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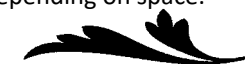
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Dear friends

What do the following have in common? John F Kennedy, Adolf Hitler, Margaret Thatcher, Martin Luther King Jr and Mahatma Ghandi. A somewhat subjective selection but they could all perhaps have been said at one time to have radiated a certain something that we call 'charisma'. The word comes from the Greek and can be defined as a 'special quality or power to attract people and inspire their devotions' (Oxford Dictionary).

2,000 years before the people named above graced the world stage, an itinerant preacher from Galilee was attracting huge crowds too in His part of the known world. Was Jesus a man exercising a charismatic personality, speaking eloquently and convincing people that He was God? If so, then it must rank as one of the greatest con tricks of all time, with literally billions of people subsequently taken in by Him and by His teachings!

So perhaps there was a deeper reason why so many people from all walks of life, the learned and the uneducated, the rich and the poor, would choose to believe in Him as Almighty God. After all, Jesus would not be the first person, and probably not the last, to claim to be God. So what happened that, unlike others, with His death the story did not end there? Indeed, it grew and grew exponentially.

Easter is the time for Christians across the globe to celebrate the momentous events of Jesus' death and resurrection. The story of the torture, passion, crucifixion, death and subsequent raising of Jesus from the dead must be one of the best known and well documented events in history. The facts speak for themselves, even when one removes the element of faith and concentrates purely on an objective analysis of those facts.

Professor Thomas Arnold, who was headmaster at Rugby School and later appointed to the chair of modern history at Oxford University wrote, 'I have been used for many years to studying the histories of other times, and to examining and weighing the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proven by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead'.

C S Lewis, having objectively examined the evidence for himself, subsequently wrote, 'A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic, on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg, or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. We are faced, then, with a frightening alternative. This man we are talking about either was (and is) just what He said or else a lunatic, or something worse. Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God. God has landed on this enemy-occupied world in human form'.

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Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (this year on 14th April) and you are warmly invited to join us in church as we remember the final days of Jesus' life on earth, His death and ultimately His resurrection!

This Easter do please come and join the celebrations, in fact, come and see that you would be most welcome any Sunday in church. With over 2 billion Christians across the planet, we share in the joy and adoration of Jesus Christ, the most charismatic personality the world has ever known!

Happy Easter to you all and every blessing as we move into this season of new life.

John

Reverend Canon John Harkin, Parish Priest



## Holy Week and Easter

For 2019 Holy Week will be marked by regular services on Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. There will be short half-an-hour evening services starting at 7 pm from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. These services will have a focus upon Jesus' life and ministry in the last days of His life on earth as a man.

On Good Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> April, we will

hold a quieter, more reflective service for one hour, beginning at 2 pm, before a short Service of Light on Easter Eve, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7 pm in church. On Easter Day we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a theme resonating through both our 8 am and 10 am services.

All are very welcome to share in this journey as we commemorate Holy Week and Easter Day.



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The pews in Westhumble Chapel are to be replaced by chairs, so we have 9 pews to be removed. The pews are approximately 7 feet long, 2 feet wide and 3 feet tall and would seat 4 people comfortably; they are available at a cost of £100 each.

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But most of all, you can come along and bring your family  
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on 01372 376443 or email [mwfete19@gmail.com](mailto:mwfete19@gmail.com).

## Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (PCM)

These significant meetings in the life of the church will take place in St. Michael's Church on Sunday 14th April at 11.30 am, after the 10 am service has ended. Both meetings will be chaired by our Parish Priest, the

Reverend Canon John Harkin. The purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is to elect churchwardens, and all those people on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend the APCM to conduct other church parish business.

Those on the Church Electoral Roll can also participate and vote for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. More details about the Electoral Roll can be found in the Parish Church and on the church website

## Westhumble Chapel Renovation

After considerable discussion over a number of years, permission has been granted for renovation work at the Chapel, which began at the end of March. Inside the main door on the right worktops, a sink, taps and cupboards will be fitted, so light refreshments will be able to be served. On the left, the door opening will be enlarged to enable access to the new

toilet which will be fitted. The old vestry to the right of the building will be repaired, and new storage units will be made using proprietary kitchen units. As the Chapel's furnishings seem to date from several periods and do not represent a coherent whole, only the lectern and the oldest pew will be retained, with the remaining pews removed and replaced with modern

seating, providing greater flexibility for the use of the building for more community user groups. It is estimated that the work will be completed within approximately eight weeks, and will provide a welcome update to the existing building. Please note that parking outside the Chapel will be restricted while the work is being carried out.



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# The Faroes – more than just a fishing area



Bailey, Fair Isle, Faroes, Southeast Iceland... these words have lulled many of us to sleep, listening to the end of the Shipping Forecast and being grateful that 'north 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10' is a long way from our cosy duvets. Lying about 285 miles from Iceland, which is similar to the distance from Surrey to Land's End, the climate is not as harsh as one might imagine because of the warming Atlantic currents, however the surrounding sea can be dangerous and snow lies on the mountain tops throughout the year. Despite the climate and geology making it impossible for trees to grow, and few crops other than potatoes, these eighteen islands have a beauty that is quite breathtaking and a fascinating history.

The islands were part of the kingdom of Norway until the fourteenth century and then became part of Denmark and were ruled directly until relatively recently when they became an autonomous area while still belonging to Denmark. They do not belong to the EU, nor are they part of the United Nations. They have a strong affinity with Britain because of their strategic importance during World War II and a promise Churchill made to do his best to protect them from enemy forces but not expecting to interfere in any way with their internal affairs in return.

While being ruled directly from Denmark, the Faroese language was not allowed to be written down but this law was relaxed towards the end of the 19th century and one of the first books to be translated and printed in the local

language was the Bible. Now Faroese and English are taught alongside Danish to all children from the age of 8.

The Faroese are a tough and resourceful lot, making their money mostly from the sea. Fish farming is common but there are still more sheep than people on the islands and it is not uncommon to see the sheep scrambling down some of the steep cliffs to feed from the seaweed when the tides allow. They seem fearless and it is not uncommon to see a mother with her lamb right at the water's edge in one of the rocky fjords. On the hills and mountain sides small shelters built from boulders or corrugated tin can be seen dotted around, affording the sheep some shelter in the worst of the weather. They certainly are not the fat, fluffy sheep we see in the fields around Surrey, they are skinny creatures with fleeces ranging in colour from what can best be described as 'mucky white' to various shades of brown; blotchy might best describe them!

The population pay a high rate of income tax, but one of the many benefits ensures that healthcare, including sheltered housing and care for the elderly in purpose-built accommodation, is free to all.

There are many traditional, as well as some more modern, but low-rise houses on the islands. One feature of the traditional houses is the turf roof, which can last for as much as one hundred years with little maintenance. It is a warm, waterproof and eco-friendly way of insulating the houses against the worst excesses of the weather and

is being adopted by many of the "new builds." Even some of the smaller churches have been roofed in this way.

Walking through the magnificent scenery gives one an idea of the scale of these islands. There are towering basalt cliffs inland, with a structure reminiscent of the Giant's Causeway. The sea cliffs are tall and menacing with jagged outcrops of rock which are a haven to many thousands of sea birds: guillemots, puffins, gannets are in noisy abundance. The puffins look like fluffy tennis balls bobbing on the surface of the waves and larger sea creatures such as minke whales and dolphins are not uncommon. To our sensibilities, whaling seems cruel and unnecessary but it is still a small part of traditional life on these islands.

Perhaps one of the most impressive feats of engineering is the project to connect all but the one uninhabited island by tunnel. Many are already constructed but the one which has captured most people's imagination is that which will connect the islands of Streymoy, where the capital Torshavn is located, and Eysturoy. It is due to be completed next year and will be large enough to have a roundabout in the centre. This will cut what is currently a 64-minute journey, including a ferry passage, to just a 17-minute drive.

So, yes, the Faroe Islands is an area in the fishing forecast, but they are so much more. They are a welcoming, hospitable and resourceful community; proud of their heritage and achievements, and it is a beautiful place to visit.

Anne Weaver



# Late News: Road Name Change Proposals

As some of you may realise, Dorking, as part of its business area initiative, has put forward various proposals to update the old suburban style road names, for example 'Deepdene Avenue Road' to reflect more modern identities. Although there are massive local objections to the proposed Ant-Dec Avenue, we are asked for our thoughts, with just a couple of roads to be renamed within the Parish. And it is our choice! Nothing is written in stone. We are fortunate that we do not have too many side roads to deal with. The main roads through both Mickleham

and Westhumble will remain as they are, but proposals have come forward for a few of our minor thoroughfares.

Personally, I think Gilmour Lane, after our famous airman, buried at St Michael's, is a net improvement, as Dell Close is neither very Dell-ish, nor is Close appropriate.

The two others may be more controversial. In Westhumble, wide public consultation has failed to find evidence of any pilgrim who lived in or indeed got within several furlongs of Pilgrim's Way. The proposal is for renaming to 'Tatham Terrace'. I do not



think there can be any argument over this one, although Terrace might have a negative effect on land values.

The only other change in Mickleham is to reflect our most famous local resident, Viscount Bennett, ex-PM of Canada, a great friend of Beaverbrook and, indeed, of General Gordon of Khartoum. The new name for Swanworth Lane is, subject to parish council agreement, to be Gordon-Bennet Boulevard.

All comments please to the MPC, c/o David Ireland.

A P Foo

## Parish Magazine Annual Report 2018

*When you read these pages, do you ever think about the effort which has gone into their production? In her report below Sue has thanked all those who contribute; but the driving force behind the magazine is, of course, Sue, whose hard work and dedication make it all happen. I know you will want to join me in thanking her and congratulating her on another successful year.*

Charlotte Daruwalla

The full-colour magazine continues to be popular and gives us more scope for including interesting photographs and illustrations. Our advertising revenue covers printing with some extra for supplies and computer software expenses. We continue to maintain a healthy surplus to replace equipment or buy software as needed. This year the MPM group 'Christmas card' raised £175 which was given to St Michael's School.

In January we set up a separate domain account for magazine emails. This allows both Charlotte and me to access the messages and is working well. Charlotte and I usually edit alternate issues. Our new cryptic crossword compiler, Andrew Tatham has added a monthly article to help people who are finding his crosswords a challenge – he would appreciate feedback. These puzzles take quite a time to put together and we are very grateful to him for his help.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the production and distribution of the magazine over the past year. Special thanks to Charlotte Daruwalla who edited extra editions last year when I was ill. There have been some staff changes. Frances Presley has joined the Editorial Panel, replacing Jenny Hudlass, and Ann Freckleton has taken over the distribution of magazines to the Westhumble deliverers from Rustom Daruwalla. Rustom continues to deliver magazines to houses in Pilgrims Way and Pilgrims Close. We thank Jenny and Rustom for their help.

Linda Boyle who managed the mailing list for many years has also retired. Linda was part of the original team when we started in 1984. She was instrumental in finding all the people to deliver copies to the houses in Mickleham, and then undertook to deliver the bags to them each month. When that became too much for her, she took on the mailing list management. We send our thanks and best wishes to Linda for her 34 years of unfailing help and support. Fiona Roberts-Miller has added the mailing list to her many other tasks.

The current magazine editorial and distribution team:

EDITORIAL TEAM:

- Headed by co-editors Sue Tatham and Charlotte Daruwalla with Stephanie Randall as proof-reader
- Editorial panel: Judy Kinloch, Liz

Weller, Frances Presley and Fiona Roberts-Miller

- Photographer: Ben Tatham

ADMINISTRATION:

- Fiona Roberts-Miller is our administrator, looking after the magazine finances, advertising and mailing list.

DISTRIBUTION TEAM:

- Judith Cobby oversees the distribution and prepares the lists and labels for the bags.
  - Mary Venning continues to take delivery of the mags from the printers and prepare the bags for distribution.
  - Ann Freckleton takes the bags to Westhumble deliverers.
  - Fiona Rowland and David Kennington distribute the bags for Mickleham.
- Last, thanks to all the house-to-house distributors for their hard work.

In April we welcomed Canon John as our new Parish Priest. We are pleased to report that he has continued Malcolm Raby's helpful practice of submitting his copy on or before the deadline.

We are very concerned that no one has been found to help with copy-editing the magazine. Please let us know if you have computer skills and would like to learn desktop publishing. Unless we find someone the long-time future of the magazine cannot be guaranteed.

Sue Tatham  
Editor

## Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group The Story of Broadmoor in Surrey



Following the AGM of the M&WLHG on 22nd February, we heard a fascinating talk by Robin Daly about the history of Broadmoor, a hamlet close to Friday Street and Abinger. Fortunately for historians, there are numerous old postcards and photographs of Broadmoor still available and Robin began by showing us some of these, together with a map of the area, giving us a good sense of how Broadmoor fits into its surroundings and the views seen from different directions.

Robin then gave us a photographic tour of Broadmoor, pointing out interesting features of the houses and some of the many changes they have undergone, plus introducing us to some of their former occupants. Most of the houses shown on a 1762 map of Broadmoor are still standing, the oldest being Tillingbourne Cottage. Pond Cottage, now a National Trust property, was once owned by a colonel who collected war memorabilia and frequently extended his house, incorporating the date into each of the additions: 1926, 1932 and 1933. Whiteberry Cottage had been the workhouse for 130 years whereas Home Farm became a hotel to cater for the growing tourist trade after the arrival of the railway and other new forms of transport. I particularly liked the story of Mad Alice, who left mountains of wax in her cottage from all the candles she had used.

In the 18th century, a notable local resident was Theodore Jacobsen, a German merchant and 'gentlemen architect', who bought a large area of land which he transformed into a grand landscaped estate, including a fountain and picturesque waterfall.

Constructing the waterfall was extremely complicated. To begin with, Jacobsen had to make a deal with the Evelyn family before the feeder pond could be built and then a lengthy artificial watercourse, known as a leat, had to be dug along the hillside. To complete his country estate, Jacobsen designed and built his house, Lonesome Lodge, in 1740. (Jacobsen also designed the original Foundling Hospital and some of our group will have seen his portrait in the Foundling Museum, which we visited a few years ago).

The final owner of Lonesome Lodge was a Mr Harding who, Robin believes, built the Broadmoor Tower folly in 1834 as a burial place for his son, who had died aged two. Harding sold the estate to the Duke of Norfolk, Lonesome Lodge was demolished and a new residence, Tillingbourne House, constructed. This was pulled down about fifty years ago and a replacement built – which has also been demolished! We all enjoyed the rather bizarre story of the Tillingbourne sphinx, a decorative lead ornament located in the woods on the estate. In 1905 a photograph of the sphinx won a prize in a competition in the Tatler but a few years later three men dismantled the sphinx (even small pieces would have been remarkably heavy) and stole it. The theft must have been well publicised as the sphinx was the property of the Duke of Norfolk and, unsurprisingly, the culprits were soon caught.

Another interesting Broadmoor resident was Arthur Brooke, of Brooke Bond Tea fame, who had started his career in Manchester. He bought Leylands in the late 1880s and had it remodelled in the Dutch style of his previous home in Bedford Park, London. Numerous photos of Leylands were taken by Walter Rose, a well-known Westcott photographer, whose wife worked for the Brooke family. The Brookes were involved in a variety of philanthropic endeavours and took up the cause of women cyclists. The increasing popularity of cycling in the late 19th century had given women



Photo Roger Davis



Left: The Brooke Leyland family; top: the Sphinx; above: Broadmoor Tower

the freedom to travel away from home on their own but not everyone was pleased with this new independence, believing it would lead to all manner of evils and questioning the propriety of the clothing being worn. After some innkeepers in Surrey banned women cyclists from staying in their inns, the Brooke family offered these women accommodation in a caravan on their property. Arthur Brooke also built Broadmoor Cottages, which resemble almshouses and had no running water until the 1970s!

For anyone who would like to find out more about Lonesome Lodge, Robin is one of the authors of the book 'Lonesome Lodge: The creation, evolution and decline of a merchant's country estate in Wotton, Surrey', to be published by the Cockerel Press later this spring.

Judith Long





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## Grumpy Old Mickleman Dramatic TV Pauses

Did you know that the average human being spends c12 months on/in the toilet? Obviously not all at once but still, a frightening thought. No-one however has analysed the quantum of time the human race spends waiting through the dramatic pauses which precede the results on TV talent/reality/award/celebrity shows.

Our show host, Dermot O'Whatsit, Tess Daley, or Nigel Thingy, himself apparently a celebrity because of his cameo role as a pub customer in EastEnders in 1998, holds aloft the envelope. The audience is hushed: the lights dim. We hear the amplified sound of a human heart. The spotlight zooms in on Nigel Thingy, who has an unfortunate pimple on his nose. This is it. The votes have been counted and verified, by whom it is never revealed. Who is staying? Who is going?

Is it the recently divorced pizza delivery man from Minehead, or the bloke in the sparkly hat? Or Martin, the former world ranked no 76 in snooker,

or Joleen-Kate who we are told has appeared on Hollyoaks? Then there's Cristobel, the transgender unicycling hairstylist, or Geoffrey, the transgender unicycling hairstylist?

The heartbeats grow louder. The camera pans in to the individual contestants. Tears are wiped, lips bitten, partners hugged, prayers mimed. AND THE WINNER IS...!

Louder heartbeats, or is it the Jaws theme? Isolated shouts from the audience – got to be Geoffrey! – come on Sparkly Hat! The camera is so close now that nose hairs are in focus, eyeshadow running, especially on Geoffrey. You go out to get the tea on, the polar ice caps continue to melt, Fleetwood are promoted to the Premier League and you have had a heart transplant.

And this is creeping into sport. The Jaws theme accompanies third umpire decisions in cricket, and line calls at Wimbledon. Boxing is ideally suited to it. It will not be long before the VAR



process in football ends with a scantily clad sequined local beauty racing out to the referee with an oversized sparkly envelope with the decision - offside! One could even apply it to the starter's gun in the Olympic 100m finals, with the Jaws theme building up gradually to the Starters Gun... wait for it!... and then everyone having two challenges. The 100m could take the best part of an hour.

I blame it entirely on the Pope. He started it by making everyone wait in St Peter's Square for days on end until smoke appeared from a small aperture. I am sure they decide straight away and spend a weekend around the swimming pool. But anyway, they should introduce the sparkly envelope and the Jaws theme to the eventual balcony announcement.

Mark Day

Acknowledgements for inspiration and some content to Messrs Armstrong/Osman 2012 '100 Most Pointless Things'

## Ancient Hedgerows in Dell Close

A few years ago the two hedges on either side of Dell Close were surveyed ecologically by Messrs Carter Associates/Environ, in order to establish their status under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997, under UK planning law.

Among the factors to be considered are the length of a hedge, any gaps, its closeness to other hedges and, most importantly the species mix, including the diversity of the woody species and the presence of native woodland herbs (or wild flowers). Obviously the hedges are a single ecological unit, given their proximity. These hedges are clearly shown on

aerial photos of the 1920s and are mature then. They are shown on earlier plans. They qualify in terms of length, lack of material gaps and the surrounding hedge 'network'.

The survey showed that the northern (Burmester Field) hedge was more species rich. The conclusion of the report was that the northern hedge qualifies for protection under the Regulations, having at least 5.5/6 and 3 further qualifying factors, including some good native plants. The Regulations require 4 woody sp and 2 'factors'. Hence the northern hedge unambiguously qualifies. The report states 'the hedge

comfortably qualifies as important under the Regulations.

The southern hedge is less species rich but would be protected under its integral connection with the northern.

All of this has significance given the local plans' identification of the land (the Box Hill School 'shed village') would require planning permission. Obviously there are other issues, such as traffic, the junction with the Old London Road, and the fact that Dell Close is a private road, but the loss of these ancient and protected hedgerows is to be avoided, surely.

Mark Day

**MULTI-COLOURLED SWAP SHOP**

Saturday, 6 April – Leatherhead Parish Church Hall 7.15 pm

During the evening there will be music and a couple of VERY easy team quizzes and opportunities to swap some of your own unloved treasures for someone else's, which might be just what you are looking for.

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The proceeds will go towards the cost of maintaining Leatherhead's mediaeval Parish Church.

Tickets: £18 Includes supper Bring your own drinks & glasses. Available from: Mrs Judy Harris 01372 372169



On Tuesday 26th February Surrey County Council's Cabinet approved the transfer of the Surrey Performing Arts Library collection to NewSPAL. This is a new independent body supported by individuals and various local performing arts organisations which was formed to keep together the unique collection of scores, plays, books and audio-visual materials which had been housed at Denbies. For more than a decade people had access to this collection as well as its specialist staff and their knowledge. In 2017 SCC's funding cuts included support for the PAL and the lease for the space at Denbies was not renewed. It was proposed that the collection be dispersed to other libraries throughout the county, but various interested parties put forward a proposal to take over the collection and made a public

## The New Surrey Performing Arts Library

appeal for donations and support for a new, independent SPAL.

In August 2018 the collection was moved to the library in Ewell, but without its specialist staff. This was to give NewSPAL time to show that theirs was a viable proposition. It now appears that they have convinced the SCC that it is and the Cabinet's decision on 26th February will help NewSPAL gain a sustainable long-term future in the charity sector.

NewSPAL and SCC will now work together to plan for the transfer of the collection to NewSPAL (initially by way of a conditional loan). Premises have been found in Woking, but there is much to be done before NewSPAL will be open to the public, eg appointing library staff (including a specialist music librarian); purchasing and setting up the new IT system (custom-built to handle bookings for sets of musical scores and playscripts) and

re-entering the catalogue of the stock (many thousands of items) on the new IT system and being fully ready so we minimise disruption to users when the transfer takes place.

The priority now is raising all the money needed to finance the transition (estimated at about £85,000) as well as to provide a financial cushion (in its Business Plan NewSPAL proposed a further £40,000) to cover cash-flow and other uncertainties in the early months of operation.

NewSPAL will have to be entirely self-financing - SCC will not be providing any financial support - so NewSPAL's Trustees will be consulting users about appropriate subscription levels and hire charges to ensure that these remain as affordable as possible while keeping the charity financially viable.

More information about how you can support NewSPAL is on their website: <http://newspal.org.uk/>

## Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society

### Plant Sale and AGM



The Horticultural Society has its AGM on Saturday 6th April at Ashleigh Grange just off Chapel Lane and it is always a great opportunity to come and get some good plants at bargain prices - they all come from local gardens so will almost certainly be right for any other local garden too. There will be very good cakes and refreshments and it is a friendly occasion to get to know others interested in gardening. If you are just starting out on your gardening journey

you will find some starter plants to put in and get a show of flowers later. For those of you feeling competitive, the Annual Show Schedule will be available to enable you to start planning your show exhibits for 6th July.

Donations of plants for the plant sale would be greatly appreciated. I hope to see you at the AGM.

Subscriptions for 2019-20 are due. For more information see page 25.

David Kennington

## Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Plant Sale and AGM Coffee Morning Saturday 6th April

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*All donations of plants or cuttings gratefully received*



Plant sale starts at 10.30 a.m.  
AGM starts at 11.15 a.m.

## Cryptic Delicacies

Last month's theme was MASH, short for 'Mobile Army Surgical Hospital' and a TV Series that included the characters Colonel Sherman T POTTER, Major Frank BURNS, Corporal 'RADAR' O'Reilly, Major Charles Emerson WINCHESTER III, and the two that should have given the link away: Major 'HOT LIPS' Houlihan and Captain 'HAWKEYE' Pierce. On 28th February it was shockingly 36 years since its final episode aired but with that episode having an audience of 125 million viewers and the love so many had for the show, I was hoping it was not just me who remembered it.

Here are some of the other clues:

**10 Audibly bit tart to exercise ceremonial thingummyjig (5,4)**

DEFINITION: ceremonial thingummyjig bit = piece, which sounds like PEACE, tart = pie, which sounds like PI, exercise = P.E.

ANSWER = PEACE PIPE

**8 Maybe stick around with clergy having early start for midnight exodus (6)**

DEFINITION: maybe stick

Early start = E, mid night = G, so clerGy with the exodus of G for E, is clerEy, and 'around with' tells you that you anagram that, and you end up with a stick of CELERY

ANSWER = CELERY

**11 Very largely empty curtains opening (7)**

DEFINITION: Very

Largely empty = LY, curtains = DEATH which opens, i.e. is before LY,

ANSWER = DEATHLY (= very, as in 'deathly dull')

**4 Blunt speaking in a descriptive way about mid-March being brisk (4)**

DEFINITION: brisk

'Blunt' is as in Anthony Blunt, who up until 1979 was most famous as Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures but is now more known for being a SPY (and coincidentally he died a month after the last episode of MASH, having lived the last four years of his life with everyone knowing of his treachery following his outing in the House of Commons by Margaret Thatcher in 1979) and SPY then goes around mid-MaRch = R

ANSWER = SPRY

**33 Stagger back for 29 (5)**

DEFINITION: Stagger

My apologies, this should have been 'back for 29D'. 29D = NUTS so that backwards is STUN which gives you which meaning of the word 'stagger' you are looking for. Further apologies that it is not a great clue.

ANSWER = AMAZE

**16 Makes disc brakes without any rights (5)**

DEFINITION: Makes disc

'bRakes' without any Rights = bakes which can be a synonym for BURNS



(as in 'baking hot sun' = 'burning hot sun') but again not a great clue - I just liked how 'brakes' went with 'disc' and distracted from the idea of burning a computer disc

ANSWER = BURNS

**26 Having the discrimination to enlarge the dressing of Hook's moustache (it came from Smee!) (6)**

DEFINITION: the dressing of Hook's moustache

'discrimination' = EAR (as in having an ear for music), and 'enlarge' = WAX (as in the opposite of 'wane').

ANSWER = EARWAX

When I first started growing ridiculously large moustaches I wrote in to Notes & Queries in *The Guardian* asking for tips about what moustache wax to use, and one of the suggestions was to copy Smee in 'Peter Pan', who curled Captain Hook's moustache using his earwax. This I did not do, but would later make my own moustache wax by melting beeswax 50:50 with vaseline. Do not say that doing cryptic crosswords is not educational!

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)

Andrew Tatham



It is with great excitement that we unveil our first ever Big Nature Week, which will take place in Mickleham and Westhumble from 20-26 May 2019. Having secured funding from the Surrey Hills Trust Fund and the Orchid Trust Fund as part of the Community Foundation for Surrey, the Big Nature Week looks to involve the whole community in enhancing biodiversity and improving health and well-being.

The Big Nature Week will reach out to all different areas of our community: visits to Juniper Hall will take place for

all children at St Michael's Community Nursery and St Michael's School, as well as children from Leatherhead Youth Project and Kingston Young Carers. A School Big Nature Day will provide environmental and nature-based workshops at St Michael's School, encompassing Nature Music, Bushcraft Skills, a Plastics Challenge and Wildlife Homes and Crafts. A free Family Big Nature Day and Bioblitz will also be held at Juniper Hall on Saturday 25 May, with crafts and nature activities for all ages. We hope you can join us!

The project will also fund the installation of bird boxes, complete with nest box cameras, to enable the communities of Westhumble and Mickleham to better experience our diverse wildlife. And finally, five areas in our villages will be developed to promote health and wellbeing, encouraging us all to enjoy the benefits of being outside and experiencing nature first hand.

Please look out for more information as we get closer to the Big Nature Week! #bignatureweek

Simon Ward Head of Centre



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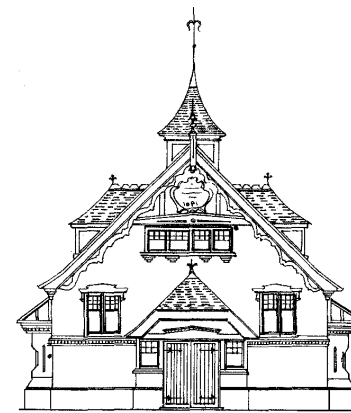
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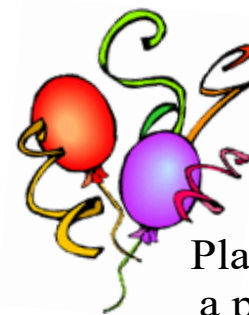


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2	Tuesday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
4	Thursday	10 am and 11.15 am	Box Hill School services in church
		11 am	Lent course
5	Friday	1.15 pm	St Michael's School end of term service
7	5th SUNDAY OF LENT		
		8 am	Holy Communion
		10 am	Family Service
		<i>Copy deadline for May Parish Magazine</i>	
8	Monday	7.30 pm	Lent course
9	Tuesday	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch, Woodlands, Burney Road
11	Thursday	11 am	Lent Course
14	PALM SUNDAY		
		8 am	Holy Communion
		10 am	Holy Communion
		11.30 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church
15	MONDAY -18 THURSDAY HOLY WEEK		
		7 pm	30 minute Evening Reflections in church
		7.30 pm	Lent Course
18	Thursday	11 am	Lent Course
19	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	
		2 pm - 3 pm	A Reflective Service
20	Saturday	9 am	Men's Breakfast. Running Horses
21	SUNDAY EASTER DAY		
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27	Saturday	9 am	Women's Breakfast. Running Horses
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John Judge

## Community News

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Congratulations and best wishes to Rosie Rawson-Cain and Rob Whitham who were married in St Michael's on Saturday 16th March. Rosie is the daughter of Cathy and the late Stuart Rawson-Cain of Pilgrims Way.

Cathy would like to thank everyone who made Rosie and Rob's wedding so special, for lovely singing, organ playing and bell ringing and all the good wishes of friends and neighbours.

Congratulations to Judith and Colin Solman who wrote: 'Following the arrival of our grandson Jack and his wife Leanne's daughter Leila, we have achieved (with little effort) the status of great grandparents.'

Congratulations to Juliet and John Lowes of Old London Road on the arrival of their first grandchild, Lyra Juliet Lowes Sharp. She was born on 25th February to eldest daughter Jessica and James Sharp, who live in Cheltenham.

## Olive Skinner

Just as we were going to press we heard the sad news of the death of Olive Skinner, who lived in Pilgrims Way. We hope to include her obituary in next month's magazine.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Lawn Care

with Christina Clowser

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm

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## The Garden Shed's Activities

The Garden Shed once again welcomed back our popular speaker John Clachan. This time he gave us a talk on Garden Hints and Tips. He started by going through what gardening jobs needed to be tackled immediately. Raking away all winter leaves and organic debris off our flower beds and lawns. Leaving them encourages the dreaded slugs and spread of disease. Cutting down the herbaceous shrubs to ground level encourages new growth in the spring. Removing the winter green leaves from hellebores helps them to flower longer, and early season shrub pruning are other appropriate tasks. With the hottest February on record our lawn mowers made an early appearance. Redefining your grass edges will instantly make the garden look cared for. If you did not prune your late flowering shrubs in winter, this the other opportunity to give them a hard prune along with all hybrid tea roses. John believes in the saying 'only keep plants that earn their keep'. So he suggested going into the garden and spend some time strictly planning your shopping list, such as colour, flowering season, shape, and eventual size. Garden centres have such a selection that it is easy to get carried away and buy plants that we necessarily do not need.

Weeding is a big subject to tackle, a

couple of suggestions were given. Annuals have smaller roots so easier to remove with the hoe. Never break the stem of perennial weeds they will grow up again stronger. They have deeper roots, and need more attention, so do use the right weed killer if necessary.

John finished his talk by talking about the benefits of mulching and composting. Mulching particularly after last year's summer will reduce the loss of moisture, along with other benefits.

We all enjoyed the evening, and find his tips and ideas very easy to apply. Along with his humour, it made it another interesting talk. We will be welcoming him back next year.

For the second time this year Garden Shed members returned to Chapel Farm. This time Alex Valsecchi gave 20 participants an opportunity to learn how to prune fruit trees. Liz and John Absalom kindly opened their garden once again and allowed us free rein on their fruit trees for the second year. It was interesting to see how the fruit trees had grown over the year, and how effective the first year of pruning had been. We hasten to add that only apple, pear, quince, and medlars can be pruned now. The cordons, fan and espaliers, need to be pruned at the end of the summer months. Plum, cherries and nectarines, all stoned fruits, are



pruned in early summer. We also learnt some tips from Alex, mainly that we should not be impatient with our fruit trees. It takes four to five years for the tree to crop. Taking the blossom off once flowered, allows the root system to develop their depth. When buying trees for your garden, consider your site, soil, exposure to weather. Also do check which varieties are resistant to disease. The day was typical of our climate, damp, wet, and rather cold, but it did not dampen our enthusiasm. Alex kept us going the whole time with her knowledge, and patient teaching.

Susie Gowenlock

## GOSH – Kayleigh raises the roof & £1000

The magnificent Templeton room at Juniper Hall was packed to capacity for an evening of fun and fundraising for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH). The event organizer and senior tutor at the Field Centre, Kayleigh Brake, started by explaining that GOSH was one of the hospitals that provided her with life saving treatment as a newborn baby, and this was her way of thanking them. Pausing only to down our free glass of Prosecco, we launched into a game of Bingo with Kayleigh's fiancé, Jacob, gallantly acting as the caller – although I suspect that he will not be giving up his day job to pursue this as a future career. The undoubted highlight of the evening though was the quiz, which, perhaps unsurprisingly, seemed to major on the flora and fauna of Box Hill. Clearly some of those present – mainly Field Centre

Staff – had an advantage when it came to knowing that Box Hill is home to 17 species of orchid or distinguishing their vertebrates from their invertebrates. Still we gallant losers consoled ourselves that winning is not everything, and we settled back to entertained with brilliant live music provided by Cian Gill. A fun evening for a good cause – what could be better, so a big thank you to Kayleigh and Jacob, their helpers and the many local organisations that kindly provided prizes.

This however is not the end of Kayleigh's fundraising efforts as she is running in this year's London Marathon, again in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. Please support her by giving a donation on her JustGiving page [www.justgiving.com/kayleigh-brake-london-marathon](http://www.justgiving.com/kayleigh-brake-london-marathon).



Fun and fundraising in the magnificent Templeton Room at Juniper Hall

Finally a note from Kayleigh: 'I really appreciate the generosity of all the people that came. I hope you had a good evening and I am really pleased we were able to raise so much money for such a worthy cause.'

Roger Davis



### Mole Valley Ramblers Spring Walks Festival

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| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Festival Concert with choirs from Buckland & Betchworth, Beare Green & Newdigate, Horsley, Leatherhead<br><i>Magnificat JS Bach The Creation parts I &amp; II Haydn</i> |

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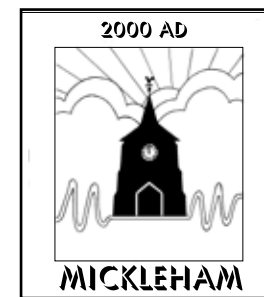
Barry our gardening genius had been busy pruning, seeding and shaping the grounds and gardens, as they take quite a battering during the summer and autumn. The bottom section of gardens will now be reopened as the grass reseeding has taken well. Anthony has been busy as well, repainting our Mrs Marple tables so they will look nice and fresh as well as doing the general maintenance outside. Hopefully there will be some nice days ahead to enjoy the views and gardens.

Sunday jazz will resume in May - lots of new acts to look forward to. Tony is getting out all his BBQ equipment for those hot days and the chefs are looking to get some lighter dishes ready for the season. Lots of good times ahead!

Hope to see you soon

Eamonn and Anne

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- **Ride London 2019:** Cycling enthusiasts will be in for a treat in Mickleham this summer with the 2019 Classic Race - the highpoint of the Ride London weekend - scheduled to come through the village on a loop.

The organisers have been undertaking a review of the route and are planning to make Old London Road a centrepiece of the race in the Surrey stretch on Sunday 4th August, offering spectators close-ups of the stars of the sport.

The loop will take the professional riders up the Zig Zag Road and on to Box Hill, returning to Mickleham along the A24. This circuit will be tackled between four to six times, depending on final negotiations. The change means that the riders will no longer do their circuits through Westhumble as before. The route of the Ride London event for amateur riders will remain unchanged.

There will be inconvenience to residents with Old London Road closed to traffic and limited and controlled access out onto the A24 northbound. This

## Mickleham Parish Council

access will be controlled by police and not by stewards and assurances have been given that it will be available. In addition appropriate arrangements will be in place to allow for blue light emergencies.

The matter was considered by Mickleham Parish Council at its meeting on 13th March and while there was concern over the impact on residents, and those people not interested in the cycling event, it was felt that the opportunity for businesses like The Running Horses and King William IV public houses and the Frascati restaurant to enjoy additional trade on the day should not be ignored. These businesses have lost out in past years because of the lack of access.

More detailed arrangements will be published in future editions.

- **Pothole Problems Solved:** Mickleham Parish Council would like to express its gratitude to Box Hill School and to Brakspears (owners of the Running Horses) for providing the funds to fill in the potholes in Swanworth Lane and, in the case of the School, engaging the contractors and sorting out all the logistics.

It is quite a change not doing our backs in or risking a puncture every time we go down the lane. It really has made a

big difference, and the Parish Council is very grateful.

Swanworth Lane is a public right of way but unadopted, so neither Mole Valley District Council nor Surrey County Council maintain it. Councillors felt that the exercise involved in going out to all the residents and asking for money just after having done so for the broadband campaign would have been a bridge too far, and it was also felt that increasing the Parish Council precept to pay for it was not appropriate as it serves only some of the village. So big thanks to the School and the Brewery for stepping in, at a total cost in excess of £3,000. Thanks also to the practical support of residents as well as the trustees of Mickleham Village Hall for assisting with the funding for filling in the potholes at the bottom of Dell Close.

The Parish Council asks that now both roads are easily driveable, that motorists employ sensible speeds. Cars, vans and minibuses are sometimes driven in Mickleham at stupid speeds; then there are the cyclists who appear to treat Mickleham as a velodrome. Drivers and cyclists are urged to be aware of other road users and in particular the many elderly pedestrians and children who either live in the village or go to school here.

Trevor Haylett, Clerk



## National Trust Box Hill Easter Egg Hunt

Last month it was snow and this month we had enough glorious sunshine to convince us that summer was on the way. It was perfect that, for once, the good weather coincided with half term and families made the most of it. It seemed like everyone decided it was time to come for a walk and a bite to eat which made our end of month stock take a lot easier than normal!

Easter is getting closer and over the school holidays there will be some special themed biscuits and cakes at Box Hill as well as our popular Easter Egg Hunt. This will all start from the

beginning of the holidays on Saturday 6th April, running until 22nd April.

As part of the National Trust campaign to reduce waste we will be encouraging people to bring re-usable cups, so keep your eyes open for a special promotion this month.

Don't forget, with the clocks changing, we are now opening for longer hours. We will be open from 9 am and will close at 5 pm so more time to come up and visit us.

If anyone would like to join the team we are always looking for local people to come and work in the café. If you need



Easter Cake

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## Westhumble Fields

In 1996 the farmer at Chapel Farm decided to put up for sale by auction the two fields to the south and west of our village. Fearing the possible sale to a property developer, over 80 residents of Westhumble raised over £70,000 to bid to buy them and to our relief became the successful bidder! I helped form a limited company at that time to acquire the fields and all those participating received shares in the company in return for the money they had pledged. In this way, Westhumble Residents Field Company Limited came into being.

As one of the two directors today (along with Jim Horsburgh) I am often asked various questions so perhaps I can use this article to answer some of them. When we incorporated we resolved to dispense with annual general meetings and to keep administration duties to a minimum: the reason why you have heard so little from us! We file unaudited accounts annually and meet the other statutory requirements of Companies House and HMRC and we even have a small corporation tax bill to pay every year. The articles of association prohibit any sale or development of the fields unless the holders of 90% of the shares agree otherwise.

One of the first things we did when we had bought the fields was to ask shareholders what we should do with

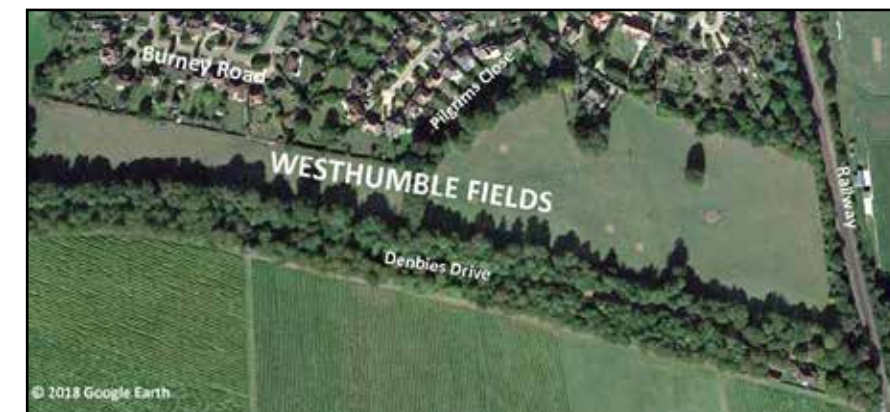


Art on the Lawn Then and Now

Some of our Year 10 Art students and Head of Art, Zoe Davison, were happy to relive this little part of history, it is amazing to see how much the surrounding landscape has changed over the years. The artwork has

been named 'Art on the Lawn'. The original photograph as well as the recreated photograph have been enlarged and are now proudly on display in Dalewood House Reception.

Lily McKeown



Aerial view of the fields

them. Although various potential uses were discussed the overwhelming majority wanted things to remain as they were and ensure that the fields continued to be used for grazing. Since that time the fields have been let to Nick Bullen of Swanworth Farm and it is his cattle you often see grazing there. The farmer is responsible for maintaining the internal perimeter fencing around the fields and it is important this is not compromised. It is also important adjoining residents do not dump garden or other refuse or cuttings in the field or attempt to burn bonfires on what is not their land. The farmer pays rent for the fields and out of that we maintain public liability insurance. We maintain a small surplus against unexpected expenses. In this way we have never had to resort to shareholders for further funds and I do not anticipate ever having to do so.

The shares today have no or little value. The fields are unlikely ever to

be sold and there is insufficient income to justify any dividend. However, shareholders should not forget about them entirely. Upon death or a move out of the area they should be transferred to the new house buyer or other resident of the village (there are restrictions on transferring them to anybody else). Anyone wishing to transfer their shares should contact me as I hold the shareholder register and can advise on the necessary formalities.

The acquisition of the fields back in 1996 was a far sighted action by residents to preserve the character of the village and protect it from unwanted development, which was just as well as today I often receive unsolicited letters from property companies wanting to buy them!

If anyone has any further questions please contact me.

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## Hop to It!

Our Spring term is flying by and Easter will be here before we know it. There's an Easter poem which begins 'Once I saw the Easter bunny come hop, hop, hop'. We have yet to spot the Easter bunny but there was much excitement at the nursery when we spotted a little bunny recently.

There is a rabbit warren with an entrance/exit in our forest school area and this little bunny had found its way into the nursery sandpit. Most of the children saw it and were thrilled to have the chance to pet it. However once its fleas started jumping we were keen to put it back by its home.

We will also hopefully be introducing some new feathered friends, currently still incubating eggs, but if we have a successful hatch our new bantams may make an appearance at the village fête in July. Watch this space!

We had a lovely time celebrating Valentine's day by playing with chocolate box playdough and making



valentine cards and are currently finishing off some Mother's Day goodies for our lovely parents and grandparents, and with a plan to be marbling eggs for Easter decorations, the craft table has certainly been busy this term.

Aside from crafting, we have had rhyming words and have been developing stories for a few weeks. The children have been able to play with sensory seed pouring, watercolour painting, buttons, and fairies and have recently had a particular interest in vehicles. The water tray has been out with boats alongside some floating and sinking activities. We used vehicle wheels to mark make, made vehicles with various construction toys and described the vehicles we have made. On the maths table, playdough has been used with various weighing and measuring resources.

Just before the Easter break the nursery is holding a fundraising Mother's Day Pamper Night. A huge success last year, we are delighted to again be able to hold this among the beautiful surroundings of Juniper Hall. Our lucky ladies will have the chance to enjoy a range of treatments while catching up over a



glass of bubbly (or two). This was a super event last year and I know our mums are really looking forward to it. A perfect way to start the Easter break refreshed and revitalised.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter and we hope you have been good enough to earn a visit from the Easter bunny too!

Debbie Turner

## Horticultural Society Membership Renewal

During February and March, our committee have been out collecting subscriptions (£3) which goes towards meeting the cost of running our annual shows, a village tradition we very much believe in. If they have missed you, please fill in the slip below or contact Frank Warren, our Membership Secretary, on 01306 881270 who will be glad to send you a membership card. We would be very grateful too if members are willing to pass on their e-mail addresses so that we can communicate with you before a show. We promise not to inundate you!

Mickleham & Westhumble  
Horticultural Society  
Membership Renewal Form  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We enclose £3 (min) per household (cheque payable to 'Mickleham & Westhumble Horticultural Society') and would like to join the Society /renew my/our subscription(s). I do not object to my details being stored on computer for the Society's records only.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Frank Warren,  
Rockmead, Pilgrims Way, Westhumble,  
Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AP





## Land's End to John O'Groats in Two Hours

Join us in our mission to walk the equivalent of the 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O' Groats via Holmwood Common! The Circular Path on the Common is just on 4 miles, so we are looking for 250 walkers to walk with us on Sunday April 28th.

The walk is being organized by the Rotary Club of Dorking, as a fundraising activity to help the Patchworking Garden Project, at Pixham, Dorking. Our aim is to establish an education

fund that will support those for whom appropriate training will enable them to seek meaningful employment. Set up in 2014, the Patchworking Garden aims to bring positive change to people's lives through the benefits of friendship and gardening. They especially welcome those with a need arising from physical or mental health conditions, learning disabilities, dementia, isolation or bereavement. Run entirely by volunteers they offer gardening, crafting

and the opportunity to learn new skills in a safe and friendly space. Find out more about the Patchworking Garden Project, at [patchworkinggardenproject.co.uk](http://patchworkinggardenproject.co.uk)

To register for the Walk and for more information, please contact: David Lloyd, Walk Organiser Rotary Club of Dorking: e-mail: [dorking.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dorking.rotary@gmail.com) or telephone 07483 230228 To find out more about the Rotary Club see website: [dorkingrotaryclub.co.uk](http://dorkingrotaryclub.co.uk)



## Mickleham Children's Playground Association

Mickleham Children's Playground Committee would like to say

a huge thank you to the owners of Norbury Park House, and the other local residents who have very kindly donated their broadband refund to the playground. The money is invaluable for the ongoing maintenance of the playground. Grant money is only available for new schemes and it is not available for the ongoing upkeep of the

playground, so we have to rely on local fund raising and support in order to pay for the weekly cutting of grass, removal of stinging nettles, as well as the replacement of parts as they wear out or are broken. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the playground committee, then please email [sarah@sarahparfitt.com](mailto:sarah@sarahparfitt.com) for more information.

## Celebrating World Book Day



At St Michael's School we love celebrating special days and occasions together, it gives the children a chance to work with pupils from another class and to try out new activities with different members of staff. Last month we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters (children and staff!) and sharing our favourite stories with each other. All the staff were very impressed with the effort that had gone into producing such fabulous costumes, the children looked wonderful. We had a great array of costumes including Willy Wonka, the BFG, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland and even Gangsta Granny!

We started off the day with a fashion parade in the hall to inspect each other's outfits. We all had great fun guessing the characters and the children took turns to talk about the book that they had brought to school with them. We then split up into groups and the children had the chance to work with those from other classes to complete some Book Day challenges. Pupils particularly enjoyed our craft activities for the day; making puppets of their favourite book character and making their own bookmarks. The children drew their favourite character onto card and then chose different materials to

decorate it before taking turns to act out a part of their favourite story. Mrs Stewart helped the children to make their own bookmark, encouraging them to decorate it with pictures linked to their chosen story. The bookmarks were laminated and everyone took theirs home at the end of the day. They were very keen to show off their bookmarks and were already using them to mark their place in their favourite book. At the end of the day one child said; 'I really loved making the puppets because I learnt how to do something new and now I can show my little sister how to do it!' Another little boy was overheard telling a friend: 'I'm really glad we made bookmarks because I had lost my bookmark and I needed a new one so I don't keep losing my place in my book.'

We also gave everyone the opportunity to share their favourite books with other children and adults in the school, and the chance to listen to different adults reading their own favourite stories. They worked really well together asking each other questions about their favourite book character and taking turns to listen to each other. They also loved taking on the role of an artist and drawing portraits of each other in their costumes, we definitely have some young artists in the making. Throughout the day we also wrote our own book reviews and the children loved giving their book a star rating. One child from Year 1 said 'I'm definitely going to give my book 5 stars because it is the best book ever!' It was really encouraging to hear children speak so passionately about books and share their love of reading with each other. It was a great day enjoyed by all children and staff, and we cannot wait to start planning our costumes for next year!



## St Michael's School



Our new web address: <https://stmichaels275775692.wordpress.com/>



## Easter Bunny Trail

Friday 19th April  
2 pm to 4 pm  
£3 per child

At Juniper Hall Field Centre,  
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By taking part in our Easter Trail you will be helping to raise funds for some new ponds which will improve the educational resources here at Juniper Hall.

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## Tuesday Toddles

A new friendly group in Mickleham for kids aged 0-5 years to play along side their Childminder or Registered Nanny

Mickleham Village Hall

Every Tuesday Term time only 9.30 -11.30 a.m.

For more information please contact:

Natalie 07790 318 653 or ask to join our closed Facebook group for Tuesday Toddles for regular updates.



For more info or to register contact:  
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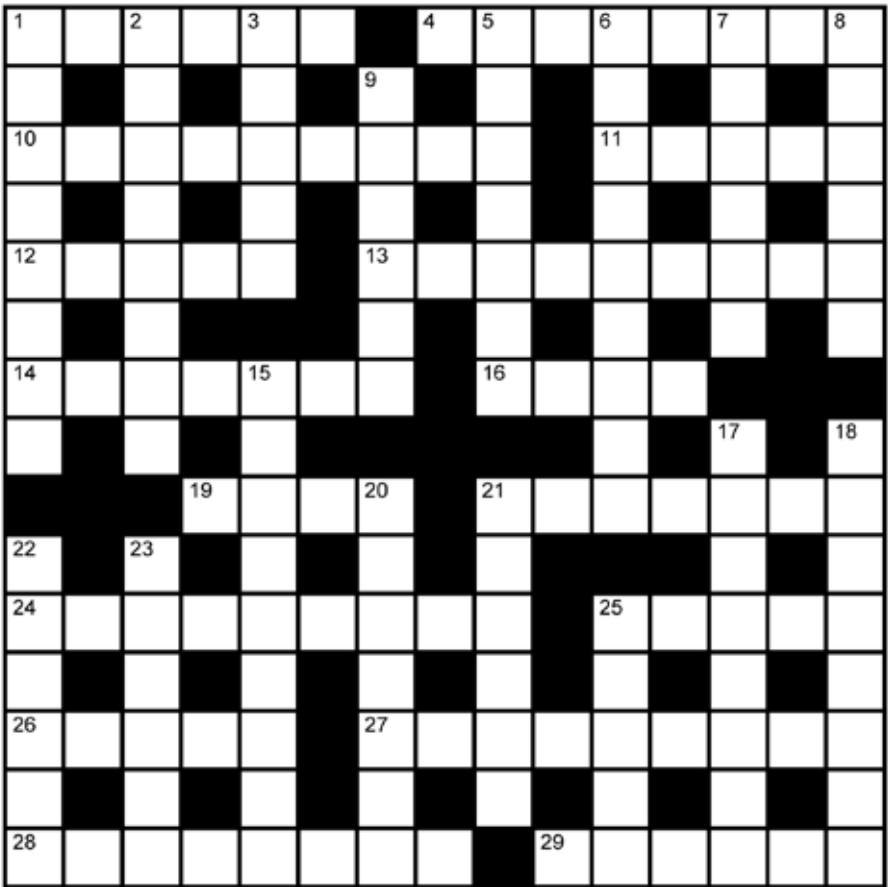
**BRAIN TEASER answer: Put him on the back foot**



# Cryptic Crossword

## Across

- 1 'Queen Elizabeth again?' Judi Dench is gutted and put out (6)
- 4/17D 'Who squirted on a sabretooth 12?' Oddly 'well I never' is a common response to this (8,8)
- 10 Rod and Iris are birdspotters' assistants (9)
- 11 The boss in 4 17, 1 19 & 3 26? (5)
- 12 Top tiger to traipse to treasure (5)
- 13 Obvious, 16 is how to do damage when trying to do good (9)
- 14 Gore follows surgery and spasm - it makes for light viewing! (7)
- 16 Back bacon, say, is heard to be abundant (4)
- 19 See 1 Down
- 21 Ex-supply teacher in Ramsgate and later artist has turn after transit to golf hotel (3,4)
- 24 Unfolding gyration is guillotined (9)
- 25 Props say 'Line up for crash' (5)
- 26 See 3 Down
- 27 Bat with these? Yes, strikes can be heard (9)
- 28 Tether an angry bully (8)
- 29 Divvy up preserve with hothead going spare (6)
- Down
- 1/19A Moisten quite liberally in preparation for mass debate (8,4)
- 2 'It is pronounced in 'Dracula'', I pronounced to headless Goth (3,5)



- 3/26A Broadcast cream with coffee beginning to go frothy (5,5)
- 5 The most interested in the lack of endless sleep (7)
- 6 Intermediate to be sickly sweet in hotel (2-7)
- 7 Strangely against usual dangly things (6)
- 8 9's a crazy colour (6)
- 9 Take train without repetition into Slough comprehensive (6)
- 15 Ha Ha! In churlish utopia, Paris Hilton's gone totally barking en route

- to finding her breed of animal (9)
- 17 See 4 Across
- 18 A lot of men who are above board? (5,3)
- 20 Magic power even Mervaille has judgement upon (4,3)
- 21 Convene erroneously in a circle surrounding facade (6)
- 22 Cry 'Back!' to the thing, and flight comes naturally to one (6)
- 23 Might be a blue hat (6)
- 25 Thing used to start driving report is uniformly dull (5)

Andrew Tatham

## SOLUTION TO THE MARCH CROSSWORD

Across: 9 China 10 Peace pipe  
11 Deathly 12 Hawkeye 13 Adder  
15 Who 16 Boo 17 Tot 19 Dingier  
20 Bah 23 Sir 24 Hug 25 Scent  
27 The Alps 29 Nostril 32 Equipment  
33 Amaze

Down: 1 Acid 2 Ribald 3 Mash  
4 Spry 5 Fashioning 6 Meow  
7 Time bomb 8 Celery 13 Art  
14 Radar 15 Winchester 16 Burns  
18 Taste bud 21 Hot 22 Potter  
26 Earwax 28 Lips 29 Nuts 30 Scab  
31 Leek

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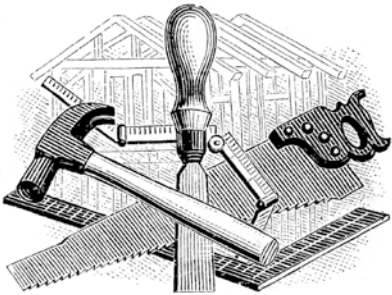
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