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Dear friends

Journeys have been in my mind recently. My friend and I are planning a trip to Scotland and have been booking trains and accommodation. We have considered the routes, the scenery and places we want to see and of course the cost. Now the trip is booked we are looking forward to the journey and what we will see and do. The journey is to be enjoyed as well as the destination wherever possible.

I have also been on a learning journey as I studied for my MA. One of the challenges that I found on the way was the differences from when I wrote scientific papers or dissertations. In theology there are various approaches and presenting the argument is more important than the end result! I learnt new ways of assessing and developing a Christian response to culture and the influences of film and media. I was interested in the impact of culture on theology e.g. as expressed by Dietrich Bonhoeffer who opposed the Nazi regime in Germany. I found new ways of understanding Scripture as I delved into Practical Theology, Black Theology and Post-colonial Theology. Looking at how scripture and church liturgy may impact descendants of those colonised or traded as slaves meant putting aside as best I could my own biases. I became more concerned about the alienation and sense of being discriminated against that some people could experience as we consistently label dark and hence black as bad and white as good. We all have a biased world view but in recognising it we become more self-aware and willing to engage with other points of view. I know I do not want to stop learning, do you?

There are many ways of journeying: travelling on foot, on bikes, in cars, on boats or planes or trains but mental and emotional journeys are significant too. Not all journeys are of our choosing, but most have a purpose. They may not always be for pleasure; we sadly journey through illness and hospital or doctors' appointments or grief which can be challenging. Sometimes we travel with family or friends and that can often be helpful as we share our ups and downs, our joys and sorrows.

We can think of our lives as a journey, too. A journey to be enjoyed as much as possible but sometimes a journey to be endured. There are many twists and turns on the way but we are all headed to one final inevitable ending when faith and trust in the mercy of God provides assurance the journey continues in heaven.

What are you learning, enjoying, or enduring as you journey through life? Who are your travelling companions? I have greatly valued family and friends, but as a Christian I find the love and care of the church and the strength, grace and constant presence of Jesus are of immense value. So do not journey alone through difficulty; Jesus and the church are there for you too.

Finally, do look out for the information about the Sunday afternoon teas at church and the Village Summer Fair on 6th July. Meet some travelling companions there maybe?

God Bless,

Sandra

The Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini, Parish Priest

St Michael's Church Services

10 am Sunday Services available on Zoom

Joining information for both Zoom and telephone users is available in Pews News Online 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 / phone 01372 376443. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for worship. Please refer to Pews News Online for the latest information. If you missed any of the services or would like to revisit them all are available on the church YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCI4pbewCT91iZhcd0EjJBIw>



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Contact Amanda Wadsworth
aewadsworth@hotmail.com
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ALL WELCOME TO EITHER GROUP

St Michael's Church would like to like to conduct an anonymous, confidential survey of the villages' residents' attitudes towards church attendance. We would be grateful for as many replies to the enclosed survey as possible!



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Quiet Day Reminder

Saturday 4th May, 1 to 4.45 pm

Full details on page 5 of the March issue.

Spaces are limited, please email Amanda asap for a £10 ticket
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July Summer Fair Wheelbarrow of Wine

At the Summer Fair in July there will be a raffle for a Wheelbarrow full of bottles, mostly of wine.

First we need the bottles.

Please root out your unwanted presents and any wine or other bottles you have now decided you do not like or add a couple of bottles to your next wine order.

If you would like to contribute, please deliver to Garden Corner, Old London Rd, Mickleham or call 01372 373912 and we will collect.

Mary and John Banfield

Summer Fair Helpers needed please

Contact
Helen Birchmore
contacthelenb-Mickleham@yahoo.com

See page 5 for details



The Church Clock: Matching Funding



As you may have read in previous editions of the parish magazine, plans are in place to automate the winding of the church clock. This will be at a cost of ca £10,000 and so far, thanks to a number of personal donations as well as money from by the sales of refreshments at events last year, we have raised almost £5,000. A portion of profits from

the Village Summer Fair in July will go towards this appeal and donations will be gratefully received on the day. The latest news however is that the editorial panel of the Parish Magazine have extremely kindly and generously offered to match, from magazine funds, any personal donations past and present up to the value of £2,000. So if you would like any information, to make a donation or even to have a tour of the belfry then please contact Catherine on churchwardens@micklehamchurch.org.uk or by calling 07790 473167.

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St Michael's Church Community Group Dorking Foodbank



This initiative plays a crucial role in supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity and financial challenges in our area and operates as part of a broader network of foodbanks supported by The Trussell Trust, a nationwide charity dedicated to combating poverty and hunger across the UK.

What makes the Dorking Foodbank particularly effective is its commitment to confidentiality and dignity. Anyone seeking assistance is welcomed without judgment or bureaucracy. The process is

designed to be discreet and respectful, recognising that circumstances leading to food poverty can affect anyone at any time.

The impact of the Dorking Foodbank extends beyond providing immediate relief. By addressing the immediate needs of individuals and families, it offers a lifeline during difficult periods, reducing the strain on other public services and offering hope during challenging times.

Ultimately, the Dorking Foodbank stands as a testament to the strength and

compassion of our local community. It serves as a beacon of hope and support for those experiencing hardship, embodying the principle that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbours.

For me the Foodbank continually reminds me of the profound impact of small acts of kindness from the continual giving and support from our community. Thank you to you all.

Kelvin Pritchard.

Lent Lunch Programme 2024

There were four Lent Lunches this year, on each Thursday in March, running right up to the end of Lent. These mid-week lunches have proved increasingly popular, with newcomers adding to the core on a regular basis. This year, numbers were in the 30 to 40 range generally, with a top attendance of 56, rivalling Dorking Wanderers. The 'Bring a Friend' initiative clearly had an effect.

The soup creations varied from the old favourites to new additions: Cullen Skink went down particularly well, and was new to some people. The 'Scouse' proved that decent food can emerge from Liverpool. Twenty-two different soups were provided over the four sittings. The cheeseboards were always

heavily laden, though somehow we got through them!

As usual, these lunches were free and not specifically fund-raising but with 'retiring collections' only. Thanks to people's generosity, a tremendous total of £1,140 was raised, and divided equally (£228 each) for five charities: the Meeting Room, Joe's Buddy Line, our School and Nursery, and the Priest's Discretionary Fund.

Thanks are due to the ever-cheerful Miriam Jones and Amanda Wadsworth, who 'manned' the soup warming and serving, the washing-up and the kitchen generally. Thanks also to all who helped set up the hall and lay tables; for the generosity and imagination of



soup makers and cheese providers; for the background, and sometimes foreground, help of Mary Banfield, who kept things in line and remembered all the things we forgot. Finally thanks to Andy Diamond, who organized the whole thing, from soup allocations to seating arrangements.

Mark Day

Summer Fair

The community group is happy to be helping at the Summer Fair on the 6th July, 2 pm to 5 pm in the Rectory Garden by running the bar. Given all that is planned, we are expecting quite a crowd and so we need volunteers. Not only to keep the bar running, but for all aspects of the fair. So if you can just spare an hour to help put up a marquee or two, can help run the tea and cake stall, then please contact me and I will pass on your details. We would be grateful for whatever you can do, but you will have fun along the way as well. If you can offer any help please contact Helen Birchmore on contacthelenb.Mickleham@yahoo.com

Many thanks.

Kelvin Pritchard



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The Seasonal Pond in the Churchyard

You may have noticed the construction of a pond in the south east corner of the new churchyard which is part of the continuing work to make the churchyards wildlife friendly. A pond is a feature of immense usefulness to wildlife, not only for water and washing for birds and mammals, but also a vital stage in the life cycles of frogs, toads and newts and a myriad of water living insects. It has been filled



initially with water from the churchyard tap, but after that will be topped up by naturally occurring rain or other atmospheric moisture. It may well dry up in the height of summer, hence the title of 'seasonal' pond, but this is a regular occurrence in the natural world so animals and insects are adapted to such factors. It will not contain fish on account of the seasonality of the natural water supply. The first night after filling roe deer tracks were clearly seen in the mud and since then a pied wagtail has been observed and also a pond skater, the first genuine pond dweller! The Eco volunteers erected the 'dead hedge', a feature that will not only protect young children from unsupervised access, but will also provide a protective haven for pond life. A seat has been moved to provide a place for contemplation and easy observation can be had over the hedge itself. Any pictures and sighting would be very welcome. Please send anything to davidkennington144@gmail.com or via any of the community communication outlets, WhatsApp, parish magazine etc. Anyone who has a pond will know that most pond life will arrive naturally without the need for any helpful introductions. We will



Left: the early stages; right top: the workers; above: the pond filling up quickly, see also the 'dead hedge' centre left of this picture. Below, work starts with the digger.

monitor the animals and plants as they arrive and keep a record and would like this to be as natural as possible.

David Kennington



The view of Westhumble from Box Hill. See Westhumble Land Development opposite

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Westhumble Land Development

While looking through an old Box Hill scrapbook I came across the following 1934 letter to the newspaper bemoaning the decision by a Government department to permit the building of houses in the grounds of the Camilla Lacey Estate in Westhumble.

Tuesday, December 18, 1934

RAID ON BOX HILL

That famous historian, Professor G.M.TREVELYAN, has lately said that the traditional attitude of Governments to the English countryside is witless and heartless; and so, he might have added, is the attitude of Government departments. In the unruly building development permitted since the War, there have been many superb examples of want of intelligence and stony indifference; and the Ministry of Health in sanctioning bungalows at the foot of Box Hill now afford one more. The Surrey County Council, the Dorking Urban Council, the National Trust, the Dorking and Leith Hill Preservation Society, the Lord Lieutenant of the County – the whole neighbourhood has

begged that this corner of the North Downs where river, hill and woodlands meet shall not be vulgarised. And the answer of the Ministry which sponsored the Town and Country Planning Act; which is supposed to keep an eye on the amenities (if Whitehall comprehends the word); which sends local authorities exhortatory circulars; which sits as an appeal court hearing complaints about vandalism, is – twenty-four bungalows. A better illustration of gamekeeper turned poacher could not be wished.

In Dorking a meeting was held not many days ago to celebrate the rescue from the builders of five thousand acres of the Leith Hill country. Had the assembly known in the midst of its self-congratulations that the Ministry of Health were preparing to betray Box Hill, the jubilation might have been a little qualified. The Hill is already in the care of the National Trust; various landowners have enlarged the holding; and the public subscribed to present a further 248 acres to the nation. Not to be outdone the Ministry of Health contributes bungalows. Yet with a little patience and management, the whole

of this area, which pleases the mind by its associations no less than the eye by its looks, could have been shielded from offence. The first instalment of red roofs is being set in the park of Camilla Lacey, the home of FANNY BURNEY; and a stone-throw away Keats finished 'E n d y m i o n', MEREDITH laboured and DISRAELI went strolling between chapters of 'Coningsby'. But it is extravagant to think that old ghosts could prevail against a Government Department. History may be left aside; it is enough that at a stroke of an official pen the prospect from Box Hill and the valley

of the Mole curving below are to be demeaned.

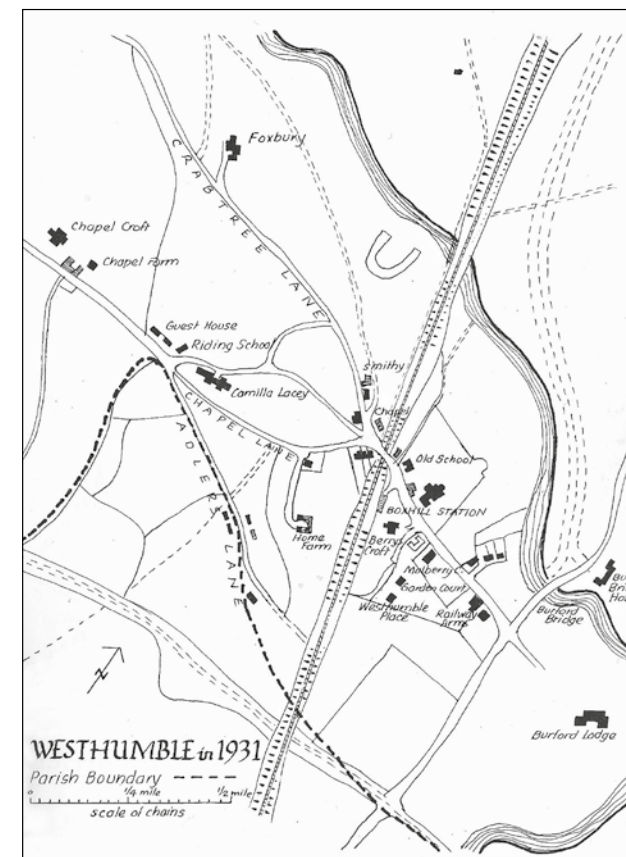
The Chairman of the Town Planning Committee at Dorking points out that the Ministry's decision "may have a very far-reaching effect in determining the course of future local development". That undoubtedly is true. The decision will hearten every speculator who is scheming, in Surrey and elsewhere, to turn the landscape into cash. If it is apparent that the Ministry of Health are on the side of the spoilers, the efforts of the National Trust, of the Preservation Societies, the landowner's generosity and the private subscription list can achieve little. This sacrifice at Box Hill is stated to be all prepared, except for secondary negotiations to keep a few tall trees; but is so much folly irrevocable? Box Hill and its surroundings are beloved by Londoners, who seek refreshment there in thousands on public holidays and during week-ends, and who will shortly perceive one more favourite place of escaper disfigured. Surely Parliament, despite a somewhat languid interest in England's good looks, will intervene to put this lamentable mistake right.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The extent of housing in Westhumble before the 1934 decision is shown on the map on the left (taken from 'The Manor of Wistomble' by Ronald Shepperd). If the decision had gone the other way, almost all the houses west of the railway in Westhumble would now not exist. 'It is strange that such an important decision could be made without any sort of public hearing.

The objectors to building on the Camilla Lacey estate may have been mollified by the way the development turned out: see photograph opposite. The photograph also shows the importance of trees in helping the houses blend in with the surrounding countryside. The future inhabitants of Westhumble were also firmly opposed to changes in the surrounding land: they contributed over £100,000 to help the National Trust buy the land of Chapel Farm in 1998.

Ben Tatham



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Maggie's Cycle Ride

In the April issue of this magazine Will Dennis asked for sponsors for his ride. By the time you read this the event will have taken place. There is still time to sponsor Will. Here are the details:

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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultrual Society Summer Show

Readers will have noticed in this month's magazine that there is an insert containing the Show Schedule for the Horticultural Society's annual event on Saturday 13th July. Before flinging it onto a pile never to be seen again, please take a look to see if you could enter the show this year.

There's something for everyone, prize vegetables or wonky ones with a caption, flowers wild or cultivated,

photos (maybe of the new churchyard pond?), jams and jellies or even the chance to conjure up a cherry and almond cake. It's all a bit of fun and helps to enliven this annual community event. As ever there will be stalls of interest, such as the bee-keepers and plant sales and more, not to mention tea and cakes provided by the mums and dads of St Michael's Nursery with the nursery benefitting from the sales.



Entries and judging take place in the morning, then the doors open from 2.30 to 4.30 pm before our own VIP Will Dennis will graciously present the prizes!

David Kennington

A May Day Tradition: The Broadwood Morris Men at Lyne House



On May Day last year, Carole Brough Fuller and I were invited to Lyne House, situated between Rusper and Capel, to see the Broadwood Morris Men perform for the residents and their guests. The group's name refers to the Broadwood family who lived at Lyne House for more than 175 years. In 1799, James Shudi Broadwood, one of the two 'Sons' of the renowned piano makers John Broadwood & Sons (the other 'Son' being Thomas Broadwood of Juniper Hall in Mickleham), bought Lyne Farm with a loan of £3,000 from his father. As business prospered, he became a very wealthy man and turned Lyne into a grand country estate by

purchasing land in the surrounding areas of Rusper, Capel and Newdigate.

In the 1860s his son, Henry Fowler Broadwood, moved into Lyne with his wife and nine surviving children. In order to accommodate the family, the house was enlarged, and the result was an imposing Victorian mansion complete with a castellated tower. One of Henry's children was the folk song collector Lucy Ethelred Broadwood, a founder of the English Folk Song Society and an accomplished singer and composer. Lucy's nephew Captain Evelyn Broadwood, the grandson of Henry Fowler, was the final family member to live in Lyne House.

In early 1972, a new Morris side formed in Horsham and needed a suitable name. One of the members had seen a letter from Lucy Broadwood in which she recalled seeing a Sussex Morris 'caperer' dancing at Lyne House when she was young. This, together with Lucy's connection to folk traditions, made Broadwood the ideal name

for the group. Captain Broadwood was happy to give his consent to the use of the family name and crest in remembrance of his aunt. On May Day that year, the Broadwood Morris Men were invited to dance for the Captain at Lyne House and thus a tradition was born. After Captain Broadwood died in 1975, the house, which was already in a poor state of repair, became increasingly dilapidated. It remained empty for more than a decade until planning permission was granted to convert the house into flats. Thankfully, once the conversion was complete, the tradition of the Broadwood Morris Men dancing there on May Day was revived. The 'Squire' of the group also places a garland of flowers on the memorial to Lucy Broadwood in Rusper Church where she, and other family members, are buried.

Judith Long

*Above left: the Morris Men on May Day 2023;
below: left Lyne House in 2023
right Lyne House ca 1817 Brayley*



Life is full of Surprises

Life is full of surprises. Last month's parish magazine included my article about the Juniper Hall portico made by Every & Co Iron Founders in Lewes who in the 1950s became the East Sussex Engineering Co. Soon after the magazine came out, Ben Tatham rang to say Jean Suckling had something to tell me and something to show me. I went round to see her in Camilla Drive. She told me that her husband Geoffrey and two partners bought up Every & Co when it was going bankrupt in 1953. They renamed it East Sussex Engineering. Geoffrey was an accountant and while in training had done an audit for a firm that cast door knobs and hinges etc. He had informed the chairman that someone in the business was defrauding the company. The chairman was very sceptical. He knew what was what and after all Geoffrey was only a trainee accountant. He was proved correct and when he qualified the chairman offered Geoffrey a job.

Working for a metal casting company, albeit as an accountant, he kept an eye on other, similar businesses; and over the years took over failing companies and turned them around. So it was that much later he and his colleagues bought up Every & Co.

On the premises they found a mould of a bas-relief of the Last Supper and had three copies cast, one for each of the new directors. Geoffrey's copy is still on display in Jean's sitting room. I thought to lift it down to get a better photo but no way could I move it.

In the study there is a photograph hanging on the wall of two workmen pouring hot metal into moulds, taken at ESE & Co.

How strange that my interest in ironworks should lead to the uncovering of a connection between examples of a firm's work in the parish and one of our parishioners late husband's involvement with that same firm.

Barbara Jones



The bas-relief of the Last Supper, top, and a close up of the centre of the panel.

A piece of totally unimportant information!

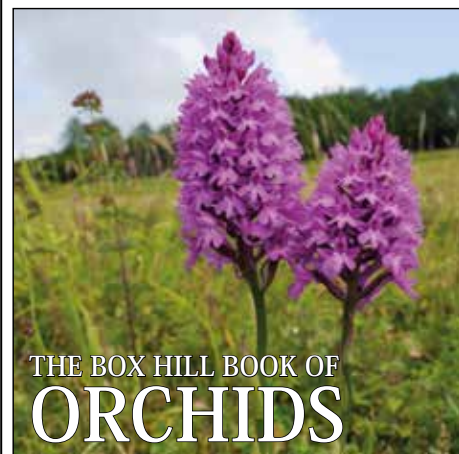
This is a snippet concerning the origin of the word 'loo'. It is from a book I am reading at the moment, *The Perfect Summer* by Juliet Nicholson, the granddaughter of Vita Sackville-West and her husband, Harold Nicholson. It gives a fascinating insight into the 'goings on' in the very hot summer of 1911 just after the end of the Edwardian period. Lavatories or water closets had been familiar in rich people's houses since the

1880s, long enough to have acquired an upper-class euphemism. Lady Louisa Anson, a guest of the then Viceroy of Ireland, was so rude to him in his own house that in revenge his children stole the name card from her bedroom door (it was a usual custom at that time for visitors to have their names on their doors) and slid it into the holder of the door of the water closet. Lady Louisa was not amused when her

maid continually mis-delivered her early morning tea! The story spread and from then on people needing a discreet reason to excuse themselves would announce that they were off to visit 'Lady Loo', or as it became known, simply 'The Loo'.

This may be just one of many explanations of the phrase, any offers for further research?

Frances Presley



The Friends of Box Hill A new edition of The Box Hill Book of Orchids By Ann Sankey Due to be published in early May

Ann Sankey has updated the text of the Box Hill Book of Orchids, first published in 2000, describing the changes in the orchid populations that have taken place on Box Hill over the past 23 years. The book also features all new pictures. It will be available in early May, just in time for the orchid season. For more details, please visit the Friends of Box Hill website: www.friendsofboxhill.org.uk

MICKLEHAM CHORAL SOCIETY Music for a Midsummer Evening Saturday 22nd June St Michael's Church with picnic in Churchyard Meadow



Join the bees and butterflies for a picnic in the wild flower meadow. Then make your way into the church for a performance of beautiful music to suit a balmy summer evening.

Bring your own picnic – Bar available.

Picnics / Bar from 6pm – Performance 7.30pm

Details and booking: see events page on www.micklehamchoral.org.uk

Dorking Museum in May

Family Activities at Dorking Library:

Tuesday 28th May, 10 am – noon: for Local and Community History Month, families are invited to come and put objects from the Museum in age order and guess what the mystery items were used for (aimed at 4–11-year-olds).

Thursday 30th May, 10 am – 1 pm: Spy School. The secrets of the World War 2 spies revealed. Send a message in Morse code, make invisible ink, create hidden maps and a home-made



An example of the kit for spies

compass. Try secret disguises and camouflage. Includes an exhibition

(aimed at all ages) about a World War 2 secret spy school on Box Hill. Both are held at Dorking Library, St Martin's Walk.

At Dorking Museum:

A walk from the Museum on Tuesday 28th May 2 pm: The Family Treasure Hunt for young history detectives offers a prize for all participating children.

All walks should be booked in advance at dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking/



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Eamonn asked me to write for the mag this month, meaning I can say things he would not.
Ha Ha! The pub received its 10th annual Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – an extraordinary
achievement! I am so proud of Eamonn, and our team present and past. Villagers here 12
years ago will tell you how neglected the pub was, languishing at number 57 on Trip Advisor, so what a transformation
while still maintaining the 1779 features and charm.

Our newer traditions re-appear in June: occasional Sunday evening music, and the Big Summer Quiz on Thursday 20th June,
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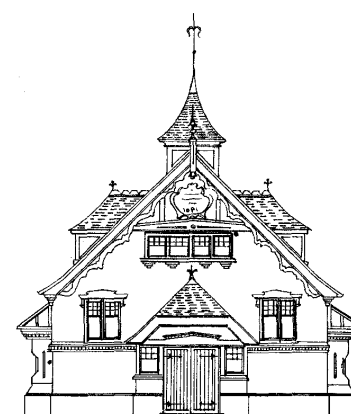
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5	Sixth SUNDAY of Easter	10 am	Family Service
<i>Copy deadline for</i>			<i>June parish magazine</i>
7	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church
8	Wednesday	8 pm	Annual Parish Meeting of Mickleham Parish Council, Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church p21
12	Seventh SUNDAY of Easter	10 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion BCP Morning Prayer at Westhumble Chapel
14	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church
16	Thursday	10.30 am 3.15 - 4.45 pm	Garden Shed Garden visit to Loseley Park gardens p10 Messy Church at the village hall p2
18	Saturday	9 - 10 am 10 am	Women's breakfast at The Stepping Stones p2 AGM Mickleham Village Hall p18
19	PENTECOST	8 am 10 am	CW Holy Communion Holy Communion
21	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church
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28	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church



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Community News



Best wishes to Stephanie Randall
on the birth on 29th March of her
second grandchild, Ethan (above
right), a brother for Emilia (above left).
Congratulations to parents, Stephanie's
son Ben and his wife Thanh, who live in
Singapore. Ben grew up in Westhumble.



Congratulations to Stephen and Jillie
Tillie of Westhumble on the birth on
15th March of their son, Henry Cooper
Ramsay Tillie.

Welcome to Jo and Terry
Farrugia who have moved to
Mickleham from Sutton; and to Sue
and Stuart Clarkson who have moved
to Mickleham.

Farewell to Rhona Parkin and family
who have moved from Mickleham
to Horsham.



Sadly, we learned of the death in
March of Carrie Gilbert, daughter
of Richard and Judy Gilbert of Dorking;
and of Jane (Shan) Calvert of Burford
Lodge, wife of Michael Calvert. We
hope to include an obituary for Shan
next month.

We send deepest sympathy and
warmest wishes to their families.

Antisocial motorbike and vehicle noise

A reminder:

As we come into the summer this is
a reminder about how to complain.
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Council can enforce legal noise limits
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John Lowes
Mickleham Parish Council



A beautiful arrangement of lilies in
St Michael's Church for Easter. This
was only a part of the floral decorations
in the church.

Parishioners donated the cost of the
flowers in memory of loved ones whose
names were read out during the service
at Easter.



Charity Quiz Night

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The Impact of Tree Felling on Wildlife

Jenny Dessouter, Ecology Rep on the Norbury Park Community Forum, writes:

We are all aware by now of the impact of ash dieback on our landscape, especially here in the Surrey Hills where Box Hill and Norbury Park are badly affected because of the dense colonisation by ash after the 1987 storm. Thousands of trees have already fallen or been felled, and eventually up to 90% are likely to be lost. What we may forget is that the impact on wildlife and the species dependent on ash and its habitats is particularly severe. This is at a time when we know that in Surrey we are already losing biodiversity at a catastrophic rate.

In December, Surrey County Council summarily closed Crabtree Lane car park and bridle path 22 on the grounds that recent tree reports had noted decline in tree health and that risk (of trees falling) was high. (Anyone who walks in Norbury Park will know that scores of trees have already fallen on the Druids Grove slope and on the areas below.)

At a public Zoom meeting in February, SCC made the shock announcement that they planned to fell the offending trees during April and May, at the height of the bird-nesting season; a highly unorthodox step and totally contrary to all advice from the RSPB and other wildlife organisations, as well as the protection afforded to wildlife by legislation. SCC's Project Ecologist attempted to justify this by claiming that 'Birds are resilient with their nesting, and it takes quite a lot of disturbance

to make them abandon their nests.' Unsurprisingly, at the meeting of the Norbury Park Community Forum on 15th March strong objections were raised by Surrey Wildlife Trust and other ecological groups. In particular Surrey Bird Club (who had not been consulted by SCC) flagged the presence of a Schedule 1 bird, the firecrest.

Marisa Heath, SCC's cabinet member for the environment, responded by referring the matter urgently to SCC's next cabinet meeting on 25th March. All cabinet members, who by now had received a very high number of well-informed letters of objection from groups, councillors, organisations, experts and individuals, agreed that felling at this season would be 'disastrous'. Officers remained committed to their plan, but the following morning a survey confirmed the presence of two nesting firecrests. To disturb these while nesting would be in breach of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and so the decision was clinched by a tiny bird, that the felling must be postponed. Although the paths will remain closed, for public safety, for a little longer, this is a small but significant victory for threatened wildlife in a very dangerous world. Let's hope the firecrests and many other species raise many successful broods in peace.

Editor: After submitting this article, Jenny went to Norbury Park and observed a firecrest, a beautiful tiny bird. She is checking whether the location is the same as the birds observed earlier, or whether there might be more of them in the Park.



From the top: the closure of the Crabtree Lane car park; bridle path 22; and the tiny firecrest spotted and photographed by Jenny

'The Wildlife & Countryside Act makes it clear that a person is guilty of an offence under the Act if they take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built - this covers all nesting birds. In addition, there are some species (Schedule 1) which receive additional protection and the legislation that is relevant here applies to anyone who disturbs any wild bird included in Schedule 1 while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young; or disturbs dependent young of such a bird.'

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Friends of Juniper Hall learn that the River Mole is in safe hands



At our first meeting of this year, in March, the Friends of Juniper Hall were given a fascinating insight into the management of the River Mole by Dr Lewis Campbell, who works for the South East Rivers Trust. He is responsible for hosting the River Mole catchment partnership and overseeing the Trust's projects on the river.

In a well illustrated talk he described the Trust's involvement in the four areas of engagement with the local community,

education involving schools, partnership with other stakeholders such as water companies and river restoration.

He focused in particular on a project "Mending the Upper Mole" which arose from a catastrophic pollution event at Crawley Sewage Works in 2017 and led to funding for river reparation. This has enabled the Trust to finance activities aimed at improving river flow by removing redundant weirs, restoring river banks and tackling pollution. This benefits the fish population as well as creating an improved habitat for other wildlife. This work has been augmented by natural flood management schemes to create wetland areas to hold back flood water and also benefit a variety of wildlife.

The following events will take place this summer:

Thursday 9th May at 6.30 pm AGM followed a short talk on *Nature Friendly*

Schools by Sam Thurston from the Field Studies Council.

Thursday 13th June (please note date change) at 6 pm for 6.30 pm. Talk by Peter Almond entitled *Rewilding and the Knepp Castle Project*.

Saturday 20th July. An Open Day and Bio Blitz Event at Juniper Hall. Details will be published next month.

These events plus income from membership and donations helps the Friends finance projects to enhance the Field Study Centre facilities at Juniper Hall. Our latest contribution is a stretch tent that can be erected in the summer to provide an outside classroom.

You can find out more about the Friends, our events, how to get tickets and how to join us from our website friendsofjuniperhall.org

Peter Almond

Juniper Hall Litter Pick



On a very wet rainy Tuesday in March a group of staff from Juniper Hall ventured out into Westhumble and Mickleham to carry out a community litter pick. The Keep Britain Tidy campaign commenced on 15th March, but with the centre being so busy we jumped in a week early when more staff were available.

Looking very much like we were doing community service, dressed in our waterproofs and hi-viz, we ventured out armed with plenty of bin bags and litter pickers. One group started

at Westhumble Railway Station and walked back to Juniper Hall along Westhumble Street, past The Stepping Stones pub, under the A24 and past The Burford Bridge Hotel and Rykas and back to Juniper Hall. The other group started their litter pick opposite Box Hill School and navigated their way round Dell Close and the playground field and along past the church and Running Horses pub back along Old London Road to Juniper Hall.

We collected a total of eight bags of rubbish of the usual litter items, along with a used inner tube, a bike mudguard, a set of new vehicle number plates (now handed in to the police), a green toy aeroplane, a white plastic bucket, a set of cutlery and, of course, a few doggie bags!

Despite the weather, which did improve by the time we finished, we did have a good time, and it gave the staff the opportunity to say thank you to the residents of the villages for accommodating our groups of students who pass through on a regular basis.

By Sarah Bradford, Grounds & Maintenance officer at Juniper Hall

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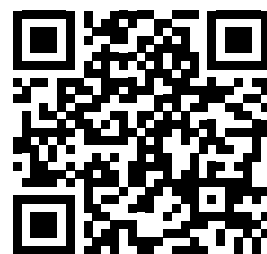
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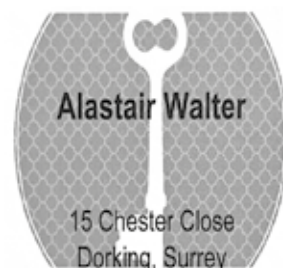


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Grumpy Old Mickleman New Year's Eve

parties, but elicited as a truly erotic
experience. Today, of course, both
would be awaiting bail.

If, wisely, you decide on a quiet NYE,
you may be forced to watch most of
London's council tax go up in flames
in 12 minutes. Personally, I cannot
reconcile the policy 'We have to protect
the air our children are breathing' with
the precious ULEZ principles It's like a 12
minute 'stuff the emissions, let's spend
millions', air pollution extravaganza. I
think it would be fun if, next year, the
huge gathered crowds were treated to a
single decent-sized rocket, and a drone
sign saying 'Saving London's Air Quality
from your Mayor'.

Even when I was a **very** young lad, NYE
was pretty anticlimactic. The family
used to all get together, eat the remains
of Christmas, and natter. The New
Years TV was always from Scotland for
some reason, with Kenneth McKellar
and others, in kilts, crooning away and
bagpipes drowning everything. Near
midnight, all the men had to go out
with a piece of coal and a pinch of salt
and were allowed in after Big Ben to
'Welcome in the NY'. It was supposed
to be a 'Tall Dark Stranger', but we did
not have anyone above 5'8".

Yes, TV on NYE was terrible then, and
this tradition continues. I am sure there
are some people who worship Jules
Holland, but he has passed his sell-by
date for me. And who wants to see
Jonathon Ross (at all, never mind at NY)
or Graham Norton interviewing 'celebs'
who are unrecognisable to anyone
under 40. These are professional
'celebs', who somehow have become
so without achieving 'celebrity' status



in any category. Is there a university
course you can take?

I am sure there are many among you,
especially those from north of the
border (no racism intended, many
of my best friends are Scots!), who
disagree and think Hogmanay as a
vastly important event derived from
some pagan or other national ritual. I
am sure too that there are those who
still enjoy being crammed into small
spaces, ordering 24 pints of lager to
avoid queueing again, feeling terrible
physically next day and calling up
friends just to make sure you didn't
dance naked on a table somewhere, or
commit some potentially criminal act.

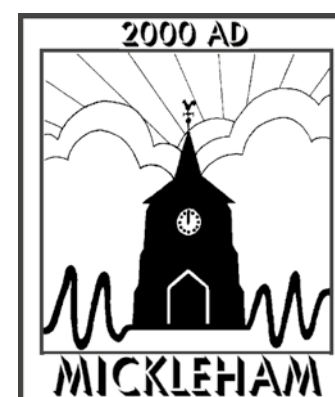
To be fair, NYE was more special in past
times, when people had to go to the
office (remember offices?) between
Christmas and New Year, but now it's all
just one big 'stay at home' fortnight, I
celebrate the New Year a few days later
when the bins are collected!

By which time your NY resolution is
history. And your self assessment tax
submission is all too real.

Mark Day

(I apologise to any young people for this
decimation of their 'big night', please
feel free to respond in similar grumpy
manner to the Editor!)

*Editor: Not sure why Grumpy Old
Mickleman is thinking about NYE in
May, but perhaps he thinks readers need
plenty of time to prepare for the next one.*



Mickleham Parish
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Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 8th May 2024

at 7.30 pm

Ranmore Room (St Michael's Church)

If you wish to attend or submit items for
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Stop Press Chicken and Egg Return

Saturday 13th April saw Mickleham Choral Society compete at the Leith Hill Music Festival in the morning against five other local choirs. We first sang in French, the hymn by Gabriel Fauré, *Cantique de Jean Racine*, then unaccompanied in Shakespearean English *Tell me where is fancy bred*, from *The Merchant of Venice* and finally *You do not walk alone*, by the living composer Elaine Hagenberg, a traditional Irish blessing of hope and comfort. Then a small ensemble performed *Amyntas with his Phylliss Fair*, a madrigal by Francis Pilkington.

Despite the large field we came second overall and won the unaccompanied section with a commendable score of 89, rated Distinction. A long rehearsal was followed by the evening performance of *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen and *Messa di Gloria* by Puccini. The massed choirs numbering 237 singers gave it their all, to a very appreciative audience, at what was the final appearance as conductor of Jonathan Willcocks.

For our morning's efforts, we were awarded firstly the Holmbury St Mary Challenge Egg (unaccompanied winner) and secondly a share of the Widenham Fosbery Silver Hen (second highest aggregate score). The usual merriment ensued afterwards at the Running Horses, where, despite a very large number of increasingly inebriated opinions, the riddle of whether the chicken or the egg came first is still a matter for conjecture!

David Kennington



Festival competition photos by Bogdan Schiteanu

Below left: Mickleham Choral Society Ensemble
 right: LHMF massed choir and orchestra at Dorking Halls.



Top: Conductor Juliet Hornby (in red) and choir member Ambie Desoutter celebrate with the silverware; above: the choir.



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Easter may seem like a distant memory, but the chill we had during March and the rain at the start of April has kept us in spring mode, not yet racing to summer.

Our Easter celebrations needed to avoid chocolate as we have several children who have dairy allergies, so instead we hunted for matching pattern eggs. We listened to the Easter story both told by Sandra on a visit to the nursery, and by Hilary on a visit to the church. We also made Easter nests and rather than top them with mini eggs, we made them into dinosaur nests. The inedible eggs to be popped into water and then wait for the mini dinosaur to hatch out.

We have chicks at the nursery again this year, but rather than incubate them, we gave the fertile eggs (ebay!) to one of our broody hens to look after. She has been a particularly good mum, but that does mean she has been very protective

Which Way Should I Go?

While work is taking place on the M25/A3 junction at Wisley there has been a proliferation of diversions locally, with an equivalent amount of signage. Some people may have noticed an increase in traffic in the Dorking area but if these confusing signs are anything to go by, unwitting travellers may have disappeared into a black hole somewhere in the Pixham area, never to reappear.

Other articles this month deal with environmental issues in our area. The work at Wisley is accompanied by a promise to restore heathland affected by the work. How is heathland, a natural phenomenon, restored? We wait with interest.

and will not allow much chick handling. We have also been given a rain gauge, and while the children are not quite 'reading the weather' yet the nursery adults are enjoying commenting on just how much rain we have had, and encouraging the children to think about whether, while using a watering can is fun, do we really need to water the newly planted potatoes!

Hilary Budd



Photographer Ben Tatham



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Architecture, Easter and Spring

Last term at St Michael's, Years 1 and 2 immersed themselves in our history topic, the Great Fire of London. The children learnt about where it started, why it started and how it was put out. They discussed what lessons were learnt from this and had lots of chats about fire safety. In the children's design and technology lessons, they created Tudor houses; and we have big plans to recreate the Great Fire of London on the playground this term.

Mrs Travers, our art teacher for Year 2, displayed a gallery of all the children's work recently. The parents really valued this opportunity to see their child's creations. Mrs Travers shared work from their unit on architecture where the young people designed and made typical houses from different cultures, their sketchbooks and globe art.

Our early years children have been

learning about life cycles and have focused on frogs and butterflies. Soon the children will have duckling eggs and butterfly kits so they can watch the life cycles in real life.

Easter egg hunt

The Friends organised a wonderful Easter egg hunt before the end of term which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was beautifully organised and thought through and all received a little Easter gift at the end, which was a lovely touch.

Church Service and Easter bonnets

The children also took part in the Easter church service at the end of term. At home, they made Easter bonnets which they then paraded on the walk to and from church. We saw some very creative ideas. At church, the Year 2's retold the Easter story beautifully,



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with Year 1 providing the actions and drama. Our youngest children read out a wonderful spring, new life poem and the singing really stood out.

Summer term

We are looking ahead to the summer term and our new topic 'Dig it up' which will focus on all things that grow. We will particularly focus on farming but will also look at our locality and identify how we grow at school.

Nicola Cleather



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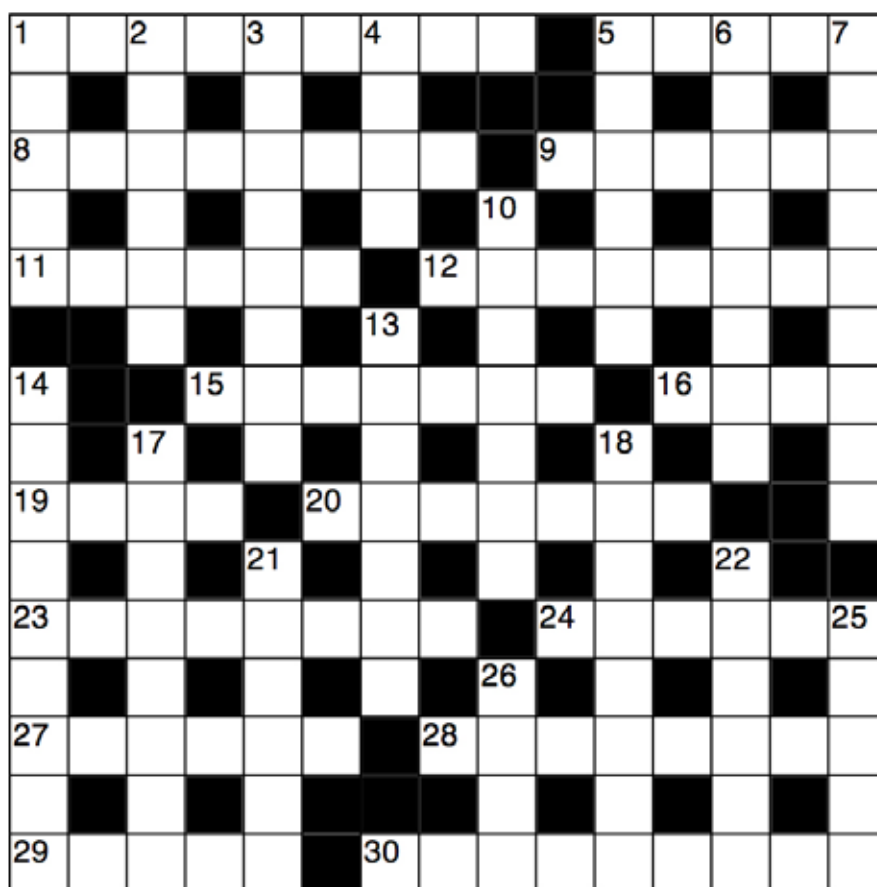
Cryptic Crossword



A crossword from the May 2014 issue compiled by the late Richard Roberts-Miller. The solution will appear in the June issue.

Across

- 1 Small implements made of soapstone (9)
- 5 Narrow rigged ocean vessel (5)
- 8 Headgear claimed to reveal a lot of flesh (8)
- 9 Provincial governor in hiding as a Trappist monk (6)
- 11 Get the better of foolish Oxford graduate (6)
- 12 First of names (8)
- 15 Revolutionary article about London school district (7)
- 16 German 24 has pronounced smell (4)
- 19 Two may be greeted with cheers, but a double may not be a welcome feature (4)
- 20 Flexible operation starting on African river (7)
- 23 Dad's fur coat is OK, but only just (8)
- 24 Possibly rose, or flew off (6)
- 27 Only part of the Arab Levant is suitable for crops (6)
- 28 American game broadcast at PM's house (8)
- 29 Crime article carried by city paper (5)
- 30 Novel on top US state (3,6)



Down

- 1 Custom that prohibits saying thank you before you get a surprise (5)
- 2 Makes suitable for new use these days - small apartments for instance (6)
- 3 Formerly in charge, he is now occupied with artistic imitations (8)
- 4 The supreme God in Norse mythology (4)
- 5 Songs about Hampshire (6)
- 6 Two blokes in France (8)
- 7 Photos about old city in Revelations? (9)
- 10 Scruffy punk emptied his pockets (8)
- 13 Infection nonchalantly and smoothly acquired (7)
- 14 Someone who acts phony if pickled (9)
- 17 Pilot broadcasts his speed when in his element (8)
- 18 Equip pal to make fancy needlework (8)
- 21 Vote for a big party, Old Testament style (6)
- 22 Cleans up from gambling (6)
- 25 Could be dodgy to put religious teaching on satellite TV (5)
- 26 May display after 15 and 24 (4)



Left: Sarah and Miriam set out cakes and scones ready to serve to customers at the Westhumble coffee morning in April. Delicious.

Right: a plaque for two local women who were part of the campaign for Votes for Women in the early 20th century. The plaque can be seen on one of the Museum's guided walks in Dorking. More information from the Museum.





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