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Dear friends

On the foundation of the sterling work done by the PCC last year, I am delighted that we are now able to seek the appointment of a new House-for-Duty priest here in Mickleham. Given the planned timetable of an advertisement to be published on 14th May, with the application period closing on 3rd June and interviews on 16th June, I am equally delighted that a new parish priest could be in post by the time I retire in early October.

That has given me an opportunity to reflect on the role of a parish priest. At its simplest, it is about proclaiming the Good News of God's love for the world, and encouraging, enabling and equipping members of the church family to join in that endeavour as active, committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

So what is that Good News? Probably the most famous Bible verse in the world is John 3.16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* Those of you who have had time on your hands in a hospital bed, a hotel room or anywhere else you might find one, may have leafed through a Gideon Bible. One Bible that I found had page after page of the verse John 3.16 in more languages than I could name: Gujarati, Tamil, Sri Lankan, not to mention Latvian, Russian and Greek, even Pidgin English. It is claimed that John 3.16 is the most translated verse in the Bible, even where there is no full version of the Bible text as yet. Given a little thought, it is easy to understand why.

This verse encapsulates virtually the whole of the message of the Bible: *God loves the world.* This message that throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, which Christians know as the Old Testament. That Testament attests to the first covenant agreement: God's deal with the Hebrews to be his special people. The idea was that the Hebrews would make known to the whole world that God had created the world, had set out some simple rules for living as He wants us to and, by living it, by following those rules of love and mutual respect, show what it would be like to live in a loving relationship with Him.

Unfortunately, being all too human, those who were guardians of that agreement got rather bound up in the legalities of the rules and regulations. By doing so, they got into a mindset that focused on observing the letter of the Law, rather than its spirit.

To show what He had meant it to be like, God sent his son, Jesus, to show by example what the message really was. By preaching, teaching and healing - and by living out - those Kingdom values enshrined in the Hebrew Scriptures, Jesus became the Way, the Truth and the Life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In this passage of John's gospel, when Nicodemus, the faithful follower of the Law, came to Jesus in the dark to ask what he really means, Jesus flummoxes him with this conundrum about being 'born again' or 'born from above' (the Greek can mean either). The message is the same, however. >>>

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>>> In physical birth (and in John's baptism by water) we are given new life in water. In spiritual birth, we are given new life by the Holy Spirit.

I guess it is quite hard to resist being born; it is quite easy (as an adult) to resist being baptised, either by water or by the Spirit. A number of people I know are absolutely determined that the Holy Spirit is not going to get them. Unfortunately, many of us will have experienced, or read stories about, 'born again Christians' being really quite unbearable with their insistence that they have the one and only answer.

The Holy Spirit works in different ways in different people. I hope that you have been able to use the season just passed of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, reaching its glorious climax in the celebration of Pentecost, as a time to prepare to let God work in you as he wants to. As Jesus said in the Garden of Gethsemane *yet not my will but yours be done*.

As we continue to strive to discern God's call to us as His church in this place at this time, we could do worse than reflect on our own responses to the Lord's call on us. We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, the corner-stone on which God is building His church here in Mickleham.

As a Christian church we are called '*to proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation*'. This is our generation. This is our church. This is our gospel. Please join me in proclaiming the Good News of God's love for us, His creation.

With every blessing

Graham

The Reverend Graham Osborne

St Michael's Church Services

Sundays at 10 am

in church and via Zoom

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

Please refer to Pews News Online for the latest information. If you missed any of the services, or would like to revisit them, all are available on the church YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCI4pbewCT91iZhcd0EJBIw>

Westhumble Mattins Chapel Service 13th June – 11.30am

Our new Churchwarden

At our Vestry Meeting on Sunday 2nd May, Tim Mathieson was elected Churchwarden. Our grateful thanks to Ian Wright who had been a temporary replacement last year, which turned out to be quite an eventful time. Sarah Blake, our other very capable churchwarden continues in her role.



A MID-SUMMER ICE CREAM

As you all know Monday 21st June, which happens to be the summer solstice, is the date for the end of lockdown. As a celebration of what we all hope will be the last such, St Michael's Church Community Group (SMCCG) would like to invite everyone to a full family-oriented 'village picnic', to be held at Juniper Hall (with their kind co-operation) between 6 and 8pm approx. Bring your own food and a blanket/chairs, but this is a free-entry event. The Juniper Hall bar will be open...pay bar, but the first 150 ice creams will be free from Daisy the Vintage Ice Cream van, with its continuous merry jingle, thanks to a private donation. St Michael's will be donating a comparable amount to charity.

This will be a great opportunity to meet all those faceless people on WhatsApp. Dress is entirely informal, but if you wish to wear an Asses Head or a fairy tutu, that's your prerogative. SMCCG is in charge of the weather, so no excuse to sign up, which you can do with a name/contact/numbers to Mary Banfield via 01372 373912 or mgbmw@aol.com. We would be grateful for some idea of numbers of adults and children in

St Michael's Church Community Group

advance, so we can tell Daisy how much ice cream to bring.

And to be environmentally conscious, the 465 bus stops right outside. Juniper Hall is located on the Old London Road at the junction with Headley Lane (RH5 6DA)... one stop on the bus from Mickleham, though, strangely, two on the way back. Walking might be an option you haven't considered too! For those of you travelling by car, please park considerately on Old London Road. Hopefully all those who may, rightly, complain about bad parking in this area, will be at the event....but you cannot be too careful!

FOODBANK

Add a few items to your order or basket. That is all our food bank needs! Quantities have fallen off a bit of late but the need remains high. The standard list is included elsewhere in this magazine, and special needs are usually included weekly in PewsNews and on WhatsApp. Our prime local recipients are All Saint's Café, LeatherHead Start and The Meeting Room, also in



Leatherhead. If someone has another local and worthy suggestion, please suggest it to one of this Group, and we will see if/how we can assist. We still help the central FoodBanks in Dorking and Epsom too.

It is sad to have to report the death of Graham Peddie, MBE; who died on Thursday. Some long-time residents may recall that years ago he was the warden of Tanner's Hatch youth hostel. Graham founded Pitstop some 20 years ago, which morphed into The Meeting Room in 2014. Both were charities supported by St Michael's over many years. He will be hugely missed by the vulnerable and marginalized in our area. And specifically, for many, Christmas Day will not be the same.

AUCTION

Final sign-off

All £6,000 has now been received by grateful beneficiaries: St Michael's School and Community Nursery (£2100 each) and our selected local charities listed above under FoodBank (£600 each). Thanks to all who helped/contributed/purchased or were there on the night. Mark Day

And a thank you from the Community Nursery ...

Wow, what an amazing event you pulled off, with a staggering amount being raised by the auction. I could not take part on the night, I am reliably informed it was a highly entertaining early evening's activity.

The support from the community truly makes a huge difference to the nursery. With a year of somewhat limited opportunities to boost our finances, the proceeds of the auction will make a significant contribution to the investment we like to put back into the nursery each year. With lots of little children coming through our gate I am sure you realise items depreciate quite quickly, reinvestment in equipment is very much ongoing and essential to ensure we continue to offer an

exceptional environment for our children to develop, learn and thrive.

This year we hope to replace a somewhat tired touch screen desktop computer with a new 'computer table'. Much more exciting than it sounds, the table is an interactive, robust multi-touch device. We have selected it specifically to allow collaborative access to ICT, hopefully ensuring children do not view such technology as for individuals only. We have a little more fundraising to do, but the auction money should make it possible for us to purchase the table this academic year. Thank you for all the time you spent and indeed the lots you contributed, to enable the event to take place and the funds to flow. Hilary Budd



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Westhumble Residents Association Why there is a problem with the Westhumble bridge over the railway

If you look at the bridge over the railway from the station platform (Fig 1) it appears to be an arch bridge, but if you examine the underside of the bridge (Fig 2) you can see that the road is supported by metal beams with flat undersides. Figure 3 shows that the metal beams are in fact cast iron troughs. This was how the bridge was constructed in 1867 when vehicles were much lighter. Also there is a problem with cast iron as it is brittle and unreliable in bending. There have been examples of the sudden failure of structures depending on cast iron.

Network Rail (who are responsible for the bridge) recently carried out a structural assessment of the bridge decided that the load limit should be reduced from 7.5 to 3 tonnes and that the bridge deck under the road should be replaced. This has since been revised back to 7.5 tonnes.

The preferred method of strengthening the bridge is to replace the cast iron troughs with steel or concrete beams. However, several services such as sewer, water supply pipe, and electrical and telephone cables are embedded in the bridge deck. Network Rail will first have to find out how the services are embedded and decide on how they will deal with maintaining connections of the services.

Figure 4 shows a sewer manhole in the road and telephone cable access cover in the footpath on the far side. If the cables are under the footpath on the bridge, there will be no need to disturb them as only the road will need to be dug up to replace the beams.

Surrey County Council as the highway authority are also involved to deal with the enforcement of the reduction in the load limit and any diversion of traffic. David Allbeury, Chairman of the Westhumble Residents Association, representing the interests of the local community has and is continuing to have email and phone contact with the two authorities. Many of you receive his Neighbourhood Watch emails* giving news of when and how things are going to happen. He is also explaining very robustly how important pedestrian and vehicle access via Westhumble Street is to those living to the west of the railway.



Fig 1 View of Westhumble bridge from the down platform



Fig 2 View of the underside of the bridge

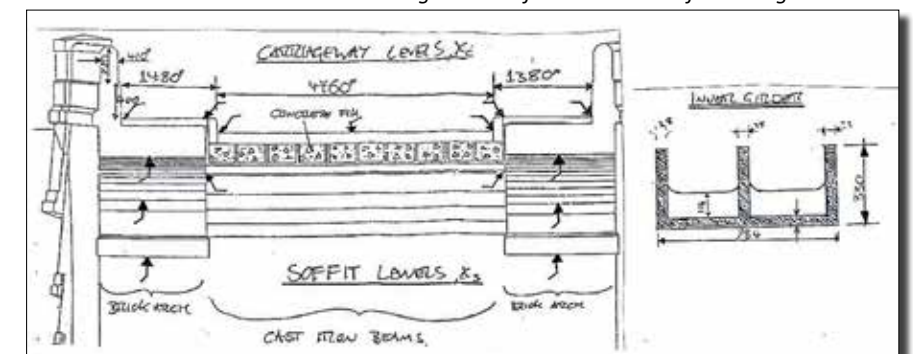


Fig 3 Sketch showing how the bridge is constructed



Fig 4 View of road across the bridge showing sewer manhole on left and cable access in footpath on the right

I hope that by the time this magazine comes out David will be able to report satisfactory progress on these issues.

Ben Tatham

* If you do not receive David's Neighbourhood Watch emails and would like to join his list, please email David westhumble.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

The Grave Boards in our Churchyard

In the past, grave boards were commonly used to mark burials, particularly before the Industrial Revolution when monumental stone became relatively cheap and, where it could be afforded, preferred to wooden grave markers which had the disadvantage of being vulnerable to decay. In counties such as Surrey, Sussex and Kent these grave markers were often far more common than stone, which was not widely available and considerably more expensive. Paintings of St Michael's churchyard in the 18th and 19th centuries show numerous wooden grave markers which traditionally consisted of a long board made of oak and morticed into two squared wooden posts with pyramidal finials at the top. Very few have survived in their original form but a Victorian one in a Kent churchyard is listed Grade 2 due to its relatively good state and the quality of its carving.

We have three grave boards which were originally recorded in the 19th century and we know of their existence and exactly what their inscriptions were thanks to Alfred Bax, who visited and recorded the graves and their inscriptions in numerous Surrey churchyards towards the end of the 19th C. In 1892 he was able to record a Mrs A C Burgoignant who departed this life on September 27th 1808. This is confirmed by the burial record which names A C Monbrun, widow of ... Bergonier buried

October 2nd 1808. One post in the ground is all that remains of her grave and we have only been able to identify it due to Bax.

Other grave boards that have been saved by being replaced, possibly more than once, include that of Anne Maria Remnant who died on December 2nd 1867, (currently wrongly recorded as 7th), and John Walker, who died on January 23rd 1813 and whose inscription on the other side still remains for us to read: *Farwell all my friends so kind/I hope in Heaven my Soul you'll find.*

Pevsner in 'The Buildings of Surrey' notes that Mickleham is one of the few churchyards that have taken the trouble to preserve its grave boards but we have no way of finding out how many have now completely disappeared. We can chart the history of the Mundays' board more closely as it is one for which we have a number of photographs.

Today, James and Mary Munday share a grave board, one on either side, just as they did in 1892 when they were recorded by Bax, except that then there were lengthy inscriptions to see them on their way. James's reads: *Whence when the glorious end/The day of God is come/The angel reapers shall descend/And heaven cry 'Harvest Home'.*

Mary's says: *Oh Saviour I have nought to plead/But just my own exceeding need/In earth beneath or heaven above/And thy exceeding love.*



1803 watercolour of Mickleham Church showing grave boards

From the census returns, we learn that the Munday family lived in Westhumble, near what is now the chapel, and that James was a labourer. He died in 1870, aged 73, not in 1886 as is now recorded on the board, and from 1871 Mary was living in the almshouses until her death in 1886. Her obituary in the parish magazine speaks of the esteem and respect accorded to her by her 'richer and poorer neighbours', and finishes by writing of her life as one of 'useful toil' but hoping 'her end was peace'.

Our contemporary grave boards follow the design of the older ones and memorialise John Sankey, whom some people will remember, and makes a fitting memorial to those bodies which were discovered when the new vestry was being excavated. Already they are showing some signs of ageing.

Judy Kinloch



James Munday's renewed grave board today



Above: Remnant of James Munday's grave board replaced during renewal
Right: Glass slide photograph of the Mundy grave board



Photographs: Judy Kinloch and Ben Tatham

Our contemporary Grave Boards



A grave board was chosen to mark John Sankey's grave as there was no suitable local stone for his memorial



Our most recent grave board to mark the grave of remains found in 2009 – built at Norbury Park Sawmill

Vandals Strike Again

Photograph: Ben Tatham



One morning in early May this burnt-out van was discovered in the NT Stepping Stones car park. As it was unregistered, the police could not trace the owner. Thus, it was up to the National Trust to organise and pay for its removal. As part of the back of the van had not been completely destroyed and contained potentially harmful substances they were required to use a specialised removal service. This accounts for the delay in its disposal and will prove to be quite costly for the National Trust.

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The local RSPB group for the Dorking area welcomes members from a wide area. We are a friendly group that offers members a range of bird watching walks and relevant talks. Everyone is welcome and no kit or experience is required.

We have continued through the lockdown with a series of really interesting talks via Zoom, but are looking forward to the restrictions being lifted. Over the last few months, we used Zoom for occasional 'coffee mornings', had talks on Ospreys in Cumbria, a French nature reserve in La Brenne, an introduction for beginners and visits to Estonia and Madagascar, all supported by some wonderful photographs.

Recently our socially distanced walks restarted. Half a dozen members met

for a walk to a local chalk quarry in April on a quest to see peregrine falcons and had a very successful day with some good sightings. One of the peregrines – a female – has a regular perch on St Martin's Church in Dorking and one of our members has been observing the detritus of her meals. This included the bones of unexpected species such as avocet and woodcock.

In May another group of six went to Knepp, the rewilding project near Horsham. The birdlife there is amazing, they heard nightingales, cuckoos and other summer visitors from southern climes. They also saw 'more storks than you could shake a stick at' and a number of nests; proof that the project to reintroduce these birds is bearing fruit.

Our programme for the summer is published in our newsletter (three times

a year) and available on our website (search on Dorking and District RSPB local group) or on Facebook (RSPB DORKING).

Our up-coming events include:

- Weekend walks to Westcott in June and RSPB Farnham Heath in July.
- Mid-week walks (usually on Wednesday morning) in June to Stoke Water Meadows and Spynes Mere near Redhill.

There are a variety of walks and talks planned for the year ahead and membership is only £15 for an individual for the year, with any surplus being donated to the RSPB to support reserves and their great work.

If you would like more information do, please email me at **glenn.carmic@btconnect.com**

Glenn Carmichael

Recent sightings on the River Mole, Norbury Park

Photographs: Jennifer Desoutter



Mandarin Duck pair

Egyptian Geese



Online Lectures on the Arts

The Arts Society, formerly the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), is a leading arts education charity with a global network of over 380 local societies, which bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. Three local societies are inviting non-members to join their monthly lectures on Zoom – all given by Arts Society accredited lecturers.

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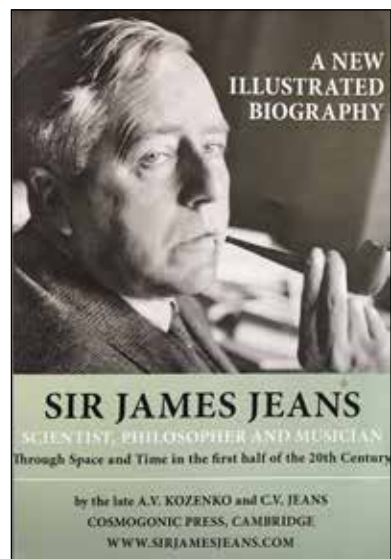
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Readers may be interested in a new biography of Sir James Jeans who lived in Cleveland Lodge, Westhumble, for more than 25 years. This is marked by an official blue plaque although the actual building he knew as home for so long has been drastically re-developed. The new book, to give its full title, *Sir James Jeans scientist, philosopher and musician, through space and time in the first half of the 20th century* is written by his son, Christopher Jeans and the



Any threat of the rain playing a part dissipated and the MCC arrived at Bookham for our opening fixture full of confidence. We were one player short but, through some deft negotiating, captain Greg Ayton managed to persuade Andrew Dudley to join the fray.

Greg won the toss, the pitch looked a little two paced, but our opening pair Giles Pritchard and the returning Justin Turner strode out to face the Bookham pace attack. Having agreed to 40 overs each way there were a few of us wondering if MCC could bat through the 40 let alone post a handsome score (we do have to work on our team confidence). Giles and Justin between them scored 171 runs. Justin carried his bat for 119*, an amazing effort. Giles 52 and Andrew 21 supported Justin all the way. It would not be MCC without a

A new biography of Sir James Jeans Scientist, Philosopher and Musician

late A. V. Kozenko, a famous Russian astronomer. It is *'profusely illustrated using contemporary photographs, many set in the Dorking area, from family albums and other sources.'*

Sir James Jeans, although a shy and very private man was the Professor Brian Cox of his day. He was described as 'mathematician, astronomer, physicist, musician, a brilliant writer and lecturer, one who could truly be described as a Renaissance man'. He helped lay the foundations of modern astrophysics and fascinated the world with his popular books explaining the physical nature of the universe. He stimulated future generations with an enthusiasm for 'The Mysterious Universe', a system of which the planet earth is but a minute speck.

This biography describes Sir James' contribution to science – astrophysics in particular – and the major role played by his two wives, Charlotte Tiffany

Mitchell (1877-1934) and Suzanne Hock (1911-1993). The book brings together three families: the Jeanses with their newspaper background, the Tiffanys of New York jewellery fame and the Hocks, a notable Viennese family. It describes Jeans in his different settings: upbringing, education, marriages, his wilderness years, the Royal Society and Royal Astronomical Society, stellar dynamics, popular writing, his musical talents and WW2.

After Sir James' death in 1946, his widow, known locally as Suzi Jeans, an accomplished harpsichordist, developed Cleveland Lodge as home to an international music centre and established the Box Hill Music Festival. This biography includes the most comprehensive bibliography of Sir James Jeans' writings, published and unpublished. For more information see: www.sirjamesjeans.com

Stephanie Randall

MCC v Bookham 2nd May

mini batting collapse and Henry Smith 0, Theo Dudley 1, Will Dennis 0, Kevin Walker 1 and Greg Ayton 0 (given out lbw first ball by OUR umpire) maintained this wonderful tradition. Thanks to Justin we posted a formidable 217 runs.

Will Perks was seen scrambling for some tea, and after nourishment and lots of stretching we set off to defend our handsome score. Bookham have a strong batting line up and we needed to take wickets early. Up stepped our captain Greg, supported by some tremendous slip catching from Henry. Yes that is correct, we made some catches. They were actually brilliant and Greg had dismissed the very dangerous opening batsmen for Bookham and his replacement for a duck. We were on our way. Not to be outdone Kevin Walker started to find his length as his shoulder warmed up and managed to skittle three more early wickets. Greg 2 wickets for 25 runs off 8 overs and

Kevin 3 wickets for 21 runs off 8 overs were the pick of the bowlers. We looked like we were in a commanding position.

Aly Pritchard, our rising young star, produced some heroics on the short boundary, saving MCC many runs. Mark Day gave Bookham's Grumpy Player of the Decade out lbw, again. Some dodgy fielding, optimistic field placing and running out of bowlers gifted Bookham some 40 runs however, and resolute batting from Bookham's middle order brought them ever closer to our total. Henry bowled some great away swingers, pity he could not be in the slips off his own bowling. It was 2 overs to go, a run a ball required and Theo produced a cracking delivery to remove the off stump. Another wicket fell and it was very tight. Last over, one wicket left and Bookham made it. A very tense finish and a fantastic way to end a marvellous day's cricket. 439 runs scored and 19 wickets taken.

Will Dennis



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We have seven gardens opening in aid of the Brigitte Trust, a local charity supporting people with life-limiting conditions. Tickets are available from Pauline from today or any of the participating gardens on the day. £3 per person will enable you to visit all seven gardens. Children under 16 free. Guide dogs only. As parking is restricted in places, please walk where possible.

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Prepare now for the September Show

I hope you all managed to notice a vivid orange pamphlet inserted in last month's magazine. This is the schedule for the Village Show set to be held on Saturday 11th September from 2.30 - 4.30 pm. We are being optimistic and hoping that the restrictions of the pandemic will have been lifted enough for normal life to resume and that includes the resumption of village events such as the Horticultural Show. Those of you who didn't immediately fling it into the bin, will I hope take another look through the schedules and see what you can bring and show. Besides entries for flowers and vegetables, there are classes for cooking, arts and crafts and sections for children.

This year **all** entries will be free (normally members of the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society

enter for free and all others pay a small entry fee per class). This is to encourage as many as possible to have a go and revitalise the Show. My personal favourites this year are 'Most amusing Vegetable' (with caption) and a Vegan Chocolate, Tahini and Banana Bread (recipe included) – I hope you will find some things to enter and have some fun.

The garden has been a bit late this year what with no rain for the last six weeks, plus the succession of frosty nights throughout April, but it will soon catch up. I hope you are still considering what peat-free compost you might buy and which area of the garden you can afford to leave a bit wild. The wild patch on the Rec is now clearly visible against the

background of the rest of the mown area and a bit of rain will soon bring on the wild flowers growing there. At the moment a forest of plantains and daisies and the occasional buttercup, but more to come as the season progresses. David Kennington



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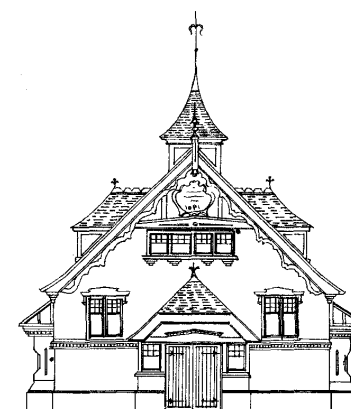
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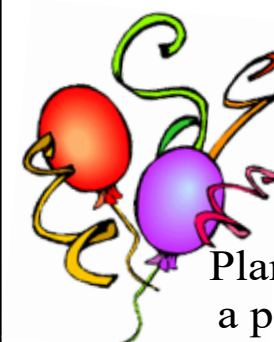
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ANTHONY (Tony) MALCOLM VINCENT HOARE 1946 – 2021

We are saddened to record the sudden, unexpected death on 14th March at his home in Givons Grove of Tony Hoare. Although just outside our parish – the boundary is at the bottom of their garden – Tony and his wife, Gay, were frequent supporters of local events, including Mickleham Choral Society concerts and at Juniper Hall. They have lived in Givons Grove since 1995 where they have created a beautiful garden. Mike and I first met Tony and Gay in the mid-'80s at the then annual Young Farmers' Cow Pie Rally at Chapel Farm, Westhumble where, in the old barn (now Chapel Barn) they were manning the Butterfly Conservation stand, promoting its conservation work and attracting new members, including my husband Mike.

Tony's Hungarian mother tragically died in 1956 when he was only 10 – a terrible ordeal for Tony and his elder brother, Ian. His father then re-married and the family moved to Barnes; Tony was educated at St Paul's, Hammersmith. On leaving school, Tony trained to be a chartered accountant while at the same time enrolling in the Royal Naval Reserve, which he very much enjoyed. Tony and Gay, a qualified Norland Nanny, were married in 1969 and lived in Kingston-upon-Thames. By the age of 25, Tony had qualified as a chartered accountant and his father invited him to join the family bank, C Hoare & Co, Fleet Street – the oldest privately owned bank, originally founded in the 17th C by Sir Richard Hoare, its funds

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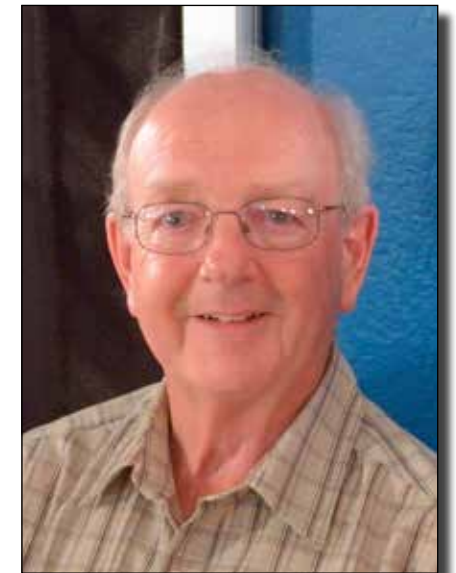
In 1971, Tony was to use his accountancy skills in re-developing full double-entry bookkeeping, foreign currency accounting and the introduction of computers (no mean feat in a 17th C building). Tony was made a Partner in 1986 and Chief Executive in 1998, and remained until taking early retirement in 2001 after a mild heart attack. On 31st December, 1999, one special consequence of his job was that he was required by the FSA to be on-site at the bank in case the Millennium Bug should strike ... so his family were able to see in the New Year watching the fireworks from the roof of the bank.

Tony's keen interest in butterflies began at an early age and must have been a welcome diversion during his challenging job at the bank. His passion was infectious and, encouraged by his strong personality and willingness to take on any task, however menial, his butterfly friends joined forces to take part in scrub-bashing, field trips, transects, manning the stand at shows and anything connected with the promotion of butterfly conservation. Over time, Tony was Secretary, Branch Chairman and Trustee of national Butterfly Conservation – Gay was a steadfast supporter in all his volunteering. A local butterfly highlight was the biennial Butterfly Festival at Juniper Hall in which Tony took a great

Photograph: Tony Hoare



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail from North America



part. The absolute highlight was the Butterfly Conservation stand at Chelsea Flower Show from 1986, culminating in Tony's dream in 1998 of a Gold Medal for the 'Quarryman's Garden'. The hut was later moved to his own garden, much to the delight of the grandchildren.

A natural progression from Tony's interest in butterflies and moths was photography. On his retirement, Tony was able to fulfil his ambition to travel worldwide on group butterfly forays, resulting in a collection of over 25,000 digitalised photos. The worst experience on such visits was when the intrepid group were robbed at gunpoint in Venezuela. They lost all their possessions plus minibus and Tony sustained a head injury. Gay would accompany Tony when the accommodation on the trip was more luxurious than a tent in some far-flung location!

Tony was a weekly volunteer at the Natural History Museum, helping to conserve their butterfly collection. He also assisted local charities where his financial expertise was valuable. He was a keen Friend of Juniper Hall and gave fascinating lectures on his overseas excursions, accompanied by fantastic slides.

Tony will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and colleagues. We send our sincere condolences to Gay, their wonderful daughters Caroline and Annabel and all the family. Liz Weller



Grace Forrest MacKay 1932 – 2021

certainly, the primary cause of the back problems which plagued her for the greater part of her life.

Mostly, though, she was a secretary and achieved some status in that career at a time when a good secretary was her boss's indispensable right hand. She also did a short spell in the civil service and that is where she met Neil. They were married in 1972.

Health issues meant that Grace was not able to work all her life, so she devoted her time to being a wife and taking care of Neil, their dogs and, after her father's death, her mother. Throughout she has been a great support to Neil in his many musical activities.

From childhood Grace had a great interest in archaeology, particularly Egyptian archaeology. Neil adds: 'Had her parents been able to afford a university education she would have studied archaeology, and I have no doubt whatsoever that she would have been an able and enthusiastic member of that profession.'

At the Service of Thanksgiving for Grace's life in St Michael's on 30th April, Neil's sister gave the tribute which included the following:

'So now we must celebrate Grace's long life. She went out of her way not to let on how old she was and the fact that she was much older than Neil (her 'toy boy' she called him) but she lived life to the full. She spent her later years enjoying many hobbies including card making, doing jigsaw puzzles, gardening, following many interests such as researching her family heritage and discovering relatives throughout the world whom she then corresponded with. And of course, for nearly 50 years, she supported Neil in all that he did: they were a happy team.

'Grace possessed two very special gifts: the gift of love and the gift of caring. She went with so many of us throughout our lives whether we were close family, more distant family, close friends or just acquaintances. She was interested in us and what we were doing, she cared for us all and was happy to listen to us when we felt burdened or sad. She herself had many ups and downs in her life, she knew pain and sorrow, but she was strong and with a smile on her face she battled bravely to the end.'

We send our deepest sympathy to Neil at this sad time. Sue Tatham

Grace MacKay died peacefully on 3rd April just seven days short of her 89th birthday. Although she lived on Box Hill, she was very much a part of the local musical scene, singing with Mickleham Choral Society and in the series of summer concerts produced by John Batt. Grace was of Scottish ancestry, brought up and educated in Scotland and was always immensely proud of that. She did a few different things in her working life. She was a dispenser with Timothy White's and a cashier in Selfridges and carrying an extremely heavy cash box back and forth each day between her station and the central cash office was, almost

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We have made a video!

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Juliet's next plan was to make a video of the choir singing one of our favourite songs: *Something Told the Wild Geese*.

Of course this too would have to be via Zoom with each singer recording

their own part. After some practice sessions, the recording began. Some singers were able to make their own video, others need a bit of help. So Juliet set up individual recording sessions in the village hall for them. Some of our former members who had moved away were able to join in as well.

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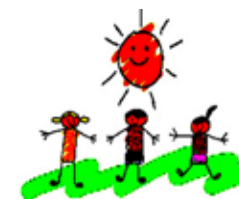
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Answer on page 26

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Anne is hoping for a quieter June as she whisks me down the aisle after 25 years. Although I do not think she would use the term 'whisk'. It will be novel. We are closing the pub on Saturday 26th June to celebrate and let our hair down. It might be a little noisy as we have booked some live music, but it is a once every 25 years thing after all!

All the best, Eamonn

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Cryptic Delicacies

There were five clues that contained the word 'subject' and one that contained 'seer of subjects'. The subjects were: LACEMAKER, ASTRONOMER, MILKMAID, LOVE LETTER, GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING – and that last one in particular should have been a strong pointer to the seer of subjects being VERMEER (cryptically: 'VERy' shortened = VER, 'slight' = mere, which could be heard to be MEER). Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675) may have only lived to be 43 with just 34 of his paintings still known to exist, but what a legacy to leave the world. If you look him up on Wikipedia, there are links to high resolution images of the paintings. 'Girl With A Pearl Earring' may be the most famous of them, but I think my favourite is 'The Milkmaid'. On the face of it, a simple study of a simple chore, but somehow I am drawn into the mystery of what the woman is thinking as if it is happening now, and the atmosphere of that room and that time are so present. It evokes old places I have been but in it are objects that are specific to its time, particularly at the bottom right where there is what is said to be a footwarmer as well as a sequence of blue and white Delft tiles that tell a story involving Cupid that may or may not be significant to the milkmaid's thoughts. No doubt the fact that it is a puzzle is a lot of the appeal to me, but the artist has been trickier than I have because there is no known answer. Luckily for you, my kindness in giving you the answers means that your head-scratching over my puzzles generally doesn't last more than a month rather than stretching into eternity.

12 Tut about our central appendage that's on view for all to see (4)
TUSK

'Tut' – TSK (as in 'tsk, tsk, you should be paying for this redecoration out of your own pocket'), which goes around the 'central' letter of oUr = U.

13 What is said after death in street fair is something that is illuminating (5,5)

STRIP LIGHT

'What is said after death' = R.I.P., which is put in between 'street' = ST and 'fair' = LIGHT.

27 Basic modesty protector is in vogue when worn inside by princess (5)
DHOTI

'in vogue' = HOT, put inside 'princess' = DI. There have been a lot of princesses through history but the one that most frequently appears in crosswords is Diana, possibly more to do with the frequency of the letters DI rather than her position as the 3rd greatest Briton ever (as in the BBC poll, where she was sandwiched between Brunel and Darwin).

9 Second assistant to minister is heard to be someone renowned for their spin (6)
SKATER

The 'second' letter of a sSistant is S, 'minister' = cater (as in 'the blonde American entrepreneur was able to minister to his every need') which sounds like KATER.

20 Sweetheart heard loud bump before dishing up little dumplings (7)
GNOCCHI

'bump' = knock, 'loud' says that when 'knock' is said out loud it sounds like GNOCCH (well, it does when pronounced by an Englishman), 'swEetheart' = E (as in the heart of 'swEet') which when heard sounds like the final I of GNOCCHI

1 Astonishingly reveal two thirds of its absolute opposite (8)

RELATIVE

'two thirds of' ITs = IT, when added to REVEAL and treated 'astonishingly' (i.e. the anagram indicator applies to both of the parts that follow), gives you the opposite of 'absolute'.

28 Comfy outfits and cigars go together in a bizarre way (9)



The Milkmaid (c. 1658) by Johannes Vermeer
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

CARDIGANS

A straight anagram of AND CIGARS but an illustration of how useful a word 'and' is when setting clues. It looks innocuous and is easily skimmed over and ignored but can be used in various ways: as something to do nothing other than join two parts of a clue, or to link two words that need to be anagrammed, or to be part of the anagram itself (as here), or to be translated into a synonym (e.g. with, plus).

22 From Zero to 23 or 6 & Omega, the result is just all over the place (6)
RANDOM

'From' points to a hidden word in the following letters with the clue numbers and ampersand having been translated to give 'Zero to astronomeR or love letter AND OMega'.

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



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The sun is shining, and Box Hill School is buzzing with activity as our community goes about its usual business while social distancing, one-way systems and mask-wearing are now a norm. Despite this, it does not hold our pupils back.

Sports fixtures have returned with home and away matches being played, Year 8 girls have coaching sessions with Surrey County Cricket Club to look forward to next month as dates are being finalised for year-group sports days.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver Award practice expeditions took

place shortly after the Easter break in preparation for their assessed trips in June and July respectively.

In the classrooms, Year 7 and Year 8 students competed in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. This is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in basic techniques to solve interesting problems.

Year 12 students attended a UCAS Virtual Fair which allowed them to explore career opportunities, talk to university admissions staff and apprenticeship providers to further understand the decision-making process for their life beyond Box Hill School Sixth Form.



Finally, good luck to all our Year 11, ISC and Year 13 students who have a busy timetable of exams and internal assessments. Charlotte Fish



Junior UKMT Challenge



Year 12 UCAS Virtual Fair



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Midsummer's Day June 24th was one of the most popular and keenly-observed festivals throughout the early modern period, marked by rural communities with Morris dancing, processions, late-night drinking, the blessing of crops and the ritual banishment of devils and other unwelcome sprites (a tradition that might be followed again this year – substitute 'viruses' for 'devils').

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Growing plants and keeping healthy

Continuing with traditional stories, *Jack and the Beanstalk* linked well with our growing theme we have been busy planting beans. By using a jelly substance rather than compost we could watch them germinate with roots growing down and shoots appearing then turning in first green leaves. Some of our seedlings will be planted alongside potatoes in our raised veggie plots. The children have especially enjoyed having a 'farmers' market' stall at nursery where they were able to roleplay being shop keepers or customers. They made price signs and shopping lists to develop those emerging writing skills, using scales to weigh, or counting carrots into baskets.

Staff noted that money did not appear to change hands very frequently... but the children made lots of beeping and zapping sounds, clearly paying with plastic!

The interest in the real fruits and veggies leads nicely into keeping healthy. We have talked about washing and pretended to wash our teddies with a sing song, and have been exercising and dancing to make our heart muscle work. The children have especially enjoyed making their own smoothie recipes and watching a juicer at work too.

Continuing our keeping healthy theme, we then linked learning about oral hygiene to the traditional tale of *Little*



Red Riding Hood, making sure we keep the wolf's teeth clean!

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Solution to the May crossword

Across: 1 Reject 4 Hellfire 10 Lacemaker 11 Voila 12 Tusk 13 Strip light 15 Vermeer 16 Gateau 19 Sprang 21 Avenged 23 Astronomer 25/26/21D/5 Girl with a pearl earring 27 Dhoti 28 Cardigans 29 Milkmaid 30 Chased

Down: 1 Relative 2 Jockstrap 3 Camp 6 Love letter 7 Icing 8 Exacts 9 Skater 14 Metabolism 17 Anglicans 18 Idolised 20 Gnocchi 22 Random 24 Troll

BRAIN TEASER answer: That is beside the point

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Due to Covid and some of the losses experienced this focus takes centre stage more than ever. We have a series of child-friendly, highly engaging picture books that help the children think about a variety of issues. This can be around anti-bullying, online safety, young carers, naming and recognising emotions, road safety, looking after themselves and understanding the importance of good mental health. This selection of books is taken from a research project we are involved in called 'The Story Project'. The aim of the project is to use carefully chosen stories and innovative accompanying resources that enable teachers to develop their classes' wellbeing alongside their literacy skills.



Wheel of Well-being

Another way that we approach staying mentally healthy is by using the 'Wheel of Well-being'. We talk to the children about having all the elements of the wheel to feel happy, safe and motivated. Here at St Michael's we talk about caring for the planet through curriculum lessons such as geography. Our topic this term is called 'Making Waves' and we are learning about how animals need us to care about our litter to stop it going in to the sea and hurting the sea life. We discuss how learning keeps our brains active and makes us feel good when we achieve our goals. We discuss kindness through our school values and Bee Rules and how even the smallest act of kindness can make us, as well as others, feel great. The children are keenly aware at the moment about the power of connecting with each other. Their need to socialise with each other was apparent in our lock-downs and it is a joy to see how happy they are to be part of a bustling and vibrant school community again.



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We actively encourage the children to 'pause' and take a moment to appreciate the world around them. By looking at nature and its changing seasons, the children learn to appreciate how lucky we are to be able to hear the birds sing, the leaves rustle and watch the clouds shift and change. The adults learn to appreciate them too!

We also place a strong emphasis on physical exercise at our school. The children take part in daily physical exercise 'rest' breaks between lessons to recharge their batteries, they have regular Forest School sessions and plenty of time for PE. We have a curriculum PE session one afternoon a week and also a 'golden mile' lesson where the children challenge themselves to beat their fitness score each week by running laps!

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Nichola Cleather



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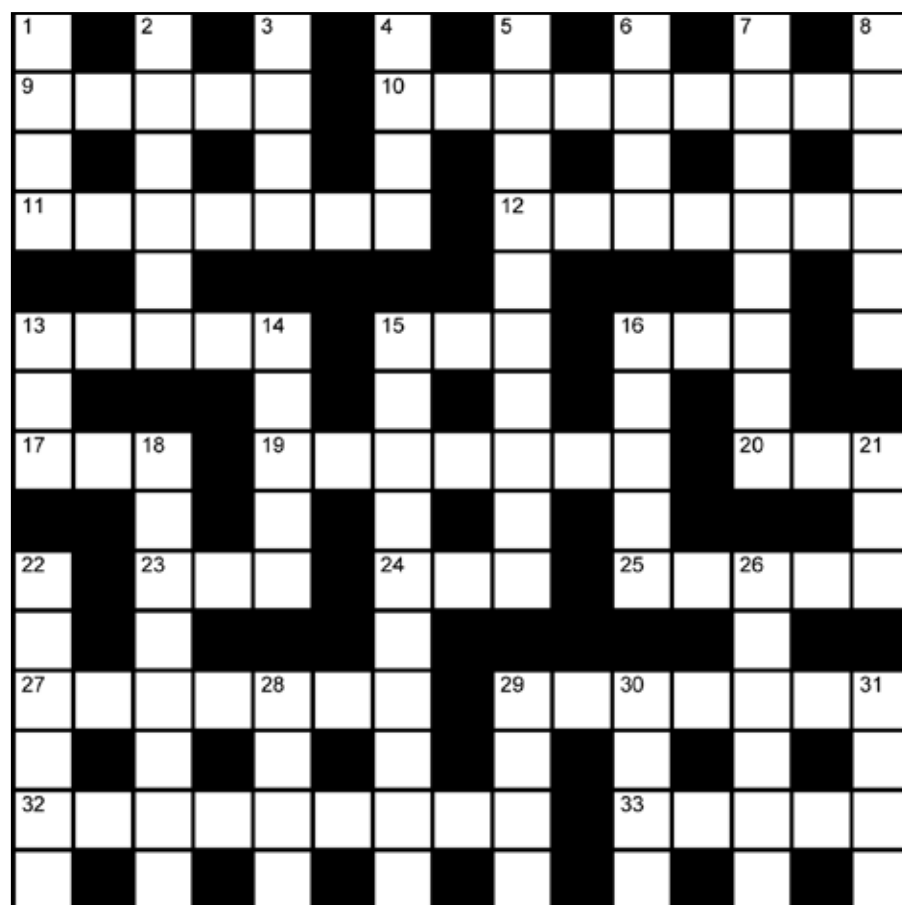
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Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 9 See 18 Down
 10 Jab a cute lion to see a change of character (9)
 11/21 A source of constant 2 could be pi when expressed in capitals (7,3)
 12 Most dim, least energetic hedgehogs start to lactate first at the inauguration (7)
 13 Bear is in cave swap (5)
 15 See 7 Down
 16 Cut the top off small branch to get syrup (3)
 17 Delivery service brings bursts of happiness (3)
 19 Blimey, travel in the past was rot! (7)
 20 The very end to everything's beginning (3)
 23 Aha! That sounds like it's difficult to walk on (3)
 24/31/6 Pointless as a representative following current affairs on Radio 2 (3,4,4)
 25 Aesthetic judgement's at the gallery's core (5)
 27 Henman & Murray leaping after taking clothes off (hope for the best!) (7)
 29 Truth can be unfair (3-4)
 32 Strong-willed cousin ate devilishly fast (9)
 33 Broken down Lexus is a source of finance (5)
- ## Down
- 1 Old burger place wiped bottom with doormat (4)
 2 Fury after having placed thorn in the side of the establishment (6)
 3 Ryan has a mammoth (4)
 4 Wickedness is a thing with jaws (4)



- 5 In a fit of creation he met robot Mary on 24th December for illustration (6-2-2)
 6 See 24 Across
 7/31/15A/13D 2 is what you get from this sort of housewife on a TV orgy (4,1,3,4,3,3)
 8 It would not be acute for food company to take in arms (6)
 13 See 7 Down
 14 It can be original and from Bideford to Plymouth one's passed on the left hand side (5)
 15 Up the stairs is this place for florist's shenanigans (5,5)
 16 Sounds like layabout did this to lead to seizure (5)
 18/9 It's difficult for pig estimating how to make 2 using rubber (8,5)
 21 See 11 Across
 22 Western sidekick loses his head to publicity right away (6)
 26 It's poorly done to have a fling when eating out there (6)
 28/24/30 Simulated those with 29 ticker heard in late night 2 (4,3,4)
 29 An essential part of real ales seems to be lacking (4)
 30 See 28 Down
 31 See 7 Down or 24 Across

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



Wild garlic in Nichol's Field, Norbury Park 14th May

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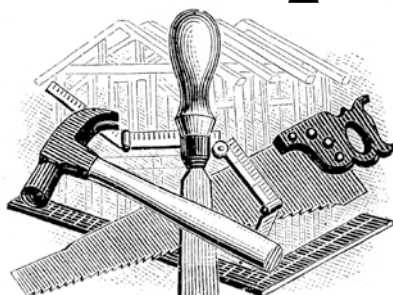
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