is a little poppet, with lots of love to give, our job is just to find the key that unlocks the best parts of their personality'.

Being in the throes of school life for ten years I had got used to, and taken for granted ,the many ways St Michael's School celebrates so much of life; the first term beginning with the celebration of harvest, followed by such magic at Christmas, from the hot chocolate and pyjama evening, the wonderful shared Christmas lunch to the moving Nativity plays (which always make me cry). Such hope and joy at Easter - the Easter pause day being so moving and poignant and finally the Leaver's Service and party at the end of the year. Of course, all of these events are dotted with special cultural days, school trips, sports activities and the much loved and valued occasions arranged by the wonderful PTA. The enrichment of the education at St. Michael's is another reason why the school is so special.

Of course without such amazing children none of the other things would matter.



www.stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk

The staffroom is filled with conversation about the children's achievements, maybe that day someone has written their name for the first time, learnt to skip in the playground or played a song on the recorder. I remember having a conversation with Mrs Nunn late into the evening when we were working on the role play area, both of us not wanting to begin the daunting task of changing 'the restaurant' in the classroom to 'an aeroplane' (with only two cardboard boxes and a few class chairs!) 'Come on!' she said, 'whenever I am tired and just want to go home, I think of how excited the children will be when they come in and see what we have done, we have to remember, it is all about the children.' and what a great line, everything we do, it is all for the children.

We regularly hear negativity surrounding the teaching profession, striking, paperwork and of course the dreaded Ofsted. However, I can honestly say that every teacher I have ever met feels blessed to work alongside such lovely little people every day and to share in the delights of school life. So let us say' hurrah' for all of the teachers getting their new term nerves as we begin another fabulous year at St Michael's School.



## Cryptic Crossword



#### Across

- Ambiguous sign at Ryka's exit. Would they pay any attention if we did? (7,8)
- 8 College window (5)
- 9 Musical loses less but remains sad (9)
- 10 Where papers are printed or journalists assemble? (5,4)
- 11 Was Hengist's brother of Jutish or Saxon origin? (5)
- 12 Posted to work for extremely oppressive boss (6)
- 13 Registers of pig farms held by their designers? (8)
- 16 Actors in trouble threw heavy metal (4,4)
- 17 Ban bandit not at home with the police (6)
- 20 Start in a film studio? (5)
- 22 Unrepentant cannibal fighter? (9)
- 23 Blues instrument damage over central Chicago (9)
- 24 Liberal enters first class evidence for the defence (5)
- 25 Doctor: 'You have a tiny bit of lettuce stuck in your throat'; Patient: 'Tiny? That's only the ...' (3,2,3,7)

Photographer	Ben	Tatha

1	2	3	4		5			6	7
8			9						
10							11		
12				13				14	
			15						
16						17			18
					19				
20	21		22						
23							24		
25									

#### Down

- 1 Constable roped off the area harvested (7)
- 2 College poems that describe worlds beyond our world (9)
- 3 The magician I insult oils over (11)
  4 Elgar's Enigma Variation in D minor? (6)
- 5 National Park where some yeti roam? (8)
- 6 Shortage of beer emergency really starts to get serious (5)
- 7 Witness frets in the playground (7)



11 A cult: inhale strangely and freak out? (11)

- 14 Diamond game (9)
- 15 "O Sir Hugh!" got a bit "approximate" (8)
- 16 Musical note: take time out for needlework! (7)
- 18 Effect of damp on wood sounds like Geordie's description of the noise made by his microwave? (7)
- 19 Journeys afar in a caravan? (6)
- 21 Are astrophysicists in a bad mood? No, the other way round! (5)

#### SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD Across

1 Bramble 5 Abandon 9 Unamused 10 Prawns 12 Shortstop 13 Bagel 14 Used 16 Veteran 19 Protégé 21 Race 24 Leg it 25 Disappear 27 Glance 28 Flinched 29 Address 30 Drawers

#### Down

1 Bruise 2 Analog 3 Brunt 4 Ejected 6 Aerobatic 7 Dowagers 8 Nestling 11 Spiv 15 Spectacle 17 Apologia 18 Longhand 20 Eddy 21 Rustled 22 Techie 23 Prudes 26 Panda RR-M

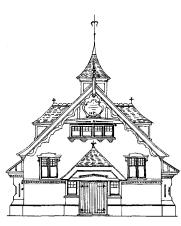
A parade of caterpillars on a rose leaf

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October

1 Saturday	10 – 11.30 a.m.	Harvest Workshop at St Michael's School for primary school children. Suggested donation of £2 per child to help cover some of the costs
	7.30 p.m.	Harvest Supper – (see page 2 for details)
2 Sunday	Harvest Festival	
	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10 a.m.	Harvest Family Service + Baptism
6 Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
9 Sunday 2	20th Sunday after Trinity	
-	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (WESTHUMBLE CHAPEL)
10 Monday	9.15 a.m.	St Michael's School Assembly in church
12 Wednesda	ЭУ	Deanery Synod meets
13 Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
15 Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at The Running Horses
	10 a.m.	Start of Bonfire building in Westhumble Fields
16 Sunday	21st Sunday after Trinity	
	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 Tuesday	8 p.m.	Charity Quiz Mickleham Children's Playground Association at the <i>King William IV</i>
19 Wednesda	ay 8 p.m.	Westhumble Talk 'Waterloo' at 3 Cleveland Court
20 Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
22 Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at The Running Horses
23 Sunday	Last Sunday after Trinity: Bible Sunday	
	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) (CHAPEL)
	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
24 Monday		BioBlitz at Juniper Hall
27 Thursday		NO BIBLE STUDY (half-term)
30 Sunday	4th Sunday before Advent: All Saints' Day	
	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2)
	10 a.m.	Morning Service to celebrate All Saints' Day

Date	es for your Diary
Wednesday 2nd &	
Thursday 3rd November	St Michael's School Open Days for Prospective Parents
Saturday 5th November	Westhumble Bonfire & Fireworks
Sunday 6th November	Shoebox Sunday
Sunday 13th November	A Concert for Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 26th November	St Michael's Nursery Christmas Fair
Saturday 10th December	Christmas Café
Friday 16th December	Mickleham Choral's Christmas Carol Party
Saturday 17th December	Pop-up-Pub in Westhumble Chapel
Sunday 18th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Mickleham Village Hall available for hire

Hall bookings Table & chair hire Deanna Darnell 01372 388474 07790 941 601 d\_darnell\_MVH@hotmail.co.uk www.surreycommunity.info/ micklehamvillagehall

Planning a party? Equipment available for hire China ~ Cutlery Electric urn Equipment hire Mary Banfield 01372 373912 mgbbmw@aol.com

## **Community Directory**

Box Hill (National Trust) Head Ranger – Mark Dawson 01306 885502 mark.dawson@nationaltrust.org.uk Friends of Box Hill - Chair Mrs Lyn Richards 01737 842889 lvn@mra.uk.net BOX HILL SCHOOL Headmaster - Cory Lowde 01372 374814 hmsec@boxhillschool.com DORKING CRICKET CLUB Chairman – David Spackman 07831 859232 david@theimagecompany.co.uk DORKING CONCERTGOERS SOCIETY Ian Codd 01306 882544 DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS 01306 880257 **Roger Clark** Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Jim Cattermole 01306 883629 jim.cattermole@uwclub.net JUNIPER HALL FIELD CENTRE 01306 734501 enquiries.jh@field-studies-council.org Head of Centre - Simon Ward Simon.lr@field-studies-council.org Friends of Juniper Hall – Mrs Suzy Hughes 01372 275393 suzyhughes@businessetiquetteint.com MICKLEHAM CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION Secretary – Mrs Sarah Parfitt 07767 891772 sarah@sarahparfitt.com MICKLEHAM CHORAL SOCIETY THURSDAYS 8 - 10 P.M. – MICKLEHAM VILLAGE HALL Conductor – Miss Juliet Hornby 01372 373106 Contact - Mrs Elizabeth Weller 01306 882097 www.micklehamchoral.org.uk elizabeth.weller@btinternet.com MICKLEHAM OLD BOX HILLIANS FOOTBALL CLUB Secretary - John Atewell 01372 374745 MICKLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL SEE WEBSITE FOR MEETING DATES www.micklehampc.org.uk Chairman – Rev'd David Ireland 01372 379381 rev.ireland43@btinternet.com Parish Clerk - Trevor Haylett trevor.haylett9@gmail.com MICKLEHAM PARISH MAGAZINE Editor – Mrs Sue Tatham 01306 882547 sue@thetathams.co.uk MICKLEHAM VILLAGE HALL Chairman – Ben Tatham 01306 882547 ben@thetathams.co.uk Bookings Manager – Mrs Deanna Darnell 01372 388474 07790 941601 d darnell MVH@hotmail.co.uk

MICKLEHAM & WESTHUMBLE BOOK CLUB Mrs Bernice Bailey

Continued on page IV.

Mickleham Parish Magazine October 2016

01306 741310

bpbailey\_uk@yahoo.co

## Community Directory Continued

MICKLEHAM & WESTHUMBLE CRICKET CL	UB
Team Secretary – Will Dennis	01372 372684
	will@micklehamhallfarm.co.uk
MICKLEHAM & WESTHUMBLE HORTICULTUR	
Chairman – Mrs Judy Kinloch	01372 375358
www.surreycommunity.info/mwhs	
MICKLEHAM AND WESTHUMBLE LOCAL HI	
Chairman – Ben Tatham	01306 882547 ben@thetathams.co.uk
Mole Valley District Council	-
Councillor – Duncan Irvine	01306 885001 07738 384287
Councillor Duncar in vinc	duncan.irvine@molevalley.gov.uk
NADFAS Societies	
Betchworth – Miss Mary Venning	01306 883301
Dorking – Mrs Sue Tatham	01306 882547
NORBURY PARK (SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST)	
Ranger – Graham Manning	07968 832508
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (A	) Infant School
Headteacher – Jeremy Smith	01372 373717
info	@stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk
Friends of St Michael's School – Mr	
	meredithshiers@gmail.com
ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY NURSERY WEEKDAY MORNINGS – MICKLEHAM V	
Supervisor – Mrs Hilary Budd	01372 361021
Surrey County Council	02456 000 000
Councillor – Mrs Hazel Watson	03456 009 009 01306 880120
	hva.watson@btinternet.com
Westhumble Residents Association	-
Chairman – Mike Giles	01306 884598
N47 N1 N47	mike.giles@mac.com
WESTHUMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Lead Co-ordinator – David Allbeury	07860 227451
-	neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com
Westhumble Talks	
Secretary – Stephen Lloyd	01306 883482
	shlloyd@btinternet.com
ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORM	ATION
CITIZENS ADVICE	
Dorking – Lyons Court	0844 4111 444
Leatherhead – Swan Mews, High Str	reet 0844 4111 444
Power cut Helpline	0800 783 8866
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Police	
Non-emergency number	101
Dorking Police (non-urgent)	01483 630370 Derking Bural North
Neighbourhood Specialist Team – I PC 40541 Lee Munday	Jorking Rural North leemunday@surrey.pnn.police.uk
PCSO David Sadler	Sadler8761@surrey.pnn.police.uk

## Babysitting by local teenagers

Chris Rowland	01372 376712
Freya Pearce	01306 884724
Olivia Parkin	07887 367850
Isabella Pererira	07515 489067
Issy Nash	01306 742762
Ailsa McNaughto	on*
	01306 887408
Patrick Moran	01306 640043
Ellie Kim	07773 395575
Ailsa Graham	01306 889855
Anna Forti	07557 964530
Alexa Dewar	01306 884744
Emily Brewer	01306 883793
Philomena Ala	01306 885767
Delphine Ala	01306 885767
ممتلك بمائطهم العام	

\* In holiday time only

If you would like to add your name to this list, please get in touch with the Editor. No charge.

#### Advertising in the Parish Magazine

Please contact the Editor. Small ads: a nominal fee is charged for ads where items or services are bought or sold.

We have been advised to print the following reminder: We cannot guarantee the quality of the goods and services offered by our advertisers.



### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

within the United Benefice of Leatherhead and Mickleham

Incumbent – The Rev'd Graham Osborne 01372 372313

Parish Priest

The Rev'o	d Malcolm	Raby

07810 088594 rm.raby007@btinternet.com

01372 378335

01372 383350

CHURCHWARDENS Mrs Anne Weaver

01306 883932 weaver\_anne@hotmail.com

simoncward@btinternet.com

Simon Ward

Parish Administrator Mrs Sarah Ward

01372 383350 sarwar\_63@hotmail.com

PCC SECRETARY Mrs Elizabeth Moughton 01306 883040 eliz.moughton@btinternet.com

TREASURER Richard Siberry

01372 375303 Siberrman@aol.com

Organist & Choir Master Christopher Connett

BAPTISMS CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs Vickie Leney

01306 743061 c.connett@btinternet.com

01306 884054 vleney100@gmail.com

Weddings Co-ordinator Mrs Jane Denny

01306 883107 carsondenny@aol.com

FUNERALS ORGANISER Brian Wilcox

01372 374730 dbrianwilcox@sky.com

For information about services for other denominations see website pages. Search on 'Churches Together Mole Valley'

#### REGISTERS

September 4th Alfred William Louis Harper, son of Elizabeth and James Harper

## FOOD BANK

Donations for the food bank may be left at the back of the church

### Members of the Parochial Church Council

James Aarvold Carole Brough Fuller Mark Day Jenny Hudlass Elizabeth Moughton Val Selwood Richard Siberry Amanda Wadsworth Simon Ward Frank Warren Paul Wates Anne Weaver

## TOOLS WITH A MISSION (TWAM)

www.twam.co.uk

TWAM is a Christian charity committed to the recycling and refurbishment of tools which then can provide a means for poorer people in developing countries to learn a trade and be able to support themselves and their families. With this practical help, thousands of young men and women have benefited from the skills they have learned. They need:

 garden forks & spades, saws, hammers, drills pickaxes etc

sewing or knitting related tools, thread, zips, scissors

- embroidery items, fabric and sewing machines
- wool and knitting needles, patterns

• portable typewriters, printers and laptops If you have any of the above which could be used to help someone to have a better quality of life and hope for the future, please contact Carole Brough Fuller:

## Helping Hands

INCLUDING FOOD FOR FRIENDS A service for all residents of Mickleham and Westhumble

Examples of services we offer:

- Transport for visits to doctor's surgery or hospital
- Essential shopping / collection of prescriptions
- Changing library books
- Small tasks: eg changing fuses, altering clocks etc
- Dog walking / care of pets
- Visiting / befriending
- Home-cooked meals for local families going through difficult times

Requests to Mary Banfield 01372 373912 or leave a message on answerphone. Callers will be contacted within 24 hours

More helpers needed – please contact Mary if you can spare some time.



Mickleham Parish Magazine October 2016



Carpentry & Building Services

> Extensions ~ Conversions Refurbishments ~ Property Maintenance Fully guaranteed ~ Fully insured

One call WILL solve it all

Contact Jason on: 07761 926684 or 01372 379359 jswilsonconstruction@gmail.com





John Wadsworth Independent estate agents

01372 450500 www.johnwadsworth.co.uk sales@johnwadsworth.co.uk A professional, efficient and friendly service

