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Dear friends

As the summer months unfold, and the Covid restrictions on travel are gradually being relaxed, there will probably be a number of people looking forward to actually having a holiday. There may even be some who are already looking back on a holiday they have managed to have.

Whichever way you may be looking, you might like to join me in pondering about holidays. Literally 'holy days', my dictionary defines a holiday as 'a period in which a break is taken from work or studies for rest, travel, or recreation'. Rest, travel and recreation – don't they sound a good combination?

Travel may or may not figure in our holidays, but I guess that, for most of us, 'rest' on a holiday means not doing what we would normally be doing. Not only that but it also means the gaps in between doing recreational things, which might be doing all sorts of things, but probably means gentler things like sightseeing, browsing round deliciously unfamiliar places or simply soaking up the sun (or [sigh] dodging the raindrops).

These are what are normally thought of as 'recreation', things done at special times out of working hours, at evenings and weekends or on holiday. But rest and recreation are not just for special times, they are for all times.

Jesus talked about rest, a very particular kind of rest: *Come to me all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* (Matthew 11:28-29)

What a wonderful image that phrase 'rest for your souls' conjures up – tranquillity, calmness, peace: that very special quality encapsulated in the Hebrew word *Shalom*. And what a wonderful promise. If we enlist in Christ's service, willingly submitting to his yoke, we will know his peace, we will know our soul's ease.

And if you spell 'recreation' slightly differently, 're-creation', a whole new meaning unfolds. Re-creation, being created anew, is at the heart of the Gospel message. There has to be repentance, for sure, before anything can happen; a turning back, a recognition that we are not doing things the way God would have us do them, not putting others and their interests before ourselves and our own interests.

But if that does happen, if we do repent, if we do begin to realise that there is another way of being, a new way of living in the way that Jesus showed us, then we have the chance of being a whole new creation. As St Paul told the Corinthians ...*if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

So if you have already had your holiday, I hope you had a splendid time. If you still plan to go but have not yet, I hope you will have a splendid time. If you have decided that a holiday is not on, I hope you enjoy staying just where you are. Whatever your situation in the holiday stakes, I do hope that you will take a long look at the other possibilities of rest and re-creation and that you will relish being rested, refreshed and renewed.

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*Graham*  
The Reverend Graham Osborne

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

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## The Rev Dr Sandra Faccini to be our next parish priest

For more than a year we have been on a very challenging path which culminated in our being able to advertise for a new house-for-duty priest in May. We were very fortunate to be able to short list two strong candidates. We followed a detailed and multifaceted selection process, which included CVs and answers to a standard questionnaire, references, interviews (including the delivery of a five-minute homily). The interview panel, which included a churchwarden and a member of the PCC carefully considered all these aspects before reaching their decision, which was unanimous.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Sandra Faccini who demonstrated to us that she has the right background, experience and spiritual approach to guide us in the next chapter of our journey as a parish.

We thought it might be helpful to give a little more background information about Sandra so that we can all start to get to know her before she arrives in post. Here are some further details:

Sandra has a PhD in Biochemistry from Surrey University and a degree in Ministry Studies from Bangor University. She is currently studying for her Master's in Theology, Imagination and Culture at Sarum College.

Initially, she worked as a government scientific officer, then changed career and for eight years was a young families minister. Altogether she has nearly 25 years' experience in church ministry, 17 of which have been as an ordained priest. She has also been an Area Dean. Her current parish is in Ottershaw.

Sandra told us that she is comfortable leading a variety of styles of worship, including traditional, contemplative, all age, contemporary and liturgical. Therefore, she is looking forward to working with us to optimise the worship services our church can offer to meet the parish's needs. As her leadership style is of a collaborative nature, Sandra enjoys working with teams and appreciates the support that the priest can expect from the committees that we have already established.

She is used to collaborating with schools, has been a school governor and takes weekly assemblies. She has run a school club in the local infants' school, been involved with Messy Church and run holiday clubs. She is keen to connect with the schools and develop strong links and good relationships.

Our new priest is also concerned about social issues and supported food banks in her local area. She is interested in environmental issues and has engaged with the Eco-church project. Her current church has achieved a Bronze Award and they are on the way to Silver.

Sandra is keen to develop good relationships between the church and the wider community, which she sees as an essential part of ministry. She is



therefore keen to visit key community organisations and support activities that will develop positive relationships.

On the personal side, Sandra has two grown-up children, likes to go to concerts, the cinema and walking her dog in the countryside.

Sandra has already said how much she is looking forward to getting to know us and a better mutual understanding will surely be beneficial to all of us in helping to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. The service to license Sandra as our parish priest will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St Michael's Church.

Sarah Blake and Tim Mathieson  
Churchwardens



## St Michael's Church Community Group

### Climate Sunday

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September is this year's 'Climate Sunday'. This will be the first time St Michael's has joined this annual event, as part of the morning service, and it is very timely, given the recent UN report and in the lead up to the Glasgow climate 'summit', beginning on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

St Michael's, like all churches, is to formally commit to the Council of Europe (CoE) environmental 'net

carbon neutral' target by 2030. The Climate Sunday service is to help start up the process of environmental improvement, as set out in the A Rocha Church 'Eco-Scheme', now adopted by many churches. Environmental performance has to be engrained in all of our minds as an ESSENTIAL consideration in all of our actions, like Health and Safety matters are today; it is no longer optional.

### Heritage Weekend

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September

We are arranging a programme of events in St Michael's Church over the weekend to coincide with the

Village Show on Saturday afternoon. Please see page 11 for a schedule of times when these will be happening.



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## A Midsummer Ice Cream Family Picnic at Juniper Hall

The event was planned as a 'freedom' celebration for 21<sup>st</sup> June, Mid-Summer's Day that migrated to 19<sup>th</sup> July courtesy of the PMs's change of mind. However, it was a glorious afternoon with the prospect of free ice creams, and delicious they were, too.

As everyone settled to their picnics, the activities commenced with the children's egg and spoon race. Our starter, Will, was at the, er? ... start, so, as he declared the winner from a 'rear' view, he would have been unaware of the enterprise of our youngsters. Those who had a sideways view of the race witnessed that our 'winner' applied a little assistance from his thumb to hold the egg on the spoon. As my friend remarked, 'Did anyone explain the rules to the children?' Hats off to the younger children who diligently walked very carefully, concentrating hard on their egg as it precariously balanced on the spoon. As edible rewards were given

to all participants, did it really matter? We will not mention the adult egg and spoon race. (See pic page 28) There was a constant queue at Daisy's ice cream van. Salted caramel was the favourite flavour, closely followed by mango sorbet. Blackcurrant lollies also proved a hit. The next race was for frogs, wooden frogs, that is, which had to be manipulated along a rope. A worthy winner here for sheer persistence.

As the beautiful evening continued and more people arrived, 85 adults and 55 children spread around the grounds of Juniper Hall. There was a busy trade at the bar operating through a window opposite the ice cream van. Then the announcement that there were ice creams left and I was impressed by the neat, orderly queue of children lined up for seconds (see picture). It was a day to sit, enjoy the surroundings and eat delicious English cherries – and the ice creams. What bliss.

The event was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went. Special thanks to Daisy, our wonderful ice cream server who worked her little cotton socks off and prepared 201 ice creams. The van is based in Ewell: <https://daisyicecreamvan.co.uk>

Special thanks to Jason Wilson, Mark Day and Frances Presley who sponsored the ice creams to the tune of around £750 (St Michael's has donated £300 to the Leatherhead Youth Project as a contribution to this event.). The games were organised and eggs boiled by Frances Presley and Annie Dennis. The Master of Ceremonies was Will Dennis. Frogs were loaned by Jilly Aarvold. Ticketing by Mary Banfield and marketing by Amy Ward and Andy Diamond. Mark Day came up with the idea.

Thanks to Juniper Hall for the use of the premises free of charge and to Maddy Jones who 'manned' the bar.

Stephanie Randall







# St Michael's Church Community Group

## Dunk's Descent

### – abseil from the Spinnaker Tower

At our charity auction last May The Rev'd Michael Dunk, who has been taking our Sunday morning church services during the vacancy, bought the lot offering 'Abseil descent of the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth'.

Here is his account of the experience.

What to do on Bank Holiday Monday after Easter Sunday? Attend an auction and enjoy the fun of watching other people bid for lots they could have paid less for had they gone direct to the donor! I cast my eye over the catalogue and thought it would be fun to bid for a lot donated by Mary Banfield for a 100-metre abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. Was this a good idea I wondered after my successful bid.

My wife Rosemarie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's more than nine years ago and to see her in such a sorry state, and knowing that there are thousands more who suffer this cruel life-denying condition, I decided to ask family and friends to help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. I have been delighted with the response with more than £6,000 raised (to date), including Gift Aid, from 140 supporters. One fellow abseiler gave me £100 in memory of his grandmother.

I received many messages of support and encouragement. Here are a few of the more unusual ones:

- I was expecting you to do it without ropes!
- Have always thought of you as ascending
- To infinity and beyond – just like Buzz Lightyear abseiling is falling with style
- For Rosemarie! Good luck Michael.
- We'll be right behind (below) you vicar!
- Take your time as you come down to earth.
- Michael's a wonderful thing and like Tigger he's bouncy – keep bouncing Michael
- Madness but enjoy the view
- Why not stop for a cup of tea half way down!
- Hope your 'boss' smiles on you that day!

The sun did smile on me on the 17<sup>th</sup> July as a large group of family and friends joined me in Portsmouth. Not a cloud in the sky and only a gentle breeze. There were six fellow abseilers and we were given a briefing (Health & Safety++) and told what to expect.

My harness was double checked and it was then my turn to step out onto the platform which had looked from the ground to be the size of a tea tray. I placed one foot in front of the other on the edge of the platform and then moved gently sideways onto the wall of the Spinnaker Tower. My head told me it would be alright but my heart was beating a lot faster than usual. I was in control of the speed of my descent and the instructor was in charge of a second rope.

Moving slowly down the tower I looked from left to right to take in the splendid views which my video camera recorded. I was so concentrating on the descent that my audio recording does not do justice to how I was feeling! It took only ten minutes to reach *terra firma* although it felt like half an hour.

I am very appreciative of the support I received from friends in Mickleham who travelled to Portsmouth to watch me take a leap of faith! Michael Dunk



## The View from the ground

Nearly fifty family members, friends and supporters (including a strong contingent from Mickleham) made the journey to Portsmouth on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July to witness Michael Dunk's abseil. One hundred meters may not sound much, does 328 feet seem more scary? I saw Michael a few days before the actual descent and he mentioned that his bid had seemed 'a good idea at the time'.

We wandered over to the Spinnaker Tower as the pending hour of 2 pm approached ... to find Michael nonchalantly chatting, still on the ground. I noticed he was wearing a dark blue t-shirt in support of the Alzheimer's Society. 'Should you not be somewhere else learning how to launch yourself from a high place – safely?' I enquired, with some concern. He seemed remarkably relaxed.

Somewhat later he sauntered off and we observed him standing at the base of the lift. He remained there for some time and we began to wonder if there

were a problem: the problem being that he had chickened out. No such nonsense, a harness appeared and several people, who seemed to know what they were doing, were flapping the steel ropes that hung, suspiciously loosely, from a tiny little platform high above. We were pleased to note that the safety instructions lasted a little while, and that is probably why we did not notice Michael disappear into the lift to the top.

There was activity from above. 'I can see him' someone said, looking skyward: Arms and legs appeared and we diligently proffered binoculars and squinty eyes as a body slowly, somewhat lumpily, crawled backwards down the wall of the tower. After a few minutes, someone queried whether these were Michael's legs. 'Wasn't

he wearing long trousers?' said one. That's not Michael,' a voice offered from behind. 'That's a woman' said a bright spark from further back.

The next person down was Michael and his descent gave little concern as he made his way down the tower with considerable aplomb. 'Has he done this before?' someone asked. I later learned that there was a video camera in his helmet and Michael had tried to make his ordeal last as long as he could. As he approached *terra firma* there was a huge cheer and a small rush of video-takers, as our intrepid hero 'arrived'. He was wearing a huge grin as he raised his arms in triumph. Well done, sir!

The group adjourned for a well-earned Afternoon Tea at Carluccio's and the Café Royal, but not before Michael offered to kiss the bride at a nearby wedding



Michael (right) with his brother

party. To think he was not wearing his dog collar ... mmm? The bride did not seem to mind. A happy day.

Stephanie Randall

Those who wish to support Michael may still donate to the Alzheimer's Society Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Michael-Dunk>

## The Saga of Westhumble Bridge – Part 1

It was as long ago as 16<sup>th</sup> April that we heard that County Highways were going to close the Westhumble bridge over the railway to reduce the thickness and hence the weight of the surfacing and to narrow the width for vehicles to two metres so that vehicles over 3.5t could not pass through. It closed on 14<sup>th</sup> June and reopened partially completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> July (see top photo). This shows the shrouded sign about about priority for vehicles coming from the A24. The sign remained like that for three weeks.

The bridge finally reopened on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We are very fortunate that David Allbeury, chairman of the Westhumble Residents Association, badgered both County Highways and Network Rail to get on with the work once it was started. His greatest triumph was to get County Highways to widen the gap between the kerbs from 2.0 to 2.1 metres and get the bollards moved further apart so that ambulances could reach Westhumble via this route. This change also made life easier for the rest of us. Well done and thank you David. However this is not the end of the story: Network Rail say that they will dig up the bridge all over again within two years to replace the cast iron beams under the roadway. Ben Tatham



Photograph taken on 2<sup>nd</sup> July when bridge was temporarily opened. Note: newly-erected sign instructing drivers to give way to on-coming traffic is obscured by tree branch.



Finished bridge work to limit size of load on bridge until it can be repaired. 23<sup>rd</sup> July





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## Cross-channel Relay Swim for Charity

In 2017 a group called 'girls ALIVE' was set up in Dorking to encourage women of all ages and abilities to get active. My daughter-in-law Sarah Jane Clarke, who also lives in Westhumble, is a member of the girls ALIVE group that recently completed a cross-channel relay swim for charity.

The plan to undertake this ambitious 21-mile swim was hatched two years ago when a group of the 'girls' met in a local pub. Some of the 12-strong contingent were not strong swimmers and some had never swum in open water. During the subsequent training they had to learn/perfect their front crawl and train their bodies to tolerate cold water under the guidance of a fellow member and swimming teacher who became their coach. Initially swimming in local pools, during lockdown earlier this year they resorted to swimming (without wetsuits) in the sometimes-snowy River Mole two or three times a week. More recently they were able to return to train in open water in Brighton.

Given the weather go-ahead, the first team of six swimmers set off from



Sarah Jane Clarke (far right) with some of the swimmers on the first crossing

Dover on 26<sup>th</sup> July and completed the crossing in 15 hours with each girl swimming an hour at a time. The second team, including Sarah Jane, followed on 4<sup>th</sup> August, and reached France in 12hrs13mins. They returned home exhausted but exhilarated by

the experience and the wonderful camaraderie within the group.

This amazing achievement has raised more than £21,000 for Bowel Cancer UK. If you would like to add to their total, please go to [Justgiving.com/team/girlsalivechannelrelay2021](https://www.justgiving.com/team/girlsalivechannelrelay2021)

Genevieve Brown



## Mickleham Choral Society

New season starts with a 'Come and Sing' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Finally! The moment has come that you have all been waiting for. Choirs can start singing together again. Mickleham Choral Society will be holding its first rehearsal on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8 pm in Mickleham Village Hall. This will be a 'Come and Sing' session. Everyone is welcome especially those of you who have not sung with us before and would like to give us a try. We will sing a wide variety of music some of which you may know

but also we may introduce you to some new repertoire. Don't worry if you are not an experienced singer – enthusiasm is all that is needed. No audition. It would be helpful if everyone could arrive about 15 minutes early to hand out music, so we can start singing promptly at 8 pm. Looking forward to seeing you all and I can promise that you will have a wonderful evening.

Our winter programme will be working towards firstly the Remembrance

Concert on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November in St Michael's Church and secondly towards the Carol Party in Mickleham Village Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Unfortunately, it has been decided once more to postpone our trip to Italy for a further year to October 2022. It is still not realistic to plan properly and with confidence for the visit this year, so it remains something for us to look forward to in the future.

Juliet Hornby

NB We are mindful however that whatever the official advice there are still people who will need reassurance that we are taking a socially responsible attitude to our gatherings and for that reason, for anyone not vaccinated,

we will require that you have a lateral flow test which shows a negative result before each rehearsal or performance. Since we are all adults, we will not be asking for any proof of vaccination or lateral flow test results – it will be for

your own social conscience and for the good of us all that self-compliance is applied. As individuals we will leave it to personal choice as to whether you wish to wear a mask or take other sanitising precautions.

David Kennington, Chairman





# The Garden Shed's Visit to Hardy's Nursery



On a sweltering sunny July day twenty-two Garden Shed participants arrived at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants Nursery, in the village of Freefolk near Whitchurch, Berkshire. This was our first event to be held since

Covid struck 17 months ago. Armed with umbrellas and sun hats we made our way around the nursery with a private tour behind the scenes.

Rosy Hardy started her business in 1988, and since then has become a well-known figure in the gardening world. All her plants are home produced, grown outdoors and in peat-free compost. She specialises in herbaceous perennials and prides herself and her team in growing in a traditional manner, to make her plants tough and resilient.

We started in the propagation greenhouse, where we were shown the methods and materials used. Seeds are collected by one of the staff – often seen walking around collecting his seeds in his black bucket.

We were shown a protected shady part of the nursery where the show plants are kept. And finally the re-potting

area with a slick machine which quickly deals with pot-bound plants, putting them into larger pots and adding more compost. Bark is then put on the top, to retain the water and act as a barrier. This machine cost £46,000.

Hardy's nursery pride themselves in producing good quality plants. Frequent inspections ensure that they are growing and selling pest-free stock. We enjoyed seeing the wide range of perennials available. Many of us could not resist buying a pot or two.

Before heading home to Surrey, we enjoyed a welcome drink and lunch at 'The Watership Down'. A perfect finish to a most enjoyable outing.

Do have a look at Hardy's website: <https://www.hardysplants.co.uk> On 7<sup>th</sup> September Rosy will have a stand at the Wisley Plant Show. Always a delight to visit. Susie Gowenlock



## Garden Shed - Coming Events

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Clematis through the Seasons**  
 a talk by Everett Leeds  
 7.30 pm The Stepping Stones Pub, Westhumble  
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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society's

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## Some last-minute tips for intending show exhibitors

I do hope that you have had a good summer and that despite the April frosts, the July heatwave and the August rains you have something to show from the garden.

Page 6 of your show schedule gives you hints and instructions for your show exhibits but here are a few last-minute tips for intending exhibitors:

- 1 The golden rule must be to take notice of the requirements of the schedule. Eg: five raspberries means five and no more! Any more and it's a classic *nil points*...
- 2 If you can, avoid entering flowers or herbs with leaves that have holes or signs of insect damage. You can always remove the offending leaf or two if you need to.

3 Pay attention to required dimensions, both in flower arranging and the size of your courgettes as well as pots. Where these are mentioned, you must keep to them.

4 Uniformity is to be aimed at where possible, say when choosing potatoes. It always seems to me that if I only had to produce 5, rather than 6, that I would have the perfect entry. Nevertheless, we all have the same problems so 'keep calm and carry on'

5 Staging, or presentation is another factor eg spending that little bit of time to bind your onion necks or arranging in a nice way is time-consuming but worth it.

6 If you are unsure about your peas, you can shine a torch through the pod

to see if has its full complement. Leave a little stalk on, similarly with beans.

7 Carrots go limp more quickly if you leave all the greenery on so cut back to about 3". (I often wonder why 'priced' carrots are sold that way when they do not retain their snap for as long.)

8 A miniature arrangement 15cm all in, means exactly that – not a few big flowers in a small vessel.

9 For jams, most jars bought in shops are plain and can be cleaned of their labels and tops can be made made plain and secured with an elastic band. No proprietary names to be shown.

10 The main thing is not to get stressed and treat it all as a bit of good fun.

Good luck!

David Kennington

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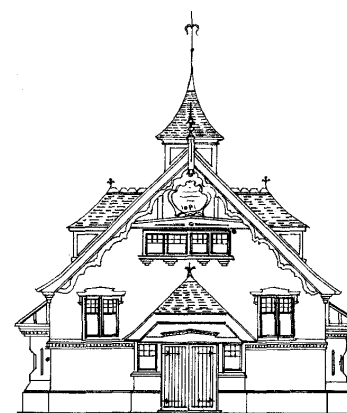
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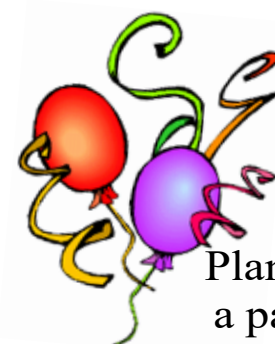
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## September

2	Thursday	7.45 for 8 pm	Autumn term starts at St Michael's School Come and Sing with Mickleham Choral Society. Village Hall
4	Saturday	10 am	Coffee Morning at Westhumble Chapel
5	SUNDAY	Climate Sunday 10 am	Family Service
7	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
8	Wednesday	8 pm	Villages Show – deadline for entries
9	Thursday	12 noon	Friends of Juniper Hall AGM and lunch
10	Friday	10 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning at Chapel Farm
11	Saturday	11 am-4 pm 12 noon-1 pm 2 - 3 pm 2.30 pm	Heritage Open Day at St Michael's Organ recital in church Organ recital in church Village Show. Village Hall
12	SUNDAY	10 am 11.30 am 12 noon-4 pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer at Westhumble Chapel Heritage Open Day at St Michael's

### Copy deadline for October Parish Magazine

13	Monday	3 pm	Tea@Three at The Old House
16	Thursday	11 am	Friends of Box Hill Eels Project walk along the Mole
18	Saturday	9 am	Men's Breakfast. The Running Horses
19	SUNDAY	10 am	Holy Communion
20	Monday	7.30 pm	Garden Shed Clematis talk. Stepping Stones
23	Thursday	10.30 am	LHG's guided tour of Newdigate
25	Saturday	9 am	Women's Breakfast. Stepping Stones

## Coming Events

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Harvest Supper  
13<sup>th</sup> October – Licensing of Sandra Faccini as Parish Priest  
There will be no Westhumble Bonfire and Fireworks this year  
14<sup>th</sup> November – MCS Remembrance Concert  
10<sup>th</sup> December – MCS Carol Party

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# Frank Warren 1941 – 2021

Many were saddened to learn that Frank Warren had died on 18<sup>th</sup> May as a result of a serious road traffic accident. A Service of Thanksgiving for Frank's life was held in St Michael's on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Because of Covid-19 regulations attendance had to be limited to family only, but many of his friends were able to see it via Zoom. The following tribute to Frank was delivered during the service by his niece.

My uncle and godfather Frank was born in 1941, a war-time baby and because of this he hardly knew his father until he was 4. However, he obviously developed his interests from his dad, who was interested in the Bluebell Line. They had a model railway in their home in Wimbledon. Frank joined the Junior department of King's College School, Wimbledon and he was always grateful to his parents for making financial sacrifices so that he could attend. He enjoyed his years there enormously and the encouragement to study, join in team sports, mainly hockey and rugby and pursue his passions. I discovered recently that he was a founder member of the KCS Railway Club. All had a big influence on him and fostered the value he placed on community and service. Because of his experience as a sergeant in the artillery section of the CCF alongside his father's wartime role he was a generous supporter of veterans' charities. He was a member of the KCS Old Boys and served on part of the Legacy Committee generating bursary funds for local children whose family circumstances mean they would not otherwise benefit from the education of which he was so proud. After A-Levels, Frank studied Classics at Newcastle, (then a college of Durham University)

Frank always had a deep Christian faith and while still at school he joined the Pioneers youth group at Christchurch Wimbledon. Some of his Pioneer friends attended his memorial service. It was as part of the Pioneers social scene that Frank met Kate, our Auntie Katie. We know that they wrote to each other weekly throughout Frank's university years and looked forward to spending the holidays together back in Wimbledon. They were married soon after Frank graduated, having secured what was to be his career role in the Civil Service. They married in November 1964, I was one month old - but I am told I was there.

Frank and Kate went on to spend 54 very happy years together. We remember

their first home, a maisonette in Dorking, right next to the railway line. My sisters and I often visited for short summer breaks and went on outings with Katie and Frank.

Frank's greatest interest has always been in modelling and in model railways, but he and Kate loved travelling - always with a purpose in mind. Tours included a wildlife holiday in Costa Rica, a safari in Kenya, a flower safari in South Africa and on another South African trip they went on the 'Blue Train' from Cape Town to Pretoria. We have seen many photos of trains in India, tours in China; they were real globetrotters.

Closer to home, Frank loved UK canal holidays with friends and with Kate he enjoyed visiting gardens around Britain and Europe. He was a member of Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society and on the committee, keeping amazing records of everything. In the summer Kate and Frank pottered on their allotment. Frank's garden railway is well remembered by locals visiting the open gardens in Westhumble.

He was also an enthusiastic member of the Westhumble Residents Association. In the early days of the production of the Mickleham Parish Magazine Kate organised one of the collating teams, ably assisted by Frank who knew how to tame the very fierce and temperamental electronic stapler. They helped with the advertising and accounts as well. At local events he was always more than willing to take along one of his model railways which the children and the not so young loved to watch. For more than 25 years Frank was a well-respected member of St Michael's Church, supporting the parish in numerous different roles.

Frank was a much-loved member of our family and spent many Christmases with us and joining in all our family celebrations as well. An early memory is of one Christmas when I was about three and Frank made us a dolls house. It came as a flat pack and on Christmas



afternoon he was on his hands and knees assembling it for us.

To be honest – as teenagers we preferred not to play card and board games with Frank, a stickler for the rules and with a competitive edge he could get carried away! Frank loved projects like the dolls house, or a new model layout - he loved detail. He was an enthusiast for all he put his mind to, and we all know how much information such an enthusiast was keen to share about his latest plans and projects! When he retired, he was determined to keep up with the tech revolution, attending courses, buying new gadgets, and trying to make the most of change that helped with interests, like playing bridge.

In recent weeks the many tributes we received have helped us realise what an enthusiastic member of so many organisations and familiar part of village life Uncle Frank was. Always ready to step in where there was help needed, he was a friendly man, enthusiastic and cheerful who always had time to talk to everyone. Thank you for sharing your fond memories of Frank, but he is now at peace with his beloved Kate who he missed so much.

Carolyn Hill



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Answer on page 26



## Community News

**F**arewell to Fiona Roberts-Miller who has moved from Fredley Park *en route* to Dorset. The Parfitt family has now moved from School Lane to Fredley Park.

**W**elcome to Peter and Emma Flynn who with Jackson (12) and Holly (10) have moved from Leatherhead to School Lane. Both children attended St Michael's School.

**C**ongratulations and best wishes to: Anne Storey and Eamonn Carroll of the King William IV who were married on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

- Hannah Brewer and Struan Mitchell who were married at St Michael's on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Hannah is the daughter of the late Martin and Martine Brewer, formerly of Chapel Lane, Westhumble

**C**ongratulations to:

- Kay and Jonathan Rawson-Cain of Burney Road on the birth of Tamsin Margot on 24<sup>th</sup> July. A sister for Robyn and second grandchild for Cathy Rawson-Cain of Pilgrims Way

- Stephanie Randall on the birth of her first grandchild, Emilia May born to Thanh and Ben Randall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August in Singapore.



### Do you have any Wrens in your family?

**D**auntless Divisional Photos, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, is running a project to gather divisional photographs and memories from women who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield / HMTE Burghfield / HMTE Dauntless / HMS Dauntless / Reading.

The initiative will also provide an opportunity for women to reunite with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments. So if you know of any woman who served please get in touch with the project co-ordinators on the email or numbers below:

Mandy Powell and Janette Crisp  
Project Coordinators  
07765 435295 or 0771 990 9844  
ddpwrens@gmail.com

## Jill Carey 1933 – 2120

**J**ill Carey (née Grimley) was born on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1933 in Glasgow, the younger of identical twins. After spending the early Second World War years in India where their father was posted as a colonel in the Duke of Wellington's regiment, the twins moved back to Scotland and England in the care of governesses while their parents went on to further postings in West Africa. The twins attended Farnborough Convent school for girls, where the nuns were unable to tell the two girls apart. Often one would attend the other's least favourite lesson (in the other's place) with the nuns being none the wiser.

Jill married Hugh Carey who worked in the Crane Industry for the British Overseas Export Credit Corporation, and in 1961 they moved from a flat in Mortlake to Guildford. In 1977 Hugh and Jill were posted to Bahrain working for Arthur Long and Co who represented the Manitowoc Crane Co of Wisconsin, USA. They were thrilled to meet Her Majesty the Queen when they were invited aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia in Bahrain on the Queen's tour of the Gulf in 1979.

Later they returned to England as Hugh was promoted to run Manitowoc UK and the company relocated to Northampton. They lived for the next 32 years in the attractive Buckinghamshire village of Turweston, just outside Brackley Northamptonshire. In 2012 the threat of HS2 blighting the village brought about a move to Westhumble. Their son Nick and his family live in Dorking. Hugh died, aged 90, in December 2019.

Jill worked in various jobs: 'Books for Students' of Godalming, selling AEG washing machines in the then Plummers of Guildford (later to become Debenhams), a newsreader on Radio Bahrain and in later years a debt counsellor in the Buckingham Citizens Advice Bureau. She was a vivacious raconteuse, fun-loving, stylish and kind. Her latter years were sadly bed-ridden following several strokes. However, this did not stop her zest for life especially when it involved a glass of scotch and a natter. She died peacefully at home in Westhumble Street on 28<sup>th</sup> June with her pet Siamese cat faithfully by her side.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Chapel Farm, Westhumble 10 am - 1 pm

**T**he time has come for another coffee morning to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity under their World's Biggest Coffee Morning Scheme. I am unable to do the official date this year so I do hope that you are free on the 10th September to pop in and support us. It is very exciting to be able to welcome you back to Chapel Farm after our distanced event last year. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. Hopefully this year will be a celebration and

appreciation of our lives which we have now learned not to take for granted. If you have not been before it would be wonderful to welcome you to Chapel Farm for a cup of tea/coffee and a bite to eat for a small donation. We have been so lucky with the weather in previous years and it has been delightful to sit in the gardens and catch up with friends old and new. There will also be a wide selection of cakes to buy and take home with you for the weekend. Looking forward to seeing you in September and thanks for your support for this great charity. Liz Absalom



Joseph

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## St Michael's Church Community Group – Food Bank

**W**hile we are all enjoying the end of lockdown and going into some shops without a mask, please remember the families who are still struggling to make ends meet. Especially those with children who have been on holiday for six weeks and wanted not only lunch every day but also have been asking for ice creams, snacks, chips – you name it.

Some parents may well be looking at bare cupboards and empty purses, so please keep the donations of food coming as you have been doing over the past year or so. Donations can be left at Mary Banfield's house which is at the end of the first turning to the right off Mickleham Hall's drive, and also in Westhumble at Sue Tatham's, seventh on the left in Pilgrims Way.

If it would be easier for you to donate money you may do so via Churches Together in Dorking who can buy food under priority buying arrangements.

Name of Account: Churches Together in Dorking Sort code: 405240  
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## Mickleham Village Hall post Covid



**T**he Village Hall is now fully open without any restriction\* for all types of bookings. Usually August has hardly any bookings so was an opportunity to carry out major maintenance.

This year we had fitness, NHS and dance classes in August but we have still been able to have the outside woodwork painted. This is a major project needed about every eight years. We have also replaced the windows in the Nursery with double glazing. In September we welcome back the

Autumn Show, Mickleham Choral Society and three sorts of dance classes. Your village hall is a great place for all types of social event - please have a look at our website. If you are thinking of hiring the hall, please contact our bookings manager, Deanna Darnell (07790 941601) to view the Hall or check availability.

Ben Tatham

\* Some hirers may impose their own safety restrictions according to their particular activities.



## Friends of Juniper Hall AGM and lunch

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – 12 noon  
Speaker Simon Ward

For more information and to book please contact Suzy Hughes  
01483 281935 suzy@suzyhughes.co.uk



## Guided walk and talk on The Community Eels Project on the River Mole

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
11am\*

**A** representative from South East Rivers Trust will tell us about their work alongside partners on the Thames Catchment Community Eels project which includes work along the River Mole and its tributaries to aid the long-term survival of the critically endangered European eel.

We will be shown the present habitats and learn more about eels and other fish and wildlife. The 90-minute walk will be along the River Mole in Norbury Park. This is a lovely opportunity to learn more about our local river and the wildlife that lives in it.

More information on the project can be found here on the website:

<https://www.southeastriverstrust.org/thames-eels/>

\* The meeting place will be advised nearer the time. Lyn Richards

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Hello friends and patrons

I am writing this in mid-August. I have never seen so much rain as we have had over last three weeks – the Willy does not like the rain. Forecasts say we are going to have an Indian Summer – fingers crossed. Our canopy has really come into its own during the wet weather as customers could still sit outside and enjoy the views while remaining dry and Covid safe.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions there has been no Sunday jazz until 8<sup>th</sup> August, which went really well. We have one more date arranged for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Wet or dry this will be popular so phone early to book a table.

Stay well, Eamonn and Anne

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## Six-a-side Tournament in the New Forest

On 7<sup>th</sup> August Chris and Alex Presley hosted the MCC to a wonderful six-a-side tournament in the beautiful New Forest. This was my second cricket festival in this friendly part of the country and I can say it is awesome.

We all arrived on Saturday just in time to watch the Springboks clinch a wonderful victory over the Lions (oops sorry). Alex and Chris had prepared an amazing feast for us and the drinks flowed. They are the most wonderful hosts and thanks go to them for their friendly hospitality.

Sunday produced an opening in the weather so it was all systems go. Five teams of six players played each other with each player having to bowl one over, but every wide and no-ball scored four runs! The MCC took a long time to work the rules out and we lost our first two games. There was a cameo of 19 runs from Kevin in the opening game while all fell around him. Mark Eagers played a great role bowling

spectacularly and taking a catch in the deep. Yes – a catch.

Then came the recovery and we won the next two games.

Michel, Chris and Nick all produced the runs and Kevin, Mark and Michel gave some fine bowling. In the last game of the day for MCC we faced our nemesis side, the Barbarians, which included two MCC stalwarts hired out for the day at an exorbitant fee, Steve Jebson and Will Perks. This made for a very entertaining finish with Steve hitting Michel for a remarkable six off his toes, Michel then bowling Steve cleanly and Will Perks smashing 18 runs. Alas Will needed a six off the last ball to claim a memorable victory against the mighty MCC. Nick Presley bowled a devious off-spin, Will wound up like a loaded spring – and missed! MCC ended a respectable tied third in the tournament and we are all looking forward to the next visit of



Backrow from left: Nick Presley, Kevin Walker, Mark Eagers, Chris Presley, Frances Presley, Michel Ngueudam. Front: Will Perks, Steve Jebson and Will Dennis with club mascot, Mimi

the New Forest cricket extravaganza.

The MCC is always looking for new players. We have a fantastic home ground and a wonderful team spirit.

Kevin Walker

Will Dennis adds...In other news we lost at Westhumble to the Dennis Destroyers (jointly captained by yours truly and son) but made a lot of money for charity. Now happily back at our home ground in Box Hill School we have several games left this season, and new players are warmly welcome, if and when the rain stops. If you would like to join us on a Sunday afternoon please visit: [micklehamcricketclub.co.uk](http://micklehamcricketclub.co.uk)



## Nature Recovery Strategy

During his interview regarding SHAONB's Nature Recovery Strategy on Radio Surrey in 8<sup>th</sup> August, David. Allbeury, Chairman of Westhumble Residents Association made the following points:

There were a lot of good ideas in the presentation by SHAONB board community forum but they failed to address one of the major issues in the Surrey Hills. I speak as a former cyclist and it saddens me to say that the cycling community needs to address the issue of rogue cyclists. There are many polite and pleasant groups and individuals cycling but there have been too many verbal and, even worse, physical assaults by cyclists on pedestrians. To cite recent examples:-

- A cyclist who was asked by a pedestrian not to ride on the pavement punched the man in the face.

- A lady walking on a woodland footpath who asked a cyclist not to ride on footpaths was verbally abused and when she tried to take a picture of the rider, he took her camera and hit her in the face with it.

- The air ambulance had to be deployed following a collision between a cyclist and a pedestrian walking in Norbury Park.

- Verbal abuse and near misses on pedestrians, horse riders and dog walkers are a daily occurrence.

There are authorised trails for mountain bikers, but illegal trails are set up all through the Surrey Hills disturbing wildlife and damaging the delicate ecology of the area. This area is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and includes several Sites of Special Scientific Interest but

too many of the cycling community are abusing it.

The image of gentle family groups touring the bridleways and roads of Surrey we are encouraged to believe in is far removed from the reality experienced by people living in the area and visitors who come to enjoy The Surrey Hills.

We need to educate riders to use legal trails and respect other people in the countryside. The obsession with encouraging cycling by Surrey County Council while well intended has had far reaching damaging consequences for too many people and the environment. I commend SHAONB's recent Nature Recovery Strategy but control of mountain bikers that are threatening people and damaging the environment must be part of that strategy.



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Despite the global pandemic and the challenges presented by remote

learning these results are a testimony to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of this year's IB cohort and all our staff, we are extremely proud of them all.

We wish all these students the best of luck in their future studies and thank them for being fantastic Box Hill School ambassadors.

### OPEN EVENING

Join us at our Sixth Form Open Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm. The evening will include a welcome from the Headmaster, an introduction to our sixth form curriculum - A Level and IBDP (International Baccalaureate



Diploma Programme), an overview of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form careers and UCAS service and a tour of the school. Throughout the evening there will be an opportunity to visit individual subject stalls and the chance to speak to senior staff and teachers. Booking is now open via our website.

Charlotte Fish



## Cryptic Delicacies

In the last puzzle, there were a number of references to THE ARCHERS, and, yes, the post-news announcement of its imminence does indeed induce a PAVLOVIAN RESPONSE where I have to rush to reach for the OFF SWITCH before the theme tune has a chance to start. Maybe I am allergic to too much reality.

**11 Expressed delight after seeing toupée waving about (6) WIGGLY**

'toupée' = WIG, 'delight' = glee, and when that is expressed (or said) wiggle becomes WIG-GLY

**18 Combines very early starts with arrests (including H!) in revolution (10) HARVESTERS**

'Combines' is a great word for crossword-setting because it looks like an instruction for wordplay but is actually the definition here as a familiar term for 'combine harvesters'. 'Very Early' starts = VE along with ARRESTS & H are then anagrammed ('in revolution'). So nothing to do AC-12 and bent coppers.

**16/17 A novel proves Spain to be involved in a show of spontaneity (9,8)**

**PAVLOVIAN RESPONSE**

When I wrote this I thought it to be an obvious anagram (pointed to by 'to be involved') of A NOVEL PROVES SPAIN, but I now realise that if you grabbed onto the idea that the definition was 'A

novel' you could think that there was some other jiggery-pokery going on with the rest of the clue. And maybe you have a different response to the Archers so did not get the reference in 5 down.

**20 Convenience is following standard introduction in Russian, perhaps (4) SLAV**

'Convenience' = LAV (as in W.C.) which follows Standard introduction = S

**23 Handle sphere (5) FIELD**

This is actually an instance of a co-incidental triple definition, where 'Handle' = FIELD (as in 'to field a question'), 'sphere' = FIELD (as in 'a field of knowledge'), and 'handle sphere' = what you do when you FIELD the ball in cricket.

**27 When Andrew has a type of joke vaccination first, you get this sort of language! (7) PUNJABI**

When you see the setter's name in a crossword, it usually means 'I' or 'me', the reason being to do with conjugation of verbs: if I had written 'When I have a type...' it reads grammatically correctly but does not make sense in terms of the coding of the clue which should be of the form 'When [something] has [something] first' (i.e. it's a singular something rather than a plural something), and when using the setter's name it changes from first person singular taking 'have' to third

person singular taking 'has'. Whatever, what comes first in the answer are 'a type of joke' = PUN & 'vaccination' = JAB.

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



National Trust is planning to sell second-hand books in the Box Hill café and would be happy to receive donations of books to ensure there is an ongoing supply. Other NT sites make significant amounts of money from the sale of donated books. If you have reasonable quality books to donate, please bring them along to the café between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm.



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## Looking back to the end of term and forward to a new school year

We had a very enjoyable end of term, with our planned activities unhindered by any Covid-19 restrictions that were still in place at that time. Our new parents were welcomed to the nursery community at a social evening, the weather stayed fine for our outdoor performance of both 'Chicken Licken' and our sports days, we hosted a dance group performing 'Choogh Choogh' for both our current children and those joining in September and Gordon the magician marvelled us with his magic show!

Our leavers contributed very generously to an end of term collection, which we will be using to refresh some of our well-used Forest School equipment and also to purchase new cushions for our children's mini sofas.

We are looking forward to welcoming children for their second year at nursery and all our new children and families. Some of these will have spent a significant part of their life in a lockdown environment. At the Nursery, we have a quiet wellbeing area, with a pond, fountain and fish. The area



will help to support those little ones who are feeling a little unsettled or overwhelmed at the beginning of the year.  
Hilary Budd



Our end of term entertainment and our quiet area (bottom right)



## Village Show – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

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## Solution to the July/August crossword

**Across:** 1 Out-and-out 9/6 Foot and mouth 10 Evictor 11 Wiggly 12 Protrude 14 Ta-ta 15 Authorship 18 Harvesters 20 Slav 23 Floppier 24 Bronco 26 Effendi 27 Punjabi 28 Delve 29 Honeymoon

**Down:** 1 Off switch 2 Thought 3 Nearly 4 Odds 5 The Archers 6 Moisture 7 Untruth 8 Horse 13 Cuttlefish 16/17 Pavlovian response 19 Roomful 21 Long-ago 22 Grundy 23 Field 25 Spun

**BRAIN TEASER answer: Backward glance**



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Chalkhill Blue Butterflies on Denbies Hillside - 14<sup>th</sup> August

## Mickleham and Westhumble Local History Group Marie Stopes

**P**alaeobotany is the study of fossil plants, add to that the study and promotion of contraception and sexual techniques and you could say that sums up the life of Marie Stopes. But that would be completely wrong.

There have been few books written about the life of Marie Stopes, the authors of two of these, Aylmer Maude's, (1924) Keith Briant's, (1962), were probably too close to their subject not to be influenced by personal feelings. The third by Ruth Hall (1977) is a much more balanced and objective account of this most extraordinary woman.

Marie was never close to her mother, Charlotte, but she had a warm relationship with her father. Charlotte had very strict views on bringing up her two daughters, on religion, dress and smoking amongst other things. But she was sexually ignorant, as many wives were at that time, so of course Marie was as well.

Her academic achievements at a very early age were manifold and she became the youngest Doctor of Science in the country. In Munich to study botany, she met Kenjiro Fujii, a botanist, but also an atheist, married and Japanese. She was appointed a junior lecturer and demonstrator at Manchester University, a first for a woman, but her intense relationship with Fujii foundered when she eventually went to Japan.

There were to be other romantic attachments, but her failed marriage to Reginald Gates, a Canadian, prompted her book 'Married Love', which dealt

with the 'plain facts of marriage' in which she set out the whys and wherefores of a physical relationship. She eventually found a publisher, and inevitably she received letters of disgust, repugnance and even hatred after publication.

Following her marriage to Humphrey V Roe she moved out of London to Leatherhead, and it was to Givons Grove their son, Harry, was taken when he was born. Finally, she bought Norbury Park. Before he met Marie, Humphrey was aware of the need for birth control clinics from his knowledge of the slums in Manchester, and together they opened the first clinic in Holloway, to be followed by the Whitfield Street clinic, which is still there.

It is fair to say that Marie spoke her mind which usually resulted in an angry response with whom she was engaging. She was a name dropper, a collector of friends in high places, and being an egoist had a very high opinion of herself, maintaining she was always right. This led to several court cases both by and against her, and usually her bank balance suffered whatever the outcome.

She was excessively possessive of her son, Harry which led to a gradual estrangement from Humphrey. In her eyes, Harry was the cleverest and most intelligent child that ever lived but she dressed him in knitted breeches and sometimes skirts! (She considered trousers to be too warming of the nether regions.) When Harry announced he was going to marry Mary, Barnes Wallis' daughter, Marie refused



to attend the wedding, one reason being that as Mary was myopic she could have shortsighted grandchildren!

At Norbury Park she tried to get the great and the good to promote her message of birth control, but her neighbour, Lord Beaverbrook, refused to include her ideas in his publications. There is no doubt that her ideas, books, papers and lectures were instrumental in bringing the necessity for birth control and contraception to many people who either did not know or did not want to know about them. But the manner of her promoting her ideas was unfortunate to say the least.

She bequeathed all her papers, including bills, research notes, letters, law suits and notes on sex and religion to the British Museum, and it needed a three-ton lorry to move them there.

Marie was indeed a truly extraordinary woman who had a marked influence on women's health and happiness, but her antisemitism, endorsement of eugenics and dogmatic demeanour makes it difficult to admire her as a person.

Frances Presley

PS Apparently, when Marie lived at Norbury Park the staff had to collect the mail from Mickleham Post Office, as the postmistress of the day refused to deliver her post.

## Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Tour of Newdigate Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September



Please join us for coffee at 10.30 am at the Six Bells Barn in Newdigate, next to the Six Bells pub. John Callcut, Chairman of the Newdigate Local History Society, will then take us on a tour of the village which will last approximately one and a half to two hours. There will be no charge for the tour.

After the tour we will have lunch at the pub. For further information, or to reserve a place, please contact Judith Long: [judith.long2@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.long2@btinternet.com) or 07904 160961.



# Cryptic Crossword

Some clues require a bit of slightly arcane local knowledge, so don't be afraid to Google if you get stumped.

## Across

- 1 Did I ever nonsensically put something over something else again? (8)
- 5 What results from taking sodium and uranium with salt water? (6)
- 9 Risk acne when playing with face mask application? (8)
- 10 Feistier when beset by trouble that is coming out in quarrel (6)
- 12 Sitting on the fence (Andrew likes not to!) (9)
- 13 What croupier did after playboy died (5)
- 14 Bandit's last embrace for one of his gang (4)
- 16 Totally dead, though can put in exact heart as a replacement (7)
- 19 Park for panoramic views of Box Hill as new alternative to drive in (7)
- 21 Get ready in 4 (this is a round-about figure!) (4)
- 24 Home of wizard is expanded so as to show a bit of weight (5)
- 25 Savagery of the highest order is found when having relations next to a West Country city (9)
- 27 Man can be found in outlet which caters for either his boyfriend or girlfriend? (6)
- 28 Be bitter about call for alms by Barnaby (8)
- 29 How to make a difference to someone else can be found in the words printed on a tea cloth (6)
- 30 Unenviably leaving Belfast area rocking about with something worn on ship (4,4)

## Down

- 1 Evidence of corruption in charge of the country (6)
- 2 It's slushy all over the place around end of December (6)
- 3 Advocate for Mark 6 Golf? (5)
- 4 Go drink rowdily with Gouvieux's twin (7)
- 6 Find convertible car intact in the deep south (9)
- 7 Woolly knit design of French running away is beyond contempt (8)
- 8 Story gave oxygen to act needing stimulation without gin cocktail (8)
- 11 Very good rower could get 26 (4)
- 15 Hate us and boo horribly for having a place to live (9)
- 17 Taking men to bed in a frenzy will lead to being walled in for all eternity (8)
- 18 Thousands can be made for young relation (8)
- 20 In laboratory observations, glass vessels are heavy and tough (4)
- 21 With one of 18 in bow, facing the stern is what causes sickness (7)
- 22 A Labour leader smashed up rock before giving boot to one of the Trinity (6)
- 23 26 3, 7 27, 19 11 & the 4 21 are what can give you a smile (even if one is not local) (6)
- 26 Something sung when rugby starter replaced centre covered in mud (5)

Andrew Tatham

The solution to last month's crossword is on page 26.



Ladies' egg and spoon race at the summer picnic



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