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Dear friends

First, let me wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that you were able to find some comfort and joy in your Christmas celebrations, severely restricted though they were. And now we have entered Lockdown 3 in response to the new, highly-transmissible variant of Covid-19. Once again, we are confined to our homes with limited options for going out for exercise or for getting essential supplies.

Whilst it is still legal to open churches for communal worship and for private prayer, the churchwardens and the PCC have been working out how they should respond. Of paramount importance has been protecting not only the congregation but also our visiting priests in the absence of our own parish priest, especially as quite a few of them are people in the vulnerable category. On top of this we have heard that several people in Mickleham have Covid-19, so it is not far away!

Canon B14 of the Church of England states that:

*All incumbents, or 'priests having a cure of souls', must 'celebrate, or cause to be celebrated, the Holy Communion on all Sundays and other greater Feast Days and on Ash Wednesday' (canon C24(2)). Canon B14 confirms that Holy Communion should be celebrated 'at least' on those days in parish churches.*

As this is a legal requirement, Bishop Andrew has asked that any parish wishing to suspend communal worship passes a PCC resolution to that effect and ask for his blessing on that course of action. The PCC, therefore, resolved that face-to-face worship should be put on hold until the situation changes for the better, when that decision will be reviewed. I wrote to Bishop Andrew to explain what we had put in place and asked for his blessing which he gladly granted.

Thanks to Sarah and Ian and their amazing team, there will be live Zoom services to which most people have access – the two people that do not can, and do, join via telephone. Transcripts of sermons can also be provided if anyone requires them, and updates on prayer requests and other items are communicated via the weekly Pews News. Hardcopies are hand-delivered to two people who do not have email. Elements of fellowship will be provided by having a coffee morning after each Zoom service, so people can see and talk to each other. There will also be a Zoom call on a Wednesday evening, where anyone can join to have a chat and see other people.

Once again, the parish is entering a period in which loving care and support will be the keynote. With the vaccination programme in full swing, we will return to a life without constant hand sanitising, face-masks and social distancing. Praise the Lord!

As Mother Julian assured us *All shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.*

With every blessing

*Graham*

Graham Osborne



# St Michael's Church Services

## Sundays at 10 am

At the present time services will be via Zoom or to listen to by telephone. Please try and join by 9.55 am.

Joining information for both Zoom and telephone users is available in Pews News Online, which is sent to all church members each week. If you would like to join us by Zoom then contact Alison Wood for the codes or to ask her to include you on the emailing list for Pews News: [admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk) / phone 01372 376443. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for worship. There will be a Zoom 'coffee morning' afterwards to chat.

We pray that everyone continues to stay safe with regard to Covid-19. Under the current National Lockdown Covid restrictions, the church will not be open for private prayer until the situation changes; our Sunday services in church are currently under review, so please refer to Pews News Online for the latest information.

And finally ...

A huge thank you to Sarah and Ian, our Churchwardens, and to Kelvin and Jonathan, our IT experts, for all their time and commitment in ensuring that we were able to join together in a variety of ways to celebrate Christmas this year. The services were well attended and it was lovely to be part of the St Michael's family over the festive season. If you missed any of the services, or would like to revisit them, all are available on the church YouTube channel: use the link at the bottom of the page.



## A very different Crib Service



The road to Bethlehem was a bit rocky but we made it in the end. It became obvious in the early autumn that we would not be able to hold our normal outdoor Crib Service but we could not imagine Christmas without what has become so important to so many people, so we set about devising an alternative. Much head scratching and discussion ensued but we managed to put together a narration of the Christmas story with carols and craft activities which we hoped would make a worthy substitution.

We are very grateful to everyone who helped to put together this retelling of the familiar story, which involved members of the infant school, the nursery, parents and members of the congregation, and of course Kelvin with his technical wizardry. As one person

remarked: 'at least this way we know we will have enough shepherds and Wise Men!' So, despite the rocky road, we all arrived in Bethlehem through the wonders of Zoom and YouTube. If you missed it and want to know how we did it, take a look at the recording on St Michael's YouTube channel.

Anne Weaver

Vickie Leney adds:

As our usual Christmas Eve journey via Adlers Lane to the stable in the bonfire field was cancelled due to you-know-what, this year the Crib Service was held via Zoom, and what a lovely start to Christmas it was too! A wonderful collection of visuals and music reminded us all of the journey Mary and Joseph took, ending with the birth of Jesus, and the arrival of the shepherds and Wise Men. In amongst the service were some super craft activities we could all join in with presented by Jenny Hudlass. Thank you. It was a fantastic service, thoroughly enjoyable and I am sure any youngsters watching would say the same!



## Bible Study Groups

Both groups welcome new members and will be meeting by Zoom for the time being. If you are interested please contact the organiser for more information.

**The Monday Evening Chapel Group**  
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## St Michael's Community Group

Thank you to all who contributed to the Advent Calendar event. This seemed to develop a life of its own, with just a little competitiveness, but an emphasis on contribution. Photos by Ben Tatham and others give a flavour, but many of the windows had their own atmosphere, only appreciated on viewing, driven by the imagination, inventiveness and effort which had gone into them. Specifics are not really appropriate here, but themes

included tasteful crib scenes and the Three Kings, a lovely music window, a wonderful team effort: five of the Twelve Days of Christmas (at Mickleham Hall), the imaginative use of back-lighting at several houses – two in Westhumble and at Inverness in School Lane, and of joyous full-on lighting at our pubs (despite lockdown), School Lane, Hall Farm and elsewhere – even a wonderful stained-glass window creation. With limitations on social

contact, outside supplies of mulled wine and nibbles were provided in several places, and I met several new faces on my travels, which was an unanticipated plus. Is this worthy of an annual repeat? I hope you think so. This year had special significance because it evoked a community spirit when some of the Christmas norms were not possible. But please do send your thoughts/feedback via WhatsApp or word of mouth to Frances Presley or Amy Ward.



Similarly, sincere thanks to all those who made the pre-Christmas Foodbank so busy. It genuinely was a great effort, with regular deliveries to both Epsom and Dorking Foodbanks, and direct to LeatherHEAD START and to the Meeting Room. We have thanked elsewhere the special Christmas Day food presents, which included 28 jars of Mickleham honey, from resident apiarists Aarvold/Cox/Wilcox and other treats included as part of Christmas lunch deliveries by the Meeting Room. Forty of which by our own Andy Diamond and Eva Dillon – giving chunks of their respective Christmas Days! A really encouraging re-start of our Foodbank. However, the need has not gone away...

## FEED A FAMILY FOR LENT

Our current lockdown threatens to be an extended one, and even in our relatively comfortable communities, we have neighbours who are in need. Lent begins on 17<sup>th</sup> February, so instead of giving something up, why not help us give? We are inviting households to pledge or donate something to our Foodbank. Perhaps, the ingredients of your favourite meal. Or mix and match what you could imagine yourself wishing for if you



were in need? Or please simply add a few items to your regular/ irregular shop, or donate things you have over-ordered, such as loo rolls, toothpaste or toiletries. *See list of suggested items overleaf.* Lists of particular needs are updated weekly on Pews News and the WhatsApp site.

Delivery as usual to Mary Banfield at Garden Corner, Mickleham Hall RH5 6BY via turning to Mickleham Hall and first right. BUT ALSO TO A NEW WESTHUMBLE DROP-OFF POINT. We are very grateful that our esteemed Editor, Sue Tatham, has agreed to allow her porch for Foodbank drop-offs at St Anthony, Pilgrims Way RH5 6AW (Seventh house on the left, just after the tall pine trees). Thank you, Sue.

Thanks to the hard work and expertise of Kelvin Pritchard, all the recent church and zoom services can now be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCI4pbewCT91iZhcd0EjBlw>

This has the advantage of better resolution for viewing on different devices. Do have a look and see what you think. Videos are also on the church website.

See page 5 for more St Michael's Community Group activities.

Photographs of some the Advent Calendar windows and contact details for members of the St Michael's Community Group Committee are on the centre pages.



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## More St Michael's Community Group Activities



Helping Hands has been operating under Mary Banfield's auspices for some 10 years, primarily assisting older members of the community with lifts/shopping etc. The WhatsApp Group has been offering *inter alia* a similar service to residents. The two are complementary; indeed, the extra resources of WhatsApp may well assist HH.

Despite the huge positives afforded by on-line communication, there are people in our community to whom such services unavailable and/or are lonely, alone or need specific help. In lockdown, even irregular human contact may not be achievable. This group has racked its combined brain, and concludes that there is no short-cut answer. It has to be one-to-one efforts by individuals. We all know of people in our community who would appreciate regular calls to check they are OK, whether they need anything buying or doing, whether something has gone wrong or for just a chat.

If you know of someone who might benefit from such regular contact – perhaps yourself – do let us know. Similarly, if you would be happy to help

with partnering, or are already doing this with a friend, again, let us know. Andy Diamond/Frances Presley are coordinating.



### EASTER

Where we will be with Covid, lockdowns and vaccines by Easter is anyone's guess, but my guess is that we will not be out of the woods. So, this group has two things on its agenda. It is HOPEd that a 'traditional' EASTER EGG HUNT will be possible on Easter Sunday afternoon at 3-4pm, in the churchyard. Apart from the copious supply of variously sized eggs, this year there will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze Egg. These will be especially well hidden and will be sponsored to the tune of £150, £100 and £50. There may be other medal positions, subject to other sponsors (subtle hint). The finder of these eggs will be able to nominate a charity of their choice to which these amounts will be donated. They will also be required to eat the egg!

### ST MICHAEL'S GRAND CHARITY ONLINE AUCTION

Also, on Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 6pm, there will be the inaugural St Michael's Grand Charity On-Line Auction. So don't throw away that acrylic yellow cardigan from Auntie Agnes yet. Nor the nice non-iron, drip dry and highly inflammable size 13-collar-shirt from your Mum, because 'I know you like that colour' – it's your fault for not correcting her 13 Christmases ago!

However, this is not just for unwanted Christmas items but for usable but un-needed household or other goods, toys, and all your supposedly valuable antiques. Or you can donate a holiday at your second, third or fourth home, cook a meal for two, a day's weeding, a place in the Mickleham Cricket team... let your imaginations run riot! Bid online as a family, and/or include your partnering friend.

Further details shortly, but please register your interest to bid or to donate with Annie Dennis [anniehallfarm@icloud.com](mailto:anniehallfarm@icloud.com). Proceeds from both these Easter activities will go to St Michael's School and St Michael's Community Nursery. Mark Day

## Suitable items for the Foodbank collection

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# A Review of Andrew Tatham's most recent book:

## *I Shall Not Be Away Long*

### *The First World War letters of Lt Col Charles Bartlett*

I don't think I have ever read a book in which I have been so gripped 99.9% of the time, and I realised when I had finished it that the same situation may (hardly) ever happen again. Emails cannot show you the handwriting, the crossings out or the changes in writing when the correspondent is obviously in a hurry, distressed, or even given to feelings of affection. When finished with they disappear into the ether - at least mine do, sometimes without meaning to.

Andrew Tatham, a name that many of you will associate with the brain-mystifying clues in the crossword every month, published his first book entitled 'A Group Photograph' in 2015. This 'Photograph' is of the officers in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, of which his great grandfather was the commanding officer, which he found when researching his own family's WWI history in the Imperial War Museum. Andrew painstakingly researched the history of each soldier in the photograph which included the Battalion's second-in-command, Lt Col Charles Frederick Napier Bartlett.

His search for Charles' life story involved trawling through archives, phone books, death records, interviewing his own 94-year-old grandmother, a visit to South Africa, from there to Shropshire and finally to Charles' granddaughter. Yes, she had 'a few of his letters from the war' but he would probably would not be interested as it was 'day-to-day stuff'. The few turned out to be over 350!

These letters were the motivation for Andrew's newly-published second book, 'I Shall Not Be Away Long' which is based on the 'day-to-day stuff' that were written by Charles to his wife, Margaret, nearly all from the Front between August 1915 and March 1917. The title comes from the first letter that Charles sent to Margaret written on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915 immediately after he arrived on French soil with a large part of the battalion.

Margaret 'managed to make her way in the world by using her talent for the theatre'. It is not too clear how they met – they married on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1908 when he was 30 and she was just 19. After the birth of their only child, Paula in 1910, she went back to work and continued

to do so mostly in minor roles up until the start of the war.

There have been a multitude of books written about WW1, and I have read probably about half a percent of them, but there cannot be many like this one that gives such a graphic sensation of 'being there', and often a too realistic insight into how life was lived, mostly from an officer's point of view, in the trenches. Andrew, with the wonders of modern science, has superimposed the wording of a letter over the top of the photo of the letter itself. This brings their content much more vividly to your attention, particularly when some were clearly written in haste, and sometimes in the middle of an engagement with the enemy.

The battalion went 'over the top' during the Battle of Loos and then The Somme, and you read about the mud, the water from the incessant rain, rats, and trench foot. You read about living conditions away from the front, but also complaints about the late arrival of grouse or cake, the cost of lobster or lack of champagne, and he could be quite grumpy if their cook at home failed to send his potted meat!

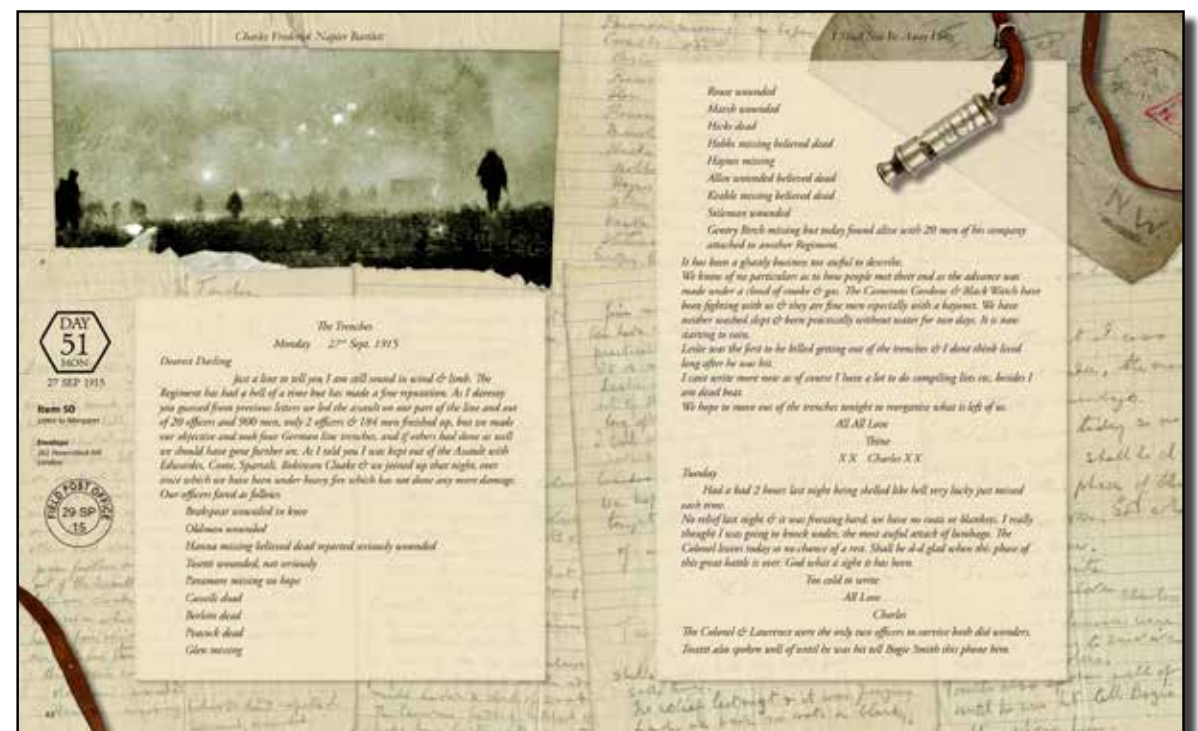
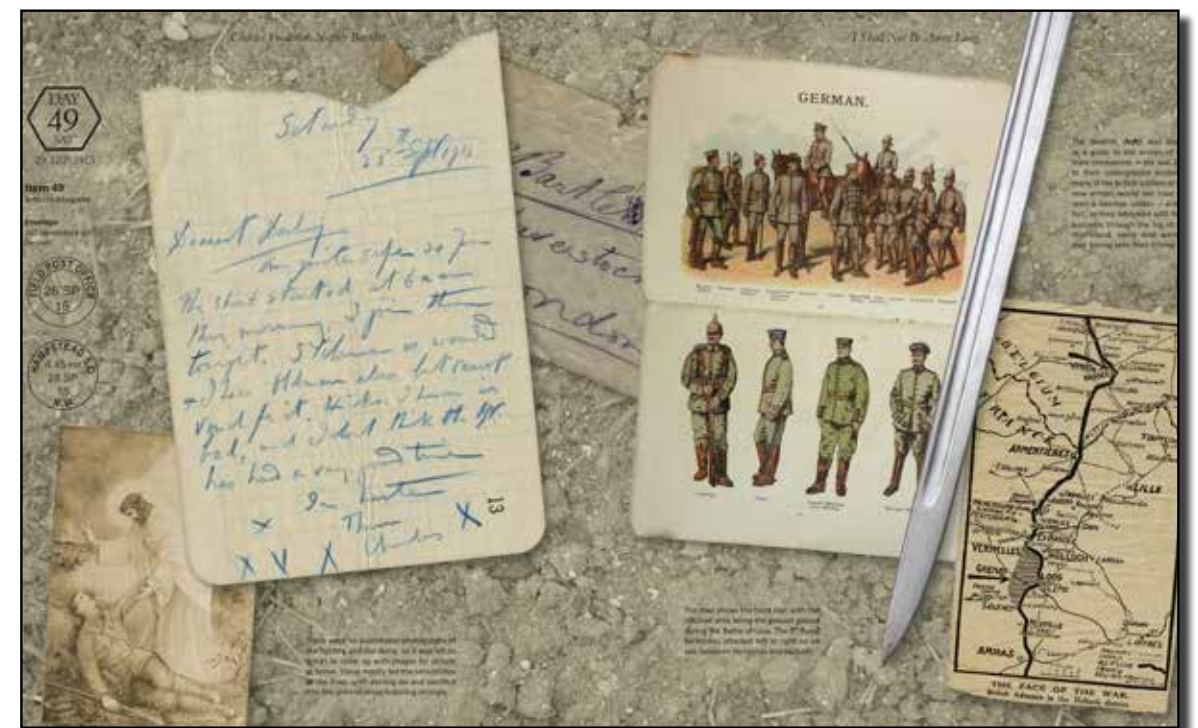
I read this book expecting a history lesson, but what I got was almost the reality of being in the trenches, hearing the shells whizzing overhead, being covered in mud after a sortie, and understanding feeling sickened and depressed after finding only 112 left out of 360 after being in the firing line. Of course, there were lighter moments, but they were few and far between and Charles' caring way when writing to

the families of his fallen soldiers was without fault.

The further I got into this book the more I realised that its impact was due mainly to the author's attention to detail, Andrew's skills of research and his powers of deduction. In a very complicated and involved subject his consideration for his reader with his explanations is remarkable: that is what

makes it so readable. This may well be due to his skill in evaluating the whole four years of slaughter, but he also seems to be able to 'look outside the box'. In his closing chapter he says 'The news likes to dwell on conflict and what is wrong with the world but every day human beings are doing extraordinary things to make this world a better place...' That sentence could be applied to today.

Frances Presley



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### Fresh Veg at your Door



By all accounts, last year was the year that Nature came to the forefront of many people's consciousness. During Lockdown one, in lovely spring weather, many of us chose to use our new-found time to exercise and enjoy our local countryside; others of us, closer to home, decided to make improvements to our outdoor space. There were those who spent time weeding flower beds or planning a patio and those who determined to be productive and for the first time have a go at 'growing their own'.

Would-be growers have an advantage this year as garden centres are open, shelves filled with colourful seed packets and soon to be stocked with choice plants to tempt us to buy (beware those that will be damaged by early frosts). Last year there was online panic to acquire almost anything at all, compost particularly being in demand. It is worth remembering that if you do have leftover seed (kept in dark, dry conditions) you can sow them successfully this year with the exception of parsley, sweetcorn, leeks and parsnips.



By buying seeds you

have the advantage of being able to choose the variety but there is also the option of buying small plug plants from many seed companies. This saves the hassle of germinating your own and means you can start some plants, such as tomatoes or peppers, earlier than you might be able to at home. Later on, by early spring, garden centres will be full of seedlings in pots and seed trays for you to grow on or plant out if you have chosen to buy this way, but, I think is less rewarding than watching your own seeds emerge and grow.

So what should you decide to grow? Seed potatoes will be available now and you can lay them out individually in egg boxes or trays for them to sprout or chit. Later you can plant in the ground or in bags. Onions or shallots should also be available as bulbs to divide and plant straight into the soil. Both are easy and potatoes in particular are excellent for planting in newly cultivated soil.

Personal choice and space will determine your final decisions: I would not be without broad beans whose seeds can go straight into the ground when it is a little warmer or planted out in trays to go out later. The dwarf varieties do not need staking. French beans, whether climbing or

dwarf (consider your back!) and runner beans are all easy but you need to wait until the frosts are over. Spinach or chard, on the other hand, will not be damaged. Carrots are usually easy and then of course there are courgettes. Sometimes I think they are hardly worth growing given the number of people who want to offload them on to you when they have the annual glut. Nevertheless, for most of us they are a must for their texture and taste when freshly picked and this is even more true of sweetcorn whose sugar content gradually turns to starch the longer they have been picked. You won't know the true taste of sweetcorn until you have picked your own cobs and cooked them the same day! Although I have to admit to once raiding a field in France for the family's supper and boiling them forever while they remained hard as bullets. Cattle food in France of course. There is plenty of advice online, whether it is from the Royal Horticultural Society or You Tube, and Google lists seed companies with ratings. Whether you have a veg patch or opt for containers, the main thing is to have fun and enjoy the eating!

Judy Kinloch



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## There's a positive in every situation ....



*At the Dubai Mosque*

One thing that can be universally agreed is that the ongoing global pandemic has changed many things for everyone. Each of us has had to adapt to new challenges along the way to adapt to. This is how the pandemic has changed things for me.

I moved out to Dubai to step up my career working as a personal trainer back in 2017. It was an incredible experience – an opportunity that would only come along once, so I took it with nothing to lose and everything to gain. Dubai is a city of contrasts and I loved living there. My favourite aspect was the many different nationalities and the diversity within the city. For me the different cultures, cuisines and conversations shared were the best parts of my time there. After all it is the people that make a place, never the place itself. It is the stories you have to tell, not the things you have to show.

In January 2020 as I headed back to Dubai like the many times before I would never have believed what would follow. It began with a gradual awareness of the pandemic in the news which quickly led to stricter measures being put into place. By February news headlines were beginning to get more serious and then by late March there was a full lockdown in Dubai. In a short space of time mask wearing was mandatory anywhere outside, curfew times were imposed and even to the point where you needed to apply for a permit to go out food shopping. This

was not something I had in my plans for 2020!

Before the pandemic took hold, I had decided to sign up for a full Ironman race back in the UK in July and training was well underway. Though the restrictions meant that I couldn't train quite how I would have liked to I found a way to make it work. Running around the building car-park's 150m loop became

a regular occurrence, outdoor bike rides replaced by the indoor trainer and climbing the 50-storey building staircase multiple times. Even completing some crazy challenges such as running a marathon on the car-park loop (too many laps to keep count of ...) as well as climbing the equivalent depth of the Mariana Trench using the staircase in under 36 hours (11,034m or 76 times to the top and back down via the lift.) Obviously, the way I was working took a complete U-turn too, from face-to-face PT sessions to Zoom training. Like most people it was a new normal to get use to, but it wasn't all bad. Yes, it was tricky retaining and gaining new clients on Zoom BUT the pandemic did allow me to change direction in how I delivered my content. Working more online was always something that I had been wanting to branch into, just maybe not so suddenly! Sometimes one has to take a step backwards to head forward again. The pandemic had other positives too, as with many it gave me clarity on what is important. I realised that though it was a brilliant lifestyle living out in Dubai, the place I really wanted to set up my longterm business was back in the UK. When the airports shut for a couple of weeks in the full lockdown in March it was a wake-up call to how much air travel has made possible. Though on the flip side how quickly we can be cut off.

Fortunately, by July restrictions had eased so I decided to use my flight to head back to the UK and start building up my business with an online focus. A project which is ongoing but one I am enjoying developing.

The Ironman event like many last summer was cancelled, but as I had put in all the training I was determined to do something, even if it was my own DIY event. The 6-hour bike rides on the indoor trainer and hours of running endless loops in a car-park were not going to be for nothing! So after the mandatory 14-day isolation upon arriving back in the UK, I set the date for the 5<sup>th</sup> August. The Ironman event is a 3.8km swim, 180km bike and a 42.2km run – not a small undertaking. With a few adjustments it was still possible – Maximum distance 60-minute swim at the Betchworth quarry allowed me to swim 3.2km, 180km was on the indoor bike trainer and then a marathon run around Burney Road. A tough challenge but completed none the less – I think the real event will actually be easier when it can hopefully go ahead this year, in July.

Though the pandemic has been a new normal for all of us, for me there have been positives that have come out of it. Tough at times too. It allowed me to accomplish some crazy fitness-based challenges, as well as set the foundations of my now online-focused Body-Brain-Fitness coaching business.

Immie Adshead



*DIY Ironman swim at Betchworth Quarry*

## Air Raid Shelter at the Bottom of the Garden

Well, part of one anyway. Many older Westhumble residents will be familiar with the Anderson Shelters from World War Two which were erected in a pit recommended to be dug 4 feet deep and the soil then heaped on top of the shelter. Perhaps there are relics at the bottom of some Westhumble gardens even now. Then there was the Morrison Shelter which was a stout wooden 'table' with wire mesh along the sides. It was erected indoors and often doubled as the kitchen table. One slept in it and if the house collapsed one might be safe and rescued in due course.

In either corner at the bottom of the garden at Fairfield, just up from Box Hill and Westhumble station, were two reinforced concrete arches lying

on their sides and forming open, tall horseshoe shaped enclosures that were used as compost heaps. When my parents first moved in in 1948 one was filled with sand and became my sandpit. I was four or five at the time.

I never remember anyone mentioning that these horseshoes might have had anything to do with air raid shelters. When my Mother died last March David and I began clearing the bottom of the back garden. We broke up and removed one of the horseshoes and as we did so, it occurred to us that stood up on end they would have formed sturdy arches and bolted to other arches they could have been part of an air raid shelter.

In a quiet moment at Christmas I googled 'air raid shelters' and read about the Anderson and Morrison

Shelters. Also mentioned were Stanton Shelters built by the Stanton Ironworks in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. Pre-war they were making spun-concrete lampposts but turned over to making concrete air-raid shelters, principally for the Air Ministry who installed them on RAF Stations.

Any length of shelter could be built up from the pre-cast reinforced, concrete segments which were 20 ins wide. Two of them, bolted together at the top, would form an arch 7 ft high and transverse struts were provided to ensure rigidity. Partly buried into the ground this simple bolted shelter provided protection against blast and splinters. Like the Anderson and Morrison Shelters they would probably not have survived a direct hit.

Barbara Jones



*Left: The last remaining half arch of a Stanton Shelter at Fairfield, Westhumble. Above: A slightly more complete example of a Stanton Shelter.*



### E M Forster

The first special exhibition of 2021, postponed from last summer, is planned to be 'Forster@50', commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster, who spent more than 20 years of his life at West Hackhurst, near Abinger.



It explores the life and impact of Forster, concentrating on his life locally, his known associates, the initiatives he took part in and the impact of the area on his novels. The exhibition is mounted in collaboration with academics from Nottingham Trent University. Timing for this exhibition is uncertain at the time of writing. Please check the our site [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk) for further information.



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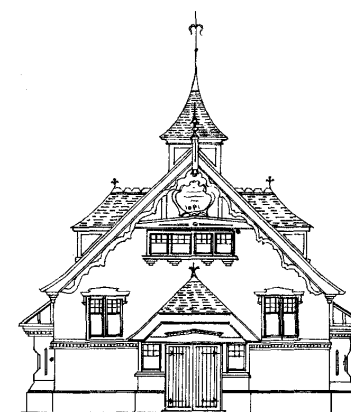
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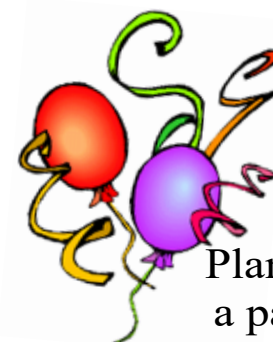
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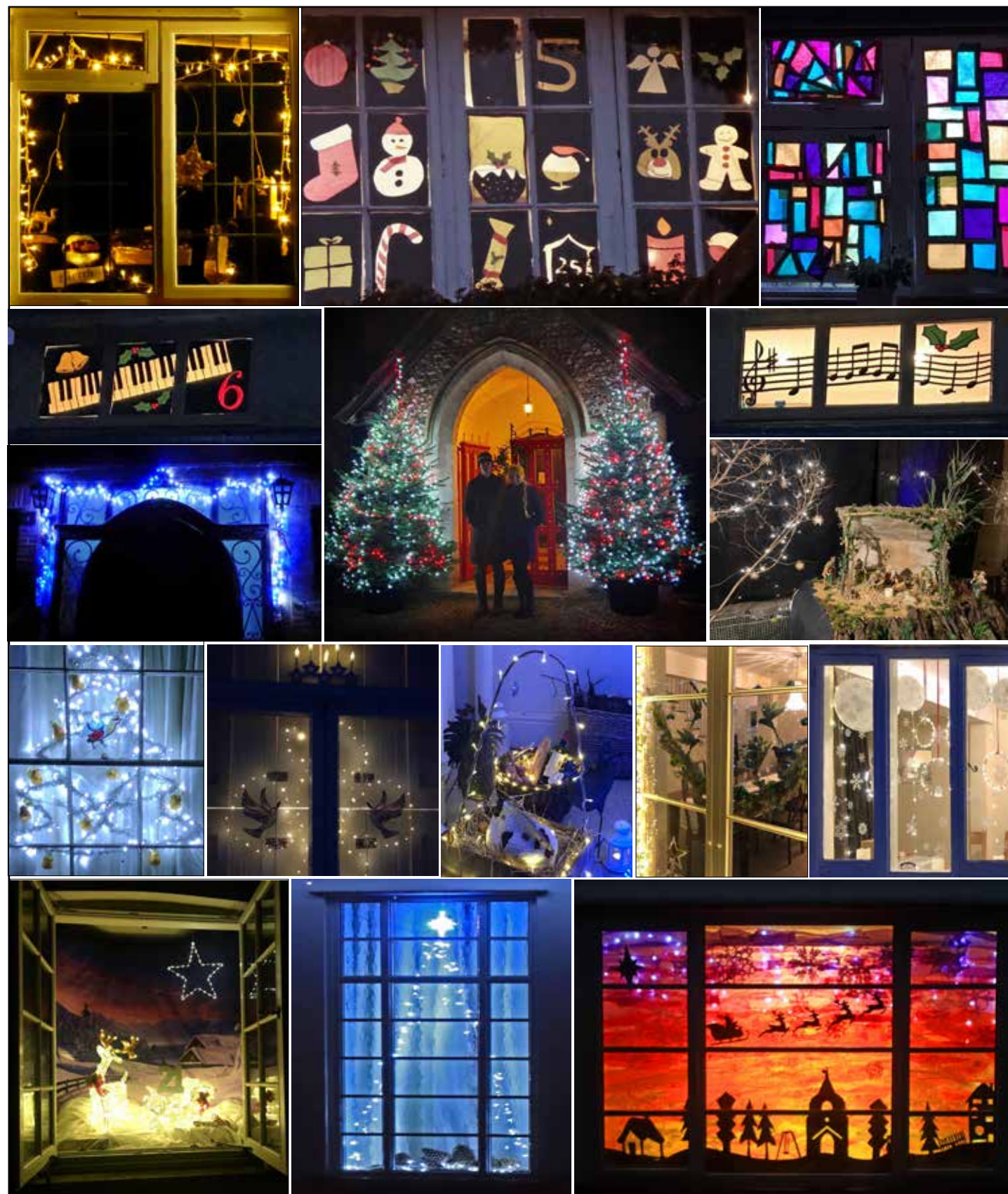
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2<sup>nd</sup> February

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Hugh and Jill Carey moved from Buckinghamshire into the Gate Lodge at Cleveland Court some seven years ago. Sadly, Jill's health failed and for the last few years she has been bed-bound with carers coming in regularly every day and Hugh as her full-time carer.

Hugh celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April, but unfortunately he was taken ill suddenly at the end of November and died on 14<sup>th</sup> December without returning to Cleveland Court. Jill is

being cared for by her son and his family who live in Dorking.

The Covid restrictions relating to funerals prevented the Cleveland Court community from attending, so the family arranged for the funeral hearse to visit on its way to the crematorium. And so it was that the hearse came up the drive of Cleveland Court, turned round in the car park, then drove slowly back down the drive preceded by the Master of Ceremonies resplendent in top hat and carrying a furred umbrella. Fifteen Cleveland Court residents lined the drive – maintaining social distancing in the cold winter sunshine – to remember a well-respected neighbour.

Elizabeth Moughton

## Reservoir Dog

It was a bright sunny morning in late November when the intrepid trio of Jilly Aarvold, Juliet Hornby and Annie Dennis, stalwarts all of the Mickleham Choral Society, set off up Mickleham Downs. Contrary to popular belief they were not heading for a rehearsal of 'The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music' with Jilly as Maria, Juliet doubling up as Mother Superior and Captain von Trapp, and Annie as all seven children. Instead, they wanted to test Jilly's theory about Rocky, a working cocker spaniel whose disappearance had been flagged up to the Mickleham and Westhumble Whatsapp group by Christine Smyth a couple of days previously. Jilly had it in mind that, with the public area having been comprehensively searched by villagers for the previous two days, there was a possibility that Rocky had fallen into the disused reservoir on the Juniper Hill estate. In her words, 'I couldn't forgive myself if we hadn't checked this out and he had died there'.

Amazingly, Jilly proved to be right, and Juliet clambered down into the reservoir and rescued Rocky, handing him over the parapet to Annie before climbing out over the five-foot wall herself. Kirsten Johnson made the call to an emotional owner who dashed over and reunited herself with a tired, hungry, thirsty but obviously very happy



From left: Annie Dennis, Jilly Aarvold, Juliet Hornby, Christine Smyth, Dania with Rocky, Will Dennis

Rocky. It was a truly happy scene. Well done one and all. This was a fantastic community effort. Rocky's tearful owner Dania put it very well when she said 'Thank you so much for the hard work from the community. What a lovely place to live'. We think so, Dania.

Juliet describes the moment that she saw Rocky trapped in the reservoir as 'heartrending'. Well yes, but how much more heartrending would it have

## Community News

Farewell to Paul and Jayne Timmins who have moved from Pilgrims Way to East Sussex,

Welcome to:

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• Derek and Nicole Alston have moved to Westhumble Street from Richmond, London

• Tom and Zoe Grimshaw with children Esme, Ava & Chester moved to Adlers Lane from Cobham.

Roger Howell reports that Westhumble's poppy collection in aid of the Royal British Legion last November raised £494.





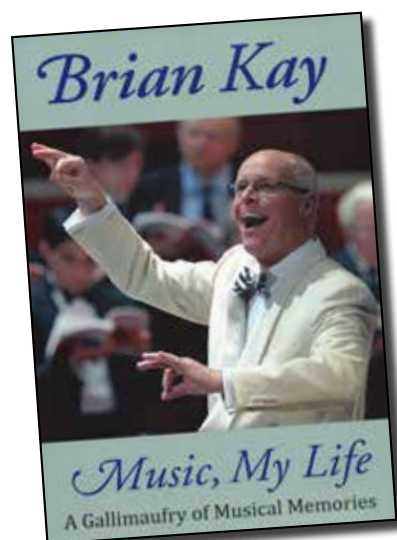
# Mickleham Choral Society Christmas Carousel

Mickleham Choral Society brought much-appreciated festive cheer to Mickleham and Westhumble on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The original plan was for carolling in Westhumble on Saturday, but only two days before Lockdown 2 would be imposed on Saturday morning. Undaunted, Juliet set about making new plans to include Westhumble on Friday evening as well.

Despite being locked down, prevented from singing indoors except with draconian rules and having to rehearse on Zoom, they sang a short programme

## Juliet has a plan...

For those who feel rusty vocally, she is offering a series of four vocal work-out sessions – a sort of 'keep-fit' for singers. She says 'don't worry – it won't be too difficult and I will start you off gently. It will be shorter than the usual hour (probably 30-40 minutes maximum). I think you would find this enough! I will include some fun things



Christmas carollers singing in Pilgrims Court, Westhumble

of glorious carols with great enjoyment and enthusiasm. Three of the planned sites had to be cut, but carolling took place at Batchelor's Yard, the village Hall car park, The Old Rectory, the churchyard, Pilgrims Way and Burney Road. Friday night turned out to be very

wet, but the socially distanced singers coped with torches/head-lamps and soggy music extremely well – no doubt fortified by copious amounts of mulled wine and refreshments they enjoyed along the way. Thank you to one and all for a truly magical experience.

Sue Tatham

to sing too – not just all exercises and maybe end with a song that we can all join in with. I can also send you all a sheet with a suggested daily routine of about 10 minutes if you want to do extra.

It will be different but I hope it will be enjoyable and get you into fine shape for when we start again properly.

Our first session would be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February.'

PS For non-Choral Society members. If you enjoy singing, why not join us for these free sessions? As numbers are limited, please register with Anne Weaver [secretary@micklehamchoral.org.uk](mailto:secretary@micklehamchoral.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Brian Kay, former Leith Hill Musical Festival Conductor, has spent his entire working life in a career that is both successful and rewarding. His fascinating collection of memories and anecdotes throws a hugely entertaining light on a life entirely devoted to the joy of music and music-making. He was the founder bass of the internationally renowned vocal group The King's Singers. He spent 25 years writing and presenting thousands of programmes for BBC Radio – his own *Brian Kay's Sunday Morning* on Radio 3 to such Radio 2 favourites as *Friday*

*Night is Music Night* and *Melodies for You*. He then moved back to the open spaces of the concert hall, conducting choral and orchestral concerts all over the world, including his annual 4000-voice Really Big Chorus Messiah from Scratch in London's Royal Albert Hall. He has been the lowest frog on a Paul McCartney single and a member of the backing group for Pink Floyd. Brian Kay recounts his fascinating life in intimate and amusing detail, sharing with us his great love of life and his abiding passion for music.

*Editor's note: A very entertaining read.*



The General Committee of the Leith Hill Musical Festival have reluctantly decided, that a festival will not be possible at any time in 2021. It is hoped that some sort of singing event (such as a Come-and-Sing) will be possible sometime in late 2021.

## Mickleham Parish Council – Bus Shelter

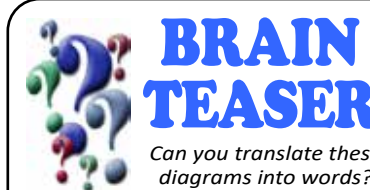
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December marked the grand opening of our new bus shelter. Two years of negotiating with Surrey County Council came to an end when local resident and frequent bus user Keith Crouch cut the tape, and you can now, finally, wait for a bus in Mickleham and stay dry.

Objections raised by the council's legal department were many and various, including that the pavement was too narrow, the designs inappropriate, the proposed local contractors not approved. At one point they even asked Mickleham Parish Council to give a guarantee (which could have been enforced against parish councillors personally) of £20 million in case a bus crashed into the shelter.

Fortunately common sense prevailed, eventually, and we now have our shelter. It has even had Christmas lights on it this winter, thanks to the Parochial Church Council installing a cable from the Rectory garage. Many thanks also to the parish council, the Highways Department of Surrey County Council, the diocese, churchwardens and most importantly the donors. The entire costs were raised by public subscription, and this is reflected in the plaque which you will see in the shelter.

Let us go on using the bus. In three years the 465 bus route is again up for consideration as to whether or not Surrey County Council will continue to fund it. We do not want to lose this key local facility.

Will Dennis



**Hell 2 – Heaven 1**

Answer on page 26



Shelter delivered



From left: Will Dennis, Kath and Keith Crouch



First bus arrives

*Let us go singing as far as we go: the road will be less tedious.* Virgil





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Hello lockdown buddies

We must thank all who came to see us in the periods when we were open, and especially those who usually tend just to come only when it's sunny - you all stayed throughout autumn and winter. Rains, gales darkness proved to be no barrier 'substantial meals' were consumed - when I know many just wanted beer or wine. This support was really instrumental in helping us to survive. As an independent freehouse we do not have the cushion of a large organisation behind us

At the moment we are doing a small **Take Away Service 10am - 4pm Saturdays and Sundays**: teas, coffees, pies 'n pasties etc. And if you are short of a bit of sugar, toilets rolls, eggs or whatever we could probably help out.

We hope to roll out a full Friday night takeaway menu by the time this magazine comes out (see website). Mobility-challenged residents can request delivery service. We may also do a Sunday roast, if demand is there.

See you soon, Eamonn and Anne

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## Cryptic Delicacies

As I write this in the brand new year of 2021, it seems a long time ago that I was setting the Christmas crossword. Looking at it now there are some things that I am not happy with but given that I was trying to finish the clues for it in the midst of the tsunami that followed my appearance on the BBC's Today program on 14<sup>th</sup> November, it could have been a lot worse! The main thing that did not really work was the theme suggested in 26 ACROSS. The 'well-known spirit' in 13 DOWN & 3 DOWN was JACOB MARLEY and the long collection of words pointed to was a QUOTE from him in 'A Christmas Carol' that goes 'NO SPACE OF REGRET CAN MAKE AMENDS FOR ONE LIFE'S OPPORTUNITY MISUSED'. I liked the sentiment of that and even though I wasn't previously familiar with it, I thought maybe a bit of googling to look for quotes by Jacob Marley might help a solver to find words that would fit in the rest of the grid. My intention was good even if the execution was clumsy - story of my life!

Here are some of the other clues, with definitions underlined:

**7 Rue Perrin is alongside King & French (6)**

REGRET

'Perrin' = REG (as in the Fall & Rise of Reginald Perrin), 'King' = R (as for Rex on postboxes), '&' = and = ET in French

**11 Heartless labourer found in the shade (4)**

NAVY

'labourer' = NAVVY, which less its heart becomes NAVY, which is a shade as in

'he was wearing a navy romper suit'.

**14 Single teacher heard second hand was treated like the hour hand, perhaps? (7)**

MISUSED

'single teacher' = miss, which can be heard as MIS, 'second hand' = USED. If the second hand is treated like the hour hand, it is MISUSED (and the question mark is there to hint that there is a slight bending of the rules in the way the definition also makes use of 'second hand').

**18 Floor in the fashion of a fan of eucalyptus? (5)**

KOALA

'Floor' = K.O. (= knock-out), 'in the fashion of' = A LA.

**20 Canoe without dictionary in sack (3)**

CAN

'dictionary' = O.E.D. (Oxford English Dictionary) which is removed from 'canoe' to give a maybe rather American term for 'to terminate the employment of' - e.g. 'Donald Trump, you're canned!'

**23 An example of a sentence: 'Love is for everyone the beginning of them all' (4)**

LIFE

The beginnings of the words 'Love Is For Everyone' give you the sort of sentence that one might not like receiving from a judge.

**28 Tired of being treated like a mole? (7)**

WHACKED

Connected with the arcade game 'Whac-A-Mole' invented in Japan in



1975 - and referenced by the Prime Minister in May last year in relation to the government's strategy with regards the pandemic where he said they would be doing a whack-a-mole on local flare-ups. That seems to have gone very well.

**10 Supporter of brazen loss of cool (3)**

BRA

'cool' = zen (as in 'I am very zen when it comes to canning American Presidents') which is lost from BRAzen.

**16 Livingstone follows diamond boss in getting squiffy (7)**

DRUNKEN

'diamond' = D (as in playing cards), 'boss' = RUN (e.g. a fly-half can be talked about as bossing the game when he is running how it is played), 'Livingstone' = KEN, the well-known newt fancier.

**21 Deviation perhaps comes from the last bit of meaningless rubbish (4)**

STAT

'the last bit of' meaningless is S, 'rubbish' = TAT, 'Deviation' is an example of a statistic, where it is 'the difference between an observed value in a series of such values and their arithmetic mean'.

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

## Yoga at Box Hill

The physical and mental health benefits of yoga are well known but how many of you know that we have an excellent local teacher? I have been going to Di Sage's classes at Box Hill Village Hall twice a week for most of the last 16 years and have benefited enormously from them. Di is a natural teacher and I have seen her progress in skill and application over these years. Her classes are always varied and stimulating and they are designed to be suited to the level of her students in each class. If one pose is unsuitable for

a particular student, then Di can always suggest an alternative.

Of course these last few months have been very different, no going up to Box Hill to work, and laugh, in a class together, which is so sad. However, during the lockdowns Di runs her classes online via Zoom and I have been getting almost as much value out of the classes in my own home as I did in the hall-held classes. The laughter is less but there is no turning out on a cold winter's night! Nor is there any getting away with things as Di watches and supports us all, even remotely.

If the time of the classes is unsuitable, then there is a download available for one to use independently.

Di is very health conscious, working especially to help with posture to promote immunity and to help arthritis, along with many other aspects of mental and physical fitness. It is most definitely not all about standing on one's head! This term we are also working on breathing patterns as lung fitness is especially important at the moment. For information on these yoga classes, see [www.boxhillyoga.co.uk](http://www.boxhillyoga.co.uk)

Ann Sankey



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## Thinking globally, acting locally

In response to Ann Sankey's article in the December 2020 edition, I have listed a few things we can do individually to start decreasing our climate change and environmental impact.

**First: Use an on-line calculator to understand your impact.**

### HOME

- Turn your thermostat down.
- Replace your constant-fuel use Aga.
- Reduce draught and insulate your home (double glazing helps to reduce noise pollution).
- Use a green energy supplier e.g. octopus or bulb (arrange with friends for vouchers worth £50 to switch).
- Reduce beef consumption.
- Use sustainable locally grown produce (zero air miles) where possible and avoid excess packaging.
- Avoid fast/cheap fashion.
- Use LEDs and efficient appliances.

- Reduce, re-use and recycle waste properly.
- Consider installing solar panels or photovoltaic cells.

### TRAVEL

- Travel and use your car less. Could you walk or use public transport instead?
- Look after your car. Low tyre pressure increases fuel consumption.
- If considering a new car, purchase an electric vehicle or plug in hybrid.
- Reduce long-haul flights (keep in mind planes are more efficient than cars in some cases).
- Consider economy class (economy plus, offers more legroom) if flying.

### FINANCES

- If you are investing, consider investing in an ESG (Environment, social and governance) fund.

The aforementioned are aimed towards reducing carbon dioxide emissions. However, climate change

also causes environmental impacts. Increasingly volatile rainfall leads to soil erosion, flooding and drought. **Increasing vegetation and decreasing impermeable surfaces** slows water movement to drains and rivers. A surprising amount of rainfall is caught by tree canopies.

- Allow your grass to grow longer or even let it go to meadow. This reduces water consumption (reducing carbon dioxide emissions involved with water treatment) and promotes wildflowers and wildlife.

- Try supporting local wildlife by rewilding part of your garden and by planting native, pollinator-friendly species.

- Avoid using pesticides and herbicides to protect water quality and ensure wildlife is not unintentionally harmed.

Lastly, a big thank you Ellie for her piece on Light Pollution.

Nikolai Belousov

## Pet treatments poison rivers

Many of us know that the insecticide group known as neonicotinoids is harmful to bees and other pollinators and for this reason is banned in EU and UK. This group of pesticide is also used to treat pets for fleas and other parasites.

Unfortunately recent research indicates that these chemicals are now polluting rivers across England; this of course will include the River Mole. The levels of these pollutants have been found at amounts that greatly exceed safe

limits. The particular chemicals found in over 4,000 samples include fipronil, fipronil sulfone, fipronil sulphide and imidacloprid. Sites immediately downstream of waste water treatment works had the highest levels of fipronil and imidacloprid. This supports the hypothesis that potentially significant quantities of pesticide from veterinary products may be entering waterways via domestic sewage.

These findings have several implications for us in Mickleham and Westhumble.

As we are downstream of the treatment works at Pixham, it means that the very many aquatic invertebrates that should be in the river are being killed as the river flows through our parish. If any of us also use these products on our cats, dogs, etc, then we are adding to this pesticide load.

The research was carried out by the University of Sussex, the Environment Agency and Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital. See <https://bit.ly/2KBe6c3> for a summary of the results.

Ann Sankey

## Burford Spur then and now



Thanks to Graham Revill who sent us this copy of a postcard dated 1910 and a picture taken further down the hill last November.



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It was interesting to review the article printed last month, I mentioned entering the month of December and coming out of lockdown, at that time I know I was thinking far more positively

about the end being in sight. Covid-19 continues to challenge us all, luckily, I work with little children and for five mornings a week am able to join in with their excitement, joyful play and share their innocent view of the world.

This month their world has been out of this world – we have been experiencing space. Our Gingerbread house has been turned into Mission control, we have been counting down before blasting off to the moon and exploring moon dust. Our trikes have become moon buggies, we have been bouncing moon rocks on our parachute and designing the perfect alien. We look forward to thinking about our special loved ones as Valentine's Day approaches and have been practicing our hugs by hugging trees.

Our children continue to enjoy plenty of fresh air, the outside being more inside than it usually is, with all our windows and the door open. We have a 'rug buddy' which is like an electric blanket for our carpeted area, so those that are busy building with magnetic tiles, reading stories or playing with lego have toasty bottoms while we keep the nursery well ventilated. We have also made the decision to use only our own on-site forest school area for our woodland activities, which ensures lots of little hands are not touching the stile. This reduces our contact with the plentiful number of walkers we generally see around Mickleham. We look forward to the time when we can again be more present in the community.

Hilary Budd







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## Solution to the December crossword

**Across:** 2 Nu 3 Moist 4 Oregano 7 Regret 11 Navy 12 Raj 14 Misused 17 Talc 18 Koala 19 One 20 Can 22 Climb 23 Life 25 Kit 26 Quote 27 Opportunity 28 Whacked 30 Lovable 31 Shunned.

**Down:** 1 Cuing 2 No 5 Amends 6 Of 8 Ta 9 Tyre 10 Bra 12 Realist 13/3 Jacob Marley 14 Make 15 Space 16 Drunken 21 Stat 23 Leprechaun 24 For 28 Wales 29 Dread.

## BRAIN TEASER answer: Paradise Lost



## Christmas Quiz Answers Stage and Screen Musicals

Editor's note: When compiling the answers, I discovered three errors which are shown below. Sorry. Guess I didn't want to make it too easy for you.



- |                           |                             |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 My Fair Lady            | 13 Starlight Express        | 25 The Mikado   |
| 2 Hamilton                | 14 The Phantom of the Opera | 26 Les Miserables   |
| 3 Mary Poppins            | 15 Kiss Me Kate             | 27 Matilda  |
| 4 The Book of Mormon*     | 16 O What a Lovely War      | 28 The Pirates of Penzance  |
| 5 Jersey Boys             | 17 The Lion King            | 29 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory                                      |
| 6 Cabaret                 | 18 Mamma Mia                | 30 Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat                          |
| 7 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang | 19 The Sound of Music       |   |
| 8 La La Land              | 20 The King and I           |   |
| 9 Bohemian Rhapsody*      | 21 Fiddler on the Roof      | * Errors  |
| 10 Singin' In the Rain    | 22 Billy Elliot             | 4. Should have been 4 words   |
| 11 West Side Story        | 23 Camelot                  | 9. h missing from letters   |
| 12 Chicago                | 24 Oklahoma                 | 30. Correct title is Joseph and <u>the</u> Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat |



The Howell's gnomery in Adlers Lane - always a favourite visit for children - was illuminated early to cheer us all up.

## School Life in Lockdown 3

Once again we find ourselves in the position of having to open our school to only a limited few. As a school community, we had all hoped that this would not be the case. We are acutely aware of the important and vital role that school plays in our families' lives so to have to close our doors to many of our children, is not an easy thing for us to do.

Covid seems to be dictating the way at the moment and above all else, we know that controlling the spread of the virus has to be the number one priority for all of us.

On a brighter note, we have been heartened by our families' resilience and strength. Home learning is no longer a new concept and most parents have found a way to make this work often while juggling the demands of working from home. We salute you! Teachers have once again gone into 'let's get organised' mode and have produced high-quality plans at a moment's notice. One of the tasks that our Year 2s were set was to write a persuasive letter and we have included a picture of the Persuasive Writing Word Map they were sent to help them. We have been able to enhance our home learning offer this time around, providing videos, Zooms, learning platforms, an ebook library and online interactive platform, which provides the children with a

valuable connection with their peers and teachers.

Parents have sent kind and supportive messages to the staff as well as some chocolate treats. We are lucky to have such a strong school community that is able to pull together even under some of the most difficult circumstances.



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Our value for this half term is 'Patience' and we are certainly having to live this out at the moment!

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.* Romans 12:12.

Change is the one constant that we can rely on and with patience we will undoubtedly come through this challenging time. We look forward to being able to be together again as a

full school community. I am sure there will be many other lessons we will have learned about kindness, compassion and being there for others. We have certainly witnessed this in watching and listening to our real life front-worker superheroes!

In the meantime we will Zoom our way through the next few months!

Nicola Cleather, Head of School

## MPM Christmas Card Donation helps to fund Nursery Christmas Party



As reported in the last magazine the AMPM Christmas Card raised £300 which was split between the nursery and the infant school. Hilary decided to use the nursery's share for a party as the children had missed out on so many birthday parties during the past year.

Hilary reported that parents had commented on how excited their children were to have a party. 40 attended.

'I am so pleased we could end the term on such a high. Party bags had a bouncy ball, a mini packet of sweeties and an make your own snowman puppet activity pack. Thank-you to the Parish Magazine Christmas Card contributors for making it possible.'



# Cryptic Crossword

## Across

- You could say something that happened in 1945 is yet to be delivered (6)
- Hoodwinks banks (6)
- Quest for the sound of happy cat hearts maybe (7)
- Seize what a millionaire has, minus a single dollar (7)
- A declaration that you are committed to combat (10)
- 26 Sign not to leave the straight and narrow is made from note paper and five eggs by the sound of it (4,6)
- Source of leaks is backing the First Lady (5)
- Sign to care for something that wants the whole waffle but doesn't like the squash? (8)
- If only Trump confined himself to this golfing supremacist's ball location (5,3)
- 5 Sign that simple diet has been digested (5,5)
- See 21
- 20 When hog chewed hay it diverged from a set of rules that is 90 years old this month (3,7,4)
- Sign above a dotted line to donate a shed (4,3)
- Carousel could be a way to claim initially unwanted bags in the end (7)
- Attack Cummings with a hairy adornment (6)
- See 12

## Down

- Sign of a big change that happens underwater? (1-4)
- Sign of restriction caused by bun sale getting out of hand (3,4)
- Her allies are scrambled to make a stink (5,4)
- See 18 Across
- Index is something under the table (7)
- If dragons fly in circles, exhibit calmness (4-5)
- Original name for a place of madness that was pointed to by a star sign (9)
- Many sharks in middle age get some kind of drill (9)
- Lady of the night is less professional when Mr O'Connor starts to be strapped (9)
- May pole dances second to succeed in that place (7)
- Going along with what you've heard is a useful thing if you're bats (7)
- To make fun of golf supporters within earshot (5)
- Collect together for a service (5)

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



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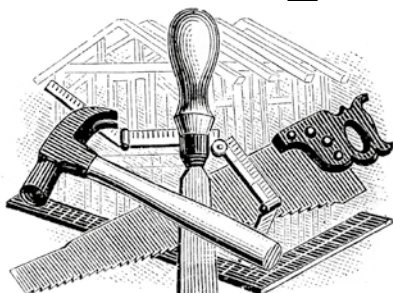
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