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Dear friends

As we come into the summer season and out of lockdown, love is in the air and weddings have started to be held in the church (albeit smaller than they were before).

One of the most popular wedding readings is chapter 13 of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians; while it definitely applies to marriage, it is also relevant to every aspect of life:

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but did not love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but did not love others, I would be nothing.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I did not love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ...

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

A beautiful chapter which speaks to us of love, patience and kindness. Three things which have been in abundance over the last year, within our families and communities.

We have never needed the help and love of other people more. It has made us appreciate the work of so many and the beautiful place that we live in. Gatherings may be smaller and it might have been harder to see each other, but love has endured. We have been lucky to have the technology available to keep in touch with people, no matter where they are.

People have had to be patient with each other, with timelines and things constantly changing. We have been tested to our limits, but hopefully we have come out stronger, wiser and more determined and ready to face the future with hope and optimism.

Where would we be without the kindness of others? Giving food to foodbanks, organising activities, picking up shopping and prescriptions, the list is endless. The kindness of others in this small community has been truly amazing and something we should all be proud of.

As we enjoy time off over the summer, let us continue to think of others, be patient, be kind and show our love to those we know and those that we do not, in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

The Bible might have been written more than 2000 years ago, but the wise words written by Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians still apply today.

S Blake

Sarah Blake
Churchwarden



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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/UCl4pbewCT91iZhcd0EJBIw>



Why does Mickleham have a House-for-Duty Priest?

We recently received the following query from Jean Suckling: *On reading the History of the Almshouses in the April Magazine, I was struck by the fact that Mickleham had not only a full-time rector but also a curate. When and why was Mickleham parish demoted to just a House-for-Duty priest?*

John Banfield has written the following reply: The last full-time priest in Mickleham, Peter Ince retired in 1992. For some time, the Church of England had been struggling with reducing congregations, falling income and in some areas a shortage of priests. This prompted an increase in part-time appointments and self-supporting posts (house-for-duty) and the amalgamation of some parishes into teams or groups of parishes (united benefices). At the time Peter Ince retired there was pressure to combine Mickleham with a neighbouring parish but that only finally happened in 2001.

When Peter Ince retired the title Rector was increasingly being replaced by

Priest-in-Charge. The historical position of Rector was supported by a tithe on the parish and income from glebe lands. That began to change in the 19th century with the introduction of stipends supported by contributions from the congregation to the Diocese, but the courtesy title Rector remained.

In 1993 John Harkin was appointed part time Priest-in-Charge of the parish and part-time Chaplain to Box Hill School. He was followed in 1998 by Barbara Steadman-Allen. In 2001 the parishes of Mickleham and Leatherhead were combined in a United Benefice with first David Eaton and then Graham Osborne becoming the incumbent priest in both parishes. In 2004 David Ireland was appointed Associate Minister of the United Benefice as a self-supporting house-for-duty priest with the courtesy title of Parish Priest in Mickleham. David in turn was followed by Malcolm Raby and then again John Harkin.

The simple answer to Jean's question is the historical position of Rector was



supported by a tithe on all those living in the parish, income from glebe lands and the support of local benefactors and that has all changed. Today the church has to rely on declining congregations for financial support which has resulted in a decrease in the number of full-time priests and an increase in non-stipendiary and house-for-duty appointments. Mickleham is just one example of this change.

Update on filling the Vacancy

Two candidates were interviewed on 16th June and we are awaiting an announcement of the outcome. Ed.

Westhumble Matins Chapel Service 11th July and 8th August – 11.30am



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St Michael's Church Community Group

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Mid-Summer Ice Cream Village Picnic due to the extension of the covid restrictions. We hope it can be rearranged. Otherwise, the Harvest Supper is next in the calendar, followed by some sort of 'Quiz with a Difference' in November.

ST MICHAEL'S ECO-SCHEME This is an issue that is becoming increasingly important within the church and one that overlaps with other initiatives that are taking place in the wider community. Therefore, it is likely that any new church involvement in this area will need to include a mixture of PCC/church representatives and other members of the parish. The PCC will be considering this topic urgently going forward, but in the meantime we would welcome contact from individuals locally, who may have knowledge of relevant areas, such as ecology. If you are willing to share any such specialist expertise, please email me on mickleham@hotmail.com so we can compile a full list of local support and volunteers.

Please remember the foodbank when you go shopping. Donations have fallen off a bit lately, but the need is still there.

Mark Day

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Mickleham and
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Local History Group
**Forgotten
Fredley?**

The Manor of Fredley came about in 1327 or thereabouts when Margery de Micklam married John Dewey and her father gave her part of the Manor of Mickleham as a wedding gift. Their son changed his name to John de Fredlee and Fredley Manor was born. It did not have a manor house, however, and the earliest building with the Fredley name on a map is Fredley Cottage which was built in about 1597. It was then described as a 'tiny cottage with a few meagre outbuildings' and an acreage that stretched at least from Box Hill to the Mole to Juniper Hall. Acquired by Cecil Bishopp (later Sir Cecil and inheritor of Parham House in Sussex) in 1762, he intended to build a grand house on a nearby knoll but was distracted by the Royal Oak Ale House which he expanded into what we now know as Juniper Hall.

At the turn of the 18th century the cottage or farm as it was also called was rented and ultimately bought by 'Conversation' Sharp as a rural retreat. He entertained many of the eminent artists, philosophers and scientists of his day including William Wordsworth who is reputed to have carved his initials on a tree in the grounds. It sounds idyllic: 'alight with glow-worms' and 'nightingales in chorus'. The flaw was the accommodation, which was exceedingly limited and in 1815 Sharp carried out numerous alterations and extensions to house his guests, although even then his ward Maria Kinneard and her aunt were obliged to stay at nearby Flint Cottage.

Maria inherited the estate on Sharp's death as well as a considerable fortune. She married Thomas Drummond, Under Secretary of State for Ireland (and one Englishman for whom a statue was erected in Dublin) and they had three daughters: Fanny, Mary and Emily. Thomas died in 1840, aged 42, but Maria lived on until 1881 during which time she had built Fredley House (in 1865) on the same knoll that Cecil Bishopp had contemplated, together with a lodge that fronted on to the Old London Road. This would have housed the gatekeeper to the estate.

Fredley Cottage/Farm became the home of John Tweed, her trusted bailiff and farmer who was also a churchwarden for many years, and his wife described as 'a



Fredley Farm in 1832 watercolour by Hassell

dairy woman' in the census while Maria lived in what was now 'the big house'. On her death the estate passed to her eldest daughter, Mary and her husband Mr Joseph Kay, QC and then to Emily, the youngest who did not marry. Before Mary's death in 1924 the sisters entertained weekend guests, inviting men and women from the East End to tea in their garden. Emily was a skilful landscape gardener and a great lover of nature; even in London, where she had a house in Hyde Park Gardens, she would go for long walks on her own and knew the Thames from Oxford to Richmond. On her death in May 1930, aged 92, her will bequeathed portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds to the National Gallery in London and in Dublin as well as £500 to her farm bailiff.

Fredley Estate was put up for auction by Emily's executors on 4th November 1930. As well as an estate of 79 acres it included Fredley (the house), Fredley Cottage, the Lodge and extensive garages and stabling plus a farmery.

At this time, there was growing unease among planners about the increasing loss of open space and the uncontrolled ribbon development of the countryside that was taking place (for example locally in Bookham and Fetcham). Plans had also been in the pipeline for some years to extend the Leatherhead bypass through the Mole Valley and to bypass Mickleham village, which was inundated with traffic at weekends in particular. Events coalesced when Norbury Park Estate was also put up for auction in 1930. The sales particulars promoted 'its very great value for development' and this aroused the attention of the Special Town Planning Committee. It was a Councillor, WM Willcocks who on his own initiative bought the Fredley Estate for £11,350 plus expenses and in 1931 the SCC opted to take up his purchase in order to preserve the amenities afforded by Box Hill and the views over Norbury Park, and to acquire

the land necessary for the construction of the by-pass at the Burford Bridge end. This amounted to something over 30 acres and included the strip of land that is now Ryka's. In 1931 the remainder was put up for auction. Lot 1 consisted of Fredley, house and grounds, the picturesque entrance lodge and stabling, etc. with 20 acres. Lot 2 was Fredley Cottage with an adjoining old-fashioned cottage and the farmery which housed a range of loose boxes and cowsheds, etc, 15 acres in all. This left about 42 acres of land. Unfortunately for the SCC neither lot reached its reserve. Bidding for the estate as a whole reached £6,300, Fredley £3,500 and the Cottage £3,400. This left the council in something of a quandary and there was much discussion about the future of Fredley which was considered suitable for a residential children's home by some councillors but disputed by others. It was put up for auction again in June 1933 and I am assuming bought by the St. Faith's Home for 'orphan or destitute girls' as the home was open in Fredley by 1935. Miss Corbet Hue (who lived at Pinehurst) was one of its most important benefactors and bequeathed the residue of her estate to the scheme on her death in 1954.

A solution to Fredley Cottage was found when George Lloyd Jacob bought Fredley Cottage with nine acres for £2,600 and renamed it Fredley Manor to the confusion of many who have thought it actually was the old manor house. A new carriage drive was built for him from the London Road for direct access. A further nine acres were sold to the National Trust.

The remainder was authorised to be sold for building purposes either in one lot or plots. There were restrictions: only one house per every two acres was allowed and homes at a cost of £1,500. And thus it was that between 1930 and 1935 the Fredley Estate became Fredley and Fredley Park.

Judy Kinloch

Mickleham Choral Society

Stepping outside one's comfort zone!

Since last March, Mickleham Choral Society has been unable to sing together indoors. To say that I have missed making music is an understatement. Indeed, the whole choir have missed not only the music but the tremendous feeling of well-being that you get from singing together. Music, friends, laughter – choir provides it all.

So, what to do to keep us all engaged with music and each other. Well, we did Zoom rehearsals. Not ideal (another understatement), as everyone is singing on their own, muted and unable to hear anyone else except themselves. We did it for a while – but enough was enough! So, I decided (perhaps over enthusiastically) that I would make a 'Virtual Choir Video'. I had received a random e-mail from a young man called David Tshulak who informed me that if I was thinking of making a virtual video, his company Wejam could help. I thought – why not? I rang him and we started the ball rolling.

It is here that I should mention that I am not at all 'techie'. In other words, I didn't have a clue what I was letting myself in for. However, my random choice of David was truly fortuitous. He was fantastic and led me through every stage of the project with endless good humour and patience (which he needed!) I will try to give you an idea of what we had to do.

- Make a video recording of the piano part conducted by me to make sure it was exactly the right speed.
- Record the soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts separately using just one voice to each part. The end result being four separate voice recordings.
- Send the piano and voice recordings to David to put them all together.
- Create tracks for each voice part in the choir to rehearse with. For example the basses' track would sound to them as though their bass buddy was singing LOUDLY in their ear with all other parts soft.
- Send these tracks out to the choir and tell them to learn their part.
- Have two zoom rehearsals to make

sure everyone knows what they are doing. (Ha ha!)

We were then ready to start recording the choir and it was at this point they came to realise they were going to have to sing in front of me and a video camera. I nearly had a mutiny on my hands. 'You mean you are going to hear me sing ON MY OWN!!' Errrrm.... yes. That's the way it works. But, in the end they were all VERY brave and turned up at the Village Hall one at a time to be recorded for posterity. Many looked as though they would rather face a firing squad. I kept saying 'when you look at the camera, try to look as though you are enjoying yourself'. Some succeeded better than others but they did all try. Sometimes it took three or four takes to get a good recording but sometimes we got it in one! Everyone sang so well and left feeling proud of themselves, though one man was heard saying outside – 'I think that was the most frightening experience of my life!' Poor soul!

Forty recordings later and I knew our chosen piece, *Something Told the Wild Geese*, by Andy Beck, extremely well! All 40 recordings were sent to David who put them together to make the sound track. Editing came next. Balance of voices, dynamics, etc, etc. We then moved on to adding the choir videos.

I had a very clear idea of how I wanted the final video to look. I wanted to intersperse the choir with film of wild geese floating, taking off, flying towards or away from camera. I gave David timed clips of geese and told him exactly where in the music to use them. I also knew the format I wanted the choir to appear in – not just 40 faces on screen all the time. David was brilliant. So tolerant when I phoned for the umpteenth time saying we needed to change/add/cut/ something. When we were almost done, I think he thought I had totally lost the plot when I told him I wanted some 'honking' at the very beginning. (But he still did include some very fine honking as requested!). Grateful thanks to Clare Kennington for her beautiful solo, Judith Flint for her glorious piano playing, David Tshulak –

techie genius, Francesca Cox for helping find non-copyright geese footage, Jilly Aarvold for suggesting *The Wild Geese*, but most of all to all my wonderful singers. The whole project took a HUGE amount of time, but it gave such a boost to the morale of the choir (and to me). It showed that even when everything seems set against you, it is possible to produce something beautiful.

I hope you all enjoy listening to it. This is the link <https://youtu.be/URwG45Pr6vU> or you can go to YouTube and search 'Something Told the Wild Geese Mickleham Choral Society'. Please share widely – the beauty of social media is that we can reach so many people who would never be able to come to our concerts. Looking forward to seeing you all when we finally are allowed to perform 'live' again.

Juliet Hornby
Conductor
Mickleham Choral Society



PS I received a message from our Italian friends in Sinalunga telling me about 'Primavera Sinalunga 2021', their Spring Music and Drama Festival which is linked to a festival in Montepulciano. It was going to be a virtual presentation this year and they have chosen our video of *The Wild Geese* to open the festival. They called it 'Un salute dall'Inghilterra'. The link to it is in Italian. The gist of what they have written about us is:-

'Our friends from Dorking sent us this beautiful film together with their good wishes. Dorking is a small town twinned with the Commune of Sinalunga. It is about 30 km from London in the south east of England. We have chosen this for our opening presentation for Sinalunga Primavera 2021 thanking them and congratulating them. BRAVI!'

This is a real honour and I am beyond delighted. I feel such pride for all of you and what you have achieved. Keep sending the video to friends – it is so good to feel that we can reach out as a choir to so many people. Juliet



A screen shot from the video

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Guided Tour of Newdigate

Thursday 23rd September



Please join us for coffee at 10:30 a.m. at the Six Bells Barn in Newdigate, next to the Six Bells pub. John Callcut, Chairman of the Newdigate Local History Society, will then take us on a tour of the village which will last approximately one and a half to two hours. There will be no charge for the tour.

After the tour we will have lunch at the pub. For further information, or to reserve a place, please contact Judith Long: judith.long2@btinternet.com or 07904 160961.

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Update on the Bridges

By the time you read this work should have started on the two bridges in Westhumble.

The pedestrian bridge over the railway for access to the platforms is to be refurbished along with the canopies over them. In May Network Rail sent a letter to each household in the village to inform us about the work, to be completed by the end of November. It also made clear that travel may be affected by the work and people planning to travel should check at www.nationalrail.co.uk. An article in the Dorking Advertiser stated that this work will cost £1million.

The road bridge over the railway: Our first information about the proposed temporary measures to limit the load on the road bridge until major work to strengthen it came via David Allbeury, chair of the Westhumble Residents Association. He has kept all those on the neighbourhood watch email circulation informed about the project and about his discussions with Surrey County Council to minimise the impact on road travel of those living in the village, deliveries etc while the bridge is closed for 5 weeks, 24 hours a day. The only alternatives out of the village are Ranmore Common Road to Dorking or via Chapel Lane up to

Bookham. Both have very narrow sections and no doubt there will be problems when vehicles need to pass. Very late in the day, after signs were erected saying that the bridge would be closed for five weeks from June 7th, SCC hand-delivered a letter to all houses in the village to explain about the closure. It gave no information about any measures to minimise the difficulties in the very narrow lanes.

We all understand the need to keep the bridge safe and the chaos (and possible danger) if there was a failure. But if there was any public consultation about the current closure it was kept very quiet. David has negotiated tirelessly with SCC and Network Rail to make sure it causes the minimum disruption to the local population. SCC told him that the emergency services would be able to meet their response times but no indication was given of any plans for traffic management. A delay of one week in the closure was agreed while discussions continued, but in the event information provided persuaded him that there was nothing further to be gained. He sent an email to residents saying

'In light of this I think we have to accept that we have done everything we can to improve the situation regarding the



closure and will just have to put up with it.

I have chased both SCC and the National Trust to get them to cut back their hedges and improve sight lines and passing places.

Thank you for all your support. Let's deal with it as best we can and be nice to the workforce when they are onsite ...'

Perhaps by the time you read this any traffic problems will have been ironed out. Please take care on the lanes, be patient and be as thoughtful as possible about your fellow road users.

Many thanks to David for all his work on this.

Charlotte Daruwalla

Bee Orchids on the Rec

The wild patch on the Village Rec has delivered as promised! At least nine bee orchids have managed to throw up their flower spikes and the spectacular florets are on full show as I write on 12th June. When you get the magazine at the end of the month you should still be able to see the final flowers as they open spirally upwards.

The patch will be allowed to grow on until the end of the season, so there will be plenty more to see – the tall purple tufts of knapweed will soon be attracting butterflies and bees. It is a visual treat and do not forget you too can experiment by leaving an unmown bit in your own garden to see what appears.

David Kennington



Mickleham Parish Council Annual Report 2021

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Box Hill School on Monday 24th May at which the following report was presented:

My Annual Report this year covers two years, as that for 2020 had to be cancelled due to the initial lockdown at the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020.

I therefore ask for some understanding if items which you considered significant are forgotten, not because they were unimportant but because your chairman finds it difficult to remember what happened to him only weeks earlier in his own life.

Some of the issues which did take up a considerable amount of councillors' time in the past two years include the increasing problem of noise, speed and volume of traffic caused in part by the average speed cameras, tempting road users to 'cut through', using the Old London Road and partly because of the vastly increased volume of traffic visiting the area over the last year. Various attempts have been made to address the problems caused, including the formation of a local Community Speed Watch team, the Joint Action Group bringing together a number of local organisations and the proposal of increased parking restrictions in the Old London Road.

The Emergency Plan which parish councils are required to prepare was reviewed and improved and, at the outbreak of the pandemic, the WhatsApp group formed for this purpose was extended to provide a forum for those offering and requiring assistance of various kinds during periods of lockdown in particular.

The Local Green Belt Review was prepared and then shelved but two possible developments, one on land owned by Hall Farm and the other

on Burmester Field owned by Box Hill School, were proposed as sites for small scale developments.

National Heritage Day, on the weekend 21st/22nd September 2019 was planned and executed by the late James Riches and his band of helpers with the support of the Church and Box Hill School.

Plans were approved for the change of the Frascati Restaurant to a café and eatery, with the support of the parish council. The original purchaser withdrew as a result of the pandemic but new owners are currently working on the premises and hope to open for business in the late summer of 2021.

The re-development and improvement of the Norbury Park site was put in hand in 2020, as a result of Surrey County Council (SCC) taking back responsibility for much of the area from Surrey Wildlife Trust. The intention is to have a process of public consultation when initial proposals are ready but there have been a number of delays, in part caused by the closure of Norbury Park Saw Mill. Dr John Lowes has kindly taken on responsibility for this area and keeps the parish council fully informed of any progress made.

'Your Fund', an initiative by SCC to fund capital projects across the county, is being explored by the Parish Council, which has set up a Working Party under the leadership of Councillor Kayleigh Hunter and several projects are being explored, including additional play equipment in the recreation field and plans to provide safer use of footpaths and bridle paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

The plan to erect a bus shelter at the Mickleham Church bus stop, outside the Rectory, finally gained approval from SCC after months of negotiation and the bus shelter was installed in

parish council wish them all the success. Congratulations were also extended to County Councillor Hazel Watson (also present), on being re-elected at the recent county elections. And finally, the parish council thanked Box Hill School for allowing the council to use their site for the first face-to-face meeting since pre-Covid where there was space to



November 2020. It is greatly valued and much used. Our thanks go to a number of local donors who made this project possible and to Councillor Will Dennis for his determination to see the project succeed.

The increased number of visitors to this area, as a result of the severely restricted travel regulations in 2020-21, has caused a huge problem in terms of litter left behind. It is estimated that over 100,000 people visited the Box Hill area over the late May bank holiday weekend in 2020. A remarkably dedicated team of litter pickers has endeavoured to address the problem and our sincere thanks go to them for their hard work and dedication.

During the past six months we have had a change of parish clerk, as a result of the resignation of Trevor Haylett, whose work has been greatly valued over recent years. Feena Graham has taken over the role and we are delighted to have found such a competent replacement. Judy Kinloch retired as parish councillor after many years of dedicated service but remains available as an invaluable source of information to the parish council. Sadly one of our past councillors, James Riches, died very suddenly in March 2021.

Your parish council continues to be very grateful to the community for its encouragement and support, especially over the recent most challenging of periods, and remains committed to its well-being and stability.

David Ireland, Chairman

continue to social distance and maintain the current lockdown easing rules.

As always keep an eye out for updates on the website and if you have any suggestions or comments, please send your feedback via the contact link on the website: www.micklehampc.org.uk

Feena Graham, Parish Clerk

Westhumble Open Gardens

Maybe people had had enough of being trapped in their own homes during lockdown, but whatever the reason, they were out in considerable numbers on the warm Sunday afternoon to visit the seven gardens that participated in the Westhumble Open Garden event organised by the Garden Shed. A few hardy individuals managed to view all seven gardens but most managed at least four or five. The comments we received were all very favourable, noting not only the high standard, but also the variety of gardens and how they were each tailored to their respective houses. Some visitors, mainly the men, trailing in the footsteps of their green-fingered spouses, were more interested in the various varieties of cake available, ranging from the

common or garden chocolate brownie to the harder to cultivate rare spotted lemon drizzle. It was good though to see old friends meet up again, greeting each other with either the regulation elbow bump or the occasional illicit peck on the cheek – sorry Boris.

The real heroes of the day were the foolhardy households who agreed, or were pressganged, into opening their gardens and also the supporting cast of bakers, plant donors and helpers on the day: thank you all. Thanks also to the community at large and particularly the neighbours of the open gardens for putting up with considerable disruption and no doubt some dodgy parking on what should have been a quiet Sunday afternoon. The event was organised

to be a hopefully pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon but also to raise much-needed funds for the Dorking based charity, the Brigitte Trust, who offer free emotional support and practical help at home to people and their families facing cancer, MND, MS, heart and lung failure, and other life-threatening illness. We still have some money coming in but so far we have raised over £1,100. Who would have thought that fundraising could be so much fun?
Roger Davis

See the centre spread (pp 14-15) for photographs of the participating gardens.



Garden Shed – Coming up later this year

Monday 20th September 7.30 pm

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with Everett Leeds - Stepping Stones pub

Monday 15th November 7.30 pm

'Shrubs and Climbers for your Garden'

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October Date TBA

Autumn at Winkworth Arboretum – Guided Tour

Saturday 11th December 9.15 am – 12.30 pm

Christmas Workshop at Mickleham Village Hall

The Arts Society Dorking



Currently as things stand the final Lecture for the year 2020/21 will be held live in Dorking Halls. Due to restrictions in place we are unable to have visitors or guests on Tuesday 13th July 2021. However, we welcome new members who wish to join when we start our new series of lectures in

October 2021 with a full and interesting programme being finalised and visits being planned. Just to give you a taste of what members will hear in July: *From Downtown to Gatsby - Jewellery & Fashion 1890-1920*. Andrew Prince will guide the Members through the extraordinary periods and events between 1890-1920 when the great

fashion houses collaborated with the finest of jewellers. He will also discuss the clients and patrons who commissioned the jewels and how they were worn with the sumptuous gowns. We look forward to you joining us in the Autumn and for more information please view our website www.theartsocietydorking.co.uk.

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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. Two local societies are inviting non-members to join their monthly lectures on Zoom – all given by Arts Society accredited lecturers.

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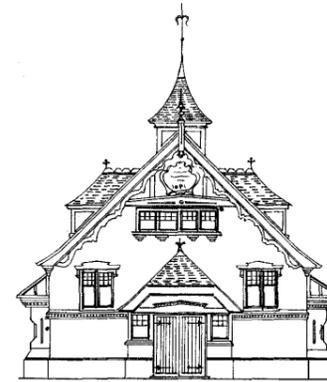
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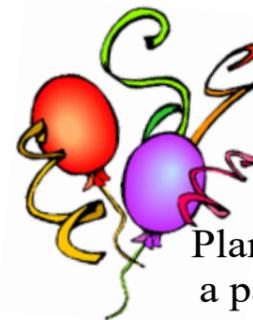
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Tribute delivered by David Ireland at the Service of Thanksgiving for James' life on 15th April

James was one of those rare individuals who will be remembered not so much for what he achieved for himself but for what he did for others. That is not to say that he did not achieve a great deal in his working life as a lawyer. Indeed, there is a long list of clients who would want me to express their deepest appreciation for all that he did for them. If you had asked James what he was most proud of, certainly one of the things he would have mentioned was his membership for many years of the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee and a letter sent to him by the Lord Chief Justice on his retirement shows the extent of his contributions. 'I have greatly admired and respected your contributions to our meetings. Perhaps the characteristic that has been most marked for me has been that I cannot remember an occasion when you intervened when it was not to ask a question, so that you could be better informed, or to express an opinion on an issue about which you had something positive to contribute. The result was that we always listened to everything you had to say and were much better informed because of it.

He was clearly meant to be a lawyer, although he himself wanted to be a doctor in his younger days, or in more recent years a farmer. He even found time to open a restaurant, Sweeney and Todd's in Reading which is still running very successfully.

He had a deep-seated passion for fighting injustice, wherever it occurred and, over the years, played a huge part in seeing justice prevail, not least as Lead Policy Manager with NACRO, a social justice charity. He fought, among other causes, for the rights of travellers, and became a much-respected figure among them.

When individuals found themselves facing any sort of injustice, it was to James they turned with the confidence

that he would take up their cause and fight to the bitter end to see things put right.

He had a wonderfully broad range of interests, from skiing in his beloved Austrian mountains; horse racing (although intriguingly only ever placing the smallest bets); playing bridge (and teaching others to do so); working with wood, although, by his own confession, rather unsuccessfully; launching his boat on the lake in Austria. And of course, in recent years, looking after his beloved Shetland ponies – Scarlet and Rhett and also Beanie, on whom he took pity after he had been so ill-treated, and, of course, his chickens. And most recently writing a story for his grandchildren and the beginning of a novel for Lindy.

Friendship meant a huge amount to James. One of his oldest friends speaks of him as a gentleman, a larger-than-life character, always complimenting others, always concerned and great company.

Another speaks of him as a most generous individual, a most loyal friend, with a cheeky sense of humour and a remarkable ability to form deep relationships with a wide variety of people.

In the community he was known by many for his deep concern for the well-being of those who lived here and was particularly involved in the life of the church, serving on the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod. His deep faith often found expression in his leading of the intercessions which were both challenging and heart-felt.

But, as always, I have left the most important part of James to the end. For no mention of James is complete without mention of his children, Joel, Sam, Katy and Louisa and of their families.

He was an incredibly proud father, and I can never recall a conversation with James which did not include some reference to them. 'He had the patience

of a saint', says Louisa, 'and never-ending reserves of thoughtfulness. Always ready and happy to help ... and with a glass of something to hand to help things along.' 'A life saver when writing important university papers to save my bacon', says Katy. 'And enabling me to pass my final exams. And an in-house legal advisor and business mentor to us and our friends.'

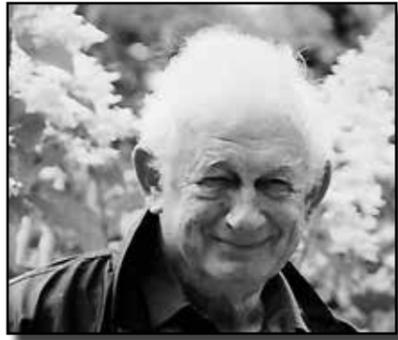
And finally, there is his much-loved and adored Lindy. When countryman and Chelsea woman met all those years ago it seemed to many to be an improbable union and yet it proved to be a perfect partnership. As Lindy so wonderfully put it, 'He didn't bore me ... he was amusing and always interested in what I was doing ... we were equals but different. We were just the very best of friends, who rarely argued and enjoyed life, never happier than when we were together.'

Whenever we asked James about anything, he had the same reply, 'I'll check with Lindy and get back to you.' None of us can begin to feel Lindy's deep sense of loss at this time but we can share her deep love of him and appreciation of all that he did not for himself but for others.



James' ponies

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration
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Mike Nesbit 1923 - 2021

joining a commercial art business, eventually setting up his own highly successful studio in Wardour Street, Soho, which was then the centre of the advertising industry, where he attracted other talented artists. In the days before computer graphics, advertising, packaging and labelling needed illustration and lettering which was produced by commercial artists and his studio flourished, a testament to his perfectionism.

of walking to the station through the snow where the stationmaster looked after the boots of locals, keeping them warm in front of a radiator until they were needed on return in the evening. Things were different in those days!

Mike was always an enthusiastic gardener and rightly proud of the garden he created at Freshfield. He retired in 1985 and was able to enjoy his retirement years amongst his friends and neighbours. He joined the Dorking Arts Society and exhibited and was also an enthusiastic member of the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society and an active member of the community. He was well known locally and a great raconteur who enjoyed an attentive audience.

In his later years, as he became less active, he was fortunate to be well looked after by his friends and neighbours and, with the help of his family and live-in carers, was able to remain in his own home. He passed away, peacefully at home in February, and leaves a gap in the lives of his three children, their families and his close friends.

Alan Nesbit

Mike Nesbit, a resident of Burney Road, Westhumble for 47 years, died in February, a month short of his 98th birthday.

Mike was born and grew up in Woodford, Essex. Both of his parents were accomplished artists; his mother a book illustrator and his father a talented amateur, so it was no surprise that Mike inherited artistic genes and set out on developing his talent. His application to the Slade school of fine art was interrupted by the outbreak of war and he signed up for service in the army, qualifying as a signaller and joining the Special Wireless Section fighting in the jungles of Burma.

His fluency in Morse Code had little practical application after the war and he resumed his artistic career,

Mike married five years after the war and, after the birth of his first son and the imminent arrival of a daughter, decided to move out of a cramped London flat into the countryside. He moved his young family to Great Bookham having decided on the location by drawing a 30-mile radius on a map, centred on his studio, and looking for the largest area of open space. He lived in the Surrey Hills for the rest of his life, moving to Rookery Lodge on the A25 at Westcott in the mid-60s and finally settling in Burney Road in 1974.

He commuted to London daily from Westhumble station and developed friendships with other residents on the same commute. He used to tell the story

Graham Peddie MBE 1938 – 2021

It was with heavy hearts that The Meeting Room team let friends and supporters know of the death of Graham Peddie MBE, their founder, leader, friend, guide and inspiration.

Graham, 82, passed away peacefully in hospital on Thursday 6th May, with his beloved wife Maureen at his side, after a brave battle with declining health. Graham was a totally selfless and endlessly generous man, who in his lifetime cared for and inspired literally thousands of people via his work in social care, for the Youth Hostel Association, through the Pitstop charity and latterly The Meeting Room. He remained passionate about his work and actively involved in supporting his beloved clients right up until the end.

Graham will be hugely missed by all who knew him and will leave a gaping hole in the hearts of those whose lives he touched and whose lives were changed by him. The trustees and staff of The Meeting Room will ensure that his

legacy – to include and support anyone from our community who is lonely, lost or suffering, without judgement and with kindness and consistency – will live on.

In recognition of Graham's life of service to our community, Graham's widow has asked any donations to be made via the website www.themeetingroom.biz where there are details of a special JustGiving page in Graham's memory.

Thank you to Harriet for this contribution to the magazine. I first met Graham about nine years ago when I first volunteered to help on Christmas Day to provide a lunch at Fetcham Village Hall for those who would otherwise go without. I was a bit tentative when I first arrived and asked Graham what should I do. 'Talk to people and offer them a cup of tea or coffee. We should be serving lunch about 12.30 pm.'

There was a pile of presents by the front door for all clients of Pitstop and others to take away after a fantastic

turkey lunch followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies. People started drifting away about 3.30 pm having enjoyed participating in singing carols and most taking home another boxed meal for the next day. I was impressed by the respect Graham received from both clients and volunteers alike and the generosity of those that donated food, gifts and time. He was always the last to leave the hall once everything had been cleared.

The last time I saw Graham was on Christmas Day just gone but unfortunately due to Covid the Christmas lunch at Fetcham Village Hall was cancelled. However, the lunch and presents were still distributed to those who otherwise would have gone without. The St Michael's Church Community Group are keen to continue supporting both The Meeting Room and Leatherhead Start.

RIP Graham Andy Diamond

MCC v Miller Men of Outwood

30th May at Dorking cc

A wonderful sunny day presented itself for a fantastic game of cricket. Kevin Walker was to captain the day and very wisely contracted Charlie Richards to manage the field (Kevin has failed to work out as is leg and off side). After losing the toss, the MMO team chose to bat and Charlie was on the job martialling the ferocious MCC fielders into action. We welcomed the fantastic Farah Patel back and a new young recruit Isaac.

All was set for a blistering opening spell of bowling from Kevin and Theo Dudley. Theo's first start as opening bowler proved very fruitful as under the tutelage of Greg Ayton, his bowling improves in each game he plays. For his 7 overs he went for a miserly 21 runs. Kevin managed to hold his body together and blistered his way to 7 overs, 3 maidens, 2 wickets for 5 runs. Not bad for an old codger. I suggest not having

to worry about field placements helped him concentrate.

Farah was sprinting around the field throwing herself into action, saving runs everywhere (that after 4 hours of rugby in the morning). Will Perks was a fortress as usual in the covers.

Greg and Charlie produced fine bowling spells nabbing 2 and 1 wicket apiece. There was a fine catch by Kevin off Charles's bowling, a fitting thank you.

There was a moment of sheer brilliance when Mark Albon bowling his first ball in two years produced a belter and a great catch from Isaac secured another wicket. As if that was not enough Giles Prichett produced a fantastic stumping off Isaac's bowling adding to the three he had taken in the previous match.



Isaac produced a great spell of bowling taking 3 wickets for 25 runs off 5 overs.

There was a wonderful run out with the two Saffers combining, Kevin producing an underhanded throw in from the boundary followed by Mark throwing the wickets down at the other end. MCC were on a roll and we limited the MMO team to 130 runs, bowling them all out in 33 overs.

At tea Mrs P, our fine scorer, was seen munching on a healthy Mars bar.

After Chris's fine opening knocks in our previous 2 games he graciously moved down the order. The batting started resembling a conveyor belt at Heathrow (remember those?). Giles 5, Will D 1, Will P 0 and Greg 1 created a pressure cooker, however it was going to be Charlie's day as he steadfastly built a wonderful innings of 64 producing some eye watering sixes (4) to take us over the line. Charlie was ably supported by Farah who produced a great knock of 16.

MCC has now won two and lost one game so far this season producing some scintillating cricket. It is very definitely a time to be a part of this.

Kevin Walker



Can you help?

Mickleham Cricket Club is returning to its home ground at Box Hill School on 18th July. Before that, on 11th July, we will have our annual charity match against Dennis Destroyers, at Westhumble. Then we have games most Sundays through to mid-September. There has been a bit of a player shortage this May

and June. We do not know if this is for Covid reasons, or because people decided to go on holiday as soon as the restrictions were eased. But now, teas will be back and that is something we do really well, better than the cricket actually.

We welcome new players of all ages, abilities, gender, race etc. Kit is provided and no previous experience is necessary. Contact Will Dennis at wdwdennis@icloud.com.



Can you translate this diagram into words?

Y

N

N

U

S

Say what you see.

Answer on page 26

Community News

Welcome to Minna and Chris who have recently moved to Bytton Hill; and Congratulations to Nicky Rudolf and Natalie West of Burney Road on the birth of Amelia Elizabeth, on 5th May.

Village Show Saturday 11th September Are you getting ready?

Photography Classes: 1. A Lockdown Moment 2. A photograph with caption 3. A household object taken from an unusual angle 4. The Great Outdoors. For many other classes see the schedule circulated to all houses in May or www.mwhortsoc.org.



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Thanks so much for your well-wishes for our recent wedding. Despite jokes that Eamonn might not make it, I can confirm the deed is done, and we had a perfect time with a week of small family celebrations in London.

Our staff did a great job in our absence, and today Eamonn is in his element to be back amongst his team, in 30-degree temperatures, and with a garden full of customers. We hope restrictions will ease, and you can all enjoy the full freedoms of visits to family / friends abroad and well-deserved holidays. In the meantime, its great having you all 'local' so much of the time.

We look forward to seeing you soon, Anne x

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Cryptic Delicacies



The key to last month's puzzle was this clue (definitions of each clue are underlined):

2D Fury after having placed thorn in the side of the establishment (6)

'Fury' = IRE after 'placed' = SAT (as in 'he was sat/placed next to the PM at the bunfight' to give **SATIRE**)

Obviously it would have really helped if you had got that clue early but I hoped there were enough routes into the linked clues that something would spark and then you could have filled in quite a lot of the grid to give many crossing letters. In particular there was the anagram broken into many small words to give **HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU?**, the sharing of **NEWS** with **THE NEWS QUIZ**, which shared **THE** with **MOCK THE WEEK**, and the rubbery reference next to the anagram for **SPITTING IMAGE**. And then there was this one which was not as difficult as it might have seemed at first:

11/21 A source of constant 2 could be pi when expressed in capitals (7,3)

'pi' in capitals is P.I. = private investigator, or, more casually, **PRIVATE EYE**, the 'source of constant SATIRE' and self-described 'thorn in the side of the British establishment' since 1961. It also has a very good (and very rude) crossword which I of course take no inspiration from.

13 Bear is in cave swap (5)

YIELD

Swap 'in' and 'cave' to get 'cave in' which is one form of **YIELD**, with another being 'Bear' as in 'to bear fruit'.

20 The very end to everything's beginning (3)

TOE

'to' just looks like a linking word but it is two-thirds of the answer hiding in plain sight with the other letter being E from **Everything's beginning**.

23 Aha! That sounds like it's difficult to walk on (3)

ICY

'Aha!' = 'I see!', sounds like **ICY**.

25 Aesthetic judgement's at the gallery's core (5)

TASTE

Here you need to ignore the punctuation and surface reading and break it down like this: 'Aesthetic judgement' is the definition, but then the possessive S after 'judgement' is inserted into the core of 'the gallery' = **TATE**.

27 Henman & Murray leaping after taking clothes off (hope for the best!) (7)

OPTIMAL

'Henman' = **TIM**, Murray = **AL** (i.e. **Al Murray** the comedian whose alter ego is 'the Pub Landlord' – I realise he's not the most famous Murray but it fitted so nicely with Henman that I could not resist – and you should know I am a bit tricky by now). So **TIM** & **AL** go leaping after 'hOPE' with its clothes (i.e. outer letters) taken off. Again, ignore the punctuation.

33 Broken down Lexus is a source of finance (5)

ENDOW

On the face of it, 'Broken down' looks like an anagram indicator and 'Lexus' is the required 5 letters, but there are no meaningful anagrams of 'Lexus' so then you have to look at 'is a source of' which in this case is a pointer to a hidden word in 'BROKEN DOWN'. And on the subject of hidden words, a little tip is that I generally include at least one in every puzzle. Setters will try to use a variety of types of clue in each puzzle so that part of the solving process is working out what type each clue is (rather than always knowing they follow a certain pattern). Hidden words are amongst the easiest to solve so if you are having trouble getting going with a puzzle, look through all the clues for the indicators 'within' or 'in' or 'a source of', etc, and see what sequential letters might fit.

8 It would not be acute for food company to take in arms (6)

NESTLE

The 'food company' is gargantuan

multinational Nestlé. Remove the acute accent (often referred to as just 'acute') to get **NESTLE**.

14 It can be original and from Bideford to Plymouth one's passed on the left hand side (5)

DUCHY

This is more of a two-part riddle than a standard cryptic clue. If you go by sea from Bideford in north Devon to Plymouth in south Devon, you pass the Duchy of Cornwall on the left hand side. I realise now that I should have made it clearer that it was by sea, as driving from Bideford to Plymouth would have involved passing the Duchy on the right hand side. There is also a reference to Musical Youth's 1982 hit with the refrain 'Pass the Dutchie on the left hand side' (the credit for any wry smile at that must go to Milton Jones who used it in a joke on 'The Unbelievable Truth' on Radio 4). And going back to the first part of the clue, 'Duchy Original' is of course a label for biscuits that are reassuringly extortionate.

26 It's poorly done to have a fling when eating out there (6)

SHODDY

'have a fling' = **SHY** (as in 'to shy at the stumps' or 'coconut shy'), and that eats (or takes inside) 'out there' = **ODD** (as in 'weird'). A clue which has to be broken down differently from its surface reading – 'eating out' is the obvious combination but actually it's used here as 'eating the phrase (out there)'. As with all clues, you have got to keep breaking it down into its individual components and re-combining into other possibilities and thinking of all possible synonyms in the hope that some spark might ignite!

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

Village Show Saturday 11th September Are you getting ready?

Cookery Classes include 1. A vegan Chocolate, Tahini and Banana Bread (recipe provided in the schedule). 2. A bottle of fruit gin. These may require lots of sampling. For many other classes see the schedule circulated to all houses in May or www.mwhortsoc.org.

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

We have reached that time of the academic year where we see our Year 11 and Year 13 students celebrate the end of their exams.

For the Year 13s this means farewell as they leave for further education, apprenticeships or employment. We welcome back many of our Year 11s in to the Sixth Form but some will move on to other colleges, sixth forms or subject specific academies.

During their final week, we have seen them take part in lots of fun activities as a last hurrah to their formative years at Box Hill School. Nerf war, Bubble Football, Rounders, Leavers' Ball, Award and Prize-Giving Ceremony, BBQ, Box Hill Walk and a trip to Thorpe Park.

Right: Year 13 and students rehearsing for the June presentation of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Below: Year 11 ball

This is not the end of the Box Hill School journey for them though. We look forward to welcoming them back at Old Boxhillians events and always encourage our students to get in touch in the future to let us know what they have achieved and where they are in the world. We love to hear about their experiences and how their time at Box Hill School has impacted their adult life.

We look forward to welcoming back those Year 11 students who are returning to our Sixth Form and look forward to welcoming new UK and international students across the whole school in September 2021.
Charlotte Fish



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In June, the team of volunteers at Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre was delighted to have been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the 'MBE for volunteer groups'. The Award is the highest

national honour of its type, awarded to exceptional groups of volunteers across the UK who regularly contribute their own time to enhance and improve the lives of others, and whose level of initiative and impact are truly outstanding. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Dorking Museum team was one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year.

Museum interim chairman, Kathy Atherton said: 'The Museum is a key part of the cultural heritage of this community. The 15 months we have just been through has been a particularly challenging time for everyone. It has been so difficult to see our doors closed and most of our other activities curtailed. However, our volunteer team has been resilient, often adapting to other roles and new

projects where they can – indeed, many have worked harder during the current crisis than ever before. So, after all the disappointment and frustration, our volunteers can welcome some cautious return to normality with the added boost that their hard work and commitment has been recognised with this wonderful and prestigious award.'

Appropriately, the award announcement came during Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of the contribution made by millions of people across the UK through volunteering. This is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.

Many congratulations to Dorking Museum and all the volunteers involved. Check out all their activities in the summer at their website.

David Burton

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Time to say goodbye...

Finally, we can appreciate summertime, which also signifies the end of our academic year. This year we say farewell to 26 of our children, most of whom are moving on into local schools. Gordon the Magician will perform at our leavers party and we are also just waiting to hear if we will also be treated to a dance show. We hope that by Christmas time, we will once again be able to visit our leavers as they perform Nativity plays in their new schools, but it is quite wrong to think of Christmas just yet!

It continues to be an unusual year, at the time of going to press, we are still wondering if restrictions will allow us to host unlimited parents for our end of term show, our sports day and new parents' social evenings. Because of the interest in our growing chicks, this year's end of term show is Chicken Licken. Our chicks, hatched just before Easter, are now fully feathered and mixing with our mature chickens. They

have also made their gender known. Locals will be pleased to hear that 'Cocky Locky' and his brothers have been found an alternative home!

The Summer weather allows us to explore the changing seasons. We have been shadow drawing, bug hunting and making full use of our sand pit, including a rock pool and lots of water play! We have also been busy learning new skills in Forest School and making our own charcoal pencils. We had a rather interesting find on a walk through the sheep on Swanworth Lane, a recently dropped lambs tail, which allowed me to talk about my own childhood growing up on a farm.

We would like to thank all those that contributed to the Easter Auction, along with our own fundraising activities we have now been able to purchase a new interactive computer table. This will allow our children a collaborative experience of ICT and supports our broad and balanced pre-school



education. The table can also be tilted which will allow adults to use it for our own training sessions.

From September, all Early Years settings will be implementing a new Statutory Framework. Play, children leading their own play and taking part in play which is guided by adults, continues to be central to their learning and development. Good news for us as this fits perfectly with our practice.

We hope we all have a fabulous Summer and look forward to updating you on our antics in the Autumn. Hilary Budd



Village Show Saturday 11th September Are you getting ready?

Children's Classes

Age 3-4 1. A pasts and pulse picture 2. A vegetable statue

Age 5-8 3. Six home-made sweets in a basket 4. A pirate's treasure map 5. A miniature scarecrow made from natural objects.

Age 9-12 6. 2 individual apple pies for a picnic 7. A photograph 'Lockdown Memories' 8. A lavender bag 9. A flower arrangement: 'Nature's Gift'

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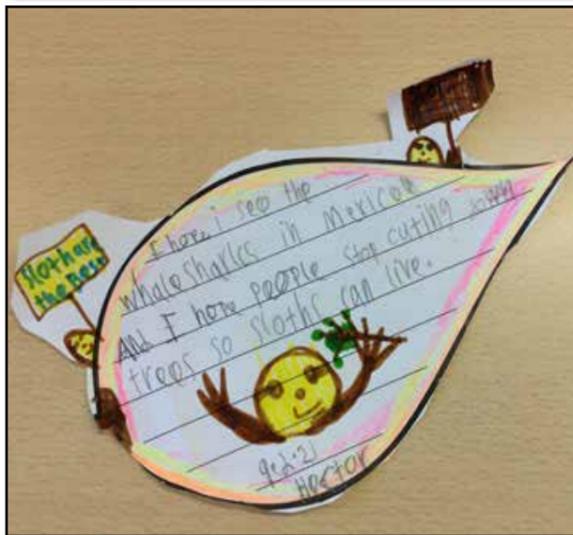
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The photographs here and on the facing page illustrate the work of Year 2 children on their hopes for themselves and others

Hope Blossoms

As we come to the end of our school year we are naturally starting to reflect on the last year and our journey of what we initially called 'recovery' from the losses we had first encountered in the Covid-19 pandemic. However, as time went by we came to the realise that this was going to be a lengthy process, and rather than just 'recover' what we had lost it was a great opportunity to **rethink** and **rebuild** some aspects of school life. We have of course held on dearly to the things that were most precious to us and now value them more than ever! Our relationships, our small family feel, our big heart, our community links, our love of the outdoors and our resilience have certainly stood out. But we have also been able to discover new approaches that have complimented what we already did before and have made us more efficient. We have embraced those things that have improved our school provision and helped our community grow. Our communication has improved through remote conversations with parents, we have been able to share learning achievements via the **Tapestry** platform, we have developed our ability to capture what we do in videos and share with a wider audience and we no longer spend hours in traffic going to meetings. We continue to remain hopeful that the unexpected pandemic silver linings will shape and enrich us forever.

Talking of hope, you may already know that each half-term we look more closely at one of our school values and use it to guide our behaviours and actions, this half term we turn our attention to our value of **hope**. It is always appropriate and poignant to think of hope at this time of year, but will be particularly so this year! Every child will be guided to think about their own hopes and dreams (aspirations) but will also be expected to look beyond themselves and hold the hopes of others in their hearts and minds. They will be asked how they can learn about them and contribute to them. This might be related to others in their family, their friends, children at school or in their wider communities or even across the world. They will learn that hope is an enduring light that can help

us look to a brighter and better future. **Our hope** is that if we can teach children to be resilient, hopeful and responsible now, they will continue to make positive contributions to their communities for the rest of their lives, so far they have not disappointed us!

One of the ways we will encourage this thinking is through our 'Hope Prayer Space' and we thought we would share it with you as you too might find it uplifting to do one of our hope activities at home.

'HOPE BLOSSOMS'

What do you hope for in the future? What do you hope your family, or even the world will be like?

Write or draw your hope onto a piece of paper. Fold the four corners of your square so that they meet in the centre. (Ask someone to help if you need to.)

Carefully place your square onto the water with the folded corners facing upwards. How do you feel as you watch and wait for it to unfold? In preparation for this the Year 2 children have been thinking about their hopes for themselves and for others. We have included some pictures of their ideas.

Hope is believing in, or aiming for, a positive outcome... that the thing we want will happen, or that events will turn out for the best.

Despair is the opposite of hope. This activity encourages pupils to identify the things that they are hoping for, and to express these as paper 'prayer flowers', which slowly open as they float on water.

The pupils who created this activity wrote; 'watching the flower blossom is like watching your prayer being answered.'

HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS

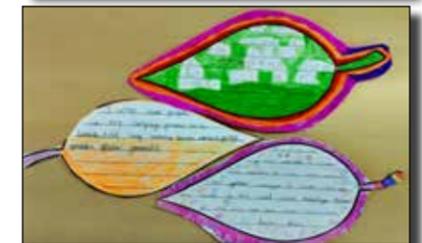
Everyone has hopes and dreams – things they would like to have, or to be, things they would like to do, or places they would like to go. Some hopes and dreams are small and could happen today. Others are huge and may take a whole lifetime to reach. Some hopes and dreams feel impossible.

This activity encourages pupils to think about their hopes and dreams. It involves writing down three hopes and dreams; the first for a small hope or



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dream, something that could happen today. The second for a bigger hope or dream, something that is possible, but might take a long time to reach. The third for a huge hope or dream, something that feels impossible. You may want to keep your hopes to yourself or share them with somebody else.

'Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.' Helen Keller

'We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.' Martin Luther King, Jr
Paula Bliss

Cryptic Crossword

Across

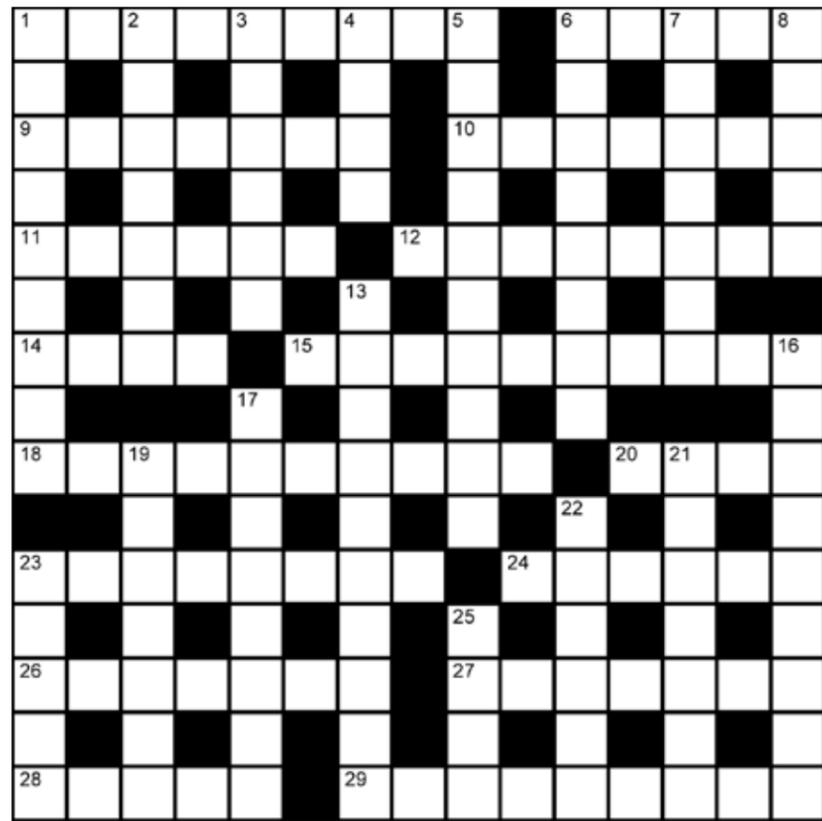
- 1 A donut is thrown away with no sign of weakness (3-3-3)
- 6 See 9
- 9/6 5's nemesis gives Tom handout of fudge (4,3,5)
- 10 One who throws out the winner of online games? (7)
- 11 Expressed delight after seeing toupée waving about (6)
- 12 Corruption is at the heart of someone who doesn't like to talk about sex project (8)
- 14 Goodbye to all that - leaders start afresh (2-2)
- 15 Hair shot up when tipped as to the origin of the book (10)
- 18 Combines very early starts with arrests (including H!) in revolution (10)

Down

- 1 Scoff with blended waffle ends on a touch of this (3,6)
- 2 Sudden death ought to be a source of contemplation (7)
- 3 Practically, head for nuptials in good time (6)
- 4 Dodos slaughtered with nothing going to 15, 27 or 29 (4)
- 5 Hears retch when ill-disposed to soap (it induces my 16 to reach for the 1D) (3,7)
- 6 Evidence of rain is so true I'm leaping about! (8)
- 7 When in the East End, look for Baroness Rendell to be a source of fiction (7)
- 8 Silver may be something you're happy to be saddled with (5)
- 13 It felt such rubbish to end up as a plaything for birds (10)
- 16/17 A novel proves Spain to be involved in a show of spontaneity (9,8)
- 19 Fool with rum cocktail results in what is to be kept between these four walls (7)
- 21 Yearn to take a journey in the distant past (4-3)
- 22 He was buried on Sunday but still damned well turns up on a lot of evenings just after 7 (6)
- 23 Handle sphere (5)
- 25 Did the twist in London's 27 community (4)

Andrew Tatham

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



Scenes from the Mickleham Choral Society's BBQ (first sitting) at Mickleham Hall on 13th June

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