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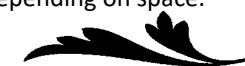
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Dear friends,

Many years ago I was taking a service one Sunday in a church building that was absolutely packed with people. Although the majority were regular members of the congregation, a few reporters and photographers had turned up, in addition to many other local people as news had leaked out that a member of the Royal family, in addition to the then current Formula 1 world motor racing champion, were to be present at the service. The morning service which they all attended was to be immediately followed by a private service of baptism and the god-parents included these internationally known people, so hence the media interest!

The excitement at the photo call after the service was highly entertaining to watch with the Royal Protection Group officers and other security men trying to mingle unobtrusively with the guests, and one local newspaper photographer, who happened to be passing, thought he had the scoop of the year for his editor. He grabbed his camera and snapped away and it was only after they had all swept away to the reception that he realized in his excitement he had forgotten to put any film in the camera!

So everyone was in church that day for their own reasons but what exactly is the right reason for coming to church? It would be extremely difficult to come up with a definitive answer as people come for varied reasons, each equally valid. Perhaps some people do not come to church for equally valid reasons. Could that be part of the age-old cry of 'I don't have to come to church to be a Christian?'

Christianity is about having a personal faith; something that is special and unique between the individual and God. Jesus made it quite clear in His teachings that it is the faith of each person that counts, not a shared faith nor a second-hand faith handed on from other believers. Yet for believers there is a belief and understanding that part of being a Christian is found in the act of coming together to worship God corporately.

The inner, personal faith needs to be expressed in an outward manner, following the commands of Jesus to gather together in His name and remember all that He has done for us. The church can often be a lighthouse of truth in a worldwide fog of ethical alternatives, helping Christians to navigate their way through life. There is a relevance about Christianity that often surprises people, as an ageless message of relationships, love, forgiveness and new beginnings is shared, providing a help for anyone wanting to break old patterns and start living in a new, apposite dynamic!

Additionally, Christians can grow in spiritual understanding and maturity as we share together as a small part of God's global family. Knowing that you are one of approximately 2.2 billion people across the planet today who also call themselves Christian and who also follow Jesus Christ in their lives can be hugely encouraging!

As we move through the months of this year, already slipping speedily by, may we pause and reflect on the gospel, its good news message of Jesus, and ask that we may begin to grasp its relevance for every single one of us. And God knows, perhaps coming to church might actually help!

John

The Reverend Canon John Harkin, Mickleham Parish Priest



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Prayer



Our Prayer Workshops seem to be valued as a way of understanding more about prayer, considering some of the difficulties in our prayer lives, and finding new ways to help is learn what works for us in terms of being comfortable yet more effective in our prayers. We thank God for His love and guidance as we grow individually and together.

This term's **Prayer Workshop** in church will be held on **Saturday 8th June from 10 am to 12 noon.**

Do please email me to let me know if you will be coming, so that we can seek to be as effective as we can in planning this morning.

We also host a monthly **Parish Prayer Meeting** on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in church; the dates for this term are 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July. You are very welcome to join us. Canon John

Tea @ 3

No tea this month as the fourth Monday in May is Spring Bank Holiday

Mothering Sunday Workshop

Photographs: Ben Tatham



As part of Mickleham's Mothering Sunday morning celebrations, the Friends of St Michael's held a craft workshop at the school where local children made various gifts for their mothers and grandmothers. Many thanks to organiser, Hollie Barnes and her helpers. The children and their families then attended a special Mothering Sunday Service in the church. This was the first time the newly-installed AV systems had been used, which worked well. Children from the school sang 'My mum's one in a million' and were given small bunches of daffodils to take to their mothers.

Wedding Preparation Day

Five couples from the Benefice who are getting married in Mickleham this year gathered together in the village hall on Saturday 9th March to share in their wedding preparation day.

Reverend Graham Osborne, Reverend Ian Stonehouse and Reverend Canon John Harkin led the day, which was based upon a course entitled 'Growing Together' by Andrew Body. The course is designed to allow couples to consider practical and spiritual aspects of their relationship, and to help by providing tools for assisting them as they set out on their lifetime of marriage together. The day was split into sessions of presentations and discussions, in addition to work in pairs and in groups, all in a relaxed and informal context.

Our grateful thanks go to Mary Flint for organising and providing refreshments during the day, and a wonderful lunch, thank you Mary.

Here are a few comments from two of the couples who attended:

GEORGIE KENNINGTON AND MARK McKELLAR

'We flew back from the Alps to attend the wedding preparation day in Mickleham. We started the day by meeting the other couples embarking

on the same journey as us. We were then lead through various practical exercises mainly to help us stop and think about the commitment we are about to make to each other. We were shown tools to be able to manage the good times as well as the more challenging, working on communication and sharing thoughts on topics that maybe had not been broached before between us. In between the exercises we had a break with a delicious lunch prepared by Mary Flint.

'Overall, we left feeling fully supported by the parish as we get ready for marriage and spending our lives together. Amongst the busyness of planning for the big day, it allowed us a few hours to focus on each other and our relationship in a way that made us feel even more ready for what is to come. We would highly recommend it to anyone who is getting married! Thank you very much for all who organised the day and made us feel so welcome'

ROSIE RAWSON-CAIN AND ROB WHITHAM

'We attended the wedding preparation day with the other couples who are due to be married in Mickleham and Leatherhead this year, with ours only

being the following weekend! It was a nice chance to meet and talk to the other couples, a mix of familiar and new faces. By working as individuals, couples and a group, the day stimulated important thoughts and discussions about where we have come from, where our relationships are currently at in the lead up to the big day, and how we see the future. We talked through how to overcome challenges as a married couple. It was also an opportunity to recap the three pillars of marriage and how they apply to us as individuals and as a couple. Overall we really enjoyed the day and would like to thank John, Graham, Ian and Mary for bringing us all together.'

Photographs: Mary Flint



Clockwise from top right: Georgie Kennington and Mark McKellar, wedding on 25th May; Kayleigh Brake and Jacob Hunter, wedding on 28th September; Rosie Rawson-Cain and Rob Whitham, married on 16th March.



Anne Weaver Retires as Churchwarden

Many thanks to Anne Weaver for all her hard work and dedication over the five years she served as churchwarden. At the annual Vestry Meeting on 14th April, Sarah Blake was elected as Anne's successor.

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Lent Lunches

I went online to try and find the origin of Lent Lunches, but after trawling through pages and pages of recipes and the many churches that have them, I was not very much the wiser. I tried to think for myself the purpose of them and I felt that, in Mickleham, it was a chance to eat a very simple meal with friends (old and new), without the formality of a full sit-down meal. But at the same time thinking about and remembering the many thousands of people who had no bread or soup let alone a table to sit at.

The variety of soups and cheeses was manifold, and if I listed them all you would probably get indigestion! Suffice to say that tomatoes, onions, potatoes, leeks, courgettes, pancetta and chicken were all on the various menus, all homemade, just to mention some, also at least five different cheeses.

For the first time, this year two of the lunches were held in the village hall which proved very popular.

In all, donations amounted to an amazing £515 which has been sent to LeatherHEAD START' formerly the Leatherhead Night Hostel.

A big thank you to all the hosts, Liz Absalom, Mary Banfield, Jenny Hudlass and Julia Siberry, and also to Alison Wood who made soups as well as masterminding everything.

Frances Presley



Why does God permit suffering? – a 21st century meditation

The Church Lenten discussion group recently considered the question 'How would you talk with someone who says that a good God would not allow the world to be in the state which it is in today?'

The apparent paradox implied by the question is, in my view, based on a misunderstanding of the nature of God. 3,000 year ago there were many gods and goddesses in the world. There was the god which sent storms to sink ships at sea if he was not appeased. There was the goddess who sent a good harvest but only if she received the necessary sacrifices ... and so on. The Old Testament tells us of the struggle to persuade the Hebrews that there was only one true God in the world but even he was a god given to anger if the Hebrews did not obey him.

All these gods were thought of as superhuman beings and in many cases oversize statues were erected to them in their places of worship. That approach persists even in the 21st century where some people think of God as an elderly gentleman living on a cloud somewhere in space. I believe this is a misunderstanding of the nature of God. In my view, God is a life force from whom we humans can draw strength through the power of prayer. God has enormous influence because people can use that strength to create good in the world.

There have been many attempts to understand why an all-powerful and all-loving God permits suffering in the

world. In the Old Testament it was thought that it was the sin of Adam (or was it Eve?) which was the cause of the trouble. Later the idea was that God was putting humans to the test, as in the case of Job. To modern minds these explanations won't wash: the story of Adam and Eve is seen as a fable, and there is no answer to the question who was put to the test when God failed to prevent the recent crash of the Ethiopian airliner which killed so many important people?

Another explanation is based on the idea of God ransoming the world by the **sacrifice** of Jesus on the cross and thus forgiving our sins if we love God. To the 21st century mind, this is very difficult to understand. Why should a loving father permit his son to be crucified in order to forgive the sins of humans many centuries later? Who is demanding the ransom anyway?

None of these explanations answer the question why an all-loving God permits evil in the world if he has the power to stop it. I am driven to the conclusion that God should be viewed as a life-force to be approached through prayer and not as a superhuman being somewhere up in the clouds.

The irony of all this is that the idea that God created man in his own image is somewhat back to front. Man has created God in man's own image. There is no-one up in the sky waiting to seize the joy-stick of a plummeting airliner, but there is a God waiting to be taken into our hearts through prayer.

Barry Moughton

Westhumble Chapel

Please note that the Westhumble Chapel is now closed for refurbishment, so there will be no 11.30 am services of Morning Prayer during May, and all 8 am Holy Communion services will be held in the church during this period.

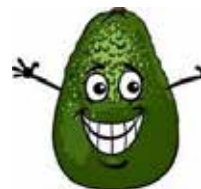
The work should take approximately eight weeks and it is anticipated that the Chapel will be open again by the beginning of June.

All of the Chapel pews being removed as part of the refurbishment have now been sold.

Grumpy Old Mickleman on Food Shop Thugs

Thuggery in food shops is an as yet underestimated but increasingly worrying trend. It tends to be practised by the same people who feel that wearing pink tracksuit bottoms on air flights is acceptable, that playing your car radio with full bass and the windows open is considerate, or that eating a big-mac on a rush hour train should be the norm.

Let's start with avocados. Local greengrocers will shortly be keeping them behind the counter, not because of their value, stealability (like razor blades) or age restriction. No: it's due to a wave of irresponsible avocado-squeezing.

 Who wants a thrice-thumbed avocado? They will soon be kept hidden away, in order of ripeness as tested each morning by specially trained staff, and dispensed appropriately.

It is sad for society in general that the many have to suffer for the squeezing actions of the few. The time will come when we won't be able to pick our own kumquats; or when the freshly-cooked beetroot has to be dispensed at a special counter, and 'peach police' patrol the shop.

These avocado-abusers are the same people who drop a Jersey Royal and kick it a distance away rather than pick it up. The type who take too many bags from the dispenser and hide the surplus in the salad department. The type who swap strawberries to improve their own punnet, or count the number of florets on all the £1 cauliflowers.

The disease has already spread to the bread department, where freshly-cooked rolls and crusty bread in particular are thumbed for freshness and temperature. Pieces of broken crust litter the area. On the basis that, as widely reported 80% of UK coinage and

paper money has traces of cocaine, it is likely that Waitrose is selling Class 1 drugs under the guise of a French Stick. It wouldn't surprise me if these are the same individuals who go around putting apostrophe's in the wrong place on price label's! And then use the self-service till's to price their expensive 'ready-peeler's' as carrots'. How did people reach this level of depravity? Did they start from grapefruit-sniffing and parsnip injection and go downhill? There is, by the way, a Diploma in Ripe Avocado Testing, from the University of Haddock. Graduates are urgently needed at most supermarkets, where their 'perfectly ripe' avocados/pears/peaches stay rock-hard for 10 days and go off simultaneously on day 11.

Mark Day

With due acknowledgement to Oliver Pritchett, 'My Sunday Best' for inspiration and some content.



The Garden Shed – Preparing for Your Show

With the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show coming up this summer, we thought it would be useful to get some tips and ideas from an expert to encourage people to enter their produce for the show. On 18th March our speaker was Barry Newman, a well-known grower, exhibitor, lecturer and judge. He is on the Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee of the RHS. Barry certainly provided us with an evening full of information. Here are just a few ideas.

When exhibiting Flowers, a Bikini vase that displays a 360° view, is ideal. A fan arrangement should be three flowers behind and two in front. Another tip is consider the type of flower when choosing how to display it, eg hellebores which look attractive when floated in water. With vegetables, the judges are looking for quality and uniformity. Pick varieties that show well. Did you know that runner beans can grow two inches in a day? A trug is a good container for displaying vegetables. Soft fruit is

best displayed without foliage, as the greenery can distract from the fruit.

We are looking forward to seeing many entries for the show, particularly as this year we are combining with The Village Fête on 6th July. So do please have a look at the show schedule to see what you might enter.



Bikini vase

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National Trust Box Hill Update

The beginning of April saw the start of our new Spring and Summer Menu. We have a lighter menu with more salads available and a bigger selection of sandwiches. We have taken off the One Pot but are keeping soup available throughout the year. Already our Tomato and Cheddar Quiche and coronation chicken sandwiches have proved very popular and responding to feedback we now have a vegan chickpea and mushroom roll on the menu.

Easter is a busy time for us. The school holidays started right back at the start of April for private schools and our chocolate Easter Egg hunt started a few days later and has been running every day since. Our Jude's Ice Cream Cart has been up and running and the small kiosk on the grass has been open at weekends to offer an alternative place

to get a sweet treat and a drink.

On a more personal note I have decided that after 30 years I should spend a bit more time with my family and a bit less at the top of the Hill. I will be leaving at the end of May but I know that the Café and Served are in the safe hands of an exceptional team. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Suzanne Taylor

We wish Suzanne a long, happy and healthy retirement. She will be much missed. Ed.

Car Parking

This time last year somebody stole a whole car park machine! Well, the car park machines have now been replaced by ones that hopefully won't be stolen. They had a few teething problems but are now working well and

are quick to use. NT have changed their system so that all NT members must now display a ticket in their cars - the badge on the window isn't sufficient. This enables countryside properties to get £2 credit for members visiting, as the pay-for-entry NT properties do. So please do help Box Hill's funds by getting a ticket whenever you visit.

Play Trail Path

The path round part of the Play Trail has been surfaced so it is considerably less muddy in wet weather and much more accessible for buggies. This may not entirely please the toddlers but should keep everybody else drier.

The path was spreading significantly by families trying to avoid the mud and it is hoped that this will help protect the habitat at the sides of the path.

Photographs: Ben Tatham



There is currently some disruption at the top of the Hill as the septic tank is being replaced by connecting the Box Hill Centre to mains drainage. This is a large project entailing digging a deep trench all the way to join the main sewer near the Smith & Western. The end result should be a more efficient and odour free sewage system.



If you want to walk down to the Stepping Stones you will need to go across the bridge as the Stepping Stones are closed. A floating tree trunk dislodged one of the stones (third from bottom of pic) and made it unsafe. The Stepping Stones are the responsibility of Surrey Rights of Way and they are short of funds to make repairs until September. NT are liaising with the Highways Authority about this.



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Mickeham and Westhumble Horticultural Society TIME TO SPRING INTO ACTION!



Saturday 6th April – the day for our AGM and Plant Sale did not dawn bright and sunny. Over the years we must have endured nearly all the weather conditions that spring has thrown at us with the possible exception of snow, but this time it was just very cold and overcast. Only the welcoming hot drinks and cakes full of calories kept it at bay, as well as the prospect of buying some excellent plants at terrific prices. And those who came certainly did that, as well as contributing to the wide choice available which ranged from pelargoniums to the hardiest hellebores. Thank you to all who donated plants from their gardens.

At the AGM Chairman David Kennington reported on another successful year and a well-attended Summer Show with good numbers of entries, particularly in the fruit, vegetable and flower sections, not to mention culinary talents of our

residents. Prizes were presented by The Rev. David Ireland with Martin Cox being awarded the Banksian medal. The Garden Shed, so ably managed by Pauline Davis and Susie Gowenlock, has continued to thrive, offering a full and interesting programme of walks, talks and demonstrations.

Members of the local community were saddened this year at the passing of Kate Warren, a long-time member of the society and committee member in past years. Kate will be remembered by many for the plants they are growing that came from her garden and the photograph of Kate's planting of spring flowers in the churchyard in the parish magazine this month reminds us all of her excellent plantsmanship.

Looking forward, this year the Summer Show is to be held on 6th July and we are combining the date with the Mickleham and Westhumble Village

Fête. Detailed planning is taking place and we look forward to a very successful partnership.

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for 2018/19. Finances were sound and the donation of £910 from the winding up of Mickleham Village Shop Ltd had been very gratefully received. Pauline Davis provided copies of the Garden Shed accounts.

There was no change to the committee this year and the current committee and officers were re-elected so it only remained to draw for the Hampton Court Flower Show tickets, which were won by Katya Dubrovskaya, and to thank Angela and Clive for allowing their house and garden to be opened once again. And then home, with plants of course, to get warm!

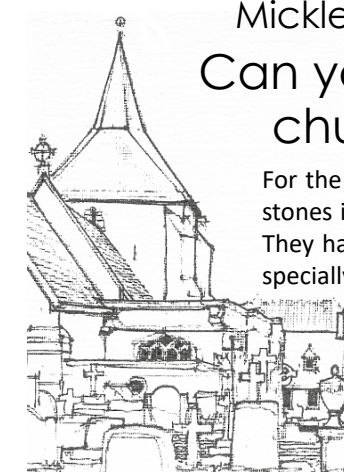
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Garden Judging for the Summer Show Thursday 20th June

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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Can you give us a hand to finish off the churchyard project this summer?

For the past four summers a small group has been recording the information on the grave-stones in Mickleham churchyard as the record of who is buried where was very incomplete. They have made steady progress and the information gleaned so far is being recorded on a specially designed spreadsheet, making it easily accessible.

It is hoped that, with some extra help, the record can be finished this summer. Weather permitting, the group meets every Wednesday morning from 10 am to noon. If you are able to help even occasionally, please join us in the churchyard armed with sponge and old toothbrush.

More information from Judith Long at judith.long2@btinternet.com



Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Tour of Charlwood Thursday 6th June

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Mickleham & Westhumble Big Nature Week

It is with great excitement that we unveil our first ever Big Nature Week, which will take place in Mickleham and Westhumble from 20th–26th May. We will reach out to all different areas of our community: visits to Juniper Hall will take place for all children at St Michael's Community Nursery and Infant School, as well as children from Leatherhead Youth Project and Kingston Young Carers. A School Big Nature Day will provide environmental and nature-based workshops at St Michael's School, encompassing Nature Music, Bushcraft Skills, a Plastics Challenge and Wildlife Homes and Crafts. A free Family Big Nature Day and Bioblitz will also be held at Juniper Hall on Saturday 25th May, with crafts and nature activities for all ages. We hope you can join us!

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

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Cryptic Delicacies

OK, I'm sorry – it was another tricky one! My maternal editor is asking for me to include a few more low-hanging fruit, but it's sometimes not easy to judge and it's difficult to make the clues both not too challenging and fun and varied. Sometimes a clue presents itself and I just love the reading of it and let that override any idea of its difficulty.

Anyway, to last month's crossword, and for 11A the connection between ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, CRIMEWATCH, and QUESTION TIME is Fiona BRUCE. She has been the main presenter in all of those shows, and though you may quibble with her being described as 'the boss', actually that is the second half of the clue given that 'the boss' is the nickname of BRUCE Springsteen. Now, I realise that a lot of readers of the parish magazine are not of a generation to get some of the more modern references but I am trying to keep things to very big names – and Bruce Springsteen has been one of the biggest names for over 40 years and has sold over 135 million records – even if my maternal editor has not come close to buying one!

Here are some of the other clues:

25A Props say 'Line up for crash' (5)

DEFINITION: Props

'Say' can mean either that a word is an example of the word you want or that if you say a word it sounds like the word you want (a useful ambiguity for setters!). Here 'say' means 'sounds like' where 'line up for' = 'queue' and 'crash' = 'doss' (as in 'sleep somewhere convenient'), which said together gives KUDOS. And 'props' is slang for 'proper respect' which I realise might again be a bit modern for some folk – but here I am helping you learn how to get down with the kids! (I know, it's embarrassing, and given that I am 54, entirely fake).

ANSWER = KUDOS

29 Divvy up preserve with hothead going spare (6)

DEFINITION: Divvy

'preserve' = TIN, which when turned 'up' gives NIT, Hothead = H (i.e. the head of 'Hot') and making that go spare from 'WITH' leaves you with WIT. Again, being a sensible parish magazine reader, 'divvy' might not be in your common parlance when used to mean NITWIT but I trust you will now use it with abandon.

ANSWER = NITWIT

5 The most interested in the lack of endless sleep (7)

DEFINITION: The most interested

'the lack of' = NO, 'sleep' = SIESTA, and if that is endless you remove the final 'a'

ANSWER = NOSIEST

9 Take train without repetition into Slough comprehensive (6)

DEFINITION: comprehensive

'train' = 'CHOO-choo', without repetition leaves only CHOO, and that is fitted into SL, the postcode for SLough, and it fits nicely for the reading of the clue that 'Slough comprehensive' is a nickname for Eton College

ANSWER = SCHOOL

16 Back bacon, say, is heard to be abundant (4)

DEFINITION: to be abundant

In this instance 'say' tells you that 'bacon' is an example of something = 'meat' and if that is heard backwards it gives TEEM

ANSWER = TEEM

13 Obvious, 16 is how to do damage when trying to do good (9)

DEFINITION: how to do damage when trying to do good

'Obvious' = OVERT, clue 16 = 'teem' = RAIN, i.e. a different synonym from that used in clue 16

ANSWER = OVERTRAIN

24 Unfolding gyration is guillotined (9)

DEFINITION: Unfolding



'gyration' might be seen as an anagram indicator being applied to 'unfolding' which has the right number of letters but it is not a set of letters that looks like it will yield a synonym for 'guillotined' when unscrambled. Instead, 'guillotined' means to take a synonym for 'gyration', REVOLUTION, and cut its head off.

ANSWER = EVOLUTION

4/17 Who squirted on a sabretooth 12? Oddly 'well I never' is a common response to this (8,8)

DEFINITION: 'well I never' is a common response to this.

Numbers in clues are another usefully ambiguous tool for crossword setters. They can mean 'insert the answer to the numbered clue here' (as in clue 13A where you read the clue with 'teem' instead of '16'), or they can mean put in the number written as letters (as in clue 8D where 'nine' is substituted for 9 to give you the letters to anagram) or as in this case, it can tell you which letters to select, so 'Sabretooth 12' gives SA which you add to 'who squirted on a' to oddly anagram for the answer (and coincidentally clue 12 has the word 'tiger' in it which you might think was connected to 'sabretooth' but alas is just an evil red herring). And for any younger readers who want to get down with the grannies, ANTIQUES ROADSHOW is something religiously to watch on a Sunday evening and occasionally fall asleep to.

ANSWER = ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

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

Andrew Tatham

Do you remember the outbreak of WW2?

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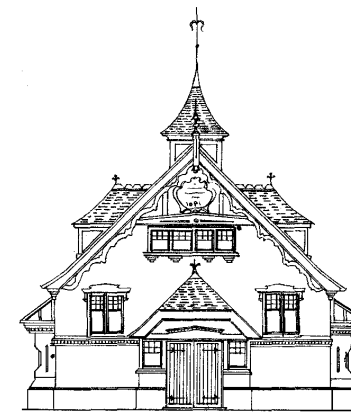


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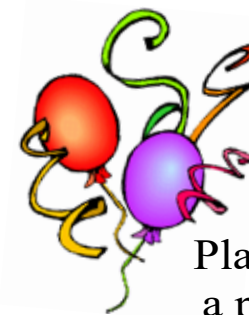


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5	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Service
6	Monday	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	
7	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
10	Friday	9.15 am	Box Hill School Year 11 Leavers Service in church
12	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
<i>Copy deadline for June Parish Magazine</i>			
13	MONDAY	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting. Ranmore Room
18	Saturday	9 am 9.15 am 10.30 am	Men's Breakfast. Running Horses Box Hill School Year 13 Leavers Service in church Mickleham Village Hall AGM in the hall
19	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
20	Monday – 26 Sunday	MICKLEHAM AND WESTHUMBLE BIG NATURE WEEK	
25	Saturday	9 am 2 pm	Women's Breakfast. Running Horses Wedding of Mark McKellar and Georgina Kennington
26	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
27	Monday	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	No Tea@3



Dates for your diary

6 th June	History Group's Tour of Charlwood Childrens' Playground Association's AGM
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Olive was a talented artist and before her marriage had worked as a commercial artist in London at a time when it was difficult to enter the male dominated field, but she was determined and succeeded.

She was very fond of animals and she and her family kept various pet cats and dogs over the years which they were all very fond of. She supported animal charities, by helping in the RSPCA

shop in Dorking and via donations and running a stall to support a horse charity at fairs. She took an interest in antique dolls, history and culture. She was a great homemaker and brought up her family extremely well. An opera lover, she would often happily burst into song while busy in the kitchen.

Olive and Derrick were lucky enough to have enjoyed many holidays in Europe and distant places such as China, Peru, Mexico and India. They brought back many pictures and mementoes of their travels.

In later years, however, osteoarthritis limited Olive's activities, but she continued to be ever strong, independent and in good spirits.



She was a very special and kind person and will be much missed by her family and friends.

We send our deepest sympathy to Teresa and Philip.

Stephen Lloyd

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Stephen Lloyd, age 80, on 29th March. Stephen, a much-loved retired judge had lived in Burney Road for many years. His funeral service took place on 16th April.

We will include Stephen's obituary in next month's magazine. In the meantime we send our love and deepest sympathy to Joyce, Caroline and Elizabeth.



The Glebe Field

Thank you to all (including the Parish Council) who have supported our request to continue the grazing agreement for our ponies on the Glebe Field (between the church and the village hall). We are pleased (and relieved) to report that the Diocese of Guildford has granted us a further six months permission while the long-term future of the field is reviewed. We have always considered the Glebe Field a village amenity and have asked the diocese to take that into consideration during its further deliberations. We will keep you posted on any decisions that are taken. James and Lindy Riches



Mickleham Children's Playground Association AGM – 6th June

The Mickleham Playground Association is holding its AGM at The Running Horses in Mickleham on Thursday 6th June at 8pm. The playground is funded and managed by our local community through the charity Mickleham Children's Playground Association. It is not a council playground. We rely on volunteers to help keep it a safe and

clean place for children to play in. We are in particular looking to fill the role of treasurer as our wonderful treasurer for the past six years has moved out of the area. If you would like to find out more about the role of treasurer or how the playground is run in general, then please do join us at our AGM. Everyone is welcome!

Sarah Parfitt

Letter to the Editor

With regard to the article in MPM concerning the renaming of local roads, it would appear that the process has begun without the necessary consultation period being observed. I wonder if this disgraceful state of affairs might be made public in the next issue.

Possibly I surmise that it may refer to the posteriors of the many cyclists that make their way up and down the lane? I cannot believe that it refers to the small number of lane residents— all trim and svelt of physique.

Yours aye, A Resident



Many thanks to Mark Day for his April Fool in last month's mag. Ed.



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Did you know we have a public access defibrillator in the village? It can be used in those vital, first few minutes while the ambulance is on its way. It really is the difference between life and death. We all hope it won't happen to the ones we love. Is it not worth 20 minutes of your time, just in case it is?

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Liz Absalom

Community First Responder



Leatherhead Community Association

With luck the next four months will turn into a 'real' summer, as Peter Humphreys has planned a very interesting series of walks, both for the very energetic and the not so energetic. Please don't forget that all are welcome to attend these walks. They start at 10 am, and for non-members of the LCA the first one is free with a nominal charge of £3 for subsequent walks. They nearly always finish near a pub! Peter's Shorter walks, are about 2-3 miles in length and are on the first Wednesday of each month. On 1st May it will be around Effingham and in the following months they will explore Fetcham Downs, Ashted Park, Wootton Hatch, Capel; and the last one in October will go to and

around Sheepheas, always known in our family as Sheepfleas! The Longer walks are usually on the second Wednesday of each month, are about 4-6 miles in length and always include a hostelry for lunch. They start on 8th May and will go around Shere, followed by East Clandon in June, Chipstead in July, Albury in August, Peaslake in September and Compton Eight in October. There is also a 'Sunny South' Mystery Tour on 17th July. Peter is always happy to answer any questions on 01372 378347, and there will be full details of the itinerary in the LCA Newsletter that can be picked up in the Institute. Rosanna has been busily booking some day trips which include a garden tour of Saville Gardens in June, a visit to the Temple of Mithras in the City in July, and a coach trip to Eastbourne which includes

a matinée of 'Top Hat' in August. For music lovers David Hanson has arranged tickets for a concert of Beethoven, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky at the RFH on 11th May and June Robinson is organising a visit by coach to The Hawth in Crawley on 24th June to see a programme of four ballets given by Ballet Central. (booking must be by 6th May)

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Frances Presley



The Days of King Dor, opens 16th May: Fancy yourself as a bit of a local history buff? Perhaps you haven't heard of the West Holmwood Winged Basket or the ancient Dorking Chalk Egg? To see these and other frankly surprising artefacts from the distant and more recent past in this

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light on the history of Dorking and the surrounding area. There is a fragment of a football – or is it a bit of fossilized pancake? There is a metallic lozenge found on the Zig Zag road, and evidence of an extinct creature that used to roam the Pixham roundabout, long before it was round, or even had tarmac. Be sure not to miss the coins from King Dor's reign and hear lots of tales as tall as Leith Hill tower.



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Walking with the Mole Valley Ramblers



With spring well underway, the Surrey countryside looks glorious in May with the colours fresh and bright – what better way to appreciate its glories as the

temperatures rise than on a walk. This month, we have a wide choice across the area and have also added a couple of evening walks to enjoy the longer hours of daylight. Part of the Ramblers Association, Mole Valley Ramblers organise group walks

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Please email eamonncarroll@mail.com if interested.

May also heralds the start of our lazy Sunday afternoon Jazz, 4.30 through to 7.30 each Sunday afternoon, starting on 26th May – Bank Holiday weekend. It's Pimms o'clock at the King William. Let us hope the sun keeps shining.

See you soon, Eamonn and Anne

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Securing a Wilder Future For Surrey

Surrey Wildlife Trust meets Surrey MPs to discuss the Environment Bill

With a third of Surrey's wildlife in decline or extinct, Surrey Wildlife Trust welcomed seven Surrey MPs to walk in nature reserves in their constituencies so they could experience first-hand a local place where wildlife is thriving and how this can be mapped out to wider areas across the county and UK as part of the Environment Bill.

The Wildlife Trusts movement believes Nature Recovery Networks are vital to the new laws being introduced by the government as part of the Environment Bill and are key to transforming habitats for invertebrate, insect, bird and mammal life for a WilderFuture and WilderSurrey.

The benefits of Nature Recovery Network targets extend beyond wildlife to the health and well-being of people and local communities too. MPs including Sir Paul Beresford MP for Mole Valley, Crispin Blunt MP for Reigate, Michael Gove MP for Surrey Heath,

Chris Grayling MP for Epsom and Ewell, Sam Gyimah MP for East Surrey, Jeremy Hunt MP for South West Surrey and Jonathan Lord MP for Woking reported the feel-good benefits of walking in nature during what has been one of the most challenging periods in politics in recent history.

Surrey Wildlife Trust showed MPs its work on nature reserves, with ecologists, volunteers and neighbouring landowners to enhance habitats for wildlife. Across the county, Surrey Wildlife Trust is creating a network of connecting grassland, heathland, wetland and woodland habitats for wildlife to thrive.

Sarah Jane Chimbwandira, chief executive of Surrey Wildlife Trust, said, 'Just as Surrey commuters need a reliable road and transport network to thrive, wildlife needs a reliable hedgerow, river and green corridor network that supports its freedom to

move, mate, feed and breed. In the Government's manifesto it committed to being the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than it found it. Well here's its chance. Mapping Nature Recovery Networks and protecting them by law could help achieve their manifesto claims.'

The Wildlife Trusts believe that the Environment Bill is not good enough. Accepting a weak Environment Bill will not achieve recovery of wildlife. The EU and European Court of Justice have ensured that the UK has cleaned up its rivers, seas and protected key wildlife sites for decades. Now the UK must go above and beyond these protections. A powerful independent watchdog is essential. At present the proposed green watchdog in the Environment Bill is too weak because the government sets its budget and appoints many of its members.



2019 FIXTURES

DATE	HOME	AWAY	TIME	MATCH MANAGER
MAY				
Sun 12	Abinger Hammer	Away	2pm	Presley C
Sun 19	Mythurst (School Speech Day)	Away	2pm	Dennis W
Sun 26	Nutfield	Home	2pm	Ayton G
JUNE				
Sun 02	The Millermen of Outwood	Home	2pm	Presley N
Sun 09	Pitch not available			
Sun 16	Temple Sheen	Home	2pm	Evans J
Sun 23	Dexter Kibble Memorial XI	Home	2pm	Perks W
Sun 30	Effingham	Home	2pm	Presley C
JULY				
Sun 07	Dennis Destroyers	Home	2pm	Presley N
Tue 16	Running Horses v King Bill XI	Home	6pm	Evans J
Sun 14	Pitch not available			
Sun 21	Coldharbour	Home	2pm	Ayton G
Sun 28	Mandarins	Home	2pm	Dennis W
AUGUST				
Fri 02	TOUR: Damerham 20:20	Away	6pm	Presley C
Sat 03	TOUR: Rockbourne Lobsters	Away	2pm	Presley C
Sun 04	TOUR: Chalke Valley	Away	11am TBC	Presley C
Sun 11	Zambuca Tigers	Home	2pm	Evans J
Sun 18	Jack Frost XI	Home	2pm	Dennis W
Sun 25	Bookham	Home	2pm	Presley C

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Mark Day has found one of the oldest photographs of the church we have seen, taken in the 1880s, before the major changes in 1891 as it shows North door. Note the unsurfaced road and the fact that over time the road level has been built up thus the wall now appears significantly lower than at that time.

Penelope Allen

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

Tuesday 2nd April, was the annual Box Hill School *Make a Difference* Day, when pupils from across the whole school participated in a variety of fun and challenging activities as part of the school's commitment to help good causes and the community.

This year's supported charities are Children in Need, Cancer Research UK and local charity Happy Child International, based in Leatherhead. This is in addition to our continuing support of the Round Square work in the South African village of Philippolis. Throughout the morning, the students organised stalls and took part in various activities around the school. This year there was a hugely popular car wash, 'sponge the teacher,' coconut shy, BBQ, chopstick challenge, pancake making and lots more.

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights was the Auction of Promises where

Make a Difference Day



teachers and students bid for a list of promises. This year's list included a parking space by the front door for half-a-term, a private lunch for four at the chef's table, a painted portrait of your choice and a bicycle service for the whole family. In addition, various teachers offered their time for additional coaching sessions. This year's auction alone managed to raise over £1,400 and we still have many more pledges and donations to come.

The day-time activities finished with the annual student and staff walk up Box Hill, but sadly the sun didn't join us this year! The fun carried through in

to the evening with the Variety Show, a musical extravaganza of performances and talent from both students and staff alike. The audience was treated to a diverse range of musical acts plus a display from the Box Hill dance group. The evening was a wonderful showcase for some well-known as well as previously unknown talents.

We are so pleased to have been able to support such amazing causes and have fun as a whole school while doing so. We look forward to presenting our donations to our chosen charities and seeing our monies help fund important projects.

Lily McKeown



Westhumble Residents Association Annual Report 2019

Firstly may I thank Holly McClaren for all her work as Chair of the Residents Association last year together with all the other members of the committee who have always found time to devote to the interests of the village.

Our principal concerns over the last year have been a response to MVDC regarding the proposal for modest extensions to rural villages and the proposals for the refurbishment of the Chapel. In trying to reflect the views of all the village the committee expressed the view that some additional housing was possible if it was of the right type. Concern was expressed over the extent of the revised village boundary around the land facing Westhumble Street and the extra load placed on the infrastructure of the area. Any development plans submitted in the

future are still subject to the right to make representations. In the past we have not commented on individual planning applications as a committee but now agree that we should take a position on any applications that affect the community as a whole such as parking, traffic and infrastructure.

Following on from meetings with MVDC and direction from central government the new Local Plan is likely to be approved soon and one of the implications of the new plan will be that planning applications will have a presumption for approval unless there is a solid reason not to approve.

With regard to the Chapel the committee discussed the viability of multi-use community facilities within the building and whether there was support from the village to part fund,

as requested by PCC, the installation of additional facilities. Ben Tatham had several exchanges with the church warden in charge of the project. In the end the PCC decided to go ahead with a modified and cheaper scheme using its own funds and a generous donation by a former resident. Work started at the end of March. The Westhumble Playing Field lights, which have been a cause for particular concern in the past, have now been sold to a Guernsey club, who are awaiting planning permission before taking delivery.

Thanks go to the Neil Mason and his team for the bonfire which was attended by 500+ people, a record.

David Allbeury, Acting Chairman

PS At the WRA AGM on 26th March, David was elected chairman.

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To book an appointment for the Will Writing Clinic, please call 01306 899104/ 07442 017169 or by email: info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk Registered Charity No 1111678




Egg-citement levels have reached their peak as we are now very proud owners of eight little chicks. A few weeks ago, a large box of new cuddly toys were generously donated to us, and the money we raised through selling these was used to purchase an egg incubator.

Needless to say lots of our activities this month have focussed around our new fluffy friends, and the children have taken their roles very seriously telling parents to be 'very quiet' at drop-off time so they don't scare the chicks.

With thoughts of chocolate Easter eggs, we had a fun tooth-brushing

An egg-cellent finish to our spring term

activity, ensuring each child is aware of the importance of dental health. Continuing with our Easter-theme the children enjoyed a fun craft project of marbling eggs and making all kinds of colourful creations which the children took home to hang from their own Easter trees. We have been learning the Easter story, told in an Early Years friendly manner with Hilary drawing her infamous stick sequence. The children enjoyed telling us that their mummies drink wine at dinner parties too! The story was consolidated with a visit to the church to look at the carving of The Last Supper behind the altar.

We had a lovely time celebrating Mothering Sunday with a successful fundraising pamper evening at the spectacular Juniper Hall, where our parents purchased a range of beauty treatments while catching up over a glass of bubbly and nibbles in front of the warm fire. The ever-popular raffle

saw wonderful prizes donated, such as a gin-tasting session and some luxury chocolates, making sure our parents felt well and truly looked after. The children spent the week making cards and gifts for their mothers and grandmothers to open as a lovely surprise on Mothering Sunday.

As we start back for our summer term, we are looking forward to this glorious weather continuing with plenty of outdoor activities planned including a forest school programme focussing on the changes of seasons. It is a great time to be outdoors and we really enjoy helping our children to experience risk and challenge. We are pretty sure we have some future female leaders in the nursery this year!

We still have a couple of spaces for children to join the nursery in September 2019. Please contact the nursery if you are interested and would like to arrange a tour.

Katherine Pinner



Left: Top – Our new chicks; Left: Below – Getting acquainted. Above: Fun in the Forest School

Free Family event:
Big Nature Day at Juniper Hall
on 25th May 10 am – 4 pm
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Box Hill Bugs Outdoor Toddler Group

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BRAIN TEASER answer: Put him on the back foot

Solution to the April crossword

Across: 1 Quench, 4/17 Antiques Roadshow, 10 Eyepieces, 11 Bruce, 12 Trove, 13 Overtrain, 14 Optical, 16 Teem, 21 Van Gogh, 24 Evolution, 25 Kudos, 27 Eyelashes, 28 Threaten, 29 Nitwit.

Down: 1/19 Question Time, 2 Eye tooth, 3/26 Crimewatch, 5 Nosiest, 6 In-between, 7 Uvulas, 8 Sienna, 9 School, 15 Chihuahua, 18 Chess set, 20 Evil eye, 21 Veneer, 22 Peewit, 23 Boater, 25 Khaki.

Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre Bird Box Update

Our article in last month's parish magazine introduced our first ever Big Nature Week. Since then we have been in contact with various people in the local community regarding the installation of bird boxes complete with nest-box cameras. If birds successfully nest in these boxes you will be able to view live footage of the baby chicks. Keep your eyes peeled as these nest boxes will be dotted around both Mickleham and Westhumble.



Hope to see you at the free family
Big Nature Day at Juniper Hall on 25th May
10 am - 4 pm

Mickleham Village Hall AGM
Saturday 18th May 10.30 am in the hall

Springing into action at St Michael's

It was a busy Spring term at St Michael's Infant School. A host of events began on Shrove Tuesday, with children marking Lent by bringing in ingredients to donate towards a pancake café. The children measured out ingredients, had a chance to flip a pancake then the best bit – sitting down to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Later that month saw the children put on an impressive show of songs and dances for the St Michael's X Factor show, all in aid of Comic Relief with an impressive £330 raised.

It was the mums' turn next with a Pamper Night held in conjunction with St Michael's Community Nursery. Neighbouring Juniper Hall provided a stunning backdrop for mums to relax and catch up while enjoying treatments including massage and facials. Also a treat for mums was the Mothering Sunday Craft Workshop where the children made a range of beautiful crafts, helped by a team from the village, followed by a service at

St Michael & All Angels. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

We were delighted to welcome a number of residents to our annual Quiz Night which saw 55 keen parents, governors and villagers fighting it out to be named the '2019 Brains of St Michael's' while enjoying a fish & chip supper. The winning team was 'Equal Opportunities', headed by School Secretary Marisa Piggott, which claimed an impressive 112 points and a hamper of goodies to enjoy, narrowly pipping the 'Mickleham Mafia' into second place.

Both the quiz and pamper nights were held to raise funds for our current campaign, which is to get 'sound clouds' installed in the hall. These are acoustic panels, shaped like clouds, which will reduce the echo and reverberation and make the hall a much quieter and calmer environment. We are closing in on our target to install the clouds before our new pupils begin in September and



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School

are delighted to have been chosen as one of three Tesco Bags of Help charities in the Dorking Express (Reigate Road), Hookwood (Gatwick) Tesco Extra, and Horley Express (A23) Tesco stores between 1st May and 30th June. If you shop in any of these branches, please pop as many blue tokens as you can in the box for St Michael's. Every little helps!

We are also running a 'sponsor a cloud' scheme for parents, classes, companies or anyone who would like to contribute. Please contact us at friendsofstmichaels2017@gmail.com to find out more.

Debbie Turner, Co-Chair,
The Friends of St Michael's,

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

Fun at our Pancake Café



Mack, Sebastian and Joshua showing how to mix the batter and eagerly waiting to flip their pancake.

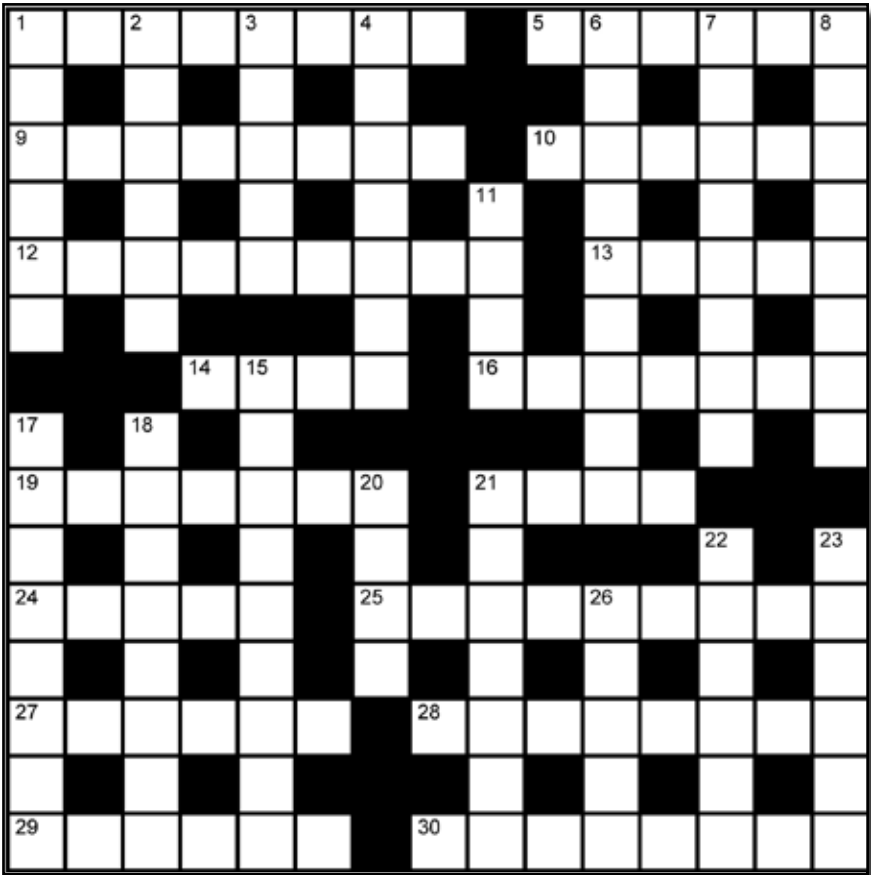


Summer Term Dates Wednesday 24th April* – Wednesday 24th July
CLOSED Bank Holiday Monday 6th May Half-term 27th – 31st May

*Tuesday 23rd April INSET Day

Cryptic Crossword

- Across
- 1 Warm feeling comes from situation after beginning to pee (4,4)
 - 5 Bottle for cold sticky treat (6)
 - 9 Allow to take direction about how to win or lose money (8)
 - 10 Review is muddled – essay introduction should make way for a disclaimer (6)
 - 12 To be spilling beer with no tie is really something frightful (4,5)
 - 13 Walks in the middle in oodles of compost (5)
 - 14 Writer for the masses of baboons not having benefits and central heating (4)
 - 16 Tramples former union result in current affairs (7)
 - 19 A woman who loosely gives rock accompaniment is the heart of interpretation of cover (7)
 - 21 Savage even misled George Bush originally (4)
 - 24 Central heating at first was always noisily going boing (5)
 - 25 Notorious actor rang Tracy for naughty business (4,5)
 - 27 The dirty hack is missing the point of tennis (6)
 - 28 Go-getter is in a blazer to go to knees-up (8)
 - 29 Alan Brown possibly makes things more appealing (6)
 - 30 Little player's pianos may be on for the finale (8)



- Down
- 1 Show through a flash new store before opening (6)
 - 2 If rust can be bad for bears... (6)
 - 3 ... what's inside a lobster net can be bad for back (5)
 - 4 Love Christ unrestrainedly, being unable to fly (7)
 - 6 Make an ex-member for Tatton start to signal for help (5,4)
 - 7 19 or 21A or 3 or 26 can each be said to be this perhaps? (8)
 - 8 I phone Mr Wrong to pick me up (8)
 - 11 Five-eighths of seven's in a statement (4)
 - 15 Gorilla at wild party that is seen later (9)
 - 17 Tsk, sitting in back pews to render explicit acts!!! (8)
 - 18 Giving back whip in the middle of performance (8)
 - 20 Beginning of polka: one step,... (4)
 - 21 Resistance with one arrow in a m  le is brave (7)
 - 22 Scale inside a limitless mist to reach an English town (well, it was until 1558) (6)
 - 23 Hot German confection with no centre (6)
 - 26 Immature murder suspect (a man of the cloth) (5)
- The solution to the April crossword is on page 26.**

Andrew Tatham



Cherry blossom at Mickleham Village Hall

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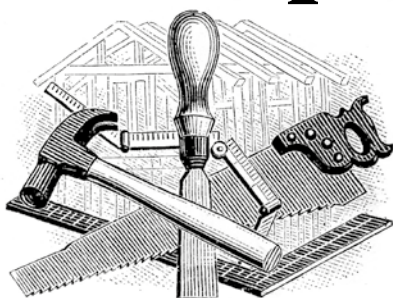
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