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Dear friends

Last month we announced the appointment of the Reverend Canon John Harkin as our new Parish Priest and his return to Mickleham after an absence of twenty years. We now know that John will be formally licensed at a service to be held in St. Michael's Church on Monday 23rd April, which is of course St George's Day.

St George brings to mind Shakespeare's Henry V at Agincourt. Henry's call to arms just before the battle seems very apt beginning with *Once more into the breach dear friends, once more* and concluding *Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George*.

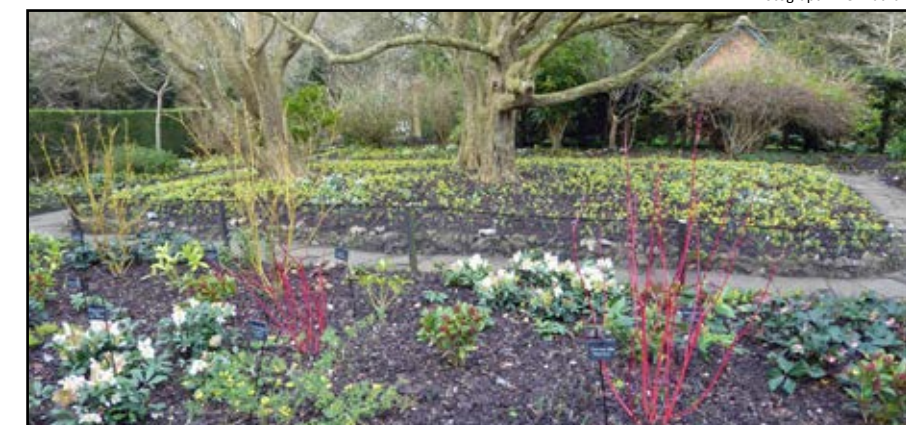
St George is the patron saint of England but one has to wonder why. George was a 3rd century Greek who became an officer in the Roman army and is venerated as a Christian martyr throughout both the western and Orthodox churches. He is patron saint of at least fifteen countries including India, Russia, Iraq, Egypt and Portugal and also patron saint of about twenty cities including Beirut, Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona, Moscow and even Preston. Anyway St George's Day is on 23rd April. There was a time when that well known Scotsman Stan Spence would fly the flag of St George from his home opposite the church, a tradition which the present owners of that house continue particularly when England are playing at Twickenham.

We are in Lent and the period of forty days leading to Easter. It reminds us of Christ's time in the wilderness as he prepared for his ministry which would culminate in Holy Week with a triumphal entry into Jerusalem followed by the Last Supper, torture and death on the Cross. But that was not the end. Easter and resurrection changed all that.

So we wait for Easter and then St George's Day.



John Banfield
 Churchwarden



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Winter Garden at Polesden Lacey 1st February



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FOURTH SATURDAYS

24TH MARCH

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0773 6933 482
srandall55@gmail.com

Lenten Lunches

Starting on 16th February a series of weekly Lent lunches are being held, each hosted by a different person. There is no charge for these simple meals of soup, bread and cheese. Instead guests are invited to make a donation to local charities. As numbers are limited booking is essential. If you have any special dietary requirements please let your host know when you book your place. Transport can be provided.

- **Friday 2nd March** – Host: Julia Siberry, Old House, Old London Road, Mickleham. For directions please call her on 01372 375303.
- **Tuesday 6th March** – Host: Liz Absalom, Chapel Farm, Chapel Lane, Westhumble. For directions please call her on 01306 743411.
- **Thursday 15th March** – Host: Alison Wood, Abbotts Cottage, London Road, Mickleham. For directions please call her on 01372 376443.
- **Monday 19th March** – Host: Mary Banfield, Garden Corner, Old London Road, Mickleham. For directions please call her on 01372 373912.

Thank you to all our hosts



Come to Breakfast

The men's and women's breakfasts are purely social events which provide an opportunity for local people to get together. We meet once a month on a Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at *The Running Horses* in Mickleham. There are no joining fees, no membership requirements and no obligation to come every month. All you need to do is send your email address expressing your interest.

An email is circulated towards the end

of each month asking for your menu choice so we can order in advance for a prompt service. The menu includes a full English breakfast with vegetarian option and several other choices such as smoked salmon with scrambled eggs or Eggs Benedict, as well as orange juice, toast, and tea or coffee. All great value for £10 – payable on the day.

The dates for the next breakfasts are on the left as are the contact details of Andy Diamond who organises the men's breakfasts and Stephanie Randall who looks after the breakfasts for women.. See you there!

Tea @3 March

No event

All are welcome to come to
Lenten lunches instead

Monday
30th April

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Memorial Easter Lilies

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It's Party Time Again

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Book your tickets today by contacting Martine Brewer (See insert.)



Handel's Messiah

Sunday 11th March

7.30 p.m. at Dorking Halls,

Box Office: 01403 240093

Youth Choir Competition

Saturday 17th March

From 9 a.m. at Dorking Halls

The annual Leith Hill Musical Festival begins this month with a performance of Handel's Messiah and the youth choir competitions. Each year as we approach Easter, the festival choir gives a performance of one of the Bach Passions or, as happens this year, of Handel's great oratorio The Messiah. This is always a very moving occasion, an opportunity to hear a

major choral work sung by a large choir. The performance will be conducted by Jonathan Willcocks, with orchestra and soloists.

The youth choir competition is always very popular, with about twenty school choirs and other young people's choirs taking part – and always showing a very high standard of singing. The main festival concerts will follow in April.
Ian Codd



Help needed

Even if you cannot come, offers of auction lots would be wonderful – items that are hard to purchase such as a meal cooked for others, a stay

in your holiday home, an afternoon's gardening, sporting events or anything that uses your special talents. It all helps to raise money for our chosen charities.

John Harkin's Licensing

On Monday 23rd April The Reverend Canon John Harkin will be licensed as our parish priest in a House for Duty capacity. Everyone is invited to attend the service which will be held in St Michael's at 7.30 p.m.



2017 Poppy Appeal

Rhona and Roger Howell wish to thank all the residents in Adlers Lane, Pilgrims Close and Pilgrims Way who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal. The amount raised was £237.76. Rhona has collected from this area for 47 years.

If anyone feels able to collect in the future, in Westhumble or Mickleham, please get in touch with Neil Atkinson 01372 879432 or me on 01306 882547, it would be greatly appreciated.

Roger Howell

This item was accidentally omitted from the February magazine: many apologies to Roger and Rhona. Ed.

Mothering Sunday 11th March

9.45 a.m. Mothering Sunday Workshop

In St Michael's School for all
accompanied children aged under 11

11 a.m. Mothering Sunday Family Service
In St Michael's Church



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Music Workshop with Deborah Miles-Johnson

Deborah Miles-Johnson combines a career as a singer with that of chorus master and vocal coach. She is a former member of the BBC Singers and has worked with many of the big London choirs notably the Royal Opera Chorus, the BBC Symphony Chorus and the Philharmonia Chorus.

On a bright morning in February members of Mickleham Choral Society gathered in the village hall for a Music Workshop with Deborah Miles-Johnson and enjoy it we did. To sing in a choir is a great joy, but for someone to share their enthusiasm and expertise as Debbie did with us was a rewarding experience. Warming up will never be quite the same again as she explained her techniques and made sense of voicing vowel sounds, resonance in the sinuses, raising the soft palette, how to sing loud and soft without straining the voice and as for extending the diaphragm, well? She made it such fun, too. Singing in other languages was a revelation. We sang, *Roma è bella e grande* followed by *Pearls, please pretty Penelope* – try this last one at home! At one point Debbie had us singing into what appears to be a 'dead crab' (see photo). This is actually a very useful technique to improve breath control and helps to prevent gurning when one sings.

After the warm up, we moved on to the music we shall be singing in the Leith Hill Musical Festival in April. The main work is Elgar's *The Kingdom*, not his best known or easiest opus, but a rousing sing. One of the pieces will be tested on Competition Day and we are hoping this may be Elgar's setting of *The Lord's Prayer* which Mickleham Choral had already aired at the Remembrance Sunday concert in November; we sing



Photographs: Stephanie Randall

it much better now, thanks to Debbie. One of our short competition pieces is *Ride On*, a spirited song in syncopated rhythm so Debbie had us clapping and foot tapping – in syncopation, of course – as well as practising extreme dynamics to give the song real life. Let's hope we sing it in the competition the way Debbie had us singing it at the workshop. Wow!

After a lively though tough morning the gentlemen whizzed out tables and chairs in no time and we sat down for a luscious lunch, which we all jointly provided. There was an ample supply of puddings, but then one does burn up a lot of calories singing as lustily as we did. We also burst into song for one of our most loyal members, Pam Jubert who was 85 years young: very Happy Birthday, Pam.

Debbie was great, but our true inspiration comes from Juliet Hornby, who puts us through our paces week in, week out, without any apparent frustration when we have forgotten the dynamics she painstakingly taught us the week before.

Do come and support Mickleham Choral in the Leith Hill Musical Festival on Thursday 12th April in Dorking Halls. You can just turn up in the morning from 9 a.m. to observe the competition, but for the full concert with orchestra and soloists in the evening, you will need to buy a ticket in advance; please see any member of Mickleham Choral



Birthday girl Pam Jubert

Society to arrange your ticket (rather than Dorking Halls book office as they charge us a fee).

I have a theory that musicians truly enjoy what they do, as they usually have a good supply of jokes. At several points Debbie lurched into a Scottish accent (reminiscent of a former voice coach), but one joke lingers. She told us about a rehearsal with a full orchestra that was clearly working to music union rates. One brass player tapped his watch and indignantly indicated, '*Time, maestro*' that it was the end of the session. So the maestro let them go saying that he would finish off next time. The choir and orchestra duly assembled promptly in the morning. The '*maestro*' began by explaining that he would just finish off from the day before, which was to say that he did not need the brass until the afternoon . . .

Stephanie Randall

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Spring Show Plant Sale AGM 14th April 2018 Schedule

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| A. Cut Flowers
1 Narcissus, including daffodils - single head, 3 stems
2 Narcissus, including daffodils - multi-head, 3 stems
3 Miniature narcissus-3 stems, same variety
4 Miniature narcissus-5 stems, mixed varieties
5 Tulips - 3 stems, same variety
6 Tulips - 5 stems, mixed varieties
7 Any other bulb - 3 stems, same variety
8 Small vase of primulas
9 Wallflowers - 3 stems
10 Pansies - 5 blooms floating on water
11 1 camellia bloom shown in a glass | 12 Flowering shrub - 3 stems, same variety
13 Vase of decorative foliage
14 Vase of mixed garden flowers
B. Pot plants
15 Foliage plant in a pot
16 Pot or pan of bulbs
17 Flowering plant in a pot (other than bulbs)
C. Produce
18 Three seedlings for planting out - vegetables or flowers, in one tray
19 Tomato seedling - named variety
20 Three sticks rhubarb
21 A spring vegetable - please display on a dinner plate or similar
22 Three leeks | D. Cookery
23 A Simnel cake
E. Flower Arranging
24 'Spring Sunshine'- a small arrangement
25 'April Showers' - not more than 15" width, accessories may be used
F. Photography
26 'Remembering Winter'
27 'A Flower Carpet'
G. Children's Classes-please state age (under 16)
28 Photography: 'Remembering Winter'
29 Photography: 'A Flower Carpet'
30 A spring flower arrangement: 'April Showers'
31 A miniature scarecrow. |
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All entries to be brought to Mickleham Village Hall between 9 a.m. and 9.45 a.m.

The Plant Sale starts at 10:30 a.m. and the AGM at 11.15 a.m.

Entry forms to the Show Secretary, Mrs Angela Gilchrist, Ashleigh Grange, off Chapel Lane, Westhumble by Thursday 12th April. Please leave in the mail box at the end of the lane opposite Chapel Farm or email ar.gilchrist@btinternet.com by 8 p.m. at the latest.

ENTRY FORM	SECTION	CLASS NUMBERS
Contact details	A	
Name	B	
Address	C	
.....	D	
Phone	E	
	F	
	G + Age of child	

Membership Renewal

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

Mickleham & Westhumble
Horticultural Society
Membership Renewal Form
1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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

Signed _____

Please return to: Frank Warren,
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Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AP

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Hail and Farewell

Another year and another Spring to welcome! It is currently the beginning of February and already we are enjoying snowdrops, crocuses and little irises. Now is the time when we have everything to look forward to in the coming months, but for April and the Spring Show it will be daffodils and tulips to the fore. To put a few in a vase is not a matter of great skill so I hope we shall have lots of entries for us all to enjoy. The same with the photography class, just two subjects – 'Remembering Winter' and 'A Flower Carpet' – so catch the moment on your phone if you are not prepared with a camera. The cake this year is a traditional Simnel cake, and there are two flower arrangements to fire your imagination. Children's exhibits would be particularly welcome, especially

miniature scarecrows! The Plant stall will be well stocked as ever, just the time to be planting out, but all contributions from your gardens would be most welcome. And of course, tea and coffee and home-made cakes will be on tap for all.

I would particularly welcome support from our members at the AGM this year as there are some important announcements to be made.

It was with great sadness that the committee learned of the death of George Swallow in December. Apart from George's memorable entries into our shows – the most beautifully crafted objects – he gave his time and expertise to the role of treasurer for many years, long after he wished to retire, and made us a raffle barrel which



we shall remember him by. George was not a plantsman, but he used to send me photos from time to time for identification, usually for a daughter who had moved and was creating a garden. He always forgave me my awful maths when planning trips and put the sums right. We shall miss him very much. Judy Kinloch



Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Spring Show and AGM Saturday 14th April

at the Village Hall.

Open for Entries from 9 until 9.45 a.m.
and to the Public from 10.30 a.m. AGM at 11.15 a.m.
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Please note: We not selling our Archive. We are selling duplicate items and material which is not relevant to our geographical area, and which therefore will never be used by our researchers. We have been busy sorting through our collection and there are many, many fantastic items that will be available to purchase on 3rd March.



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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Update on the Village Archives

This year we have donated to the Surrey History Centre (on long loan) the minutes and records of the Westhumble Residents' Association from 1945-2017. They can be viewed at the SHC in Woking, reference nos. 9189/1 and 9189/2. Mick Hallett has produced an extensive account of the contents which we intend to make available to members soon.

Other donations (approved by the PCC) include assorted churchyard plans, a second Bryant photograph album of village scenes and parishioners, including the late 19th century restoration when the church was closed and services took place in an iron building, and other records of Mickleham history written by Samuel Woods in the 19th century. These can also be seen at the SHC, reference nos. 9752/1, 9752/1/2, 9752/1/3, 9752/2. If you order the day before, they can be available on arrival. All these documents have been digitally copied for our archive.

After the sad and sudden death of Richard Roberts-Miller, Fiona asked that we take away the records that Richard had kept of Parish Council business over the 20 years that he was chairman. Unless needed by the current PC these papers will be lodged in the archive and

cover many areas of contention that have arisen over the years, such as the plans to reduce the tragic accidents on the A24, and the leasing of Norbury Park to Surrey Wildlife. Ranging from historical planning applications to allotment holdings, the scope is hugely various. Currently these papers are being catalogued and entered on the archive spreadsheets, as are the many items that add to our growing collection of the village's history.

We have dealt with a number of queries over the past year, some of which are covered in the churchyard section. We spent some time looking for the history and whereabouts of a house called simply The Cottage, which is shown on the 1895 Ordnance Survey map but which was very hard to pinpoint. Our enquirer was looking for a guesthouse where Annie Besant and Charles Leadbetter of the *Theosophist movement had stayed while developing her clairvoyant powers and astral vision. They received important guests of the movement and used to conduct their psychic research in the back garden before walking up the hill. There was a good reason for our difficulty as we finally discovered that it must have been demolished and Bencomb, now Glenrose, built in its place. Our

research showed that it was leased to Allan Chaplin while he was serving in Ootacamund in India in 1898; he and his wife built the new house and lived there until their deaths; both are buried in Mickleham churchyard. Later it was occupied by William Whitely, the department store owner. The name Annie Besant is one we have come across before as she is said to have lead the strike of the matchwork girls who worked for Bryant & May (Bryant being the owner of Juniper Hill in the late 19th century.)

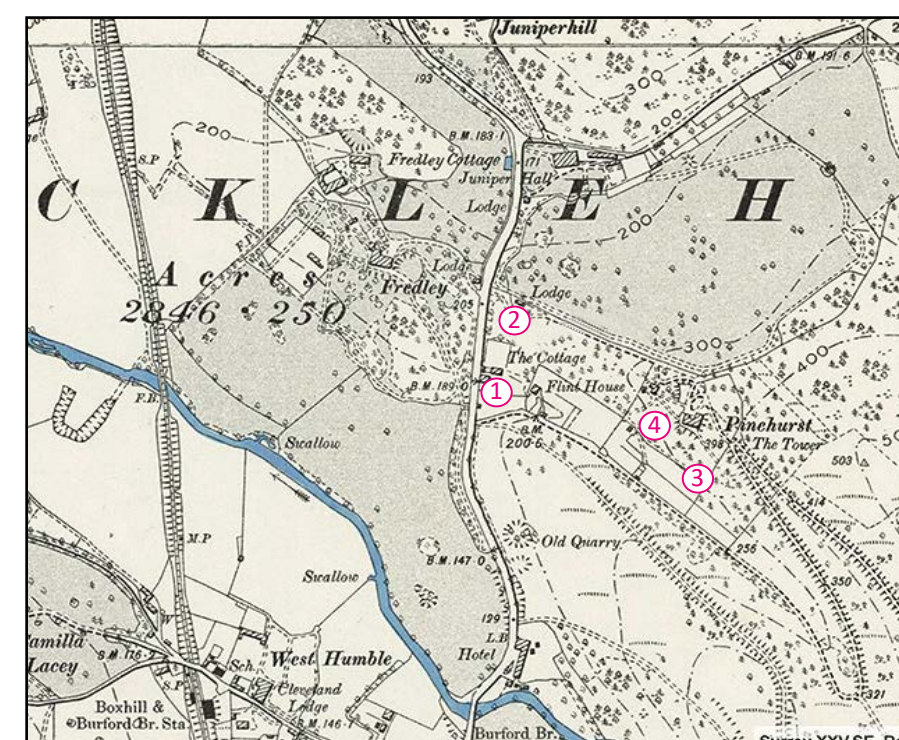
Every bit of research leads to another. Looking for The Cottage we discovered a lot about Pinehurst, the coachman's/gardener's cottage (now Little Pinehurst) and another that was then called Coal House Cottage. There is a tablet in the tower of the church which records a grant of land by Henry Thomas Hope of Deepdene for the benefit of the Mickleham Coal Charity. A cottage was built on the site 'furnishing a lodgement for the coals and the rent of it is appropriated to the funds of the charity'. The grant was made in 1839 and vested in two trustees who charged a peppercorn rent for 99 years, 'reversible to the donor and his heirs when not used for the purpose for which it was given.' The space for coal storage is still to be seen under one of the bedrooms, supported on columns. It is now owned by the National Trust, given in lieu of death duties by the Corbet Hue family who then lived at Pinehurst and was the main benefactor of St Faith's Trust for children in destitute or straitened circumstances and unmarried mothers. We are happy to research any topic of local interest that members would like to explore.

Judy Kinloch

*Theosophy: occult movement originating in the 19th century with roots that can be traced to ancient Gnosticism and Neoplatonism. The term theosophy, derived from the Greek *theos* ('god') and *sophia* ('wisdom'), is generally understood to mean 'divine wisdom'.

Encyclopaedia Britannica

Detail from 1895 OS map showing:
1. The Cottage; 2. Coal House Cottage;
3. Pinehurst; 4. Pinehurst Cottage.



The Garden Shed - Garden Design

Garden Designer Janette Dollande opened our first event of 2018 Garden Shed talks on 'Garden Design for your garden'

Janette was originally an academic librarian, who changed profession to follow her passion, and trained to become a garden designer. She has designed two small gardens at Hampton Court, and had various commissions to design private gardens in Surrey, and also further afield in Sussex and Hampshire.

Janette led us through the topic why design is important in a garden. She showed us a vast selection of interesting photographs of different gardens, to demonstrate how you need to look at a range of factors, including your style of home, any outbuildings on your plot, boundaries that cannot be changed and the position of entrance of house to the plot.

She then followed on with the finer detail: what style of garden is your

choice? Cottage? Contemporary? Naturalistic? How grouping objects or plants is effective, how to create an area of dominance. Finally, how to distract the eye from an offending building on neighbouring property.

It was all very interesting and practical advice that we can use straightaway in our own gardens. People have already requested that she returns to give us a further talk on 'Design Planting Ideas'.

Susie Gowenlock



We have two more treats in store for you at the Garden Shed.

A Willow Weaving Course

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Wednesday 28th March

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More information can be found on the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society website
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Westhumble Residents' Association

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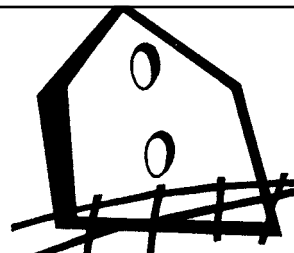
Thursday 22nd March

8 p.m. at *The Stepping Stones*

New residents are welcome to join the committee - membership is open to all Westhumble residents. If you are interested, please contact David Light dmglight1234@sky.com or make yourself known on the night. The agenda will include the MVDC modest extensions to modern villages, increasing village participation in village events as well as the usual items e.g. police, chapel refurbishment. Also contact David if you wish to add a topic to the agenda or for a copy of the agenda, 2017 AGM minutes, annual report and accounts before the meeting.

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Friends of Box Hill

How can Palynology Help the Police?

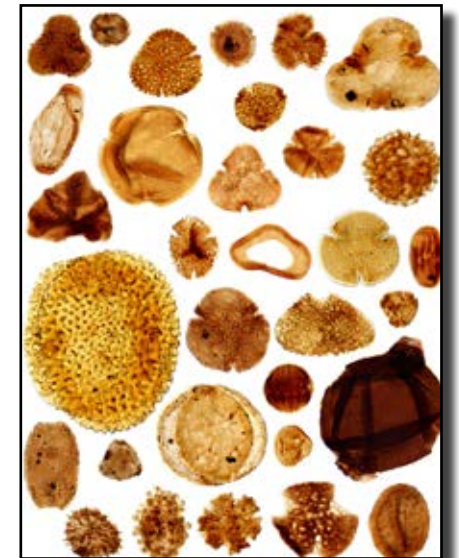
At their Annual General Meeting at Juniper Hall on 3rd February the Friends of Box Hill were treated, after normal business had been transacted, to an outstandingly interesting lecture by Professor Patricia Wiltshire, who combines a hyperactive life in her specialised role as an eminent forensic scientist with serving on the Mole Valley District Council.

With the aid of a series of graphic, and in some cases even gruesome, slides, Professor Wiltshire, while deploring the resource constraints to which the profession was currently subject, explained in detail the important contribution of forensic science to the investigation and bringing to justice in the courts of many serious crimes. Indeed, in some cases the contribution of the forensic scientist was the only substantial evidence available. A successful forensic scientist or ecologist therefore required an expert knowledge of an extraordinarily wide range of biological sciences, including botany, zoology, mycology, microbiology, geology, palynology* and soil science. Only with such proven expertise could he or she establish credibility as an expert witness and thus provide vital help to the police and prosecuting authorities in bringing complex cases to a successful conclusion. She herself had worked with every police force in the United Kingdom, and had also obtained wide experience elsewhere in the world both in an operational capacity and in the course of academic teaching and study. She explained how scientific examination of trace evidence - ranging

from sources provided by scavengers like foxes, badgers and squirrels down to flies, ants, ticks, mites, larvae, mosses, fungi, ferns, pollen, plant spores and other microscopic organisms - could help fix with remarkable accuracy and certainty the location and timing of crimes that were being investigated. In other words, the answers to the vital when, where, how and why questions that the investigating police were anxious to solve so that a successful prosecution could be brought to court. In some cases eliminating a location as a crime scene was just as important as locating it and linking it to a crime.

Professor Wiltshire emphasised the interrelationship of geology, soils and botany. Every habitat offered a specific range of physical and chemical conditions which yielded different kinds of trace evidence to which expert scientific examination would need to be applied. This would also often require very fine and balanced judgement. The question of timing was a particularly crucial factor, not least in cases where cadavers and human remains were involved. This was an especially interesting and high profile field. In addition to whatever ecological trace evidence was available, an enormous amount of vital information could be derived from human corpses and skeletal remains, both from the rate of decomposition and decay and the state and content of internal organs. This question of timing was perhaps the most important one on which the forensic scientist's expertise would be required to pronounce, and very

Photo: Maria Carolina Vargas, Colombian Petroleum Institute



Transmitted light microscopy photos of pollen and spores

great care needed to be taken in both finalising judgements and presenting them in language that the police, court and prosecuting authorities could be expected to understand.

Professor Wiltshire completed her fascinating presentation by showing a number of images relating to several celebrated murder and violent assault investigations in which she had been personally involved. Some of them were not for the faint-hearted and a number of the Friends, while greatly enjoying this privileged insight into the arcane methodologies of forensic science, were glad that they had enjoyed the interval for tea and cakes before the lecture began.

Brian Unwin

*the study of pollen grains and other spores, especially as found in archaeological or geological deposits. Pollen extracted from such deposits may be used for radiocarbon dating and for studying past climates and environments by identifying plants then growing.



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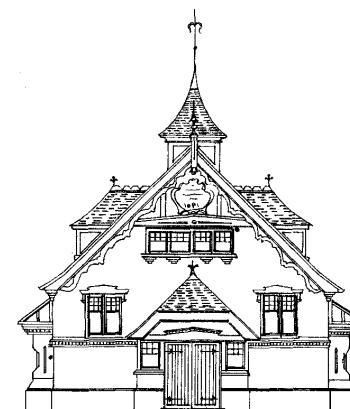


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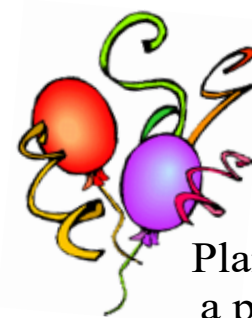
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Calendar of Events

MARCH

2	Friday		Lent Lunch - (see page 4)
4	Sunday - Lent 3	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
6	Tuesday		Lent Lunch - (see page 4)
11	Mothering Sunday	8 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Mothering Sunday workshop at St Michael's School Mothering Sunday Family Service Note 11 a.m. not 10 a.m. No service at the Chapel
15	Thursday		Lent Lunch - (see page 4)
17	Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
18	Sunday - Lent 5	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
19	Monday		Lent Lunch - (see page 4)
24	Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast
25	PALM SUNDAY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Chapel Holy Communion
29	Maundy Thursday	7 p.m.	Holy Communion
30	Good Friday	2 p.m.	An Hour at the Cross

APRIL

1	EASTER SUNDAY	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
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George William Henry Swallow 1936 - 2017

George Swallow passed away on 19th December at home after a short illness. St Barnabas Church, Ranmore was overflowing with family, work colleagues, friends and neighbours; and his fellow bellringers assembled to pay tribute in the way George would have wished, with a splendid peal as the congregation assembled.

Born in the summer of 1936 in Hull George grew up along with his two sisters Jean and Clarice. His early memories were of wartime life in a city which suffered badly, with many nights spent in the confined space of an air-raid shelter. This was followed by a year in hospital with TB, made worse by his parents being only permitted to visit once a week, in between waving to him through the window from the nearby railway bridge. Despite his primary school being bombed the day before he was due to start there, George had a successful school career, progressing to Hull Grammar School and then on to accountancy studies.

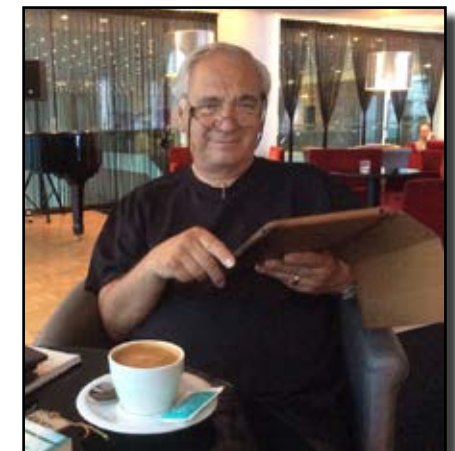
George's career began at Northern Dairies. He married his first wife and they moved to Spain, with George commuting to Gibraltar. Family life seemed complete with the birth of Michael, but was sadly transient and the marriage ended, with George returning alone to England. For the next ten years George's professional life was, initially as accountant and latterly finance director, in television rental, that now-strange phenomenon of the sixties and seventies.

Geraldine and George met in 1970 at a tennis club dance and they married

the following year and the new family formed with the births of Fiona and then Sarah, settling in the Dorking area, first in North Holmwood and then Westhumble for the past 30 years. George was now working at Sainsbury's Head Office where colleagues remember him for a dry sense of humour and lack of deference to the most senior managers, still led by the Sainsbury family. George retired in 2000 but continued to work part-time for a number of years. His accountancy skills were then in ever-increasing demand for a widening range of local societies as treasurer or auditor.

A man who could never do nothing for long, George had a wide and ever-widening range of hobbies, with a workshop his prime criteria whenever he and Geraldine were looking to move. He was skilled at fine woodworking, making numerous boxes and toys for his family. He also produced a variety of stringed instruments from modern violins and viola to medieval hurdy-gurdy. Never one to stick to convention, he was the proud prizewinner at the Mickleham fete for his working violin made from a cardboard winebox. Robin Luff, churchwarden, described in his tribute on behalf of St Barnabas Church the evidence of George's craftsmanship, with projects he undertook for the church too numerous to describe in the space available here.

George was an accomplished classical guitarist; but his interests did not rest there: from bell-ringing, violin-making to playing trumpet, banjo and piano. His interest then stretched to bagpipe



making and playing. For many years George was a bell-ringer, at Ranmore and at St Martin's Church in Dorking. The garden in Westhumble has a railway track running its length. George made working steam engines since the early days of their marriage.

From diagnosis in September George's illness took 100 days to run its course. These were difficult days for everyone in the immediate family, but the support of friends, the St Barnabas congregation and the wider family was of enormous help and strength. His final weeks were at home as he wanted. 81 years old with three months of adult illness, though, not a bad record!

George was a man of many talents and many parts. Family meant the most to George and he will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather. Geraldine cherishes 46 years of happy marriage with a man who was always easy-going, ever-welcoming to new friends, never critical; and a fabulous cook. We send Geraldine and all the family warmest wishes and deep condolences.

From the Editors ...

We have now set up a magazine email account with, at present, two addresses:

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Sir Peter Miller

We are sorry to report the death of Sir Peter Miller on 30th January. Sir Peter lived in Camilla Drive for many years before moving to Holmbury St Mary. A private cremation is to take place. A memorial service will be held at St Michael's Church, Mickleham on Friday 16th March at 2 p.m. We send warmest wishes and deepest sympathy to his family.

Community News

Welcome to Kate Rowlands and Dan Hooke who have recently moved to Pilgrims Way.

Emily Heuvel who grew up in Mickleham and is now a music graduate and psychotherapist is forming a new fun and friendly folk choir rooted in nervous system research.

Birch Tree Folk Choir aims to provide therapeutic benefits such as relieving stress, anxiety, depression, digestive issues, heart problems and more, by working with breath and the voice to realign the nervous system. The first term will start in April at The Ashcombe School. Emily plans to tell us more about her choir in the April parish magazine. In the meantime, you can follow Birch Tree Folk Choir on Facebook and Twitter, and find further information and enrolment details on the website: www.birchtreechoir.com



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

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Answer on page 26.

Cryptic clue crisis

Word has reached me that my crosswords have been causing some headaches and my maternal editor has suggested that I write a few words each month to help you decipher my clues. The first step is in learning how to break down a clue. If you just look at the surface meaning of the phrase, you are likely to fall for the distraction intended by the setter. There is a code to cryptic clues and you have to break the clue down word by word. Most clues* are in 2 parts, the definition part and the cryptic part. The definition part tells you what sort of word you are looking for, and it will usually be at the beginning or end of the clue. Once you have an idea of what might be the definition, you then have to look for signal words to tell you what sort of thing is going on the cryptic part of the clue. I will go into this in more detail in future articles, but for now here are a few examples from last month's (February magazine) crossword:

Endless magic in Cambridge College (5):

DEFINITION = 'Cambridge College'

SIGNAL WORD = 'Endless' meaning 'to take the end off the word following'

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = 'Endless magic' is 'magi'

ANSWER = a Cambridge College that corresponds to 'magi' = KINGS

Comes last with light winter vehicle (4):

DEFINITION = 'winter vehicle'

SIGNAL WORDS = 'last' meaning 'to use the last letter of' AND 'with', meaning 'to join on to'



CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = 'comes last' is 's', and then join it onto a word that means 'light'

ANSWER = S + LED (light-emitting diode) = SLED

A sign of Churchill is to have endless brandies inside (3)

DEFINITION = 'A sign of Churchill'

SIGNAL WORD = 'inside' meaning 'there is a word hidden in the sequence of letters in the rest of the clue'

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = inside 'to have Endless brandies'

ANSWER = VEE (for the sign Churchill famously made with his fingers)

The perfect clue should read well, lead you to play around with the beauty of words, and bring a smile of satisfaction when you have worked out that the compiler has not been clever enough to defeat you. Good luck with this month's crossword and there will be more of this in the next issue.

Andrew Tatham

*I say most clues, because, just to keep you on your toes, they are sometimes made up of 2 definitions, or even 3 definitions (e.g. *Try smack sample (5)* where all three words can individually mean TASTE)



National Trust Box Hill

There has been some challenging weather at the top of the hill this month but there have also been some lovely sunny crisp days. What better way to keep up those New Year resolutions than to climb, cycle and run the hill and burn some calories. Carlo and Heidi, our Chefs have been working on some beautiful, warming soups for when you reach the top. Full of goodness their Tuscan Bean has a lovely mixture of beans, cauliflower, carrot and more and the Curried Leek and Sweet Potato has a gentle spiciness that will keep you warm all the way down again. There are lots of homemade cakes, bakes and savoury dishes also available, all of which

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We have so many early morning walkers and cyclists we thought they should be rewarded with some tasty breakfast items. We have bacon and sausage



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After the resounding popularity of the night hike last year this is set to become a regular feature too.

This year each participant has the chance to walk over 100 miles during the 10-day event. We hope to beat the 2472 miles walked by ramblers (and 99 miles by dogs) during last year's festival! Last but not least our aim is to ENJOY walking.

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Our old chef Ronnie has returned to us after working for a few other establishments - he says that he feels that he is back home! Welcome back Ron.

See you soon

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Speed Cameras on the A24

Residents may be interested to know that average speed cameras are to be installed on the Mickleham bypass, two just north of Burford Bridge roundabout and two just south of the Givons Grove roundabout, covering entry and exit points from the intervening stretch of dual carriageway. Signs at Denbies and Givons Grove roundabouts will advise motorists that an average speed detection system is in operation.

The new installation is to replace the one, now obsolete camera, which has been effective in reducing accidents along the northbound stretch of the A24 at Mickleham. The effectiveness of the scheme will be assessed six months or so after the new cameras and signs have been installed.

Installation and maintenance costs are met from fees paid by those who are invited to attend the AA's speed awareness courses, so there is no call on council funds.

Mike Giles

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

On what we hope will be one of the first glorious days of spring, residents of Mickleham Parish will see the entire staff and student body of Box Hill School on their annual walk to the summit of our famous Surrey hill, in celebration of Box Hill Day. Fueled by the promise of a drink and snack at the top, the younger students will, most likely run, up the hill, with members of staff taking a more leisurely stroll.

This annual school walk has been a tradition for decades and commemorates the day in 1962 when Roy McComish, the founder and first Box Hill School Headmaster secured the school's future by purchasing Dalewood House the main school building, its grounds and playing fields. The 'Box Hill School Trust' was founded that day and continues to ensure the future of the school and its campus. This was indeed momentous and joyous news and prompted Mr McComish to give the whole school a day's holiday! The first Box Hill Day. That day the whole school walked up Box Hill with Box Tree cuttings pinned to their chests, and this

Box Hill Day 2018

was followed by activities including a film and jiving in the evening.

It has long been the tradition on Box Hill Day to raise money for charity and this year will be no exception. Before making the walk, the pupils will engage in a number of activities within their Houses such as car washing, face painting and Easter egg hunting. This is traditionally coupled with an 'Auction of Promises', including the very popular lot of being able to reserve a spot at the front of the school lunch queue for a term!

The fun will continue in the evening with a staff and student music show, which doubles as a celebration of Round Square, the worldwide network of schools of which Box Hill School is a founder. All the schools in the network are characterised by their shared belief in an approach to education based on the six IDEALS; Internationalism, Democracy, Service, Adventure, Environmentalism and Leadership. Box Hill School is as proud today as when it was founded to have the IDEALS at the core of its educational ethos.



Top: Box Hill Day 2017; below: the McComish Award

Funds from the music show will be dedicated to the next Round Square expedition to Phillippolis, (South Africa), later this year. This year's expedition continues the school's long-term support of this community, which has already seen students build an adult learning centre and primary school classrooms for the villagers.

We are hoping for a very enjoyable, tiring but ultimately very successful 2018 Box Hill Day on 27th March 2018.



Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre
www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk

Suffragettes in the Surrey Hills

Tuesday 6th February marked a century since British women got the vote. Dorking Museum plans to celebrate the occasion by installing a commemorative plaque on the home of two of the most significant campaigners for the vote for women, Frederick and Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence, who lived at the Dutch House in South Holmwood, Surrey. (There is a very interesting video about the Pethick-Lawrences on the Dorking Museum website.)

This couple were integral to the leadership of Mrs Pankhurst's militant Women's Social and Political Union, known as the 'suffragettes'. For six years, between 1906 and 1912, Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence acted as the organization's treasurer, providing

the stable leadership that allowed the Pankhurst campaign to flourish. She was always at Mrs Pankhurst's side, marching beside her, and responsible for most of the running of the organization. She and her husband's London home became the organization's headquarters and their Surrey house its unofficial country home, where tactics were formulated and women recuperated from forcible feeding. The house was at the centre of dramatic events in 1912 when the government sued the couple for the costs of their trial for conspiracy, putting bailiffs into the house and selling the contents at public auction. The WSPU ran a six-week-long campaign in Dorking and the surrounding villages to protest at the injustice of these actions. Emmeline

was imprisoned six times for the cause. Also imprisoned, her husband was nicknamed 'Godfather' by the women, standing bail for hundreds with his own money. He was the only man to play a significant role in the WSPU.

It is therefore proposed to place a blue plaque, in the style of the English Heritage scheme in London, on the house where the couple lived throughout the campaign for the vote and which played such a significant part in the story of the militant campaign. The Museum is seeking to raise £700 to cover the costs of design, production, and installation of the plaque to be installed in the centenary year. If you would like to make a donation see the museum's website.

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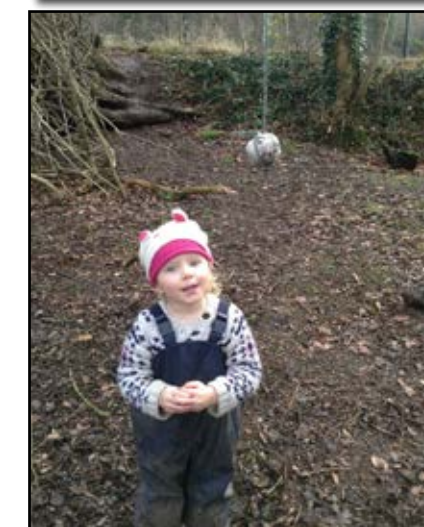
This month we have been twitching at St Michael's. Inspired by the Big Garden Bird Watch – a scheme run by the RSPB which allows them to monitor trends and help understand how birds are doing across the UK. According to the charity, since it started Bird Watch over 40 years ago, the UK has lost more than half our house sparrows and some three-quarters of our starlings, but blue tit numbers have risen by 20 per cent and the woodpigeon population has increased by a whopping 800 per cent. We certainly saw some of those in our own count-up, along with our resident Forest School robins. We were also lucky enough to hear woodpeckers, (probably Great Spotted) and a group of our afternoon Forest Schoolers also witnessed the undulating flight of a green woodpecker.

We have used the bird theme for other activities too, developing concepts of volume and capacity by measuring and pouring with a water tray full of bird seed and honing our fine motor skills by playing 'woolly worms' – picking up worm-length pieces of wool with tweezer 'beaks' to feed a 'baby' bird. Sticking with an ornithology theme, our new chickens have settled in well to



the nursery and are now regular layers. Children take it in turns to be 'Star of the Day' each term, bringing in a toy or memento from home and talking to the other children about it. This activity encourages a range of social skills including self-confidence and self-awareness and the children love being able to share something special with their friends at the nursery. When they are Star of the Day they also get the chance to go into the chicken coop and collect whatever eggs have been laid that day. This is a very popular activity and one of our new additions lays blue eggs – a real source of intrigue among the children!

We are looking forward to the Winter Olympics. Hilary is promising Lego men on lolly stick ski's, shaving foam snow and gutter pipe bobsleighs! We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year. This will mean a move away from all things bird related as 2018 is the year of the dog. Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa and Elvis Presley were all born in a year of the dog – and you may have been a bit 'shook up' if you saw Hilary recently hoovering and mopping the grass at the nursery. Do not worry, you do not need a Suspicious Mind – she was just giving our artificial grass a bit of a new year makeover!



Marsden March – Sunday 4th March

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BRAIN TEASER answer: Nothing good on television

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Enrichment at St Michael's

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At St Michael's enriching our education is an integral part of our daily school life. The yearly calendar is packed full of things that excite, delight and motivate the children's learning.

This academic year we have started as we mean to go on. The Children in Need day this year was a great success. The children loved using their artistic skills to create posters advertising our 'X-Factor Show'. Their literacy skills were also put to the test coming up with tag lines and promotional posters to tempt audiences from the village. Even numeracy skills were developed with the children measuring and calculating to make the perfect cookie to sell. The show itself provided opportunities for our budding stars to sing, dance and perform in front of an audience.

Christmas time also provided the perfect opportunity to stretch and motivate our children. The Advent charity, which is always so well supported by the children, reminds me of how deeply our children feel and how much compassion they can show at such a young age.

Letters written by the children to the charity give the children's writing purpose and meaning. We began Advent by writing our own version of the nativity story to perform in the church; the children used their literacy skills and experience to weave together a beautiful and touching telling of the Christmas story.

This January we started the school year with a maths problem solving day. The children worked in mixed age groups and enjoyed many different practical activities. Each zone of the school had practical problems to solve, covering various areas of maths including time, volume and number sequences. The feedback was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

Looking to the coming months, we have a variety of exciting days ahead: World Book Day and school trips to the Toy Museum and The Natural History Museum; the Mother's Day Assembly and Workshop. The children will be learning about and celebrating Easter through an Easter hat parade, a whole school Pause Day and, of course, they will all be taking part in the Easter Service.

Our active and enthusiastic Friends group make an invaluable contribution to life at St Michael's. The school discos, hot chocolate on Friday afternoons, our Christmas story telling evenings and the many fêtes and gatherings make St Michael's a most memorable place for our children.

We believe that by broadening horizons, helping them to discover hidden talents



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and trying new things the children's love of learning will continue to grow. This is reflected in our strapline where we truly believe that 'learning flourishes by encouraging our natural curiosity'.

When we think of our own time at school, what is it that we remember? For me, it was always the days when we could dress up, perform in a show or go on a school outing. Here at St Michael's we are proud of all our special days and hope our children also leave with many wonderful memories. Anna Fox



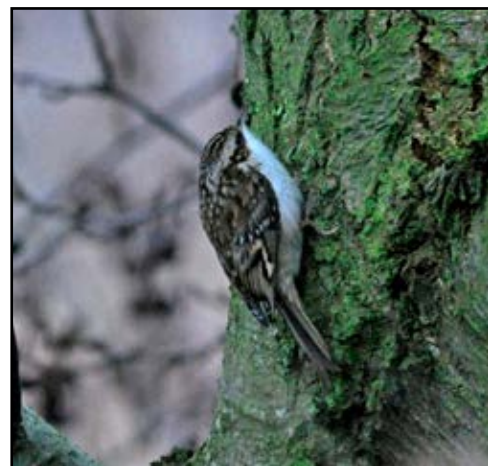
Activities during our maths problem solving day

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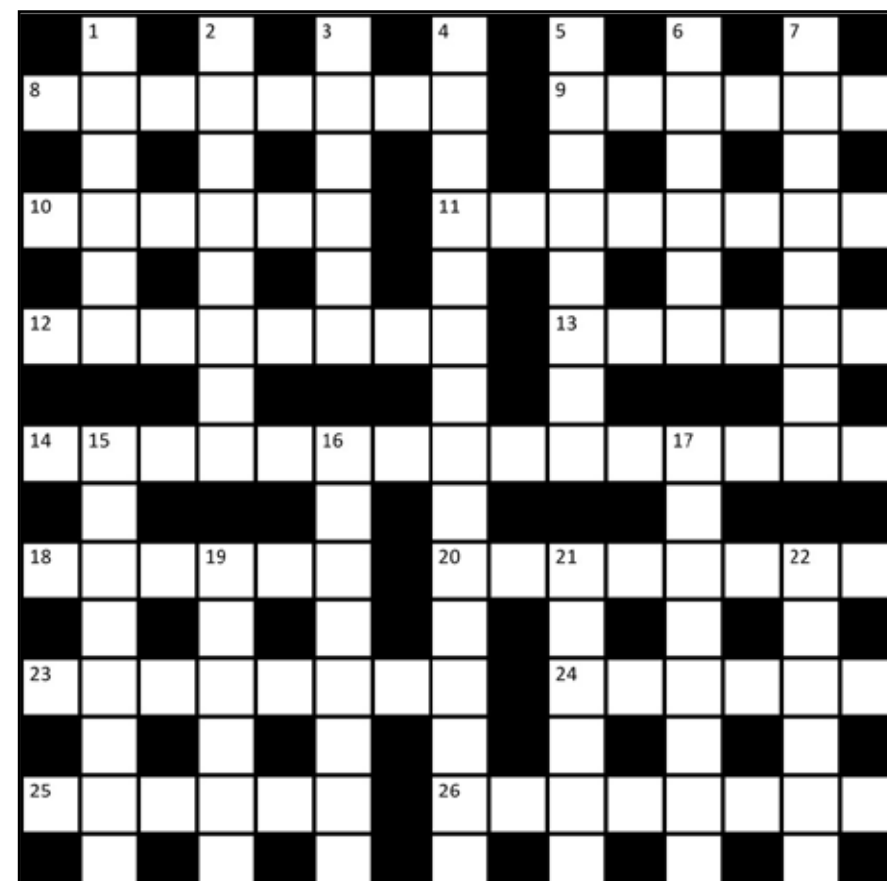


Across

- 8 Keep a rat - it's terrible for a pretty bird (8)
9 Too much - away at last! Gone to Trudeau's place of work (6)
10 Fix a break about 2 (6)
11 Finite? Absurd! Endless split ends look the most stylish (8)
12 An old fop often followed by cheese (8)
13 Proposition the daughter of your parents (6)
14 Perhaps 9 collects VAT, a business overhead (7,5,3)
18 A beautiful thing in Spring is to say 'Cash in your chips, America!' (6)
20 The coffin of a love-letter is to run away after endless envy (8)
23 Ring for money fanatic (8)
24 Sue Tatham has pulled! (she runs this magazine and she's from Ohio) (6)
25 Beings feeling better after dry January? (6)
26 Urge to pay back for sand container (3,5)



A tree creeper. These tiny birds are experts at seeking out food on bark. They feed on Insects and spiders, and some seeds in winter. They tend to creep up a trunk, then fly down to foot of another one to start again. They breed in the UK and are resident here. They may be seen in gardens but mostly live in woodland. This one was spotted at Fourwents Pond car park, Holmwood Common. They have a very high-pitched call which some may find hard to hear.



Down

- 1 Artist arrived the other way round to present framing device (6)
2 Squid appears in the musical 'A Maritime Fricassée' (8)
3 Deranged person strangely wired nothing at all (6)
4 Crooning Bergerac actor embraces tango painful to the ears (and other parts of the body) (8,7)
5 Stuff thrown about to infect with lunacy (8)
6 Take off end of estate insignia from best ripe tomatoes (6)
7 Shirley Williams, a Remainer, one hears - it's a sign! (8)
15 Song to broadcast between fighters (3-2-3)
16 Almost sounds like our boy is German firestarter (8)
17 No issue to loan papers - brilliant! (8)
19 I've heard it's a type of ring for ugly duckling (6)
21 A royal envoy, a gentleman, is about to sail (6)
22 Compositions played with epic new music centres (6)

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Across: 9/33 Burnt Toast
10 Landowner 11 Tousel
12 Examine 13 Blast 15 Pie 16 Sue
17 Nag 19 Startle 20 Rag 23 Vee
24 Mud 25 Kings 27 Rarebit
29 Tractor 32 Exorciser
Down: 1 Abet 2 Trauma 3 Et al
4 Sled 5 Undefeated 7 Engineer
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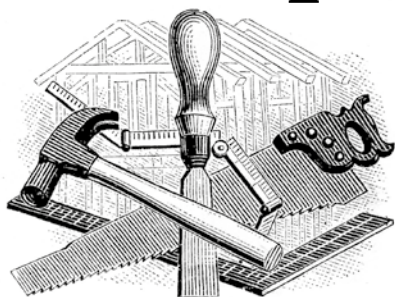
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