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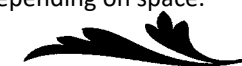
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Dear friends

According to a 2018 Ofcom report the average person in the UK spends more than a day a week online. People are on average online for 24 hours a week, twice as long as 10 years ago, with one in five of all adults spending as much as 40 hours a week on the web. Smartphones are now used by 78 per cent of the population, compared with just 17 per cent in 2008, the year after the first iPhone was launched. The report goes on to say that Britons are now so addicted to them that they check them every 12 minutes. One other unsubstantiated report said that the average office worker today enjoys no more than three minutes at a time at his or her desk without interruption, the average American spends at least eight-and-a-half hours a day in front of a screen, and teenagers send or receive 75 text messages a day!

Nearly 400 years ago Blaise Pascal was quoted as saying, 'One of the ways in which man brings the most trouble upon himself is by his inability to be still' and a book I am reading said that studies today suggest the average person or group can only bear fifteen seconds of silence. Is this true for us here in our parish? Is there indeed a significant element of truth in these comments?

I am not really that surprised some top-class hotels are now charging high prices precisely because there is no TV or online facilities in the rooms. People are beginning to crave quiet times more and more, surely, we all need space to ourselves, some time where we can stop from the busyness of daily life, and be still, no matter that may initially be a challenge.

Even earlier than Pascal – about 2,700 years ago – a man named Isaiah wrote that if we are still before God, if we wait upon Him, we will mount on wings like eagles. Eagles are majestic birds with remarkable vision, possibly eight times sharper than humans, and they are built to fly at speeds of up to 100 mph. They can roll and do loops like a plane and their wingspan can extend up to eight feet. Unlike other birds they rarely flap their wings because they are not built to flap but to soar, going much further on little energy. They simply fly into thermals, invisible columns of hot air that rise into the sky, and when they open their wings, they are lifted higher and higher into the sky. At the top, possibly as high as 14,000 feet, they simply emerge and soar for miles and miles with very little exertion or strength.

If you are feeling in need of some space, some quiet time for yourself, you could do much worse than heed the words of Isaiah, found in the Christian Bible. He seems to be telling us that God is like the invisible, uplifting thermals of this planet and that when people turn to God, in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, and stretch out the wings of faith, then we too can soar. We don't need to keep flapping and getting tired and stressed out. We can lay aside our smartphones, iPads, tablets, TVs and other monitors and mount up with wings like eagles, we can find rest, and refreshment, and stillness, and peace as we trust in God and rest in Jesus Christ.

*John*

Reverend Canon John Harkin  
Parish Priest





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## Bible Study Course 2019

**The Mystery of God** is a seven-session Lent Bible Study Course for 2019, delving more deeply into the mystery of God, seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for Him. The course follows Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing Him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation. Whether you are just looking to find out more about the Christian faith or have been a Christian for many years, this course offers the opportunity to find out more. The evenings will begin on Ash Wednesday and then will be held on the following dates, all starting at 7.30 pm at Garden Corner, hosted by Mary and John Banfield. The following themes will be explored:

Week One	The Mystery of Life and Death	Ash Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Week Two	The Mystery of Good and Evil	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Week Three	The Mystery of God's Glory	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Week Four	The Mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Week Five	The Mystery of Relationship and Reconciliation	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Week Six	The Mystery of Love and Sacrifice	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Week Seven	The Mystery of Joy and Salvation	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April

Please let Canon John know (harkin12@btinternet.com) if you would like to join us for this year's Lent Course. The Lent material will also be studied in the Thursday Home Group from 7<sup>th</sup> March starting at 11 am. If you prefer to come to a daytime meeting please speak to Alison Wood or email alison.wood29@btinternet.com

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## Holy Week and Easter

For 2019 Holy Week will be marked by regular services on Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. There will be short half-an-hour evening services starting at 7 pm from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. These services will have a focus upon Jesus' life and ministry in the last days of His life on earth as a man. On Good Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> April, we will

hold a quieter, more reflective service for one hour, beginning at 2 pm, before a short Service of Light on Easter Eve, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7 pm in church. On Easter Day we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a theme resonating through both our 8 am and 10 am services.

All are very welcome to share in this journey as we commemorate Holy Week and Easter Day.



After considerable discussion over a number of years, permission has been granted for renovation work at the Chapel, which will begin in March. Inside the main door on the right worktops, a sink, taps and cupboards

## Westhumble Chapel Renovation

will be fitted, so light refreshments will be able to be served. On the left, the door opening will be enlarged to enable access to the new toilet which will be fitted. The old vestry to the right of the building will be repaired, and new storage units will be made using proprietary kitchen units. As the Chapel's furnishings seem to date from several periods and do not represent a

coherent whole, only the lectern and the oldest pew will be retained, with the remaining pews removed and replaced with modern seating, providing greater flexibility for the use of the building for more community user groups. It is estimated that the work will be completed within approximately eight weeks, and will provide a welcome update to the existing building.

## New AV system for St Michael's Church

It was back in 2017 that a decision was reached to install a new audio and visual system in the church, and permission was received in February 2018. After some updating of the original specification and design, the new system is due to be installed soon. This exciting new development will include two screens and projectors, one in each of the two aisles, which will be electrically controlled so when not in use the screens will be out of sight behind the arches in the respective aisles. A monitor will also be installed near the organ so that the organist and choir will be able to view it when in use, although it will not be visible to the congregation, and there will be a further screen in the vestry for use as and when required.

There are a number of benefits in having projectors and screens in

church, significantly they create effective communication, combining both visual and audible forms of communication helping to improve our retention of information. The additional the gift of clarity is provided, especially where 'a picture can speak a thousand words,' often eloquently enhancing the spoken word. Words of liturgy and hymns can be displayed to enable better visibility, especially when in appropriate colour and sizes. Screens have multi-use functions too, and can be used to show relevant images or video/DVD clips, dependent upon the context.

We envisage using the new visual equipment on the first Sunday of each month at the 10 am Family Service, for occasional services such as Mothering Sunday Service, for assemblies or school services for St Michael's and Box Hill

Schools, and potentially when the church is used for concerts or other 'one off' occasions. All other Sunday services will continue to follow the existing patterns of worship.

The new AV desk will be on the left as you enter church on a slightly raised dais, and will be made in a similar style to the existing sound desk, utilizing an existing pew as far as possible so as to blend into the existing pew structure. The intention throughout has been to retain the ambience and character of our lovely village church, with hidden screens so as not to spoil the existing visual impact on entering the building. Additionally we seek to develop facilities to communicate more effectively with the varied ages, congregations and audiences who are privileged to be able to use this beautiful church building.

## Prayer



Following the helpful and informative Prayer Workshop in church last October we shall in future be holding a workshop each term. The next one will be held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** between **10 am and 12 noon**, and all are very welcome to come and join us. Our aim is to provide an informal and relaxed setting where we can spend a few hours talking, considering, reflecting and discussing the different aspects of prayer.

We used a resource paper for our first meeting and intend to discuss this in more depth at our March Workshop.

We continue to host a monthly **Parish Prayer Meeting** on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in church; the remaining dates for this term are 5<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. There is no need to book in advance for these meetings, just come and join in. Canon John

The paper considers:

- Why we should pray
- Identifying difficulties in prayer, and some ideas to help us overcome these
- Different types of prayer, especially prayers found in the Bible
- How to pray

We will also have a resource table of books, and a list of some websites which people might find helpful. If you would like to find out more about prayer to enable you to develop your own prayer life, do please email me to let me know if you will be coming.

## Church Electoral Roll Mickleham Parish (includes Westhumble)

Each year the Church Electoral Roll is updated, but every six years a completely new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. This is due in 2019. This means that everyone must re-apply to have their name on the roll.

Application forms for enrolment will be available in St Michael's Church from 17<sup>th</sup> February and must be completed and returned by 31<sup>st</sup> March. For further information and help please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Carole Brough Fuller on 01737 842918 or email electoralroll@micklehamchurch.org.uk

## CALENDAR DATES

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

11.30 am

### The Summer Term Prayer Workshop

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

10 am – 12 noon

In church



## Mothering Sunday 31st March

### Children's Workshop

St Michael's School from 9.15\* to 10.45 am

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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Liz Absalom, Chapel Farm, Westhumble 07801 791123

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Julia Siberry, Old House, Old London Rd, Mickleham 01372 375303

\*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Village Hall: Mary Banfield 01372 373912

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Jenny Hudlass, Woodlands, Burney Road, Westhumble 01306 886044

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## Micklehymns 3

On Sunday afternoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, about seventy people turned out in damp, chilly weather to sit in a warm and cosy church and sing with spirit some favourite hymns chosen by their friends and neighbours. Yes, this was Mickleham and Westhumble's very own *Songs of Praise*, ably organised and compered by village impresario, Jo Brown. Not only that, it was the third time she had done so – the previous occasions being in 2008 and 2012.

Fourteen handpicked members of the church community had been asked to select a favourite hymn, and to explain a little about what the hymn meant to them or why they had chosen it. But before they could say their bit, Jo introduced each one with a brief biography which meant there was also a delightful flavour of *Desert Island Discs* to the proceedings. The audience learned some unknown snippets about their friends and followed that up with a jolly good sing of the chosen hymns.

The musical choices were very diverse in mood and tempo, ranging across the centuries and varying traditions in spiritual music. We opened with the reflective 'Be Still' chosen by Caroline Jones, and this was followed by our

organist, David Fishwick's choice, 'New every morning' which speaks to him of Grace, freely given.

The programme included 'He who would valiant be' based on Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress, through Bach's Chorale ('O Sacred Head sore wounded') to 'Rock of Ages, cleft for me'. James Riches' choice, 'I vow to thee my country', spoke of duty and service and reminded him of his godson; Andy Diamond chose 'Jerusalem' which he had sung not only on many sporting occasions but in cathedrals all over the country as a choirboy.

We 'belted out' for Mary Flint, who was unable to be there, her choice of 'O Lord my God' which she had heard sung not only in a congregation which included Sir Cliff Richard, but also by thousands in Wembley stadium; and Brian Wilcox remembered a very special rendition of 'Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer' at a BBC recording of a service in West Wales where there were four large choirs and hundreds of people who just enjoyed singing. Canon John Harkin recalled the powerful 'In Christ alone' sung by a thousand clergy voices at a conference, and Simon Ward spoke of the huge sound of 'Dear Lord and Father



of Mankind' sung at his wedding to Amy, which banished all his nerves. I am sure we didn't make as good a sound as any of them had experienced in the past, but we certainly did our best.

On a lighter note, there was 'If I were a butterfly' (with actions) chosen by our youngest contributor, Rachel Ward, for her happy memories of St Michael's School, and the 'food hymn' which reminded Penny Butcher of her school days ('Lettuce (Let us) with a Gladsome Mind'). Sue Tatham treated us to a whistlestop tour around the world to some of the places (USA, Malaysia, New Zealand and UK) where she had sung 'Let all the World' and found community and friendship through singing.

Tea and cake were enjoyed in the interval and there was plenty of opportunity to chat before the second half. Altogether a most successful event which raised £400 towards the refurbishment of the church porch. A huge thank you to Jo, who made it happen, and everyone else involved behind the scenes.

Alison Wood



**Pop-up Pub Returns – see page 17**



## Redevelopment of FSC Juniper Hall

Since taking over Juniper Hall in 2014 I have seen the Centre grow in many ways. Juniper Hall is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC) and has been delivering courses around biology, geography and the environment since 1947. In both 2017 and 2018 we have seen over 19,000 visitors coming on courses each year which is a record for the Centre. Being a charity organisation we have also aimed to increase our engagement with our local community and have hosted several successful events including the Mickleham Village Party, Easter Bunny Hunt and an annual BioBlitz.

It is, however, due to the increasing demands on the Centre that we are planning to carry out extensive refurbishment works that are due to

start in November 2019. The works are going to cost an estimated £2.03 million and are being split into two phases that will hopefully finish in the summer of 2021.

Phase I will run from November 2019 until Easter 2020. This part of the project will see the upgrade of the main house, with a particular focus on the first and top floors. We will be stripping out the existing guest and staff bedrooms as well as some other spaces and installing en-suite bedrooms giving us a greater flexibility of their use. We also intend to open up areas such as the top of the staircase, thus removing the modern wired glazing that has been present for several decades. We also intend to increase disabled access facilities and to create a new ground floor disabled

access room with a neighbouring carers room.

The changes to the main house will allow us to open up to schools, colleges and universities but also offer more opportunities for families, small conferences and professional groups. There will be some ground floor modifications as well, although most of these will follow in the second phase.

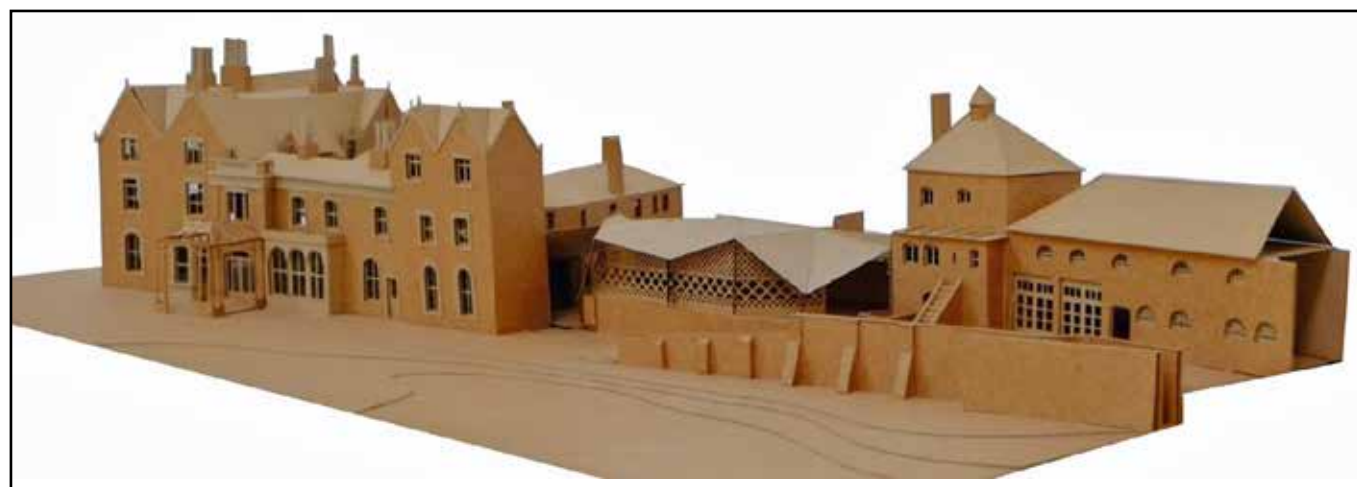
Phase II of the project will then begin in August 2020 and will go on until the summer of 2021. In this phase we will be knocking down the 1960s Wooldridge Labs. These have been a great facility but are now showing their age. As a building they are extremely cold in winter and so the energy required to heat them is huge. In the summer they are like a greenhouse and so we have

continued >>> >>>

Photographs: Juniper Hall



Main buildings of Juniper Hall showing the Wooldridge Labs which are to be demolished



Architect's model showing refectory and kitchen block which will replace Wooldridge Labs in Phase II

industrial fans! Aside from this, the lighting is now dated and the structure is starting to wear.

Therefore we will knock down this building and replace it with a new sustainable building that will be far more energy efficient. It will look and feel modern but at the same time fit in with the other buildings, with the intention of being subservient to the main house.

The new building will give us our new kitchens and will allow us to feed up to 120 people in one sitting (almost double our current capacity). Whilst we have the spectacular Templeton Room, the capacity is really 70-80 people at a squeeze. Therefore, this will also allow us to have a space that we can use for large group gatherings such as the universities that often like to do whole



Last month's theme was UNDER MILK WOOD by Dylan THOMAS. It was first read on stage in New York in May 1953 with Dylan Thomas voicing two of the parts and luckily someone thought to record it because six months later he was dead. The first performance on BBC Radio was a further two months on from that (65 years ago on 25<sup>th</sup> January this year), with a distinguished Welsh cast being led by the beautiful voice of Richard Burton (you can hear the whole thing on YouTube). It is set in the town of LLAREGGUB (a famously backwardly spelt version of 'nothing' that I couldn't possibly write forwards in Mickleham Parish Magazine) and the local organist is ORGAN MORGAN whose wife dreams of 'silence' in reaction to his constant obsession with music.

Here are some of the other clues:

**11 Blue whale's 23 gone from harpoon explosion (5)**

DEFINITION: Blue

This is an example of needing to break a clue down into its basic component parts – 'Blue whale' is so commonly seen as one thing that it can be difficult to think of it as 2 different words. '23' is not clue 23 but a pointer to which letters in 'wHAle' to subtract from

group lectures when they visit us.

The other intention for our new building is that we can open it up to the local community. It may be a venue where we can continue to host events that will complement the facilities such as the village hall rather than compete against them. As a result of moving the kitchens we will then move two classrooms back into the main house as well as new common room facilities and wet rooms/drying rooms to protect the historic buildings.

Overall so far we have managed to receive funding of £1.6 million to do the works and have also fundraised £260,000. Therefore we still need to fundraise a further £200,000 but we are working with our architects to bring some costs down and also hope to do some further fundraising. We

will be applying for some grants and also hope to do some crowdfunding. The Friends of Juniper Hall have been a great support in advice for the project and we have consulted them at several stages. The architects are also coming to the Friends of Juniper Hall AGM in June and will bring the updated plans. If you have ever considered being a Friend they have a great number of talks each year, a fantastic Christmas lunch and following the AGM in the summer there is BBQ and wine. Subscriptions are £10 per year.

I will write an update later in the year but if you wish to pop into the centre to have a look at the model including the new building or want to find out more, please drop us a line at [enquiries.jh@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.jh@field-studies-council.org)

Simon Ward, Head of Centre

## Cryptic Delicacies

'HArpoon' – that leaves RPOON for you to explosively anagram to get a synonym for 'blue' that you might not have first thought of.

**ANSWER = PORNO**

**7 Sports car marque 1026 (6)**

DEFINITION: Sports car marque '1026' can be read as '1000 + 26' – with '1000' then being replaced by its Roman numeral M and 26 across being ORGAN

**ANSWER = MORGAN**

**22 Nearly nearly, all all, second second, top top (6)**

DEFINITION: Nearly 'nearly all' Of 'ALL' = AL, 'second' = MO (as in 'half a mo'), 'second' = S (as in the unit of time), top Top = T (the first letter of 'top')

**ANSWER = ALMOST**

**1 Cat play? (3,3)**

DEFINITION: play This is an example of a clue where the answer is a cryptic definition to one of the words in the original clue. 'Cat' is an anagram of ACT so combining ACT with the anagram indicator OUT gives you a way of getting to 'cat' but ACT OUT also means 'play'.

**ANSWER = ACT OUT**

**23 Mashers members to provide an alliterative example, but when the start is dire, peril is the result (6)**

DEFINITION: peril

This was an experimental clue not like I have seen before but I was thinking about 'dire' being made up of D + 'ire' and that 'ire' is a synonym for ANGER and trying to set up a similar combination of words made of an initial and synonyms – i.e. M + 'ashes' and M + 'embers'. There's probably a more elegant way of doing it – maybe my brain will come up with an answer in time!

**ANSWER = DANGER**

**9 Replace the heart of love with hurt, sound disreputable (6)**

DEFINITION: disreputable An example of the need to sometimes ignore punctuation in cryptic clues. 'hurt, sound' should be read as 'hurt sound' = OUCH which replaces 'ov' in LovE.

**ANSWER = LOUCHE**

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](mailto:andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk)

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Ash *Fraxinus excelsior*

It seems to be a particularly vulnerable time for trees at the moment. If you walk in Norbury Park you will have seen the extent and effects of the felling undertaken by Surrey Wildlife Trust recently. Ash dieback is a national disaster which is now found across the UK and there is no method currently of stopping the spread of the disease which ultimately weakens the trees and makes them more likely to fall. The decision was taken to fell all ash trees within a 30-metre buffer zone of the main paths in the interest of public safety, a decision which was approved by the Forestry Commission and Natural England. Needless to say, it has not proved an uncontroversial decision as a small percentage of trees are known to be resistant to the disease and research

is still ongoing. However, the trees that are resistant need to be identified as it is just those trees which will enable regeneration to take place in the future. This is not the place to make detailed arguments for or against the decision to undertake unselective felling but the collateral damage to the woodland, let alone the harm that will inevitably have been done to the creatures who inhabit it, many of them protected species, is a very real concern. For the time being, felling has stopped and some of the areas originally proposed have not yet been touched as the access is unsuitable for the machinery being employed.

Although ash is a nationally important tree, it is probably the old oaks of England that we especially revere for their place in English history yet oaks too are under threat from the oak processionary moth. Like much else, it was accidentally introduced into England and sightings in the South

## Trees at Risk

East are increasingly common. Their nests which are only found on oak trees look rather like white cobwebs although they turn brown with age. The caterpillars have black heads and their bodies are covered in long white hairs. 'Processionally' refers to their nose to tail method of travel. In large populations they can devastate the foliage of oak trees, leaving them weakened and vulnerable to other threats.

More than this, the hairs of the insect may have health implications to humans and animals on close contact. A minority of the population, similar to those who suffer badly from bee or wasp stings, is at risk from developing anything from minor skin complaints to anaphylaxis. The message is to avoid close contact and to report sightings to the Forestry Commission by calling 0300 067 4442 or emailing [opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk). Their website contains helpful information.

Judy Kinloch

Photograph: Jennifer Desouter



Unselected Ash Tree felling in Norbury Park



Photographs: Forestry Commission

Above: Oak Processionary Moth nest on tree trunk  
Below: Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars

**MULTI-COLOUR SWAP SHOP**  
Saturday, 6 April – Leatherhead Parish Church Hall 7.15 pm

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Westhumble Residents Association

**AGM**  
Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup> March 8 pm  
The Stepping Stones

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About 65 Friends were present at the FOBH AGM in Juniper Hall's Templeton Room when Chair Lyn Richards outlined the highlights of the year. Thanks to new GDPR rules the membership was sorted out and there are now 199 households on the list. She encouraged Friends to try and recruit new members to get past the 200 mark. Donations to the National Trust were up last year – the Friends paid for drone photography of the grassland compartments on the Hill which will be immensely useful to both the NT and the Compartment Group of the Friends. She thanked all the leaders of events during the year, which had culminated in a wonderful talk on butterflies by Gail Jeffcoate, at the Burford Bridge Hotel.

Stephanie Fudge – the Surrey Hills Countryside General Manager explained the change of focus for the National Trust from 'place at the heart' to 'people at the heart' of their ethos. She congratulated Mark Dawson and Catherine McCusker who had been nominated to attend the NT London and SE Awards for 'people who have done something special'. Catherine won an award for her toddler group *Box Hill Bugs* which has now been emulated at other properties. Box Hill is considered to be the gateway to Surrey Hills and Stephanie said about three million visitors were welcomed to the area during 2018. The challenge for the National Trust is how to manage the increase in footfall and simultaneously protect the environment.

## Annual General Meeting

The NT Rangers talked about their work - Mark Dawson reported that part of the Play Trail is to be resurfaced with a hard path as much of it gets extremely muddy in winter. He said the Trust hope to improve nature conservation and unlock potential for the land to be richer in wildlife whilst delivering a healthy environment for society in future. He said there are plans to upgrade the Stepping Stones – both the car park and nearby open spaces.

David Benjamins, who organises the volunteers, outlined the conservation highlights of the year, showing many positive reports. Volunteer groups are vital to the work on the Hill. - apart from the Conservation team, there are roaming rangers, tree surveyors, photographers and corporate groups (who both volunteer and pay for the privilege!).

Catherine McCusker was unable to attend but had prepared an interesting video to describe the work of her Education Department. They had an excellent year of 'Box Hill Bugs' with up to 100 toddlers and their carers each week. They also had a successful year with school groups and the coming year is already booked up apart from three dates in July. They ran their first work experience session, when local 14-15-year-olds spent a week working on the hill. They did conservation work, tree inspections and wrote articles – all in all getting a fully rounded experience.

Holly O'Neill, Visitor Experience Manager, and Ross Fairbrother, Property Operations Manager, then gave the headline figures for sales and memberships for the year. Looking forward, the indoor space is due to be updated – the Discovery Zone will be refreshed, and the Cadbury's Easter Egg hunt will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April. They asked that all members scan their membership cards every time they visit

the Hill – either on foot or by car. This will increase revenue for the property as each scan will gain Box Hill £1 (£2 from March). Stephanie Fudge explained that it was a way for outdoor properties to receive funds and recognition in the same way that the Trust's houses do.

After a break for tea, the meeting re-assembled and Lyn Richards introduced James Power, National Trust Wildlife Adviser for London and the South East. He showed worrying charts of declining bird populations and other wildlife – many species are in danger of extinction.

He told us about the work the National Trust is implementing to reverse these declines. He showed how nature can recover but said that traditional approaches are not enough. A new strategy – Land, Outdoors and Nature – applies to all National Trust land and has five themes: ensuring habitats are in good condition; restoring and creating new habitats; nature-friendly farming; introducing other features into the landscape which would be helpful to wildlife and joining-up networks of habitats across the landscape, with corridors connecting different areas.

On Box Hill they need to make sure all chalk grassland, woodland, hedges and ponds are in good condition and restore those that need it. Also they need to soften the edges of arable farming to promote wildlife and work with neighbours and other organisations to provide nature corridors and nature-friendly farming. How will they know if they have succeeded? The organisations Plant Life, the British Trust for Ornithology, Butterfly Conservation and Bat Conversation are all monitoring nation-wide and have agreed to work with the National Trust and share data. It was a very interesting and thought-provoking talk. Fiona Roberts-Miller



## Mickleham and Westhumble Village Show and Fête Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2-5 pm

Just a reminder that this year is going to be extra special as for the first time we are combining the Fete with the M&W Horticultural Society's Summer Show. The events will complement one another perfectly and will be held in and around the Village Hall and adjoining Glebe Field in Dell Close, Mickleham, so you will be able to enjoy and take part in both. There will be lots of interesting

stalls and activities, and we will be releasing more detailed information in future magazines.

For now, please save the date for the big occasion, and tell your families, friends and neighbours. As well as planning your entries for the Horticultural Show, do think about whether you might be able to spare an hour or so to help on the afternoon. We hope that this will be

a real community event and we would like as many people as possible to come along and be part of it.

If you would like to be involved in any way or have a good idea for a new activity or stall, please telephone me by email [mwfete19@gmail.com](mailto:mwfete19@gmail.com) or telephone 01372 376443.

Alison Wood  
Fête Co-ordinator

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## Dorking Museum recalls Shrove Tuesday Football

A recent visitor to Dorking Museum left this comment: 'This museum, with its fascinating subject-matter and very high standard of display, is one of the best museums I have ever visited. It reveals very successfully the heart and character of Dorking and its place in history.'

Perhaps one of the many fascinating items they saw on display was a cross-shaped framework on which are suspended three brightly painted footballs. This recalls the famous Shrove Tuesday football matches which became a fixture of Dorking's year in the 19th century. Festivities began with a procession through the town led by a 'grotesquely dressed' band and fronted

by a man carrying this standard, which carries the inscription, 'Kick away both Whig and Tory, Wind and water Dorking's glory'. The original football standard displayed (with replica footballs) is probably the only remaining standard in Surrey.

The football game kicked off at 2 pm at the gates of St Martin's Church and continued through the streets of Dorking until 6 pm, when festivities continued in 'The Sun' and other public houses. Large numbers participated

in the game and thousands more watched – shopkeepers barricaded their premises to limit damage. After complaints from traders, the game was banned by the County Council in 1897, although it continued for a few more years, finally being declared extinct in 1907. David Burton



Photograph: Dorking Museum



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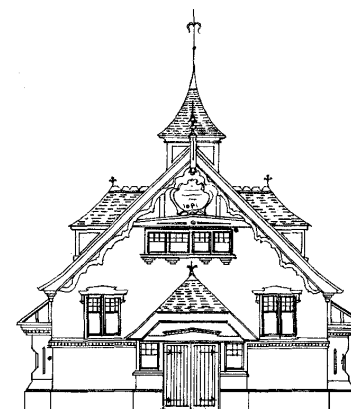


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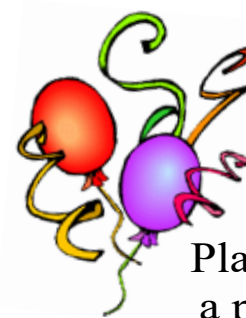


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4	Monday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting. Ranmore Room
5	Tuesday	7.30 to 8.30 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in church
6	ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30 pm	Lent Course. Garden Corner
9	Saturday	10 am-4 pm	Wedding Preparation Day. Leatherhead Church Hall
10	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am 10 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer at the Chapel
11	Monday	12.30-1.30 pm 7.30 pm	Lent Lunch. Village Hall Lent Course. Garden Corner
16	Saturday	9 am 1.30 pm 5-10 pm 7.30 pm	Men's Breakfast. Running Horses Wedding: Rob Whitham & Rosie Rawson-Cain Pop-Up Pub. Westhumble Chapel Barnardo's Quiz Night. Village Hall
17	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
18	Monday	12.30-1.30 pm 7.30 pm	Lent Lunch. Chapel Farm Garden Shed - Preparing for your Show. Stepping Stones
19	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Lent Course. Garden Corner
23	Saturday	9 am 10 am-noon	Women's Breakfast. Running Horses Prayer Workshop in church
24	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion at the Chapel Holy Communion
25	Monday	3 pm 7.30 pm	Tea at 3. Woodlands, Burney Road Lent Course. Garden Corner
26	Tuesday	8 pm	Westhumble Residents Association AGM. Stepping Stones
28	Thursday	12.30-1.30 pm	Lent Lunch. Old House
31	MOTHERING SUNDAY	8 am 9.15-10.45 am 11 am	Holy Communion Children's Workshop. St Michael's School Mothering Sunday Family Service

### Dates for your diary

6 April	Hort Soc AGM & Plant Sale
13 April	Mickleham Choral's day at the LHMF
14 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Fruit Tree Pruning No.2

with Alex Valsecchi

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

10 am – 1 pm at Chapel Farm  
Cost £12.50 Booking Essential

### Preparing for Your Show

with Barry Newman

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm

### Lawn Care

with Christina Clowser

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm

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See our new website for more details  
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Further information from  
Pauline Davis 07759 646 353 or paulinemdavis@gmail.com  
Susie Gowenlock 07768 923 088 or susiegowenlock@gmail.com



## Short Film of Mickleham in the 1920s

The museum is now showing a film made in the 1920s by the London Omnibus Company to advertise 'the scenes of beauty that could be seen from its open-top bus'. It is the 107 Clapham Common to Dorking bus route via Mickleham and Box Hill, starting at Hillside Cottages (now gone), past Elm Cottages etc and

on to the church. It then switches to Juniper Hall, followed by lots of views of Box Hill which it must have gone up, and then into Dorking, finishing at Castle Mill. It shows the views and the people on the bus – only a few minutes long. It's on a loop in the museum. Well worth a visit.

## Community News

Congratulations and best wishes to:  
• Jenny and John Hudlass who  
celebrate their Golden Wedding on  
29<sup>th</sup> March

• Rhian and Toby Stanbrook on the  
safe arrival of Noah on 18th December,  
a brother for Henry (4) and James (2)

Very special birthday wishes to  
Elizabeth Watson who celebrated  
her 90<sup>th</sup> on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Welcome to:

• Mike and Alison Nicholson who  
have moved to Pilgrims Close from  
Epsom.

• Dulcie and Jonathan who have moved  
to Byttom Hill from Epsom

Peter Randall

We are sad to report the death of  
former Pilgrims Way resident  
Peter Randall on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Belgium  
and send our love and sympathy to  
Stephanie, Ben and Dominique.



## Anonymised Email Addresses

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data protection precaution. It can also  
allow more than one person to view  
the message which is helpful when  
people are away. Anonymised email  
addresses also make it much easier  
when someone retires or changes role  
as there will be no need to change the  
contact address for the new person.  
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personal address as well.



## The Garden Shed's Activities

### Rose Pruning – 10<sup>th</sup> February

Fourteen Garden Shed participants met at Chapel Farm to hear Alex Valsecchi give a talk on Care and Pruning of Roses. We also heard about different varieties, and how to tackle pests. After an interesting hour's talk, and answering of questions from the audience. We were given a demonstration by Alex on methods of pruning. We were then let free on Liz and John's Absalom rose bed, to try out all the tips and suggestions that we had learned. It was a very useful to put into practice for ourselves, and Alex offered suggestions along the way. We all agreed it was a fun morning, and we also learned a lot. Thank you Liz and John for once again for offering up your garden for us to



practise our new skills. Alex will be back in March to do her second year of fruit tree pruning, which we are all looking forward to.



Photographs: Garden Shed

Her experience and knowledge on Pruning, and her obvious enthusiasm makes it a very enjoyable workshop.

### Willow Weaving – 27<sup>th</sup> January

The Garden Shed invited Nicki Rowling back to teach us the craft of willow weaving. Nicki suggested this time we make a Zorro basket and Willow Tree. At last year's very popular weaving workshop we made 5ft pyramid plant supports. This time we divided the workshop, held at Mickleham Village Hall, into morning and afternoon sessions. We could only accommodate 18 people, so again we had a waiting list of disappointed people.

All participants were really pleased with their results and watch this



space as we will be inviting Nicki back for a Christmas workshop. Nicki is an experienced teacher who also holds workshops at Wisely. We feel very fortunate that she is able to come back to The Garden Shed.

We have some interesting talks coming up. See page 17 or visit our new website for details. Susie Gowenlock  
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## Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

### Early Parish Magazines



We have recently bought four bound volumes of Mickleham Parish Magazines which eagle-eyed Judith Long found on Ebay. The oldest is dated 1879-1891 the other three include some, but not all of the editions to 1906.

We were surprised to find that the earliest volume includes the first ever MPM.

### From the very first Mickleham Parish Magazine – January 1879

Our new Parish Magazine presents itself to each with all the good wishes and resolves which mark the beginning of any fresh event in our lives. It brings a hearty New Year's greeting from your Pastor, who earnestly prays that God's blessing may be richly poured out during the year upon all the hearts and homes of Mickleham.

Month by month the Magazine will reach you. Let us hope that we may welcome it as a true friend. It purposes to convey matters of local interest to the parishioners, along with subjects of a wider scope and general information. The next issue will contain a list of those who have subscribed towards it. Due notice will also be given from time to time of any Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials which may have taken place during the bygone month. In fact, whatever bears upon Mickleham will, as far as space affords, be inserted. At the end of the year all the monthly numbers can be easily stitched together, and will thus form a very nice volume, as a handsome case for binding may be obtained at a cheap price from the Publishers.

Once more let me wish you a very Happy New Year, W H HARKE

This first magazine includes a Notice section which mentions applying for a grant to the small Lending Library and asks for donations of magazines, etc. A Sale of Work, a Bible Class for Young Women, a Bible Class for the younger children of the resident gentry and notice of lectures to be delivered in the schoolroom are publicised. This is followed by Parish Register

of births, deaths and marriages. and services to be held at Mickleham and Westhumble.

Lastly, there is a report of a public Entertainment at the National Schoolroom which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The programme and those taking part is given in detail, (my favourite is 'Blighted by a Water-butt' read by H White, Esq). Much was made

of the inclement weather and the state of the roads 'which were again covered in snow, but both rooms were well filled and entrance money amounted to £1, used to defray the expense incurred for the purchase of lamps and oil.'

More than 130 years ago and 30 plus years since Sue took up the reins!

Judy Kinloch

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## Leith Hill Musical Festival 2019

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Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Youth Choirs' Competition 9 am – 5 pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Festival Concert with choirs from Capel, Epsom, Oxshott, Shalford <i>Mass in B<sup>b</sup> Hummel Requiem William Godfree</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Festival Concert with choirs from Bookham, Dorking, Holmbury St Mary, <b>MICKLEHAM</b> <i>Travelling Tales Alan Bullard Carmina Burana Carl Orff</i>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Festival Concert with choirs from Buckland & Betchworth, Beare Green & Newdigate, Horsley, Leatherhead <i>Magnificat JS Bach The Creation parts I &amp; II Haydn</i>

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## KING WILLIAM IV

Thanks to Kat for doing last month's newsletter and giving her insight on her time here. I think it will be a nice idea to let all the staff have a turn.

Kat has arranged a quiz for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Greg and Leigh who did such a great job before will be hosting. It will be the same format as always two courses, quiz entry and prizes for £16 per person, so please contact us to reserve a table asap.

We have been showing the six nations rugby this month on a small screen by the bar, which has proved to be fun. I will continue with this for all future major rugby tournaments - no other sports. We don't want the King Willy to lose its unique character, do we?

See you soon, Eamonn and Anne

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## National Trust Box Hill

The snow last month was unexpected but such a pleasure to see. It was beautiful at the top of the hill where the snow fell heaviest but the down side was the roads needing a little more care. We had several calls about the possibility of tobogganing but sadly the snow didn't last long enough for people to get out their sledges.

During the week of Valentine's Day the chefs made some lovely heart shaped biscuits and a special cake to bring out the romantic side of those that came for a walk in the Surry Hills and they are planning a similar cake to be available for Mother's Day.

Leo our new Assistant Manager started a few weeks ago and he is already a happy part of the team with some great ideas to see the Café and Servery give of its best as we go into the spring.

Some concerns regarding recycling have been voiced. We do understand how concerned everyone is, as we are and the National Trust is working on a national policy and system to reduce our carbon footprint. The team at Box Hill are following these national guidelines and trying to find local ways we can make a difference.

We are getting new recipe ideas for the Spring and will bring you more details of these as soon as we can.

*If anyone is interested in working on Box Hill take a look at [www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk) for when jobs become available.*



## Changes to Found Property Reporting

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019, police forces across the United Kingdom will limit the types of reports of found property made by members of the public at front counters and via 101. This national move comes after discussions between police forces and the National Police Front Counters Forum (NPFCC). There is no statutory duty for police forces to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property (lost and found) and in a bid to reduce non-essential demand and associated costs and bureaucracy, a proposal to cease the recording of found property reports was approved by the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC). Historically, found property reports were taken for items of property found

by members of the public and handed to the police either for safekeeping or to enable repatriation to the owner. The new policy refers to all property found in public places. The public shall be encouraged to retain the property from the outset and the police service will not accept and record found property except under certain circumstances where retention by the finder shall not be permitted. **Please call 101 or visit a front counter to report found items such as:**

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- Cash within identifiable wallets
- Unidentifiable cash
- Items suspected of being involved in crime

**Call 999 to report:**

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- Drugs, explosives and chemicals

Items such as bank cards, driving licenses and passports can be returned to the issuer. Please check the back of the item for a return address. Found UK passports should be returned to HM Passport Office. Items found on private property, for example shopping centres, should be handed in to customer services or the management team. For more information, please follow the reporting assistant on our website for help with your found item: <http://surreybe.at/c65un>



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The exhibition closes at 4 p.m. on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

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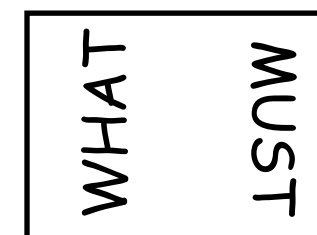
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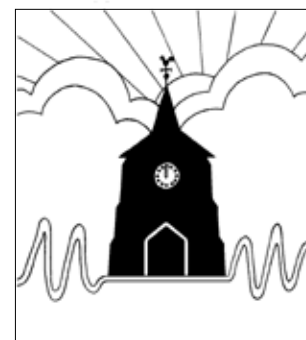
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To stand as a parish councillor you must:

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Election day is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and nominations open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, closing on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Mole Valley District Council, which administers the election process, is holding a prospective candidates evening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will provide nomination packs to parish councils. Further information for those intending to stand can be found at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales). Or by contacting the Clerk at Mickleham Parish Council.

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The parish council is hoping to install a shelter opposite the Running Horses to give protection to those people waiting for a bus. Drawings have been produced featuring two options for siting the free-standing bus shelter and were well received by councillors at their January meeting.

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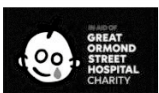
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At the time of writing we are just about to enter Chinese New Year, so 'Xin Nian Kuai Le' to you all! The lunar new year ushers in the Year of the Pig which, like the other 11 animals of the Chinese zodiac, is believed to have its own unique traits and qualities. Those born in the year of the pig are said to be intelligent, compassionate and loyal. The traditions that make up this, and the numerous other festivals celebrated throughout the year across different cultures, offer plenty of opportunities to extend children's knowledge and understanding of the world. We can translate the themes into age-appropriate activities which

reflect many aspects of the early years' foundation stages.

With Chinese New Year, for example, we learned the Chinese Zodiac story, enjoyed Chinese dragon and scarf dancing, made some pigs to decorate the nursery and our role-playing involved cooking and serving Chinese food – mainly woolly noodles!

We have encouraged the children to be shape detectives, using several shape-focused resources as well as going on a shape-hunt walk to spot shapes in our environment. We have also had some highly competitive games of feather tennis! Blowing feathers across a demarcated line on a table seems like great fun for the children, who aren't aware that at the same time they are helping to develop their mouth muscles, breath control and speech sounds. It is also great practice at turn taking!

Outside of our shape and zodiac-related activities, we have enjoyed some regular favourites – playdough, gluing and sticking, train track and trikes and scooters outside with ramps and cones. Morning forest school sessions also

started again and take place regardless of the weather – we even survived the dusting of snow last week!

We have also survived a routine Ofsted inspection, receiving a 'good' overall rating. The inspector noted in particular how well our children actively engage in the many exciting activities in the nursery, that they show considerable kindness towards each other, were highly independent and had endless imaginations.

In March we will be hosting a social evening for our parents – repeating the very popular Mum's Pamper Night of last year, again being held in the beautiful surroundings of Juniper Hall. Mums can relax with a choice of treatments from local therapists, while catching up with other parents and enjoying some wine and nibbles. It was a great evening last year and we expect another sell-out this time round. We know how well we look after the children at St Michael's and this event enables us to pamper our mums too, while raising funds for the nursery at the same time.

Debbie Turner

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Natalie 07790 318 653 or ask to join our closed Facebook group for Tuesday Toddles for regular updates.



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## BRAIN TEASER answer: WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

## Mothering Sunday Children's Workshop 31<sup>st</sup> March

New starting time 9.15 am



St Michael's School 9.15 to 10.45 am

All accompanied local children welcome - Fee £4

Followed by Mothering Sunday Family Service in St Michael's Church at 11 am

### SOLUTION TO THE FEBRUARY CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Act out, 4 Transmit, 10 Teardrops, 11 Porno, 12 Lunar, 13 Carbonara, 14 Panache, 16 Milk, 19 Wood, 21 Almonds, 24 Llareggub, 25 Haiku, 26 Organ, 27 Tangerine, 28 Throttle, 29 Bakery.

Down: 1 Antelope, 2 Training, 3 Under, 5 Rostrum, 6 No problem, 7 Morgan, 8 Thomas, 9 Louche, 15 Close-knit, 17 Incisive, 18 Astutely, 20 Digital, 21 Albino, 22 Almost, 23 Danger, 25 Hyena.

## Religious Education at St Michael's

Being part of a church school is very special in so many ways. Our Christian ethos is brilliantly supported and enhanced by Canon John, who comes into school regularly to lead our collective worship, and once a month we enjoy worshipping in the beautiful and inspirational surroundings of St Michael's and All Angels Church. As a church school we also have the privilege of being able to dedicate a great deal of our curriculum time to religious education and, as part of this, we can organise special fun-filled themed days for our children.

Last term we organised a 'Celebration of Light' day where the children got the chance to learn all about the significance of 'light' to Christians, Jews and Hindus. The William Holman Hunt painting 'The Light of the World' was used to inspire children to ask questions. Many of the children guessed that the person in the painting was Jesus, with one Year-2 girl saying 'He is knocking on a door. It's like when Jesus asks us if we want to

love him'. Lanterns were made and decorated to remind us of Jesus the Light of the World.

There was great excitement when the children made their Diva lamps out of clay and sequins. They learned all about the festival of Diwali and the importance of light for Hindus - the victory of good over evil and hearing about Rama and Sita.

The children loved learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the significance of light for Jews. Menorahs were created using plasticine and paper - they all looked fabulous!

At the end of the day, all the children attended a wonderful assembly where they entered a dark hall, lit only by candlelight. They shared what they had learned throughout the day and 'Shine Jesus Shine' was sung as they left to go back to their classes to go home.

This was the first themed day that our Reception children had experienced as part of St Michael's Infant School but

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we have plans in place for two further RE-themed days later this year. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April we have our 'Easter Pause Day' where we will be recalling the significant events surrounding Easter through craft, role-play and other exciting activities. Later in the summer term we will be learning about another important event in the life of the church - Pentecost. Our 'Pentecost Pause Day' will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, just three days before Pentecost Sunday. The children will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit in a practical, fun and creative way, which we hope will encourage them to remember this significant Christian festival.

Rowan Dickinson  
Year 1 teacher and RE lead

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Making Diva lamps



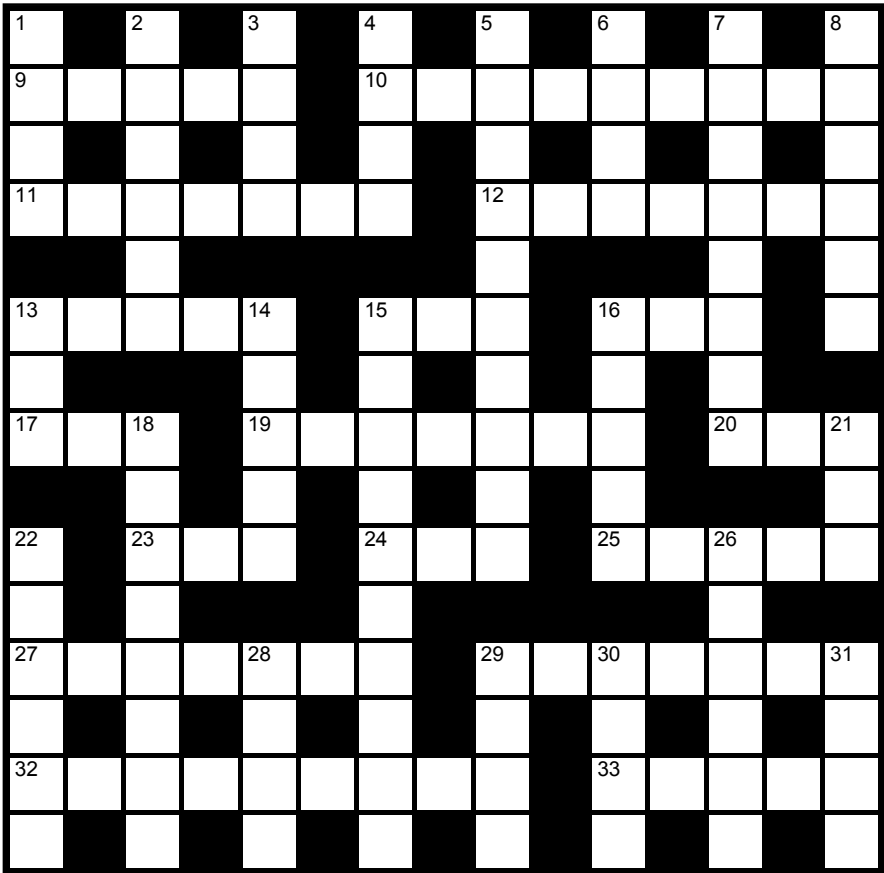
Two of our lantern-makers



# Cryptic Crossword

ACROSS

- 9 Service can be in Southsea if you want a disputed area (5)
- 10 Audibly bit tart to exercise ceremonial thingummyjig (5,4)
- 11 Very largely empty curtains opening (7)
- 12 Hey, wake up, superhero! (7)
- 13 Abacus is a well-developed old queen (5)
- 15 Moon has disappeared from this international body (3)
- 16 Endless reserve is a surprise (3)
- 17 13 can do this for kid (3)
- 19 Sound that is never-ending but not so bright (7)
- 20 Bad habit: it leaves an impatient emission (3)
- 23 Sound night's salutation (3)
- 24 Both ugly sisters hide a display of affection (3)
- 25 Shilling coin detected by 29A (5)
- 27 Time lapse shows second building projections in Central Europe (3,4)
- 29 Facial 32 without even article being on the street (7)
- 32 Sally is into English soldiers and their tiptop tackle (9)
- 33 Stagger back for 29 (5)



DOWN

- 1 Biting a lot of pigs (4)
- 2 Bridal performance is earthy (6)
- 3 Army unit of 22 & 15 & 16 & 21 28 & 12 & 14 (4)
- 4 Blunt speaking in a descriptive way about mid-March being brisk (4)
- 5 'Reviewing the Situation': Fagin on his process of creation (10)
- 6 'Mine's empty of waste!' – starts to make complaint about lack of litter (4)

- 7 Met bimbo dancing for later unhappiness! (4,4)
- 8 Maybe stick around with clergy having early start for midnight exodus (6)
- 13 Garfunkel's, a restaurant without heart (3)
- 14 Pulsing 32 right next to luvvies' cradle (5)
- 15 Rifle through old Alfred's home (10)
- 16 Makes disc brakes without any rights (5)
- 18 Smack pal in the mouth for enjoying food? (5,3)
- 21 Variety of dog in earshot (3)
- 22 Wizard maker of 9 (6)
- 26 Having the discrimination to enlarge the dressing of Hook's moustache (it came from Smee!) (6)
- 28 Have one afterthought after being given 50 smackers (4)
- 29 Students eat tons of bananas (4)
- 30 Abacus is at sixes and sevens without gold hard outer layer (4)
- 31 National symbol to cover back end (4)



The NT Box Hill Centre in February

Andrew Tatham  
Answers to the February crossword are on page 26

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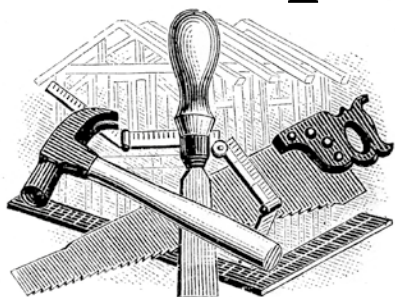
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