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Dear friends

In the previous magazine I mentioned the book 'Dethroning Mammon' which has been written by the Archbishop of Canterbury and I suggested that if people were interested in discussing the book we could arrange a meeting. So on Wednesday 2nd August over 30 people met in church with Bishop Jo Bailey Wells (Bishop of Dorking) to do just that. The book reflects on the impact of our own attitudes, and on the pressures that surround us, on how we handle the power of money, wealth and possessions. Archbishop Justin explores the tensions that arise in a society dominated by Mammon's modern aliases, economics and finance, and by the pressures of our culture to conform to Mammon's expectations.

Bishop Jo had played a significant part in the book's preparation while she was the Archbishop's Chaplain at Lambeth Palace and she skilfully guided a far-ranging discussion on such a challenging topic.

The book has some intriguing chapter headings:

- What we see we value
- What we measure controls us
- What we have we hold
- What we receive we treat as ours
- What we give we gain
- What we master brings us joy

The big question behind the book is this: Is there a Christian response to these challenges? If we call ourselves Christians, how should we deal with our wealth and possessions? Bishop Jo began with the words often used when the offertory is brought forward during our worship: *All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you* – what do those words mean in everyday life?

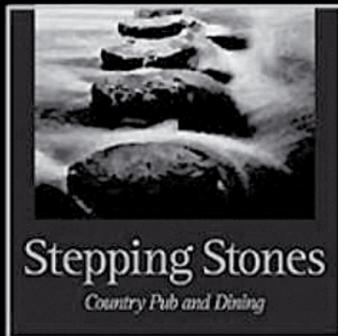
Of course, if we do not hold to Christian values we may well feel that our money is simply there for us to use as we wish, and that God has nothing to do with the way we live.

I am always challenged by words spoken at the start of a Funeral Service: *We brought nothing into the world and we take nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.*

If, as Christians believe, we will have to stand before God at the end of our lives and account for the way we have lived and used our wealth, I wonder what God will think of me – and you?

With best wishes

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The Youth Group starts again on 15th September
See page 26 for details.

Christopher Connett

For nearly six years we at St Michael's have enjoyed wonderful organ music played by Christopher Connett. He has been able to call upon a vast repertoire of music for every occasion. A recent example was at a wedding, when the bride was 30 minutes late, Christopher's organ impromptu included variation on the theme of 'Why are we waiting' and later, 'Ten green bottles'! These were much enjoyed by the choir, but probably unrecognised by most of the wedding guests who were busily chatting.

Under Christopher's stewardship the church choir has grown in numbers and, with his patient guidance the quality of their singing has improved immensely. Many will agree that the high standard of music during our services is quite exceptional for such a small village church.

Unfortunately for us Christopher will be having a break for a few months. We wish him godspeed and look forward to his return sometime next year.

Sue Tatham

Harvest Supper

For the whole community



An evening of jazz with
Jeremy and the Jazzmates
Saturday 30th September
7 p.m. Village Hall

Tickets: £15 includes a fish 'n' chip supper followed by fruit salad. Pay bar.
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The entertainment will be provided by Jeremy and the Jazzmates whom many of you will have heard at village fêtes and various charity events. The first half of the evening will have music for listening to in order that you can digest all those chips, but the second half will be livelier with blues, soul and light reggae, for those would like to get up for a 'bop'. Profits from the evening will go towards church funds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sunday 1st October

CHILDREN'S HARVEST WORKSHOP

9.45 a.m. St Michael's School

A morning of craft activities for children aged 3+ from throughout the community. All former St Michael's pupils and siblings are more than welcome as well.

Followed by:

HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m. in church

Including singing by the children from the Harvest Workshop



PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON Cycle Race Sunday 31st July

Photographs: Ben Tatham



Martin and Kate Cox at the corner of Old London Road and the Zig Zag entertaining spectators and providing a boost to the cyclists as they start the daunting climb of Box Hill.



Cyclists rounding the Pinehurst bend on the Zig Zag



Westhumble residents waiting for the professional cyclists to pass the end of Pilgrims Way

Again this year local residents experienced a day when all roads were closed for the cyclists. For some it is a great inconvenience, but others have grown to enjoy a peaceful, quiet day at home. Unlike last year when it was very wet, we were blessed with warm sunny weather, for whatever we chose to do. Among the cyclists in the morning event were Siân, Robbie and

Megan Loveless of Pilgrims Way who were riding in aid of Bliss, a UK charity working to provide the best possible care and support for all premature and sick babies and their families. Another participant was Natasha Guegan, a St Michael's mum and teaching assistant. She is splitting her sponsorship between the Nursery and the school.



Mud Run 29th July



Isobel (left) and Jill at the end of the race

Isobel Bathurst and I survived the Mud Run and obstacles although rather muddy by the end. We have agreed to do it again next year as a team with our daughters who will both be 13 years-old and able to join us.

My sincere thanks to all who made pledges on my justgiving page. I have managed to raise more than £500 with an additional £100+ in gift aid – far exceeding what I had hoped to raise, so thank you so much for your generosity.

Jill Wilson



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The Garden Shed visit to Polesden Lacey

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On a gloriously hot sunny morning in July, a group of about 30 members gathered at the wellhead (14th century Venetian) in front of the main entrance to the house for the start of our garden tour of Polesden Lacey. But it turned out to be so much more than a garden visit, as our guide Yvonne, who works in the gardens as a volunteer, also regularly leads tours of the house, so she was a fund of information about the history and development of the house, gardens and estate. Did you know (I didn't) that Polesden was owned at the end of the 18th century by R B Sheridan who wrote 'The Rivals' and 'The School for Scandal'? He was apparently more interested in the forestry of the estate than in the house, which he pretty much allowed to fall down. The major reconstruction of the house was in 1824 but Mrs Greville made many changes in the early 20th century. Yvonne was not unwilling to share the gossip of the day about the society hostess and her humble origins, but I was particularly interested to learn that Mrs Greville had originally intended to leave the house to the then Duke of York, who as second son of George V would not inherit much. Once Edward VIII abdicated however and Bertie became King, she left the property to the National Trust, but still bequeathed all her diamonds to the Queen Mother: so when Camilla sports her massive tiara on state occasions you now know it once adorned Mrs Greville's head!

Anyway back to the gardens: having spent many days picnicking there when the children were small I thought I was pretty familiar with the gardens, but recently the National Trust has been carrying out a great deal of work to restore areas which have been neglected in the past. On the



slope beyond the front lawn, for example, there is the 'Roman Bath' area of enclosed lawn with views across the valley, a wild area where there are orchids and mature shrubs with splendid autumn colour, and a restored rockery which leads up to the croquet lawn, used almost every day by various clubs as well as by visitors. From the croquet lawn we visited the specialist gardens, one with thymes and lavenders gloriously buzzing with bees; the next exclusively an iris garden, with every bed of bearded iris being lifted and replanted on a three-yearly cycle, the rhizomes oriented north-south to receive a baking from the sun. Before visiting the rose garden we admired the glorious double herbaceous borders, and the cottage garden borders which have been planted with shade-loving and Spring-flowering perennials. The path then leads through to the Winter garden, still under restoration, and over the thatched bridge we glimpsed the flowering meadow which was once the four-acre kitchen garden supplying

the house and Mrs Greville's London establishment too. Now the kitchens of the restaurant are supplied from rather more modest in size but extremely productive organic gardens which were a delight to behold. There are flowers to cut for the house too, and chickens in an adjacent field. The Rose Garden came next, where we learned about the strict pruning regime which results in the abundant flowering of the many varieties of climbing, tea and moss roses. Altogether it was a very informative tour with plenty of detail about the gardening practices and lots of ideas for us to try on a smaller scale in our own gardens. In Mrs Greville's day there were 35 gardeners employed full time: there are now only five professionals but an army of volunteers, and the gardens are a credit to their skill and hard work. If you haven't visited for a while I encourage you to go soon, there is something to see in every season: I am looking forward to Spring and all the thousands of bulbs the volunteers will be planting this Autumn!

Alison Wood

Mickleham Gardens Open



On a sunny summer's afternoon in June, some garden gates were opened to Garden Shed participants. The visitors were invited

into five gardens in Mickleham. All having different aspects and ideas, and how they like to plant and garden. A map was provided, and tea and cakes were served along with a plant sale. It was a well-attended event, all commented on how they had enjoyed their afternoon. A special thanks to the

people who kindly opened their garden for this event. 3 Glenrose, 1 Mickleham Hall, Old Stables, Mickleham Cottage and Mole Cottage

We are repeating the same event for Westhumble Gardens so please do come along. Details on page 18.

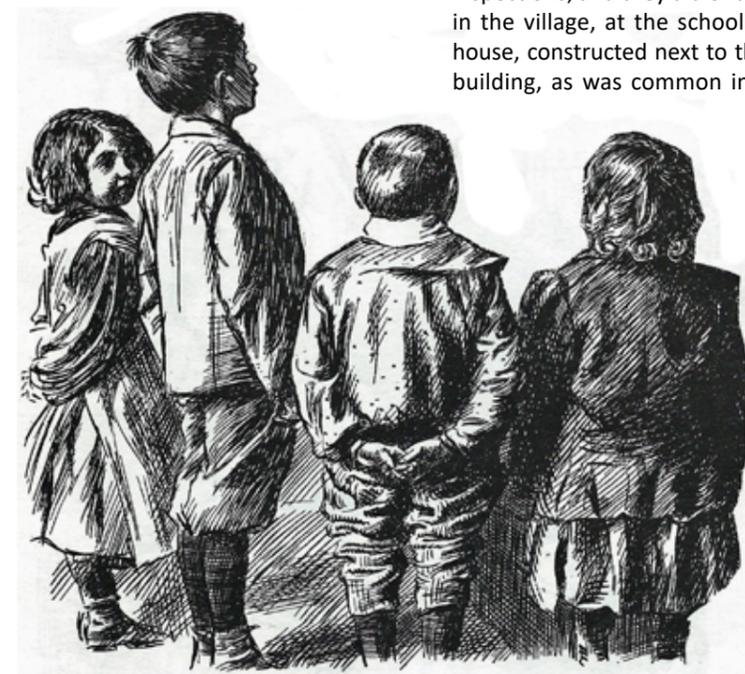
Susie Gowenlock

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Spare the rod and spoil the child

The first entry in the Punishment Book for Mickleham School, Mixed Department, was completed by Thomas Viney, Headteacher in 1911, and was dated 11th May when he dealt out two strokes to an 8-year-old boy in Standard 3I for 'Habitual Idleness'. A Punishment Book only recorded corporal punishment and did so under strict conditions. It was necessary to record the date, the name of the offender, the class or standard of the pupil, the offence, the date and nature of the punishment and by whom it was inflicted, finishing with a manager's signature.

This is the only Punishment book for the school which survives, but it is more than likely that there was at least one previous book, probably starting in 1844 with Caleb Howard, the first Head, who stayed for 28 years, and continuing with Robert Mortimore, Head for 33 years, before Thomas was appointed in 1907 and stayed until 1920. It would have been interesting to compare punishments meted out in the early years of the school but the information we have in the School Log books only mentions suspension and detention. Entries following Thomas Viney are made by Alan Piper from 1923 until 1933 and there is then a gap until 1948



when Charles D. Webb was appointed; he remained for 21 years until 1969 by which time corporal punishment was almost extinct. Looking at the years for which we have records, it is notable that up until 1918 these were always in double figures, the highest being 1917 when 34 children were punished. During the twenties and thirties, the maximum was 10, all the rest being in single figures and often only one. We do have a gap then until 1948 and with one or two blips (1953 seems to have been a bad year with 15 children punished) there are seldom more than one or two until our records cease in 1969 and in 1986 the practice was abolished in all state-run schools.

It is interesting, and probably important for the villages of Mickleham and Westhumble, that the headmasters of the National Day Schools, as they were called early on, stayed in their positions for considerable lengths of time. This enabled them to play an important role in village life, and to gain the respect and trust of parents, many of whom will have received a negligible amount of schooling themselves. They held a highly regarded position that was closely linked to the church, the school itself being part of the church establishment and subject to diocesan inspections, and they did of course live in the village, at the school master's house, constructed next to the school building, as was common in the 19th

century. (Both these school houses, and the small village schools they were attached have been converted into very desirable residences!).

Most of the offences that called for punishment are quite predictable: time-wasting, idleness, lateness, inattention, rudeness, talking, all are common and, depending on their frequency or severity, merited different degrees of punishment. The usual punishment was between one and four strokes: the vast majority was of one stroke only, although two were quite common. Between three and five were administered occasionally and I have only found one at six. The highest number was ten strokes given once for thieving, and once for 'writing filth'. It is not clear from the book where these strokes were administered until the 1960s when the distinction between posterior and hand was made.

It would seem that 'Infants' (under 7) were not physically punished but once a child reached Standard 3 (typically aged 8-10), the system kicked in. Standards do not necessarily reflect ages and children from 8 to 13 might achieve anything from Standard 4, 5, 6 or 7 before leaving. Only two children during this time reached Standard 7 when aged 12. This appears to have been the highest standard children from Mickleham could achieve but those considered academically able might be entered for the county scholarships. If they did well they could be awarded a scholarship which entitled them to a free place and travel expenses at the Dorking High School or alternatively a Technical Scholarship.

Few punishments were meted out to girls. Nora Christison, a bright girl who went on to become a pupil teacher, received one stroke for disobedience in 1914. This was not carried out by the Headteacher but by Miss Aldridge who taught the Infant class. Another example of girls receiving one stroke each was administered when a group of three girls ganged up and were rude to a teacher. This ganging up was more common among the boys: four were punished for interfering with a pony in Common Fields, *continued>>>*

>>> five for trespassing to obtain apples from Batchelors, four boys were charged with removing ice from a pond and putting it down a younger boy's neck, and eight were involved in stone throwing in the playground. Horseplay with girls on the Rec is also recorded. Six of one and half a dozen of another I suspect!

One boy stands out for being in trouble consistently throughout his time at school from 1911 – 1914. His first offence, aged 10, was for being habitually late. In 1912 and 1913 he was found guilty of careless work, being late and disobedience. In 1914, aged 13, he had reached Standard 7 so he was well above average. Possibly he was bored at school, but he continued to be a serious headache, damaging school property, kicking another boy, playing truant and finally thieving. From January to September he managed a



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grand total of 25 strokes. This young boy was one of a family of 12 (two died young) whose father was a gardener/labourer, and who had two brothers killed in WW1, one only days after being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. After leaving school he worked on Box Hill and was involved in an incident cutting a boy's football in half (worth 16/6d) after snatching it. On his 18th birthday (1919) he joined the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, a decision which may have been influenced by his father's suicide, and stayed in the army until 1931 but we do not know what happened to him after that.

A footnote: the very last recorded punishment was carried out on 12th March 1969, the crime 'refusing to get up from the floor of the cloakroom'! One stroke. He shall be nameless...

Judy Kinloch



Thomas Viney, Headteacher 1907-1920 with Mary Dennis's father-in-law, Walter

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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Tour of Dorking 11 a.m. Wednesday 27th September 2017

Please join us for a guided tour of Dorking led by volunteers from Dorking Museum Walks Team. We will meet outside the Museum, located at 62 West St, for a prompt 11 a.m. start. The tour will last about 90 minutes and will be followed by an optional lunch at Côte Brasserie in St Martin's Walk. The cost is £3 per person.

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Celebratory Summer Concert

What a joy it was to be back in Dorking on Saturday, June 17, to celebrate with Mickleham Choral Society Juliet Hornby's ten years as their conductor. Under Juliet the choir has doubled in size to about seventy singers, and for this special occasion, and with so many tickets sold, it was good to have the venue in St Martin's Church, Dorking.

This comfortably accommodated the large choir and the MCS Chamber Ensemble. This ensemble, under the leadership of Oscar Perks, whose parents are both in the choir, provided the excellent accompaniment for the main work, Faure's Requiem. The well-balanced choir gave a splendid performance of the much-loved Requiem, with its haunting melodies. 'Pie Jesu' was beautifully sung by Nicole Petrus Barracks. The baritone soloist Christopher Burrows, also delighted us later in the programme with 'Toreador' from Bizet's Carmen. After the Interval Jan Assersohn, the choir's regular accompanist, and Tracy Kennington, a choir member, gave us a

rousing start to the second half of the programme with a piano duet, Dvorak's Slavonic Dance No. 8. This was followed by a varied programme of songs, which, as well being chosen from the choir's own favourites, displayed local Mickleham talent. One was composed by the accompanist's husband and another arranged by a choir member. Songs included lovely ballads, folk songs, a calypso, the hilarious 'Jabberwocky', a lively spiritual, and the popular 'You Raise Me Up' with young Poppy Parfitt as the soloist. It was a memorable evening for us all and I hope Juliet enjoyed it as much as we did! Audrey Sprague
(a Mickleham Fan, now living in Devon)

Mickleham Choral Society – Come & Sing
Thursday 7th September 7.30 for 8 p.m. Mickleham Village Hall

MCS meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in Mickleham Village Hall. New members are always welcome – no audition is required. We do three concerts a year plus participate in the Leith Hill Musical Festival - this year's main work is Elgar's *The Kingdom*. Just come along for an evening to sing with us and see how you like it. Our first rehearsal of the new season is on Thursday 7th September. Music and refreshments will be provided and of course we hope you have such a wonderful time you will come back for more.
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The Joys of Garden Visiting!
Many of us leaped at the chance to take up Angela's Gilchrist's offer to join her gardening group 'Ginkgo' on the 27th July to visit to a private garden belonging to a distinguished horticulturist and also to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, both near Romsey. Andy McIndoe and his wife Ros (plus Jo-Jo one of their cats) gave us an extensive tour of their two-acre garden. Shrubs are Andy's special interest and his knowledge of them is incredible – all the Latin names at his fingertips – but more important is his huge enthusiasm for their qualities in a garden. Perennials for Andy take second place: shrubs offer the widest range of coloured foliage, best scents and longer-lasting flowers. From a small terrace the garden rises up on a fairly gentle sloping site gradually revealing the full extent and variety of the planting. At the top formality gives way to a flower-rich meadow and a folly, built by Andy. The shrubs do indeed create a garden for all seasons. Some select shopping took place at the close of our visit, particularly of Agapanthus 'Northern Star', much recommended by Andy. After lunch nearby, and to increasingly uncertain weather forecasts, we arrived at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. The original arboretum began in 1953 but was given to Hampshire County Council as a charitable trust in 1977. It contains 42,000 plants so no wonder we didn't see them all and even fewer of them than many would have liked since very soon the rain started to come down in torrents. Not to be deterred, jackets donned and brollies raised, we could not miss out on the Centenary Border, the longest mixed double border in the country and probably at its flowering peak. There were some superb planting combinations and unusual perennials to be seen. I liked the mix of grasses in the border that complemented the flower colours, for example a group of amber red hot pokers next to shining (especially in the rain!) rust coloured plumes. Tea and a quick visit to the excellent plant centre rounded off our visit. Thank you, Angela, for all the effort you put into arranging the trip.
Judy Kinloch



The Village Show 2017

Photographs: Richard Roberts-Miller & Ben Tatham



Clockwise from top left: Judy Kinloch's collection of mixed garden flowers; Judy's tray of vegetables; Veronica Randles assisting the produce judge; Judith Long at the plant stall; People gathered for the prize-giving; St Michael's Year 2 pupils' interpretations of Georgia O'Keef's flowers; Patrick Armitage's courgettes, Alison Wood's roses; Val Hallett's redcurrants, the Nursery's giant papier-mâché turnip; Judith Long assisting the flowers judge; Sue Tatham presenting Aitken Cup to Alison Wood.

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Flower Show 15th July 2017

Entry numbers were slightly down on recent years as some of our regular exhibitors were away, but the quality of the entries was as high as ever and the hall was a riot of colour. The display of artwork by the children of St Michael's School lit up one end of the hall and charcoal sketches inspired by shapes in the churchyard were displayed in the St Michael's Community Nursery. Congratulations to the teachers who foster such lovely work from all their pupils. The Irvine Cup for the Nursery was won not by any of the individual entries, but by a giant papier-mâché turnip produced by the whole group and placed among the vegetable entries to add to the colourful display.

The winners of the garden competitions (judged in June) were Pauline Davis for her vegetable plot (in raised beds) and Alison Wood for her flower garden which is on a terraced slope. Both also won prizes in the classes for produce from their gardens.

Although the number of entries in the Art and Craft Section was lower than usual, there were some relatively

new names making an appearance: Sophie Adshead won first prize with a very bright and cheerful quilt, her first full-sized quilt, and Miriam Jones also entered her first quilt which was placed third. Both had been taught and encouraged in their endeavour by Alison Wood whose own quilt won second prize. The quilts made a colourful display against one wall. The photography classes are always popular, the quality was good and all the pictures were well displayed. Another relative newcomer was Madeleine Halliwell whose artwork won her the Vi Bullen Trophy for the most outstanding entry in the Art and Craft section.

Most congratulations must go to Judy Kinloch, long-serving chairman of the Horticultural Society who works tirelessly leading her committee to make sure the show continues as an important part of community activities. In addition to that, Judy is a regular entrant in several sections of all our shows. This year she was the winner of the cup for the most outstanding floral arrangement, the Bronze Banksian

Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for the greatest number of points in the Horticultural Section and the Salomons Cup for the highest number of points across all sections. Well done, Judy.

The show is a great opportunity for residents to admire the work of friends and neighbours in their gardens, kitchens and wider pastimes; and to catch up with neighbours over a cup of tea and some home-made cake, courtesy of some of the mums (and a dad?) from the Nursery, who raised funds for the group. Many thanks to them.

The prizes were presented this year by Sue Tatham, editor of the Mickleham Parish Magazine, who emphasised the community nature of the show. We hope to encourage more people to take part next year. It may be a cliché, it is not the winning that counts but the taking part. If you look at a vase of blooms in the show and think 'flowers in my garden are just as good as that' they will not win unless you enter.

Charlotte Daruwalla, Hon Treasurer

Photographs: Richard Roberts-Miller

Trophies

- Paynter Cup – 'A vegetable garden full of promise': Pauline Davis
- Aitken Cup – 'A garden area grown for your own enjoyment': Alison Wood
- Ellman Cup (most outstanding flower exhibit): Ann Sankey
- Robson Cup (most outstanding vegetable entry): Patrick Armitage
- Schreiber Cup (most outstanding fruit entry): Val Hallett
- Gordon Clark Cup (most outstanding floral arrangement entry): Judy Kinloch
- Dennis Trophy (most outstanding cookery entry): Alison Wood
- Vi Bullen Trophy (most outstanding arts and crafts entry): Madeleine Halliwell
- Alan Huggett Memorial Cup (best sweet peas): Sandra Wedgwood
- Taylor Cup (most cookery points): Sarah Blake and Sophie Adshead
- Colwell Cup (most arts and crafts points): Roger Davis, Sophie Adshead and Madeleine Halliwell
- Bronze Banksian Medal (most horticulture points): Judy Kinloch
- Salomons Cup (most points in show): Judy Kinloch
- Irvine Cup (most outstanding Nursery entry): St Michael's Community Nursery
- Heygate Cup (most outstanding entry - up to and including 8 years old): Samuel Abbott
- Wilkinson Cup (most outstanding entry - 9 and over): Daisy Armitage
- Hudlass Cup (most outstanding entry in St Michael's School classes): Gabriella Florides



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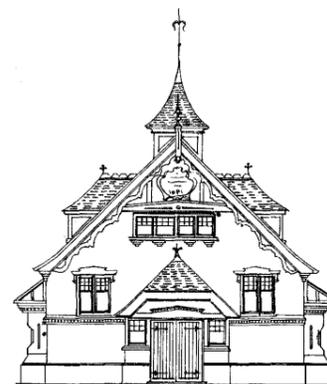


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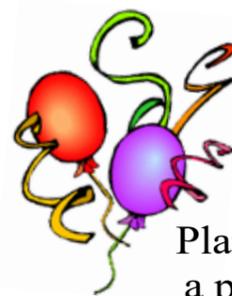
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3	12th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Worship Together
7	Thursday	7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Choral Society's Come and Sing. Village Hall Heritage Open Days Celebration of Jane Austen's words and music. Burford Bridge Hotel
8	Friday	10 for 10.30 a.m.	Heritage Open Days Guided Tour of St Michael's Church
9	Saturday	10 & 11.30 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 - 5 p.m.	Heritage Open Days Guided Tour of Dalewood. BHS The Garden Shed's Westhumble Gardens Visit
10	13th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer – CHAPEL
11	Monday	8 p.m.	PCC meeting
14	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study group restarts
16	Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at The Running Horses
17	14th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Family Communion
21	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study group
22	Friday	10 a.m. – noon	Macmillan Coffee morning at Chapel Farm
23	Saturday	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at The Running Horses Village Hall committee meets
24	15th Sunday after Trinity	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) – Westhumble Chapel Family Communion
25	Monday	3 p.m.	Tea@3 at Julia Siberry's
26	Tuesday	5 p.m.	Village Shop AGM in church
27	Wednesday	11 a.m.	History Group's Guided Tour of Dorking
28	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study group
30	Saturday	7 p.m.	Jazzy Harvest Supper with Jeremy and the Jazzmates. Village Hall

October

1	Harvest Festival Sunday	8 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Children's Harvest Workshop. St Michael's School Harvest Family Service in church
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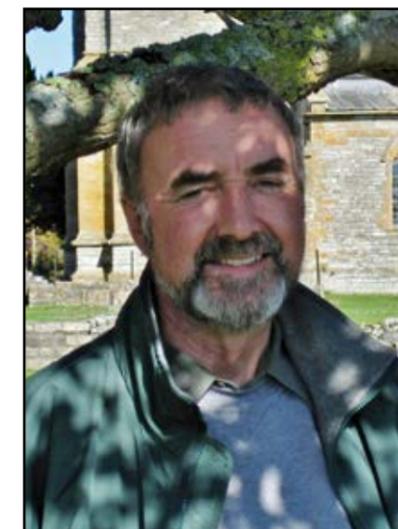
On a hot summer's day in June many from Mickleham came together at Clandon Wood Natural Burial site to celebrate the life of Peter Creasey, former National Trust Head Warden of Box Hill and Headley Heath. It was a beautiful service in a packed pavilion, looking out on to flower-filled meadows, with skylarks singing overhead. The service was planned as a celebration of the human voice, and included poems that epitomised Peter's philosophy of life, singing by members of Mickleham Choral Society, and other choral singing of music from Vivaldi to Arvo Part. Tributes were given by his wife Fiona, his son Matthew, and David Kennington. We then processed across the meadow to where his ashes were interred under a beech tree, with butterflies around and swallows above. A reception was held at the cricket club in Pixham, near where Peter lived latterly with Fiona, with a magnificent view up to Box Hill.

Peter died peacefully at home, with Fiona and Matthew beside him, on 30th May, aged 73, after being ill for several years with a rare form of dementia, PPA (primary progressive aphasia), which had gradually robbed him of not only his voice, but also his mobility and much of the personality that he once had. His recognition of people and memory were not however affected. He had previously had a rare form of cancer, in his early 60s, from which, thankfully, he had recovered. He enjoyed a few years of good health, and made the most of retirement, despite the permanent disability his leg surgery had left him with. It was a cruel turn of fate to later lose his

voice when he had been known for his fluency of communication about nature and the natural world. He and Fiona were very happy together in Pixham and Peter quickly became established as a member of that community as he had been in Mickleham, always willing to help where he could, and with a welcoming smile.

Peter had a fine bass singing voice. He had sung in church choirs from the age of nine, and had been an active and well-loved member of Mickleham Choral Society for all the years that he had lived in Mickleham, and later in Pixham. He very much enjoyed joining in with the Leith Hill Music Festival each year, and the weekly choir rehearsals, often followed by a convivial pint in 'The Runners'. He continued with the choir, and his other voluntary activities for as long as his health allowed. As his illness progressed he gradually had to give up so much, but he never complained, and kept his gentle disposition and accepting nature until the end.

To those that knew him he was a true guardian of Box Hill (or The Hill as he used to affectionately refer to it). He loved it dearly and knew it intimately. He could tell you the name of any bird, butterfly or flower. He was at ease with people from a wide range of backgrounds, and always glad to share his passions. Many have commented how their walks with him were so special, for example: 'The boundless enthusiasm with which Peter imparted his love of nature will stay with us forever on our walks in the hills of Surrey and beyond, as will his ever-present smile'. In retirement he maintained his links with Box Hill,



helping with the volunteer group, doing a weekly butterfly transect during the summer months, or simply strolling and enjoying his surroundings.

Peter, Lalage and Matthew came to Box Hill from Morden Hall Park in 1991, those that knew him then will remember Matthew, who was often to be seen out with his father at weekends, and now is studying ecology himself. Matthew was a pupil at St Michael's and he and his teachers have fond memories of Peter's involvement there and helping with the creation of a school pond. Peter's legacy is that we continue to care for our special places, like Box Hill and Headley Heath, as he had done; and pass on that respect for the natural world to future generations. He will be sadly missed. Let us remember him with affection as we continue to walk in the Surrey Hills and notice all that is around us. I end with the words of a dear friend who wrote: 'Peter walked lightly on this earth with great joy and compassion for all life ... hug those years close to your heart ... that is real treasure'.

Fiona Spencer

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10 a.m. – noon



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Looking forward to seeing you on the 22nd and thanks for your support for this great charity.

Community News

Congratulations and best wishes to Matthew Deeks and Sophie Scott of London Road, Westhumble who were married in St Michael's on 8th July.

Congratulations also to Annie and Will Denis of Swanworth Lane on the arrival of their first grandchild, Robyn Evelyn, born on 2nd July to Dave and Lucy Dennis.

Welcome to Oliver Bradley from North Holmwood who has moved to Burney Road.

Commiserations to Barbara Steadman Allen, former priest-in-charge at St Michael's and now vicar of St Mary Magdalene, South Holmwood, whose vicarage was struck by lightning on 19th July. Luckily Barbara escaped unhurt. Those who know her would not be surprised to hear that when she fled the house she chose to save her two dogs, trombone, and violin, a file of original music and church service sheets for the following weeks. Because of prompt action by the fire services the fire was confined to the loft and roof.



We are always grateful to receive news items from our readers

Anne Vaughan

We were very sorry to hear of the death Anne Vaughan on 7th August following a long illness, borne with calm dignity. Anne and her late husband, Robin were proprietors of Rose's Stores and Post Office from 1995 to 2005 when they moved to Bookham.

A Thanksgiving Service is being planned for sometime in September. Anne has donated her body for research and when her body is finally released she will be cremated and her ashes will be put in Robin's grave in St Michael's churchyard.

Jane Batt 1933 – 2017

Many friends and family gathered at St Michael's on 14th July for the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jane Batt who died on 21st June, aged 84. During the service Jane's son Charles read a very touching letter written to Jane by her husband, John, recalling when they had met and how he instantly knew she was 'the one'. Later we heard a very affectionate tribute from their American grandson, Derek, who recalled many joyous times with his grandparents and just how loving and special Jane was. Jane and John moved to Mickleham from Wimbledon village in 1990 and soon became a part of our community. In fact, in most village activities Jane could be found helping wherever

needed – her culinary skills were legendary. She was a marvellous hostess and 4 Mickleham Hall was the venue for countless committee meetings, Christmas Fairs, coffee mornings and jolly parties.

Above all came her family, John, Gina, Charles (and his family living in the US) and Joanna. Perhaps Jane's dogs should be included here as well. Many will remember the tremendous support she gave to John when he was producing his ten annual summer concerts.

Jane and John were greatly missed when they moved to Bookham in 2010.

We send our love and deepest sympathy to John and all the family.

Richard Roberts-Miller

We were all shocked to hear that Richard Roberts-Miller had died suddenly on 11th August. Richard served as chairman of Mickleham Parish Council for many years. He was a great contributor to the magazine, faithfully supplying the monthly crossword and

numerous excellent photographs. He will be much missed. An appreciation of Richard's life will appear in next month's edition.

We send our love and deepest sympathy to Fiona, Jo and Beth and their families at this very sad time.

Liz Rudolf

Just as we were going to print we heard the sad news that Liz Rudolf had died, at home, on Thursday 10th August. A long-time Westhumble resident, Liz had been ill for quite some time. We send our love and sincere condolences to all her family.



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Events in Mickleham

Thursday 7th September

Celebration in words and music of 200 years since the death of Jane Austen
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Friday 8th September (NB not Saturday 9th as circulated)

Guided Tour of Mickleham Church

Coffee 10 am – Tour starts at 10.30 am No booking required

The tour will start with a short presentation about how the building itself has changed from Saxon times until the present day. This will be followed by a walk around the church looking at artefacts of historic interest, many related to prominent people who once worshipped here.

To go along with this year's HOD theme 'Wheels', former residents include a 16th century mercer and 19th century industrialists such as David Evans, a silk merchant who worked with William Morris and the Grissell's of Norbury Park, public works contactors who built many landmark buildings including part of the Houses of Parliament. The family was also involved in the early development of the railways. 20th century figures include a Canadian Prime Minister and newspaper magnate Lord Beaverbrook of Cherkley who served as Minister of Aircraft Building in Churchill's cabinet.

Saturday 9th September

Dalewood House – Box Hill School

Tours at: 10 am, 11am and 1 pm Pre-booking essential*

Dalewood House, the main school building, built in 1883 in the mock-Tudor Gothic style was designed by the Victorian architect who also designed Tyntesfield in Somerset. The interior is full of hand-painted tiles, beautifully crafted stained-glass windows and fine wood panelling. In 1890 the house was bought by David Evans, one of the 19th century's pre-eminent silk printers. Dalewood was owned by members of the Evans family until converted into use as a school after World War II.

Refreshments will be available. The building is on three floors with no lift access.



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KING WILLIAM IV



Highlight of the month for me was the annual King Willie vs The Runners cricket match. After getting closer each year the King Willie finally prevailed. The trophy and team photo are now proudly displayed in the pub. The event attracted the highest support so far. Many came out to watch the match and enjoy some nice food supplied by the King William. This is a very friendly fixture- it's really about taking part rather than winning (but winning was nice, I must admit)

Afterwards, everyone retired to The Runners - thanks, Ian for providing a great spread, As always thanks to Greg Ayton who is the engine behind this and thanks to Anne for her cunning student recruitment strategy.

Lots of things to look forward to here - only five more Sunday Jazz afternoons left though, please try to make one. If the sun's out it's a great way to spend a late Sunday afternoon.

See you soon, Eamonn

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Notes from Mickleham Parish Council

Canada's 150th birthday as a nation was celebrated on 1st July 2017 - a fitting occasion to mark Mickleham's links with that country. Richard Bedford Bennett was Prime Minister of Canada between 1930-1935 and retired to Mickleham, chiefly because of his friendship with Lord Beaverbrook who lived at nearby Cherkley Court. Viscount Bennett died in Mickleham in 1947, a week before his 77th birthday

Saturday 1st July was declared 'Viscount Bennett-Canada Day' in Mickleham when the life of the former Canadian Prime Minister and resident of Juniper Hall was honoured. During a short ceremony at St Michael's Church, the Rev'd Malcolm Raby led members of the Parish Council and other residents in a prayer before the Canadian Flag. Flowers were laid on Bennett's tomb.

After the ceremony, a special Canadian BBQ was held at The Running Horses. In common with other communities around the world who enjoy proud connections with Canada, Mickleham has been invited to submit items for the Canada 150 Time Capsule which will not be opened until 3017.

The Parish Council has instigated work to clear the footpath that runs from Dell Close along behind Old House - part of the Box Hill Hike - after the growth of stinging nettles and ivy on the wall made it impassable.



Photographs: Richard Roberts-Miller

Rev'd David Ireland, chairman of the Parish Council, worked alongside Richard Siberry, owner of Old House, and Box Hill School to organise the clearance which means the footpath is now more usable than it has been for a number of years.

The Parish Council will be getting together with the Police and the National Trust Officers at Box Hill to try and come up with a solution to the problem of groups using motorbikes and cars in an anti-social manner around the roads of Mickleham and Westhumble often late at night.

Specifically, groups have been racing up and down the Zig Zag Road and along

the A24 as well as wheel spinning out of the Ryka's exit on Old London Road. Residents have contacted the Parish Council to complain and it does seem as if the problem is getting worse. The Parish Council will be discussing with the National Trust the possibility of closing the Zig Zag Road at night.

Users of the Children's playground on the Rec were dismayed to find that someone had started five fires there on Friday 7th July, targeting the plastic areas and causing a lot of damage. There was evidence pointing to one particular school and David Ireland will visit all the local schools at the start of the new term to try and identify the culprit

Trevor Haylett, Clerk

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Leatherhead Community Association Autumn Programme

All hope that you have had a lovely Summer break and are ready to come to some, or many, of the events that are planned over the Autumn months at the Leatherhead Institute.

Visits:

- September – newly-refurbished Garden Museum London, next door to Lambeth Palace
- October - tour of Westminster Abbey
- November - the Music Museum with a Christmas concert and tea.

Art/History lectures: (Wednesdays between 27th September and 8th November) ranging from Vanessa Bell and the Bloomsbury Group to Children of the Enlightenment, with additional interesting subjects on the other weeks.

Tea and Talks: starts on Friday 8th September with 'Early Motoring in Surrey', Gardens of France in October and in November the U3A Phoenix Players are presenting a play on the stage of the Abraham Dixon Hall entitled 'Entente not so Cordial' - sounds promising! Then in December it is hoped to have a 'Barber Shop' choir to entertain.

Recorded Music Afternoons: will start again in September with 'Autumn Leaves' presented by Pam Barton, Barbara West will give 'Anniversaries

this year' in October and there have been many, November will have David Bishop presenting 'Fireworks' and to round off the season Robert Blows gives 'Christmas gifts in music'. Entry to most of these events is only £1

Walks: As usual Peter has arranged a very varied walks programme with the stroll/shorter ones lasting about two hours usually on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 10.30. These will take in an Ashted Park Circular, the Denbies Estate, Painshill and a Downside Circular. The longer walks of 4-6 miles are usually on the second Wednesday of the month, and they always incorporate a lunch or picnic break. There will be visits to the Shalford Eight, Mole Valley Leatherhead to Dorking via Westhumble and Kingston Riverside which will include Bushey and Home Parks. Please bear in mind that the walks are planned well ahead of time and may be subject to alteration, but Peter is always happy to give up-to-date information on 01372 378347.

Games: Social Bridge has become so popular that it can now be played on two days, there is Scrabble on every other Friday and Table Tennis and Snooker every Monday afternoon.

Don't forget that the Institute is open over the Heritage Open Days weekend on the 8th, 9th and 10th September. The theme is 'Wheels in Motion' and the

LCA has a full programme of events over the weekend in the Institute and entry is entirely free.

Membership of the Institute is only £5 a year and most of the activities in the Institute are free to Members, but non-members are always welcome for a small charge. It is well worth a visit to see all that goes on in the building which is on the left at the top of the High Street, just by the traffic lights. There you can pick up the most recent Newsletter which has full details of all the Autumn events, and there is nearly always a cup of coffee or tea available in the library which is open every morning where you can borrow DVDs as well as books. Sarah is in the office every morning from 9.30 - 12.30, and she is always ready to give further information about joining a walk, a visit or tell you what the Institute is all about. The phone number is 01372 360508 and the email is lca2@btconnect.com Or go on to the website www.leatherheadca.org.uk

Frances Presley

Mickleham Broadband Update

Here is the latest update from BT Openreach regarding our broadband

The next phase of your fibre infrastructure that Openreach will be working on is typically the field survey. At the survey stage, Openreach take the blueprints from the design stage to your community, and check that what looks good on paper works in the real world. Their surveyor needs to check



that there's enough space alongside all the existing utilities underground for our new cables, and whether there is enough

space to accommodate their equipment. They'll also need to determine things like whether any road closures are needed to install fibre and, if so, apply to the local authority for road traffic management, traffic lights etc. They'll work closely with your local authority to make sure fibre is installed safely and with the minimum of disruption to local people.

Please be patient as we have been told by BT Openreach that lots of planning takes place before any physical work will commence. We will keep you updated.

Mickleham Broadband Working Group
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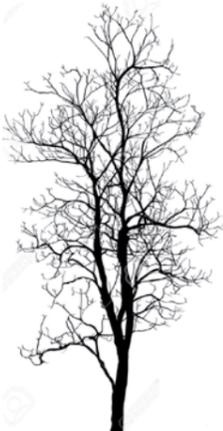
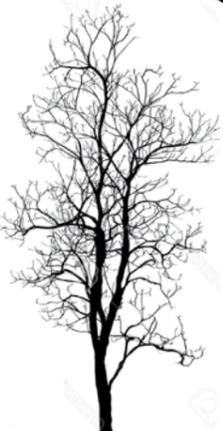
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New School Governor Needed

St Michael's governors are seeking a community governor with an understanding of finance who can join us in December and contribute to the strategic development of the school. It is with thanks that we have to reluctantly say goodbye to Duncan Irvine who has completed four years as a valued governor. If you would like to know more about St Michael's governors please have a look at our website page <http://www.stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk/governors> To have an informal discussion please contact me either by phoning the school 01372 373717 or email phand@stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk


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Answer on page 26.

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It seems a long way off, but the bonfire will take place on Saturday 4th November. Put it in your diary and also think about helping with the construction.



BRAIN TEASER answer: BACKRUB

Big Changes at St Michael's

September and the start of the new school year is always full of anticipation and excitement for everyone. Five weeks of quiet stillness rolls away with the joyous sound of children greeting friends and parents swapping tales about the holidays as they walk into school. The staff team have carefully prepared their resources and the classrooms are ready to welcome everyone. The first experiences of school are so special for the new Reception class children and our warm, nurturing early years environment is key to helping them to settle and enjoy learning at 'big' school. At the end of the summer term it was with a mixture of sadness and fun that we held a farewell tea party for Jeremy Smith, our Headteacher for three years. Under his leadership the school thrived as he managed the many challenges thrown at us. Year one was the big building project – health and safety concerns; half the outdoor space fenced off; the introduction of free school meals with no hall or proper servery; builders pulling off the front of the building and BT cables gone. Staff appreciated his inclusive management style and ready support, especially important while getting to grips with the significantly altered national curriculum and assessments,

as well as new special needs guidance and important changes to procedures. There were fun times as well such as Captain Underpants in charge on World Book Day. Jeremy had great enthusiasm and was determined to ensure he left St Michael's in a strong position with excellent outcomes, as reflected in the recent Ofsted and SIAMS inspection reports. We wished him well with his move to the USA.

This term it is with great pleasure that St Michael's governors will be welcoming Mrs Paula Bliss as Executive Headteacher and Mrs Sandra Peers as Head of School. They are looking forward to joining our strong team of teachers, learning support assistants and office staff, and there will be regular opportunities for parents / carers to meet and get to know them.

Paula Bliss is Headteacher at Newdigate CE Infant School and will provide St Michael's with knowledgeable, skilled strategic leadership. She has been working with Jeremy during the summer term to ensure there is a smooth transition into the new management structure. The governors at both schools are working in partnership to provide stability for children and staff while managing an important period of change both locally and nationally. We have the shared



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aim of ensuring both village schools continue to provide a really high quality, nurturing school choice for parents.

Sandra Peers will be St Michael's senior teacher and Head of School, and will assist Mrs Bliss in leading and managing St Michael's as well as teaching pupils in Year 2. She comes with a wealth of infant school experience and knowledge and has held a range of leadership roles.

There is a full diary of activities carefully planned for the term and the school continues to have a Breakfast Club as well as offering a range of after school activities. We continue to be focussed on achieving excellent results, on inspiring children to learn and explore new things, be creative, grow in confidence, be who they are and to have fun. There is much to look forward to and enjoy this coming year.

Pat Hand, Chair of Governors

Bon Voyage Mr Smith

The children, staff and parents of St Michael's School gathered on Mickleham Rec to say a fond farewell to headteacher Jeremy Smith at the end of the Summer Term, as he set off for a new life in the USA.

The party in the park back in July was organised by the Governors and Friends to celebrate Jeremy's three years with the school and to wish him well in his new stateside adventure in South Carolina.

The children enjoyed a surprise Punch and Judy show followed by an impressive spread of sandwiches and cakes while the adults got to enjoy a glass or two of pims!

The celebrations concluded with speeches from the staff, Governors and Friends who thanked Jeremy for all his hard work and for helping to make Mickleham's 'hidden gem' of a school shine brighter than it ever has before.

A 'Best of British' hamper was presented to Jeremy on behalf of the parents and children containing provisions of things he may struggle to find in the Deep South including marmite, salad cream, Cadbury's chocolate and sponge pudding and custard.

Good luck, Jeremy and Bon Voyage!

Meredith Shiers
Chair of the Friends



St Michael's is looking for a new community governor – see page 25.

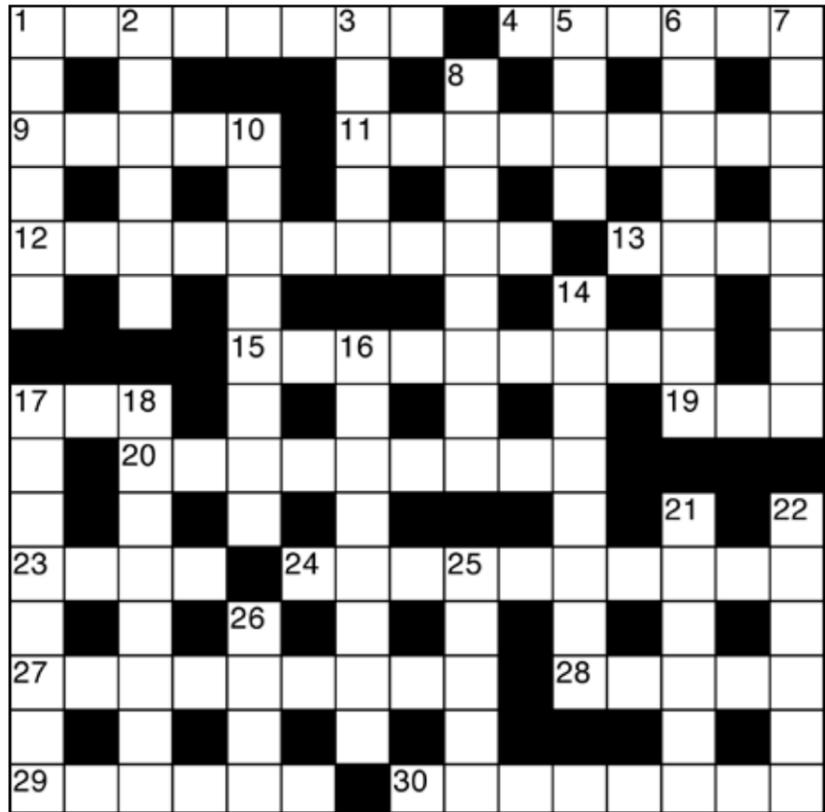
Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1 Instruction to confuse people, or to act in a more unruly way? (8)
- 4 Waddle off slowly (6)
- 9 Encourages to surge about (5)
- 11 Made wider B road, with a valley (like Deepdene) backed on to it (9)
- 12 Left grub back by sign, which encouraged thefts (10)
- 13 Dog food? (4)
- 15 Jumbo chocolate tree? (9)
- 17 Clean hair? (3)
- 19 The decline in hand written messages (3)
- 20 A Chelsea ballet, and plenty of it? (9)
- 23 Early man or a mother (4)
- 24 Strangely forgot loan for an excessive period of time (3,3,4)
- 27 Mother in stupid attempt to use vernacular English (9)
- 28 Artless one is in main part of church (5)
- 29 Training on first class porcelain (6)
- 30 A serving of sausages makes hunger less intense (8)

Down

- 1 Puffs: a vague shape with added 'BS'? (6)



- 2 Bets queen is surrounded by jokers (6)
- 3 Singed the MBE – reduced to ash (5)
- 5 Half the plaudits went to German saloon (4)
- 6 Where the smuggler hides gin? (8)
- 7 Giving money away? You may finish up in debt! (8)
- 8 Sherlock is said to have made a joke which was unsophisticated (8)
- 10 Bays bull-whipped dessert (8)
- 14 Car owner became tired and unhappy? (8)
- 16 What the editor may ask for: cherry wood boats? (8)
- 17 Painted a man in oils – or a woman? (4,4)
- 18 Model a grim pad (8)
- 21 Call about the operation, as cowboys do (6)
- 22 Partly regret some birds (6)
- 25 Dishes found at a costermongers (5)
- 26 Sign in for Promenade Concert? (4)

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Pauline Davis's prize-winning vegetable plot



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- 1 Plaintiff 6 Inane 9 Ontario
- 10 Goblets 11 Parchment 12 Last
- 14 Chance 16 Prune 19 Forum
- 20 Tehran 23 Talc 24 Fantastic
- 27 Theresa 28 Adherer 29 Fippy
- 30 Supernova

Down

- 1 Prospectus 2 Arterial 3 North
- 4 Ironed 5 Fighters 6 Imbalance
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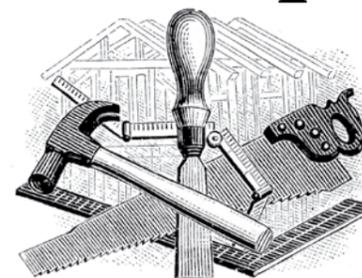
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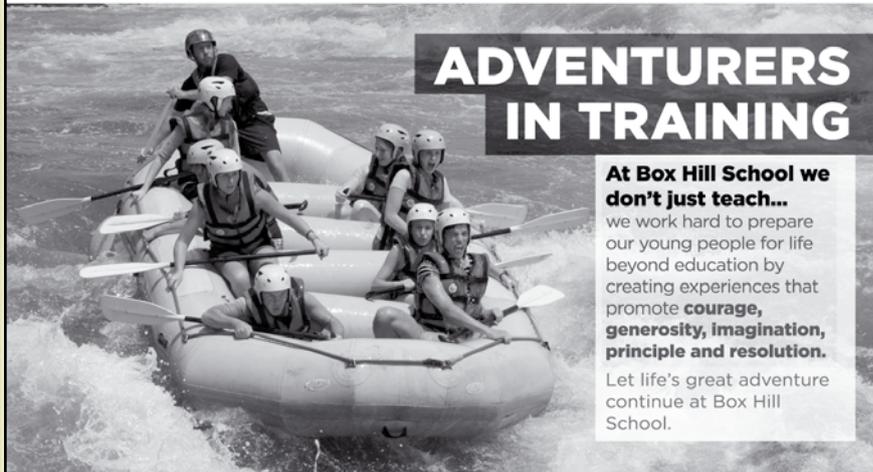
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