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Hi everyone

I hope you are enjoying spring, watching the birds and other animals come to life after their winter rest and seeing many plants reappearing to give colour and vibrancy to our countryside and gardens. It illustrates that death is often followed by new life, something we celebrated at Easter. The death of our sovereign Queen Elizabeth II is soon to be followed by the coronation of Charles III. It is a uniquely British ceremony, reminding us that our sovereign is also head of the Church of England and defender of faith. It is not a ceremony done by any of our European neighbours.

It is an ancient ritual steeped in tradition. Some things will be unchanged; coronations have been held in Westminster Abbey for 900 years, the service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the King will take a coronation oath, he will be anointed with consecrated oil and blessed. He will receive the Crown of King Edward and be seated in King Edward's chair (carefully; it is more than 700 years old). Much has changed in the UK in the past 70 years since the last coronation such as Great Britain no longer has an Empire, our population is much more multi-cultural and multi-faith than it was; class distinctions are less important than they were, and the coronation will reflect this.

Tradition is important and we will assuredly enjoy historic elements of the coronation service. Yet tradition will also be recreated to meet different needs and suit the current context. Christianity is the traditional faith of our country and has certainly influenced much, the coronation service of course, but also our laws, our values, our expectations. But faith is more than that and forms the foundation of a dynamic relationship with God. Faith is based on church tradition, on Scripture and on reason; it is also influenced by experience. My faith has grown and changed over time, but it is still rooted in the same way. My understanding of God may have changed but He has not changed and thankfully He remains faithful, loving and merciful. In a changing world some certainty is extremely valuable. Similarly, the Bible is the same today as ever apart from modernising language and improving translation. However, the Church today is very different to that of 70 years ago. The Church is always challenged by the need to balance aspects of ancient tradition with a programme of modernisation so that we both support existing faith and enable faith to be relevant and accessible to everyone of all ages today.

Change always happens in life; our families change, our culture changes, our work, leisure, neighbours have or will all change. Let's value tradition of all kinds, family, church, culture etc as it provides a solid foundation for us but let us also recognise that sometimes it may need to be changed.

God Bless.

*Sandra*

The Rev'd Dr Sandra Faccini, Parish Priest

**Coronation Civic Service 10 am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at St Michael's**

Do join us for very this special service even if you are not able to attend the Tea Party. It would be lovely to have a full church on this historic weekend.



## 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](mailto: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/UCI4pbewCT91iZhcd0EjBlw>



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## St Michael's Church Community Group

### LENT LUNCHES 2023

Mark Day writes: Throughout Lent, the group, with co-ordination by Andy Diamond, hosted a very successful programme of weekly Lent lunches. Five soup lunches, held each Thursday in the village hall, were very well attended, with numbers generally around 30, and with a new record of 42, as shown in the photos! These were simple but pleasant mid-week social get-togethers with some excellent, varied and innovative soup recipes (I should know, I sampled most of them), and a hefty cheeseboard.

Thanks to all the soup-makers (of which there were many) and to those who helped set-up, to Miriam Jones and Sophie Adshead who womanned the kitchen and especially to Andy, who brought everything and everyone together. There were no specific charges, but the 'retiring collections' raised £865, which has been shared between three worthy causes: the St Michael's Church Discretionary Fund, the Meeting Room in Leatherhead, and Joe's Buddy Line, details of all three follow:

### THE MEETING ROOM

Based in Leatherhead, the Meeting Room has a long-established connection with St Michael's Community Group. Its focus is the practical support of those with issues such as homelessness, poverty, mental/physical health issues,



Enjoying delicious soups

loneliness and addiction.

### JOE'S BUDDY LINE

Another local charity, which addresses the emotional and mental health needs of young people, from primary school age through to further/university education, giving financial or practical assistance, training and other tailored and professional support.

### THE PRIEST'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sandra Faccini writes:

At this time of great need and increasing poverty I, as your priest, am privileged to be able to make donations on behalf of the church to people living in or associated with the parish (i.e. Mickleham and Westhumble) who are in desperate need of short-term financial help for any reason. I can be approached directly or by other organisations such as the nursery or school or by concerned relatives, friends or neighbours. The need is

assessed by myself and any money is given confidentially so that only the treasurer and I know the name of the recipients. In the past few months, for example, I have been able make donations that have helped to buy an essential piece of equipment, helped pay rent, contributed towards fuel costs and the costs of a replacement secondhand car. The usual level of help that can be offered is between £200 and £500 (in exceptional cases it may be slightly higher). I am also obtaining some £20 vouchers to cover emergency food or clothing purchases. The money comes from the St Michael's Fund, established by a gift from the Ranmore Charitable Trust, and which also welcomes donations. I am very grateful to the St Michael's Church Community Group for giving a third of the money raised from the Lent Lunches to the Discretionary Fund as this increases the opportunities to assist parishioners. Thank you.

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picnic lunch together. The cost is £25 per person, this does not include transport or food. Under 5s are admitted free with an adult. Please contact Amanda

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**Sunday May 7th 2023**  
**The Coronation of King Charles III**

*Come and join in the community celebrations*

**10.00am**  
Civic Service at  
St. Michael's Church

**3.00pm**  
Celebratory Tea in  
Mickleham Village Hall  
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The celebrations are being organised by St Michael's Church in conjunction with Mickleham Parish Council

## Parish Funeral Organiser Thank You, Goodbye and Hello

Thank you from all of us.

For the past 14 years Brian Wilcox has quietly, kindly and efficiently helped bereaved families to say a final goodbye to their loved ones. During that time he has been involved in more than 140 burials or interment of ashes and many more services of thanksgiving, ensuring that each service was special in its own way just as the people they were held to remember were special in their own ways.

Brian has shown immense care to the families, has established excellent relationships with a number of funeral directors, been a constant in times of change and attended every event come rain or shine. Special mention must go to the extra work he undertook during Covid and when we were without a

priest – a very difficult time for all.

Our thanks, and the thanks of all those who have chosen St Michael and All Angels to lay their family to rest, go to Brian for everything he has done – we are very grateful.

Goodbye from Brian:

'When I agreed to be Funerals Organiser, on a voluntary basis, I didn't appreciate that, despite sometimes sad circumstances, it would give me the opportunity to meet many of the wonderful families that make the two villages a special place to live. There were some extremely difficult times, especially during Covid, when we had no parish priest in Mickleham and had to adapt to the necessary restrictions imposed by both the government and the Church of England. With the

help of the wardens, and all the other volunteers, we survived. It is impossible to predict funerals and you could compare them with London buses. You go without any for 6 months and then 5 arrive at once. I recollect that, when Rev'd Malcolm Raby was our parish priest, we had seven Services in 12 days, five of which were Burials/Interrment of Ashes!

And hello from Carole:

'It will not be easy to follow in Brian's footsteps, but I will try my best to continue this essential part of church life.'

Carole Brough Fuller took over from Brian at the end of March with support from the churchwardens.

Catherine Diffey



**MICKLEHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
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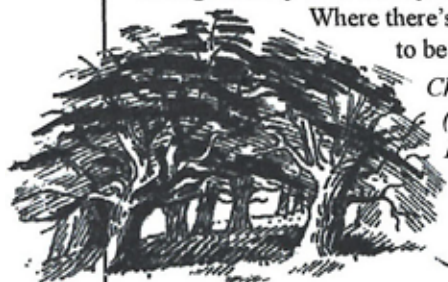
# Mickleham Village Pageant Script

Written by A A Gordon Clark for Coronation Celebrations 1953

## I

Ladies and gentlemen! We wish to show  
Some of our village long ago;  
Portraits of those who flourished here before us,  
With a few doggerel lines by way of chorus.  
We start in early times, when, safe to say,  
The village was not what it is today.  
No railway-line our green slopes tunnelled under,  
No motor road our valley cleft asunder.  
Of all the scenes that now our audience views,  
Alone unchanging stand our ancient yews.  
Though history in those days was fairly fluid,  
Where there's a yew, there's sure  
to be a DRUID.

*Characters: Druids  
(two or more).  
Possibly a young  
woman for human  
sacrifice?*



## II

Let's skip some centuries of wars and woes  
And come to something everybody knows:  
Ten sixty-six! The Norman conquerors come  
And fairly make our little parish hum.  
Like rate collectors, everywhere they look  
And write down all they see in Domesday Book.  
They find a chap called OSWOLD living here,  
A simple Saxon, rather fond of beer.  
He keeps two bondmen, does the dirty dog,  
And in the wood he pastures just one hog.

*Characters: Oswald; Two bondmen (? on a  
dog lead); at least two Normans (suggest a  
knight and a priest or scribe)*

*Properties: One pig; one large ledger;  
quill pen*



## V

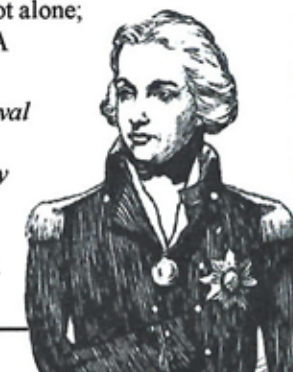
Another century our rhymes disclose -  
The age of wigs and hoops, of fops and beaux.  
Good Mr Lock, that pattern of propriety,  
To newly-built Norbury bids the best society.  
Sweet Fanny Burney often comes to stay,  
To write the books that no one reads today.  
But while at home we live in peace and quiet,  
Frances is ablaze with wild revolt and riot,  
And all at once in great surprise one sees  
Mickleham is full of foreign refugees.  
Here's D'ARBLAY, TALLYRAND, DE STAEL,  
NARBONNE,  
Who shock the village with their goings on.  
But one there was who took the strangers' part.  
'Twas Fanny Burney, bless her kindly heart!  
She pitied D'Arblay, when the yokels harried him,  
And took him quickly off to church and married him!

*Characters: Mr Lock, Mrs Lock, Fanny Burney,  
(Possibly other members of the best Society),  
Madame de Stael, Narbonne, Tallyrand, D'Arblay,  
(Suggest also yokels to bait the foreigners)  
in late XVIII century costume*

## VI

Now war approaches: England is at bay  
Against the tyrant of that distant day.  
The Fleet of England is her all in all,  
And England's hero is her Admiral.  
One-armed, one-eyed, great NELSON of the Nile.  
Tarries at Burford Bridge a little while.  
He leaves his shining trace upon our story  
Then takes the road to Portsmouth and to glory.  
And being Nelson he is not alone;  
Here by his side is EMMA  
HAMILTON.

*Characters: Nelson in Naval  
uniform,  
Lady Hamilton in Regency  
dress, Possibly the same  
yokels as in Scene V to  
cheer the hero on his way.*



## VII

*The hero passes to the battle's din.  
Another stranger lodges at the inn.  
Young and obscure, impoverished and ill,  
He walks by moonlight on our well-loved hill,  
Or on the bridge lingers an evening long  
To seek the inspiration for a song.  
No friendly eye the lonely poet greets -  
But immortality awaits JOHN KEATS.*

*Character: Keats in black clothes,  
open shirt and floppy tie*

## VIII

To bring our short procession to a close,  
A later poet now our pageant shows.  
GEORGE MEREDITH, no passing stranger he,  
But one grown old in our community.  
He found an inspiration for his muse  
In Mickleham's hill and vale and ancient yews.  
Those yews again! They span a mighty age  
From heathen Druid to Victorian sage.  
Shades of the past in effigy you've seen  
Restored to life in honour of our Queen.  
Now all the periods mingle, hand in hand,  
And join to praise the sovereign of our land.  
With them let us make merry and rejoice -  
Then listen, silent, for the Queen's own voice.

*Characters: George Meredith, Groom  
attendant  
Properties: Bath chair, donkey or pony.*



## Coronations

Above is the text of a pageant staged in Mickleham in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Participants then included Robert Butcher and his sister Rosemary (now Robinson), whose father was then proprietor of Rose's Stores in Mickleham.

The pageant was repeated in 1971 to celebrate the Millennium of St Michael's Church. Participants then included Ben and Sue Tatham who appeared as Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. The Choral Society including Barry and Elizabeth Moughton sang madrigals in Tudor

costume and members of the WI appeared as the French émigrés from Juniper Hall.

The picture to the right (provided by Dorking Museum) is of West Street at the time of the Coronation of George V and his wife, Mary, as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and as Emperor and Empress of India, in June 1911. Later the same year, the royal couple travelled to India for the Durbar. In British India this name was specially attached to formal imperial assemblies called together to mark state occasions.





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MICKLEHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

# Hot Summer Swing

## Big Band Jazz and Choir

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

## Hot Summer Swing Party

Mickleham Choral Society are staging a first this summer with a toe-tapping show combining the full choir with the Milestone Big Band. It will be a lively and innovative programme featuring sets from the Big Band, the full choir and rounded off with a joint set mixing the choir with the band. It should be a memorable show.

The choir has a reputation for staging innovative and creative shows and this will push even those boundaries. The repertoire will include a mix of delightful music for a summer evening

and some surprising arrangements of well-known favourites. The joint set will demonstrate the choir's versatility with swing jazz and showstopping songs.

The Milestone Big Band are a local 19-piece band (17 instruments and 2 singers) boasting an impressive catalogue of music ranging from 1920s swing to contemporary jazz including the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Gordon Goodwin, Buddy Rich, Stevie Wonder and The Blues Brothers. The band creates an infectious, good time

atmosphere that will have everyone tapping their feet and dancing the evening away.

The show is being held in the grounds of Mickleham village hall so there will be plenty of space to set up a picnic, sit in comfort and dance if the mood takes you.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The bar opens at 5 pm and the music starts at 6 pm. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for teenagers and children 12 and under are free (and welcome). Contact [secretary@micklehamchoral.co.uk](mailto:secretary@micklehamchoral.co.uk) to reserve tickets.

## St. Michael's Church Quiet Day – 10th June 2023

After a very successful day last May we are running a 'Quiet Afternoon' this year on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The cost is £10 per person, this will include afternoon tea and will take place at the Dell Centre, St Giles Church, Ashted KT21 1EJ.

Traditionally people have met God in silence. Jesus himself often took 'time out' to be with his Father. A Quiet Day offers us the chance to encounter God in a deeper way than is often possible in the busyness of our everyday lives. There will be talks by the Rev'd Camilla

White who is leading our day and plenty of time for our own reflection and prayer in the beautiful surroundings of St Giles. Camilla will also make suggestions as to how we might engage with silence and use our time and be available should you wish to talk to her during the day. If you have never been to a Quiet Day before this should be a gentle introduction.

Numbers are limited so please let Amanda Wadsworth know by 3rd June on 07788 645404 or [aewadsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:aewadsworth@hotmail.com) if you would like to join in or would like further information.



St Giles and its surroundings



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Plantlife is running their 'No Mow May' campaign again in 2023, see [www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/)

Apart from the farmland and the open spaces owned by NT and SCC, the main areas of grassland in the parish are in our gardens and verges. By taking what can be described as a light touch in these areas, we can help our diminishing local wildlife and thus our precious planet.

As Plantlife states: 'We are not saying do not mow your lawn. Our advice is to take

a blended approach to lawn and garden care throughout the year, leaving lawns and grassy areas with patches of shorter and longer grass and leaving some areas unmown. This approach, including continuing to mow less throughout the summer, encourages floral diversity which supports a wider selection of other garden wildlife.

And it is not only plants and pollinators that benefit from No Mow May, humans do too! Mowing less often gives us more time to appreciate and relax in our green spaces and reconnect with

nature. So put that mower in the shed for May and encourage your friends, neighbours and local councils to do the same!

Ann Sankey

## Popular Lemonade Stall



Readers will recall that last year young Erin set up a stall to sell lemonade drinks to walkers passing through Westhumble to raise money for Ukraine.

One year on, she spent Easter weekend taking advantage of some fine weather to raise more funds. Once again the village as well as visitors supported Erin's Lemon Aid stall with generosity. She raised around £500 over the Easter weekend. The proceeds will go to UNICEF this year to support the children of the terrible earthquake as well as Ukraine.

She intends to open again over the Coronation weekend to raise further funds.

Erin had help from Valentina and Calum as seen in the photo, as well as her friends Thomas and Sophie.

Well done, Erin, Valentina, Calum, Thomas and Sophie.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2 pm

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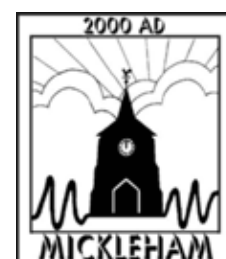
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## Ashleigh Grange

After 20 years of opening our garden Ashleigh Grange with the National Garden Scheme we are not holding any open days this year but will be open by appointment between May and July. All entry money will still go the NGS's charities. <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/16986/ashleigh-grange>

Do come and visit with your friends this year at a mutually convenient time, refreshments available (wine in an evening). Minimum of 4 visitors.

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Ranmore Room

(St Michael's Church)

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# Peter's Little Island

Not to mention his little house... In the early years of WW2 my parents and my much older brother Peter, lived in what is now Cottars on Pilgrims Way. Then it was called Five Trees. There was a small island in the River Mole down in the Oxbow Field. It was about half way along from the oxbow towards the wood. On the bank was an oak tree opposite the island.

Shortly after I was born in 1943 the family moved to Nottingham. In 1948 my parents bought Fairfield, in Chapel Lane and we returned to Westhumble. Peter's Little Island and his house were still there and in due course I and my friends used to play there.

It was just possible for one small child to squeeze in under the roots of the oak tree. This was Peter's little house. A step below the house, formed by a sturdy root made a comfortable ledge to lower oneself into the water to wade, calf- or knee-deep across the sandy bottom, to the island.

The island was indeed little, perhaps 10 by 5 metres and very low lying, barely above water level much of the time. I seem to remember quite tall vegetation, maybe rosebay willowherb, rushes and willows with gravel round its edges.

One happy occupation was fishing for minnows. In the early days a jam jar would be lowered on a string – baited with bread? – and after a short wait up it would come with a good catch. Later we used a wine bottle with a hole knocked into the bottom of the hollow at the base of the bottle. Bread would be inserted and the cork replaced.



*This photograph was taken recently when the river was running very high. It shows the location described in the article.*

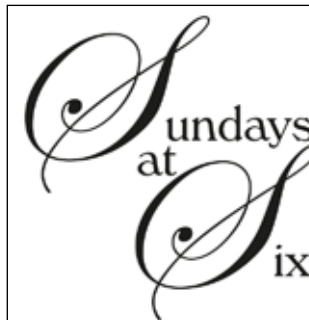
Having been lowered horizontally, by strings, to rest on the bottom, it would be pulled up after 20 minutes or so crammed full of minnows unable to escape from the lobster pot type hole they had swum in through.

Both the island and the house are now gone. Despite walking round the field many times over the years I have no recollection of when the island was washed away or when the oak fell. Looking at old Ordnance Survey Maps on the internet it looks as if the island had been getting steadily smaller since the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. (It appears on maps dated 1894, 1913 and 1934).

Why did the island finally disappear? I suspect that river maintenance policies in the past, which aimed to keep banks and stream beds clear, to encourage rapid discharge downstream, probably caused it to finally wash away. Or maybe the works at the oxbow area carried out in the late 90s were the final straw. Can anyone remember its presence post, say, the late 1950s?

Personally, I prefer the more recent thinking that allows nature to take its own course and leaves fallen trees in the river to create new habitats and to slow the current. A steady controlled discharge should result in less flooding.

Barbara Jones



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## KING WILLIAM IV

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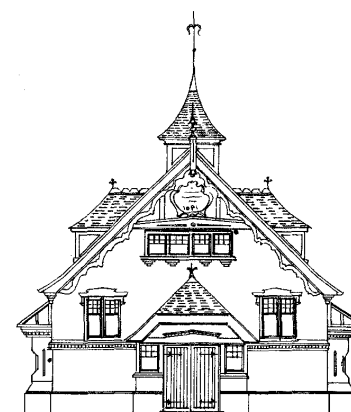
we are a special venue for a celebration.

May has three bank holidays, so if the weather is fine we shall be very busy. We have increased the bank of our weekend staff and have been very fortunate to take on some fabulous newbies, so we look forward full of confidence to the King's coronation and other events. Our live music will also be resuming, so please keep an eye on our website.

God Save the King (and our customers!)

Eamonn and Anne

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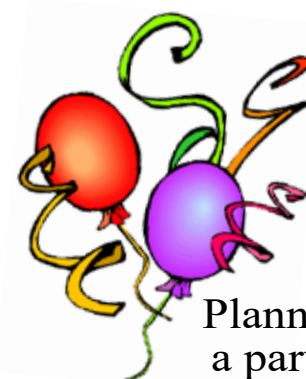
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15<sup>th</sup> April Janet Gwendoline Webber

# CALENDAR FOR MAY

2	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church followed by meditation
6	<b>Saturday Coronation Day</b>		No coffee morning
7	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10 am 3 pm	Special Family Service for the Coronation Celebratory Tea at Mickleham village hall <i>Copy deadline for June parish magazine</i>
11	Thursday		Garden Shed visit to Long Barn and Sissinghurst
13	Saturday		MWLHG tour of Brookwood Cemetery
14	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion at Westhumble Chapel
15	Monday	3 pm	Tea @ 3 - see page 2
16	Tuesday	7 pm	Compline in church
18	Thursday	3.15 - 4.45 pm	Messy Church at the village hall
20	Saturday	9-10 am 10 am	Women's breakfast at the Stepping Stones Mickleham Village Hall AGM in the village hall Plant Sale <b>cancelled</b>
21	<b>SUNDAY</b>	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
23	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Mickleham Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Ranmore Room
27	Saturday	9-10 am	Men's breakfast at the Stepping Stones
28	<b>SUNDAY</b>	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion at Westhumble Chapel Holy Communion



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

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Sunday at Six Classical Guitar  
Recital

Mickleham Playground AGM

Mickleham Playground Quiz

Mickleham Choral Society

Hot Summer Swing



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## Mickleham Children's Playground

On Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>, The King William IV pub in Mickleham will once again kindly play host to our charity pub quiz. The quiz aims to raise funds to be split equally between the Friends of St Michael's School and the Mickleham Children's Playground Association for the ongoing maintenance costs of the playground.

With just a month to go it's time to plan your team (teams of 4-6 recommended), put the date in the diary and buy your tickets. Tickets cost £10 per person with every penny raised being split between the two charities. A prize for the winning team will be available and we will once again be hosting a charity raffle with the opportunity to take home a few treats.

Tickets are available in advance by emailing **micklehamplayground@gmail.com**

This promises to be a great fun evening and a chance to pit your wits against Mickleham's finest in aid of two local children's causes.

## A Big Thank You from Sue



Sue with Charlotte Daruwalla and Jan Budleigh, now co-editing the magazine

Sue Tatham writes:

A big thank you to Charlotte Daruwalla, members of the magazine's editorial panel and all who helped with my splendid retirement party on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It was great to see so many friends, some of whom were present on that September evening in 1984 when we compiled the first edition

of the new parish community magazine. And again, many thanks to everyone who has given me their encouragement, time and support over the years. I could not have done it without you. It is very gratifying to know that there is a very able team in place to ensure that MPM will continue to prosper.



## Charity Quiz Night



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## Easter Flowers in Church



St Michael's Easter flowers were beautiful. The main arrangements at the altar and in the porch consisted of lilies donated by parishioners in memory of loved ones. Others were spring-like arrangements of mainly locally-sourced



flowers and foliage, in keeping with the PCC's Eco strategy. Alison Wood masterminded the selection of flowers, making it easy for the volunteers to work with plentiful supplies. Here



are pictures of a few of the results. Alison took the photographs before she slipped on wet paving stones and broke her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## Cricket Lovely Cricket

The March magazine featured a map showing the Mickleham cricket pitch in the 1930s, now sadly buried under 10cc's famous Deceptive Bends. Mickleham Cricket Club was resuscitated, however, early in the new century, and we fully intend to be playing cricket here for at least another hundred years.

We welcome new members of all ages, races, genders and abilities. In some cases not much ability at all to be honest. We play Sunday afternoon limited-over games against a variety of local and touring teams, always in the Caribbean spirit (mainly Malibu). The principal drivers are tea, voted Best Cricket Tea in Surrey 2022 (Cricketer Magazine), and an early finish so as to get to the pub in good time.

Our first home fixture this season is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May against Effingham, at 2 pm at Box Hill School. We play our home games on their beautiful pitch, a cricket ball's throw from the

original one, by kind permission of the governors. Thereafter we have fixtures on the following two Sundays, against Mynthurst and then the mighty Dennis Destroyers. 25<sup>th</sup> June is Temple Sheen and 2<sup>nd</sup> July is Jack Frost CC. A tour of the New Forest is planned the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July.

To join our mailing list, or to play, contact [will@micklehamhallfarm.co.uk](mailto:will@micklehamhallfarm.co.uk). Further information is at [www.micklehamcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.micklehamcricketclub.co.uk). There is no annual subscription, just a flat £10 match fee, half that for students, under 18s or those on benefits.

As another famous 10cc song goes, 'we don't like cricket, we love it'. Come and join us. Or just while away a lazy Sunday afternoon dozing to the sound of leather on willow, and wondering which cakes to have for tea. Close your eyes and drift away, a bit like our batsmen do.

Will Dennis



## Fixtures List 2023

28 <sup>th</sup> May	Effingham
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Mynthurst
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Dennis Destroyers
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Temple Sheen
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Jack Frost
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Strollers (to be confirmed)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Damerham 6-a-side tournament
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Millermen of Outwood
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Mandarins
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Coldharbour
13 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Zambucca Tigers

## Westhumble Residents Field Company Limited

Following the financial support given to us by residents last year, I thought it is now a timely opportunity to remind residents in our village about the Westhumble Fields and our relationship with the local farmer Nick Bullen from Swanworth Farm.

The fields are let to Nick to graze his cattle on the basis that he is responsible for the stock fencing (ie keeping his cattle in the fields). It is particularly important that residents do not compromise the security of this fencing. Sometimes this occurs when cuttings or other materials from gardens adjoining the field are allowed to push the fence down or weaken it. In some cases residents have built gates or stiles from their land into the field. If you do this can you please inform Nick so he is aware of what you are doing. Although residents do not have any legal right of access to the field this is not generally a problem except to the extent that it can create a weakness in the fencing. Cattle are often inclined to test the strength of the fencing especially if they see something more interesting and tasty on the other side of it!

Residents are also reminded not to throw garden or other refuse (grass or



cuttings) over their fences into the field (some of which can be poisonous to the cattle) or attempt to make bonfires there.

Finally, a word for the many dog walkers who cross the fields. Please ensure that you pick up your dog's poo before you leave the field. Otherwise it is capable of causing serious complications in cattle if ingested by them.

Here endeth the sermon!

If you have any questions about the fields please feel free to contact me [chris.wilkinson2@gmail.com](mailto:chris.wilkinson2@gmail.com) or my mobile number is 07774 772257.

Chris Wilkinson  
Westhumble Residents Field  
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Readers may recall Mandy Jillings' informative article in the April 2022 issue about *Neospora canina* and the devastating effects it can have on cattle. This a major issue in Norbury Park where Mark Frost farms cattle as well as Nick Bullen.



## DENBIES

WINE ESTATE

Many thanks to Avril Primavera for her informative article on 1<sup>st</sup> April about the new chocolate wine from Denbies. How does that sound? too much of a good thing?

Thanks to Denbies Wine Estate for allowing Avril their cooperation and to Alison Walton who helped Avril to put the article together.



## BRAIN TEASER

Can you translate this diagram into words? Say what you see.

W|H|O|L|E|M|E|A|L

Answer on page 27



Once again, the Garden Shed welcomed Benjamin Pope back to the Stepping Stones, this time to talk on improving our gardens. He also spoke about some interesting ways of looking at the spaces and areas in the garden.

Ben has spent 24 years in horticulture, the last 16 years growing fruit and flowers for a private garden in the South Downs area. He teaches at West Green and Chelsea Physic Garden and organises talks on his favourite subjects. He has also been on Gardening World,

He began by showing some interesting slides on the garden he manages, demonstrating how you can create different areas of planting and interest. The back of the garden has topiary as the structure, then softening with ornamental grasses and borders. (Note: always cut box in the drier weather). The Natural Garden was a delight to the eye, a meadow of ox-eye daisies,

## Making the most of what you have

foxgloves, yellow rattle, and scabious.

There is a walled kitchen garden to maintain, containing seven big vegetable and soft fruit beds and 36 cut flowers beds including edible flowers. The greenhouse has been rebuilt. When Ben first arrived, it was a pile of rubble and eventually was restored to the same footprint of the original building. He is passionate about the condition of the soil, as he remarks it is the foundation, and is fundamental to the growth of your plants. Green manure, your own composting, and mulching your beds are the key.

Other important points made by Ben included knowing your plants, visit other gardens to work out your favourites and see their positions. Get to know your wet, windy hot spots in your own garden. If you get your planting right at the beginning, it cuts back on work in the future. Also buy smaller plants, so as they grow, they establish a sturdy root system.

Ben advised gardeners to concentrate



on edging when cutting the lawn. It immediately makes a difference to the garden's appearance with minimal work. Take notes as the season goes by. For example, record which tulip bulbs you want to buy for next year. Taking photos is a good reminder.

A very absorbing, interesting talk and was enjoyed by all. Ben will be back for another talk for The Garden Shed in September on 'Creating Interest in your Winter Garden'. Do come along; you will not be disappointed.





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## Welcome to the Yehudi Menuhin School

I would like to enlarge on Angela Ireland's piece in the March issue, drawing attention to the opportunity we have on our doorstep of enjoying wonderful concerts given by the pupils of the Yehudi Menuhin School who come from all over the world. The Menuhin Hall in which they perform is one of the best acoustic halls in Europe and the standard of performance is world class.

I was first introduced to this amazing venue through knowing the musical Perks family who live in Dorking. All three children attended the school and I first went to listen to them performing many years ago. I soon became amazed and enthralled by the standard of music achieved by all the young people there whose ages range from 8 to 19. I belong to The Friends of the School and it's one of my best life experiences. Having the chance to talk to these children from such diverse backgrounds is very uplifting. It is their passion and enthusiasm about their chosen art which inspires them to devote so much time to learning, practising and memorising their music so that they

can perform without scores, seemingly effortlessly.

Watching their development as they progress through their musical and academic education is fascinating. The variety of different instruments studied makes up an outstanding orchestra of combined talents. They also have a school choir now.

At present, there are 86 pupils celebrating Yehudi Menuhin's ambition to provide a place for musically gifted children to develop their talents within an academic environment, regardless of their economic background. The school is, therefore, dependent on financial support from a wide range of sources, one of which is The Friends of YMS. The pupils perform in many local places, carrying on Yehudi's belief in the importance of giving back to the community.

They put on regular Showcase Concerts in the Menuhin Hall and everyone is welcome. It is easy to book online by going to [www.themenuhinhall.co.uk](http://www.themenuhinhall.co.uk) or 'phoning 01932 559400.



Forthcoming concerts are:

\* Showcase: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

\* Summer Festival: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Family Day – Carnival of the Animals) and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> July

Liz Weller

## Contacting the Police on Non-urgent Issues

At the Westhumble Residents' Association AGM last month a question was raised about how to contact the police to make non-urgent reports of an incident if you do not use social media.

This link will take you to the Surrey Police contact centre: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/> Cut and paste it into a new tab. In the bottom right hand corner you will see a round, blue icon with live chat on it. If you click on the icon it will open a small dialogue box and you can follow a route through to a police contact.

It is usually quicker than phoning and seems to work well most of the time. Do use 999 if it is an emergency.

### Westcott Bridge Club invites you to a FREE informal Bridge Tea Party

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### Surrey Open Studios in Westhumble 3rd to 18th June 2023

A group of five exciting and award-winning artists are exhibiting together in West Humble, at 'Art Studio Surrey Hills' during Surrey Artist's Open Studios this June!

You are invited to come along to meet them and view their artworks Rostellan, Pilgrims Close, Westhumble, RH5 6AR

For more information and opening times:

[www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk)

Artist-trail - Art Studio Surrey Hills

or contact Izabella on: 07740 410094



"On a rainy Sunday afternoon, in need of some visual inspiration, I made my way to Art Studio Surrey Hills, in Westhumble, after seeing a recommendation on Facebook. As someone who is not in the least bit creative, I have a deep appreciation for the talents of artists who can both visualise their creation and then bring it to life. This gallery's walls are full of art which does just that! From the intricacy and detail of Dawn Thornhill's beautiful papercut lightboxes to the stunning and original handmade jewellery by Izabella Meehan, there is something for everyone and an array of peices to browse. I found myself inspired by the silk artworks of Keira Graham – eventually choosing two landscapes which now adorn my walls at home and remind me every day of those happy holiday memories."

Sarah Woods, New Malden

Art Studio Surrey Hills will be joined by two guest artists - Joanna Lloyd, a maker of vibrant textured glass reliefs & Laura Ritchie, a 'Surrey Hills Plein Air Painter'. With three of the artists being nominated for Surrey Artist of the Year, it is a studio not to miss!

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## CRYPTIC DELICACIES

### CRYPTIC DELICACIES

Last month's theme was a synonym for various answers 'when they join second' (i.e. when S is added to the end of them) – so STRIDE(S), CHAP(S), SNAFFLE(S), CORD(S), KNICKERBOCKER(S), and POCKET(S) – which all can mean TROUSERS, though in two different ways: the envelopments for lower limbs; and the third person singular of the verb 'to trouser', an act that continues to be very much in vogue with senior politicians, as it has been with so many through the ages.

Here are some of the clues with thoughts about solving (as ever, definitions are underlined).

#### 11 Crack found in tea cup's rim (4)

##### CHAP

'tea' = CHA, 'cuP's rim' = P (i.e. a letter on the rim or edge of 'cup'). CHAP is as in cracked skin.

#### 27 Poleaxe a dog and lug something up a tree in Australia (5,4)

##### KOALA BEAR

'Poleaxe' = KO (knock out), 'a dog' = A LAB (short for Labrador), 'lug' = EAR (i.e. a noun rather than the verb 'drag' as it is in the way the clue reads).

#### 20 Possible way of making a crane reverse for wise men found in their start point half cut (7)

##### ORIGAMI

'wise men' = MAGI, and then you need

to sing to yourself 'we three kings of orient are' to remember that their start point is **OR**ient (it could also be **OR**igin) - when 'half cut' that leaves ORI which MAGI reverses into.

#### 24 States look for someone wearing Five Ks (4)

##### SIKH

'look' = seek, which when stated sounds like SIKH. I wasn't sure how to write a definition of SIKH that didn't give the game away too quickly and when investigating I found that an essential rule is that they must at all times have on their bodies the Five Ks: **kesh** (uncut hair); **kara** (iron or steel bracelet); **kirpan** (dagger-like sword); **kachera** (cotton undergarment); and **kanga** (small wooden comb). And for those of you who were ignorant of all this like me, there was only one word that fitted with the crossing letters and googling 'Five Ks' would lead you right to the answer if you wanted to be sure.

#### 25 My daughter displays a connection with the wall socket (4)

##### CORD

'My' = an exclamation of surprise, so a synonym for COR (also commonly used for similar interjections like well, lord, heavens, etc). It's brilliant for setters because its use as a possessive adjective means it can be hidden away in a sentence in a way that is very different to what you need for the solution. 'daughter' = D.



#### 6 Making ugly sound, I belch when shunned by society as a result of over-eating (6,4)

##### DOUBLE CHIN

'Making ugly' points to an anagram of (S)OUND I BELCH. That's too many letters but it's 'shunned by society' so S (for society) leaves and gives you the letters you need to make DOUBLE CHIN.

#### 22 Mrs Hitler named in gagging order where prostitution is legal (6)

##### NEVADA

'Mrs Hitler' = EVA (Braun), 'gagging order' = NDA (non-disclosure agreement, as so commonly used these days to shut people up who really should be encouraged to speak their truth). Again I was faced with how to provide a definition for a proper noun and decided to go a bit off-piste, given that I thought 'Mrs Hitler' would directly point to EVA and then the crossing letters would tell you where that fitted. So I used the fact I found on Wikipedia about NEVADA being the only state in the USA in which prostitution is legal.

I hope this helps and it would be great to get any feedback via [andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk](mailto:andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk)

Andrew



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## Funded or Free?

The dust has indeed settled since the March 2023 Budget during which a number of reforms to the delivery of childcare and education was announced. It is the first time I can recall that childcare has had such a significant profile, it was certainly the budget headline in almost all the press for several days. However, as with any other industry or service, if it is not something that directly impacts you, it can be difficult to understand what all the fuss is about.

As the representative of the local nursery, I wanted to put a local perspective on the concerns. St Michael's is a pre-school nursery, it is registered to accept children from 2 years old to when they start school. Currently, almost all parents of 2-year-olds pay for their place (exceptions for low-income families or for health-related reasons). The government funds 15 hours of free childcare to all 3- and 4-year-old children. However, the funding the nursery receives for the 3- and 4-year-olds is less than the actual cost of providing their care. Nurseries are not allowed to charge 'top up' fees. Hence presently, our unfunded 2-year-olds pay supplemented fees to make up the difference between the funding

provided by the government and the actual cost of delivering the provision. These supplemented fees, fundraising activities, community support and careful financial management from our volunteer committee, past and present, has enabled us to remain viable.

While I wholeheartedly agree that parents need support with childcare costs, nurseries also need to remain viable. St Michael's is a registered charity, we are fortunate that we only need to cover our costs, however, with the budget proposals, covering our costs could be increasingly challenging. From September 2024 all children will receive 15 hours of free childcare from 9 months old. If the government fails to increase the funding per child or amend the ruling which does not allow 'top up' fees, continued viability for all childcare providers will become a challenge and the provision of childcare could change dramatically, both locally and nationally. Nonetheless, I do remain hopeful that our industry lobbyists will seek to ensure that the funding rate will increase and am thankful that our sensible financial planning and community support ensure that St Michael's has a secure future.

A generous donation from St Michael's Community Group enabled the nursery to book visiting dance/theatre show 'Club Origami'. How fantastic that our children can experience creative arts in a familiar environment. And a little more familiar to us, our newly hatched chicks: Wednesday, Casper Gerald(?), Daffy and Dilly!

Hilary Budd



Above: Chick handling; the chicks.  
Below: Step-by-step Club Origami



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Tracy and Clare Kennington are delighted to announce their new music classes for toddlers and parents on Friday mornings in Mickleham Village Hall from September 2023.

Many of you may remember the extremely popular Mini Minstrels created by Tracy and Linda Christie in 1989, when Tracy's two daughters were toddlers. Tracy ran it for 13 years and both her daughters became very familiar with the running and content of the classes. It is Clare, the eldest

daughter who is now taking on a new fresh approach with Tracy after a generation break, long enough for Clare to now have two little boys of her own.

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## Experiential Tourism?



This sign has been installed very recently at the entrance to the North Downs Way adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the A24. It covers the section of the NDW from Reigate to Guildford.

Interestingly it says that it is co-

funded with the European Regional Development Fund and various UK bodies including Kent County Council 'to provide off-season experiential tourism and sustainable economic growth...' I wonder what that means.

Charlotte Daruwalla



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# Spring at St Michael's Infant School

## PLANTING

The children have been participating in the 'Big Seed Sow', an activity organised by RHS. They have planted sunflowers, nasturtiums, carrots and tomatoes. They have enjoyed learning about how to plant and tend the plants successfully, in order to help them thrive and grow. This is a key part of their science learning and linked beautifully to our 'Dig it up' topic.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

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

## CHURCH SERVICE AND EASTER BONNETS

The children took part in an Easter church service at the end of term. In the week leading up to this, they made

Easter bonnets at home then paraded them on the walk to the church. There were lots of creative spring ideas!

At church, the children showed their understanding of the Easter story. Our youngest children recited a beautiful poem, in unison. They spoke clearly and did a fantastic job at memorising all the words. Year 1 created paintings that depicted both the happy and sad parts of the Easter story. They thought carefully about the colours that represented these two parts and what symbols they could paint. Year 2 presented the Stations of the Cross.

## MAKING WAVES

Our new topic is called 'Making Waves' and is both a science and a geography topic. The children are learning about seas and oceans around the world as well as what lives in the water. Later, towards the end of the summer term, we are taking the children to Sealife in Brighton, to really bring the topic to life! We are also hoping for some time on the beach, if the weather allows it!

Nicola Cleather

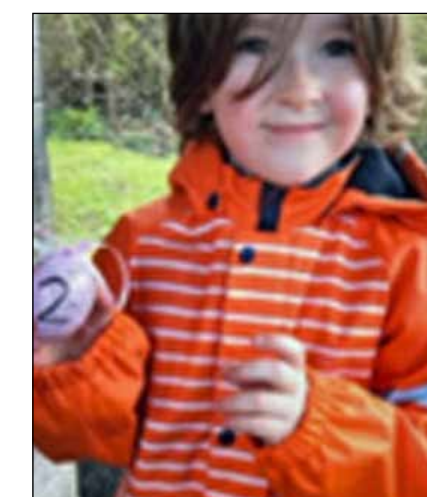


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Above: Big seed sow  
Left: Easter egg hunt  
Far left: Easter bonnets



## Solution to the April crossword

Across: 1 Stride 4 Skydiver 9 Oinks 10 Ski jumper 11 Chap 12 Gawk 13 Louts 15 Snaffle 16 Race 19 Yeah 20 Origami 23 Omens 24 Sikh 25 Cord 27 Koala bear 29 Traverse 30 Hybrid.

Down: 1 Stoicism 2 Rent-a-car 3 Dosh 5/28 Knickerbocker glory 6 Double chin 7 Vapour 8 Rarest 10 Stage whispers 14 Aftershave 17 Malodour 18 Wild-eyed 21 Pocket 22 Nevada 26 Ugly.

**BRAIN TEASER answer: SLICED BREAD**



## Cryptic Crossword

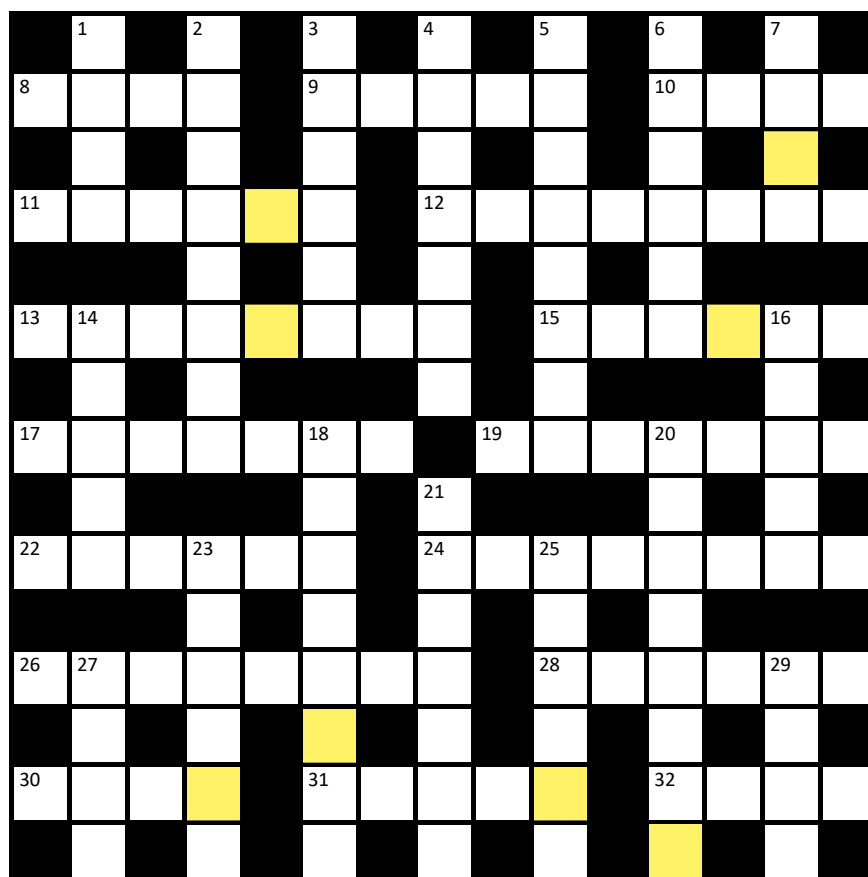


Solution to the April crossword on page 27

The golden squares can be made into a connection between 9, 22, 26, 2, and 6 (13 and 25 are also partial to connections) (8)

### Across

- 8 Shoreside out east is one renowned for variations (4)  
 9 Fat ticket sellers seen with the first four characters going to the final (5)  
 10 Druggy goes back in when resurrection is an option (4)  
 11 Disorder here, as dying leads to increase in use of this mobile technology (6)  
 12 I've worked very hard not to make you this cellulose concoction without liquid oxygen and sulphur (8)  
 13 Pastel colour I rub out from Andrei Rublev's 'Reincarnation' (8)  
 15 A bit like word play said to teach a lesson (6)  
 17 Most freaky Nazis eat out to lose fat internally (7)  
 19 Being positive about rubbish is the route to greatness (7)  
 22 Showing pleasure when fabricating my lies (6)  
 24 The top universities require a hug and a kiss and a collection of rubbers (8)  
 26 Ringo's hosting Washington's Strategic Defense Initiative (4,4)  
 28 I think 'je t'aime' gives you everything you need by way of reproduction method (3-3)  
 30 Turgenev occasionally made an



- appearance in 'The Cherry Orchard' (4)  
 31 A harsh sound is intrinsic to Germanic languages (5)  
 32 Throw fruit back avoiding one area known to be personal (4)
- Down**  
 1 Famous pig regularly found in bramble (4)  
 2 Heirs lack direction when king's head is missing - that's the one! (7,1)  
 3 Dances! Dances! Move it on up! (6)  
 4 Magic is hearing like a shallow dish (7)  
 5 American idiot found wearing

- elaborately arranged hair with porn star (8)  
 6 Knight takes love back to the city (6)  
 7 Good man together with saint is what is essential for first-class vision (4)  
 14 Gore found on limb is a source of apprehension (5)  
 16 It's essential to lisp 'Rigoletto's a twiglet!' (5)  
 18 This could have added pizzazz to cases you represented (3,5)  
 20 Keep it how it was: backwards with bumpkin jumping in bushes (8)  
 21 What gives you toast butter side down or 32 with salad? (4,3)  
 23 Fat queen in her favourite place? (6)  
 25 Cross fiancée hides garter top (6)  
 27 Do the inhabitants of Pontefract keep their ashes in this wheel? (4)  
 29 When a king's head is attached to his foot, he becomes a lower rank of nobility (4)

Andrew Tatham

Left: Mickleham Choral Society on stage at Dorking Halls about to begin their performance in the Leith Hill Music Festival.




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