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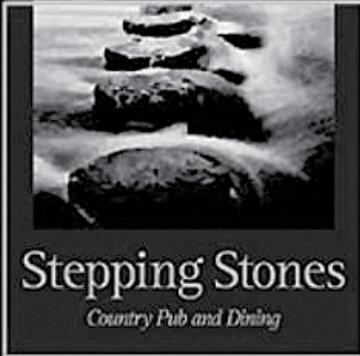
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Dear friends

At the beginning of October we celebrated our Harvest Festival Weekend: Harvest Worship for about 40 children, Harvest Supper with entertainment and a Family Service with baptism on Sunday morning. Church was quite full on Sunday but it struck me that if we took away those who came for the baptism then we actually had less people in church than on a 'normal' Sunday, and I have been trying to reflect on why this was so. So two questions – and do feel free to respond as you feel appropriate. I am more than happy to listen to your comments, whatever they may be!

1 If you are a regular church member and simply decided not to come to church for harvest, why was this?

2 In many village communities, harvest is still a time when many people come along to church even if it a fairly rare event for them. However here in Mickleham hardly anyone from the community came to celebrate harvest with us. Why was this? Why did people not feel it appropriate to come and give thanks to God for the many blessings we receive?

We are now into November and we will be gathering on Sunday 13th for Remembrance Sunday. The church is always full for this occasion, but this is largely because Box Hill students attend. If we took them away we would be left with a very modest congregation and, again, very few from within the community. I realise that Remembrance Sunday has its critics and it may well be that you choose to attend a service elsewhere, but surely this is a Sunday when we should gather as a community to remember the sacrifices made by many in the past (including those from our community) and seek to find ways of making our world a better place in the future.

ADVENT SUNDAY falls on 27th November this year, and at the start of a new Church Year we will be looking at the challenge given to all parishes in the Guildford Diocese by Andrew, our Diocesan Bishop, through a series of 12 transforming goals. Do come and find out more – you will be very welcome at YOUR parish church.

Advent is a time when we are encouraged to set aside just a short time each week to reflect on the Christmas story. This year – over three Tuesday evenings – we shall be looking at the prophecies behind the birth of Jesus; the birth story itself; and the role played by Herod and the Magi (wise men). Do feel free to come along and join in the discussions.

With best wishes

Malcolm, our Parish Priest, is more than happy to visit people in the parish (with or without church links) to discuss pastoral and/or spiritual matters. He is also happy to offer home communion to those not able to attend church on a regular basis. Just contact him.



Do join us for our Remembrance Sunday Service
13th November at 10 a.m.

And afterwards for coffee at Box Hill School (in the front hall of the main building)
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And in the evening for the Choral Society's Remembrance Concert – see page 7.



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our own drinks we had just what we preferred.

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Many thanks to Malcolm and to Stephanie Randall who organised the evening. It was a good one.



Church Flowers

A very big thank you to Jan Richards who has organised the flower arrangers' rota and supervised the decoration of the church so very efficiently for special festivals for the past two years. Unfortunately Jan will soon be moving away from the village and we need to find someone to take on her role.

Please contact Jan Richards on 01372 375733 / richardsjan@btinternet.com if you would like to find out more about what is involved.

We are always looking for people to join the flower rota. Experienced flower arrangers are very welcome as well as anyone who would like to learn flower arranging skills. If you would like to be involved in decorating our beautiful church please contact Jan (as above).



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December

6.30 p.m.

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**Filled boxes should be returned to the church or the Rectory
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See page 11 for details of the Parish Magazine 'Christmas Card'



Farewell to Val and Jim McLean

At the end of October Val and Jim McLean will be moving from Norbury Park to Retford in Nottinghamshire near where Jim's sister lives. This will be a big wrench for them as Jim has been associated with the park for fifty-four years and he and Val moved into their cottage there soon after they were married forty-one

years ago. Over the years they and their children Lorna and Ian have taken part in many community activities. And at St Michael's Val has played an active role in services and behind the scenes. She has also delivered parish magazines to houses in the park for at least the last thirty-two years. They will be greatly missed and we send them very best wishes for much happiness in their new home.

Now, where did my lamb go?

I know it still seems a long way away, but Christmas is approaching and we are beginning to plan for the annual Crib Service which will take place once more on Christmas Eve in the Westhumble bonfire field. We are very grateful to the trustees of the field for their continuing support.

We will be looking for children to play the main parts in our tableau and for a few older volunteers to do the readings. If you would like to take part, please contact Rev. Malcolm Raby.

Last year we invited everyone to bring a lamb, be it a toy or a drawing, or a cut out picture (even I can manage to use scissors!), depending on your craft ability and time. Many of you rose to the challenge and the baby was almost hidden under a shower of lambs when the shepherds arrived at the manger. This year we would like to do the same, so everyone (not just the children) is invited to bring a lamb again which can be taken home after the service as a reminder of the simplicity that is at the heart of our celebrations - a vulnerable child on a bed of straw.



There will be more details in next month's magazine, but in the meantime...where did I put my lamb?
Anne Weaver



CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S & WESTHUMBLE CHAPEL

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| 4th December | Christingle Family Service for ALL AGES |
| 10th December | Christmas Café in the Chapel (2 – 4 p.m.) |
| 17th December | Pop-Up pub in the Chapel (5 – 10 p.m.) |
| 18th December | Service of Lessons and Carols (6.30 p.m.) |
| 20th December | Carol Singing in the Chapel Ruins in Westhumble |
| 23rd December | Carol Singing around the pubs |
| 24th December | Family Crib Service in Westhumble Field (4 p.m.) |
| 24th December | Midnight Communion (11.30 p.m.) |
| 25th December | 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Chapel) |
| | 10 a.m. Family Service for ALL |

Details for some of these events are still being finalised and fuller details will be available in December's magazine, but do make a note in your diary so that you don't miss out!



Christmas Café

Saturday 10th December

Westhumble Chapel 2-4 p.m.

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Children's Harvest Workshop

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Have you ever wondered why it takes so long for people to get off a bus? Similarly, has it ever surprised you how quickly children can fill a school hall? Our seasonal Harvest Workshop for children is very popular.

For my activity with the children I got to play with glitter. The children could choose between various leaves – oak, maple, beech, sycamore – and could colour them by carefully lifting pre-glued sections then dabbling their leaf in glitter to make pretty patterns. There are the diligent children who

spend quite a bit of time deciding which colour to put where and spend ages gently teasing off the little leaf shapes. Then there is the other extreme, those children who before you can say, 'Hold it' have wrenched off several sections along with half the backing and then frantically plough into the glitter frustrated because it will not stick. Oh dear.

Then there was ... Potato Man. These creations, perhaps, best reflected Harvest as they had a potato for a body, broccoli for hair, carrot sticks for arms

and legs. There were several other crafts for the children to have a go at and our time was soon over, except our workshops always finish with a song. It was all about all fruit and eggs and more 'in my trolley'. A group of the children repeated their triumph by singing again at St Michael's on the Sunday morning.

Thanks, as ever, to all the helpers, including students from Box Hill School and especially to organiser Meredith Shiers. Watch this space for news of the next workshop. Stephanie Randall

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Guided Tour of St Michael's Church

Everyone in our community knows St Michael's Church (St Michael and All Angels, to use its full name), for many centuries a familiar landmark in the heart of Mickleham village. However, even the most well-informed member of the group who attended Sue Tatham's guided tour of the church on 25th September came away with a wealth of new information.

Sue began with a presentation on the structure and architecture of the church and described the numerous additions, alterations and restorations that have taken place. A church in Mickleham is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and the original church may have been built when Viking invasions were at a lull during the reign of Edgar, 959-975. In the Norman period the chancel and a new nave were added, the arch at the entrance to the chancel being remarkably similar to one in William the Conqueror's manorial church in Caen. Sue pointed out that St Michael's has a 'weeping chancel', one that is out of alignment with the nave. Various explanations have been proposed to explain this, the most appealing being that, in a cruciform building, it

depicts the head of Christ on the cross. Unfortunately, ecclesiastical architects do not accept this hypothesis.

An important addition to the church was the Mortuary Chapel, built on the north side of the church in 1514 for the London mercer William Wyddowson, Lord of the Manor of Fredley. This was later known as the Norbury Pew or Chapel. The walls have a chequerboard design, uncommon in Surrey and made of flint and clunch (rock chalk), a type of soft limestone (possibly better known now as a Farrow & Ball paint colour!).

The early 19th century saw the church undergo many changes. The architect P F Robinson was employed initially to construct a gallery and new pews but discovered the church was in such a bad state of repair that major rebuilding was necessary. In 1824 he published *An Attempt to Ascertain the Age of the Church of Mickleham, in Surrey*, containing many diagrams and drawings of the interior and exterior of the church which now serve as a valuable historical record. In the mid-1820s Robinson also designed and built a portico at Trelassick House in Cornwall for Thomas Daniell, who was the father-in-law of the Rector of Mickleham, Alfred Burmester. Interestingly, both Robinson and Daniell went bankrupt and fled to Boulogne, apparently a refuge for bankrupt English gentlemen at that time!

Further renovations took place later in the 19th century, including the construction of both the round organ tower and a new gallery in the main tower, plus the installation of a new organ and open pews. From 1891-2 services even had to be held in a specially constructed iron building while work continued on the church. Alterations to the church are not, however, just a thing of the past. In 2009

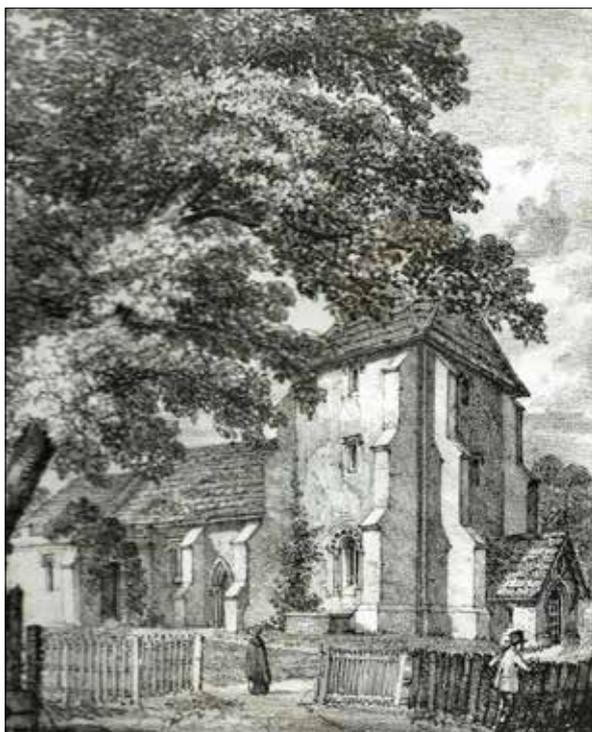
an extension to the Vestry was built and many of us will remember the delays caused when 17 skeletons were unearthed, thought to date from the late 18th or early 19th century.

After the presentation we began our tour of the church, stopping first to admire the 13th century baptismal font. Sue then explained the significance of the colourful hatchments, the diamond-shaped heraldic paintings seen hanging in several places in the church. When a member of the gentry died a hatchment, bearing their coat-of-arms, would be hung over their front door and later in the parish church. Very specific rules governed the form and colour of the hatchments, enabling the sex and marital status of the deceased to be readily identified.

On entering the Norbury Chapel we discovered that St Michael's has not been immune to graffiti, albeit of the 18th century variety. At the far end of the Wyddowsons' tomb the words 'Capt M Phillips 15 Augst 1789 Aet (i.e. aged) 34' can just be deciphered. Molesworth Phillips was married to Fanny Burney's sister Susan and the couple lived in a house, now demolished, opposite our house, Mickleham Cottage.

As we approached the chancel, Sue encouraged us to look at the pulpit where 16th century Flemish carved wood panels, brought over from Belgium by Alfred Burmester around 1840, were worked into a new pulpit, replacing the previous three tier one. In the chancel itself there is a memorial to the Reverend Burmester who was Rector of Mickleham from 1813 until his death in 1867. He is buried in a vault under the chancel along with his wife Jane and two of their young sons who died when babies.

Walking back down the nave, Sue pointed out two memorial plaques: one commemorating Sir Jack Norton-Griffiths, the engineer responsible for the successful WW1 operation to detonate mines under the German lines and the second in memory of Sir Carl Aarvold OBE, who at various times during his career was the Senior Judge at the Old Bailey, President of



Drawing of the northwest view of Mickleham Church around 1824. Taken from Robinson's book.

the Lawn Tennis Association, Captain of the England rugby team and a highly entertaining after dinner speaker! We also looked at the banner hanging on the south wall of the nave, which belonged to Sir Francis Stydolf, the owner of Norbury Park in the 17th century. His helmet used to hang with the banner but was stolen in 1967.

Back at the entrance to the church there was just time to look at the oldest and newest glass in the church: the oldest being 16th century German in the window above the west door and the newest is the stained glass window installed last year in memory of Andreas Vracas. Very welcome refreshments followed, kindly organised by Stephanie Randall and Alison Wood.

Over tea we had a chance to look at some of the books Sue had used for her research including a copy of Robinson's book, Ronnie Shepperd's *Micklam – the story of a parish* and the *Record of St Michael's Church Furnishings* compiled in 1986 by the Dorking Decorative and Fine Arts Society's Church Recorders. There was



Southeast view of Mickleham Church circa 1824

also a display of mounted copies of the very fine photographs, taken by Sir George Gordon Pollock for the record. These had been donated by the Gordon Pollock family and were sold in aid of church funds, raising a total of £100.

We very much want to thank Sue for opening our eyes to the magnitude of the changes that have taken place at the church over the centuries and for introducing us to some of the many people who have shaped its history.

As several people were away and missed the tour, Sue is thinking of repeating it if there is sufficient interest. Please let Sue know – sue@thetatham.co.uk or 01306 882547 – if you would like to join the encore, probably in late January.



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G107 Queen's (6th Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment)
Died Thursday 5th October 1916, aged 25, France

As the nation commemorates the centenary of the Battle of the Somme it seems fitting that we remember a Mickleham man who died during the Somme offensive. Sydney Bruford was born in 1890, the seventh of Charles and Dinah Bruford's twelve children. The family lived at Fernbank Cottages – one of the three cottages on the south side of the King William IV. These have since been demolished but can be seen the 1920 Aerofilm photograph of Byttom Hill.

Mickleham school records show that the Bruford children excelled at school and won prizes for attendance – the brothers also attended Evening School which was voluntary. Sydney's brothers, George and Wilfred, worked at Swanworth Stud Farm. This was part of the Norbury Park Estate which was owned at that time by Leopold Salomons who was famous for his shire horses, which he bred at the stud farm. Sydney's occupation has been listed as footman and his last address is given as Hanover Square, London.

The 6th Battalion of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment was a service battalion formed at Guildford in August 1914. In May 1915 it was mobilised for war and landed at Boulogne. At the beginning of October 1916 the battalion was at a shelter camp near Albert in

the département of the Somme, close to the Allied Front Line, moving into the front line trenches in Guedecourt on 3rd October. During the following two days the front line was shelled intermittently by the Germans, resulting in numerous casualties. Twenty-five year old Sydney Bruford was one of three men from his battalion killed on 5th October.

According to Sydney's obituary in the *Dorking Advertiser* he was the first Mickleham man to join up and also the first one to be killed in the service of his country. The newspaper also noted that all seven of the Bruford brothers were in the Forces. Sydney's friend Private G Clabon of the Queen's said that Sydney, who was a great favourite with the men had been hit by a shell and died about half an hour later. He was buried just outside a small village near the front line.

Private Sydney Bruford was later buried at Thiepval (Grave reference/panel number: Pier and Face 5D and 6D.)



Detail from 1920 Aerofilm photograph* of Byttom Hill showing Fernbank Cottages attached to The King William IV. © English Heritage

'Our village lost a much respected member when he passed to his rest, after a short illness, on December 9th. For forty-seven years he had lived here and worked always at Mickleham Downs. His cheery happy ways and the happiness of a united and large family circle, proved the goodness of his heart. He was also a regular attendant at our Church till the last. No wonder there was a large attendance at his funeral. Mrs. Bruford and her family desire to thank those friends who sent flowers and messages of sympathy on the occasion of their bereavement.'

The other Mickleham man who died at The Somme and is listed on the Mickleham War Memorial is Lieutenant Francis Grissell, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards who died 15th September 1916, aged 30, at Ginchy, France. The Grissells lived at Norbury Park until 1890. Sue Tatham

Mickleham War Memorial Booklet

For the past two years a task group of the Mickleham and Westhumble Local History Group has been collecting information about the men whose names are listed on Mickleham's Cross of Remembrance. We have now prepared a booklet with the historical profiles of each man. We hope to have printed copies of this available by Remembrance Sunday.



The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme commemorates the more than 72,000 missing British Empire servicemen who died in the Battles of the Somme between 1915 and 1918, with no known grave. It is near the village of Thiepval, Picardy in France.

Sydney's name is on Mickleham War Memorial. His younger brother, Wilfred, was the bugler who played the Last Post at the dedication of the memorial in 1920.

The January 1924 Mickleham Parish Magazine included this obituary for Sydney's father, Charles Bruford:

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– Thomas Tidy, Frederick Patrick and Frederick Guyatt

Firstly – The Tidy Family

It is hardly surprising, given Mickleham's proximity to Epsom, that there were a number of racing stables in the village and that Mickleham Downs was an excellent training ground. In the 19th century a number of well-known trainers resided in the village. Robert l'Anson lived at Rose Cottage with his family and 11 apprentice jockey lads, the youngest of whom was 15. Many of these came from all over the country. In Mickleham Street the trainer George Drewitt lived with a total of six young men, the youngest and most famous being George Fordham, 14 at the time, who went on to win numerous prestigious races including the Derby in 1879. William Edwards and Thomas Sparks ran stables at Mickleham Cottage and at Mole Cottage lived John Fordham with his wife and six children, all born in Newmarket. Dockeray is another trainer with stables situated on the A24 near to where Ilex Trees now is. In addition, all the large houses in the neighbourhood had their own stables and some tradesmen too kept at least one horse to pull a cart. George Rose in his reminiscences of the 1850s writes of famous horses such as Cobweb, Bay Middleton and Blair Atholl

and of watching the final gallops on the Downs before the Derby.

Hence the clear need for a farrier, one who shoes horses, although the term is often used interchangeably with smith or blacksmith. The first reference to one in the village is to William Tidy, aged 25, described in the 1841 census as a smith. Further evidence comes from an auction catalogue describing 'a dwelling house and smithy', situated in Mickleham and close adjoining the village, let to William in 1843 on a 100 year lease for the sum of 1 shilling per annum. Today, this site is that of the Frascati restaurant, and the house is still recognisable.

William, the eldest of ten children born to a Leatherhead blacksmith, must have handed it on quite soon to his brother Thomas who appears on the census as living at the Forge from 1851 all through the century until 1891. In 1845 he was married in Mickleham to Jane Wiles, a local girl, whose father was a carpenter. By 1851 he is described as a farrier employing one man, living with his wife Jane and their two children, Frederick aged four years and Henrietta aged ten months. They went on to have two more surviving children, Caroline

and Thomas, and two more who died in infancy, Fanny in 1849 aged seven weeks and Arthur in 1855 aged eight months. On Jane's gravestone in the churchyard (on the LH side up from the main gates) both she and these two little ones are remembered – both described as beloved – and I find it touching that Thomas remembered them on their mother's memorial stone. She was only 56 when she died in 1874.

Of Thomas and Jane's other three children, we know that Frederick also worked as a farrier at the Forge with his father and that Caroline married Benjamin Haynes, whose father sold the village shop to the Rose family, in 1873. Frederick seems to have left the village by 1881 and the younger son, also Thomas, is now working alongside his father. By this time, Jane has died and there is a housekeeper, Ellen Rowe, living in the house. Between 1881 and 1891 Thomas lost his sight and she must have been essential to him, especially when young Thomas died, reasons unknown, in August 1888 aged 33.

With no family to carry on at the forge, it would seem that Thomas decided to employ Frederick Patrick who is listed on the 1891 census as a blacksmith

and lodger at Flint Cottage (north of the forge). He is 29, not an apprentice. Both he and his wife came from Hampshire. Before we start that story, we must see Thomas through. He died in March 1895 aged 77 years and probate was granted to Henry Tulett, gardener, and Robert Mortimore, headmaster of our then so-called National School; his effects amounting to £141 2s 2d. The house and forge was put up for auction in April of the same



Left: Thomas Tidy (on right) in front of the Forge, early 1890s.

Right: The elderly Thomas Tidy probably with his housekeeper Ellen Rowe taken in front of the house that is now the Frascati. Note sign for the King William IV on the right.

year, as 'The West Australian Forge', a name whose origin is a complete mystery. Apart from the blacksmith's shop and the shoeing shop, there was stabling, a coach-house, harness room, yard, and as well as all the usual tools of the trade, a grey cob gelding and a light spring cart. All this and the contents of the house too point to a man who had made a good living, whose skill was much in demand and who was described as 'famous for plating of racehorses' in his day.

Judy Kinloch

Next time: Frederick Patrick, Ferrier



1890s photograph of The Forge on the corner of London Road and Byttom Hill

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society



The end of summer...



Has been a little delayed this year but as I type the temperature is dropping and the wind is rising. I can never think of the beginning of autumn without Keats's 'Autumn' echoing in my mind, but this year it has been not so much 'the mellow fruitfulness' as the 'full-grown lambs', the 'red-breast whistling' and most nostalgic of all the 'gathering swallows' which 'twitter in the skies'. This has not happened yet, but it can not be long before they start to fill the skies and line the telegraph wires. The ladybirds too are already to be seen hibernating in my window corners.

Thinking back on the year as a whole, it does seem to have been very much one thing or another weather-wise. My early potatoes did exceptionally well, due to the rain I am sure, and so did chard, peas and broad beans – one of the few years the latter were not ruined by an excess of blackfly. French beans as well as runners started well but quite a prolonged dry period meant

they did not continue to produce for the usual length of time in spite of some watering (clearly not enough!). Courgettes on the whole did well, especially the yellow Atena Polka and my very favourite *Zucchini romanesco* with its slightly ribbed appearance that makes it look almost striped. Its flavour is excellent and when cut into slices they resemble little cog wheels. One plant has taken over an unprecedented amount of my vegetable garden and today, well into October, I have been out picking in order to keep up with it. On the downside, this year, I have once again completely failed to get my garlic through depredation by rust and rot and my carrots were useless, probably due to lack of water at the crucial time.

However, we must look forward. I shall have to replace a spring flowering Viburnum, the sight and smell of which has been a pleasure for years, and I am thinking of a Hamamelis, perhaps x intermedia 'Orange Peel' which has spidery orange flowers and is scented.

There are others with yellow and even red flowers. Or ... the choice is huge and I shall have much difficulty making up my mind.

Time now to think about buying and planting tulips for next spring, mostly in pots as I don't want to disturb bulbs already in the ground. I would like to put in a word for short-stemmed tulips, such as the Kaufmanniana and Greigii hybrids, many of them with striped leaves, that come in many shades and bi-colours. Tulipa 'Pinocchio' has slender, soft red flowers with a white margin on the petals, very eye-catching, and there are small species tulips too such as 'Little Beauty', only 4" high with intense pink flowers and blue centres. Broadleigh Gardens have a wide range of all these.

There is a very gloomy poem by Thomas Hood that ends 'No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,/ No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds – November! Let us hope for a little better than this!'
Judy Kinloch



Mickleham Parish Magazine 'Christmas Card'

As in past years readers who would like to send Christmas greetings to their local friends by way of the magazine and donate the money saved on cards and postage to charity should contact Sue Tatham by the December magazine deadline: **Sunday 6th November.**

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Anthony Alick Venn 1938 - 2016

Many friends and family members gathered at St Michael's Church on 16th September for the Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Tony Venn. Although he never lived in the village he had long-standing connections with Mickleham and his daughter Jackie lives in Westhumble.

Anthony Alick Venn was born in Dorking and lived in the Orchard Road with his parents and ten brothers and sisters. The family was not well off, and when Tony won a scholarship to the local grammar school, his parents were unable to fund him. As a compensation the headmaster of his school made him Head Boy there. His poor beginnings gave him drive and determination to become a successful business man.

At 18 Tony did his National Service in the Army, and said the strangest thing to get used to was not sharing a bed with a brother or two. He enjoyed his time in the army, becoming a drummer, and left after two years with the rank of Lance Corporal. He then took up bricklaying, working with his father who was a foreman on a building site.

In 1960 he married Pam and they set up house in Farnborough where Jackie was born. A few years later they moved to Strood Green where Tony set up his own business with another brother Ralph. Business was good, and in 1969 son Darren was born. By 1975 his business had expanded and he had built his own house in Brockham.

Tony was a devoted father and grandfather. After their first grandson Paul was diagnosed with leukaemia at four months old, Tony and Pam gave tremendous support to Jackie and her husband, Steve. They also set up a charity for Leukaemia Research, and threw themselves into fundraising for many years, for which they were invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. During the years of Paul's treatment and periods of remission Tony did all he could to provide many diversions and pleasures for Paul and his brother Mark. Paul died in 2000, aged just 15 and is buried in Mickleham churchyard.

Raising funds for Leukaemia Research, was just one of Tony's charitable activities. Soon after he started in business he joined the Dorking Lions.

Later he helped set up the Brockham Badgers Football Club, and in the late 1980s he and Pam helped with the Crusaders youth group in Mickleham.

For a time Tony was involved in local and national politics. He was the agent for local councillor Frank Kenward for two years, and also helped Kenneth Baker, a Conservative MP and cabinet minister in Margaret Thatcher's government. He once stood in a local election, but narrowly missed out on being elected.

In 1990 Tony suffered a heart attack, and early retirement on health grounds followed. A keen golfer, he had been an active member of both Dorking and Ifield Golf Clubs for many years, but when ill health made this difficult he turned to bowls. At Newdigate Bowls club, he helped arrange the building of their new clubhouse, and was also club captain for a year. After he moved to Horsham he took up bridge, as bowls was proving difficult because of his reduced mobility.

At Tony's service, son Darren concluded his tribute to his father with the following: *Dad had a long, happy life tinged with some sadness. His health was not great for the last few years of his life, which made him a bit glum, but his dedication to his family never faltered always supporting us. So let us all remember him as the happy, successful businessman, loyal husband, proud, supportive dad and loving granddad that he always was.*

We send our sincere condolences to Pam and all her family at this sad time.



Lt Commander Steven Banfield Royal Navy with his parents outside Windsor Castle

COMMUNITY NEWS

Corrections:

• Last month when we welcomed Adrian and David who have moved to Pilgrims Close, we unfortunately misspelt their surname – this should have been 'Harding'. Sorry.

• Also last month we failed to give credit to Richard Roberts-Miller for all his splendid photographs of the Village Show. Sorry, Richard.

Welcome to:

• Claire & Matthew Patterson and daughters Molly (7) and Florence (4) who have moved to Pilgrims Close from Redhill;

• Anne & Richard Mason and their adult son and daughter, David and Christianna who have moved to Pilgrims Way. Originally from Northern Ireland, they lived in Belgium before moving to Surrey;

• Charlie and Abigail Warshawski and their children, Asher and Cristiana, who have moved to Westhumble Street from Epsom.

Congratulation to Amy and Simon Ward of Juniper Hall on the safe arrival of Verity Mary on 14th October. A sister for Martha.

Farewell to:

• Pauline Kendrick who has moved from Pilgrims Way to Guildford;

• Jim and Val McLean who are moving from Norbury Park to Retford, Nottinghamshire – see page 3.

Steven Banfield collects his MBE

On 7th October the Investiture Ceremony was held at Windsor Castle, where Steven Banfield was very honoured to be presented with his MBE by the Queen. His honour was given for services to the Royal Navy in the Caribbean.

He assumed Command of HMS Severn in July 2014 deploying the ship on the Atlantic Patrol Task (North) in the Caribbean for eight months, the first time this deployment had been undertaken by an Offshore Patrol Vessel.

Steven is the son of Mary and John Banfield of Old London Road.

Helen Croxford née Dewar 1937 – 2016

Helen was born to Scottish parents, a heritage of which she was extremely proud. Sadly her own mother died when Helen was just 7 years old and while she spent some time with her grandparents and younger sister, she largely grew up with her Dad, Donald, travelling with him wherever he was posted. This meant a new school every few months. However Helen went onto read Physics at London University, where she met her husband Rodney on her first day. Helen was the only woman on her course and used to tell stories of how she was teased, especially if she turned up to lectures still wearing her apron. Even then she juggled demands upon her, coping with both her studies and keeping house for her father.

Helen and Rodney were married in July 1961 after they had both graduated. They settled initially in Kingston, before moving to Fetcham and then to Oakfield Lodge, Westhumble in 1969. By the

time the family moved to Westhumble, Helen had four daughters, Rosemary, Rosalind, Heather and Hazel. Donald Dewar also lived with the family until his death. Box Hill had always been a favourite holiday spot for Helen and her father, which is what drew them to the area. While Helen and Rodney sometimes toyed with the idea of moving the family to live in Scotland, they loved their home in Westhumble and lived a happy married life there for more than 40 years until Rodney passed away in 2007. After her beloved husband's death, Helen could never bring herself to leave Oakfield Lodge where she lived, fiercely independent, until her death on 20th September.

Helen was not just a mother but also worked until she was in her fifties. Her professional career began as a meteorologist and she worked in London for many years before going on to work locally at ERA in

Leatherhead, then Dorking Library followed by a period as a maths teacher at Hurtwood House and then a home tutor. Helen had many interests. She was a very competitive sportswoman and loved to play squash, badminton and tennis in her younger days. She was always an avid reader, loved her radio (especially the shipping forecasts) and enjoyed anything that was intellectually challenging. Other hobbies included music and Helen used to play the piano and sing in the Church and local choirs. Although quite shy, Helen was a strong character who loved a good debate and had knowledge and opinions on many topics.

Helen had many friends in the local community and regularly entertained her neighbours until her health started to fail. Helen will be sadly missed not just by her four daughters, ten grandchildren and extended family, but many friends near and far.

Jumping off buildings and other signs of madness

I would like to thank all of you who sponsored me for my bike ride to Amsterdam in aid of the Big Issue Foundation. I raised over £1000 thanks to your generosity; as I paid for the trip myself, this meant that all the money went to the charity. We took an unusual route to Harwich, in cold and occasionally rainy conditions, with a guide who obviously had a rooted objection to major roads. Via all sorts of byways and cycle tracks we eventually got to Harwich at about 11 p.m. and I fell asleep on the ferry immediately

The next morning in Holland it was sunny and warm BUT, though there are no hills

in Holland they do have wind, which appeared to blow consistently in our face all the way from Hook to Amsterdam. The countryside is lovely, if flat. There are cycle tracks everywhere and the drivers respect your space. 170 miles later however, you do begin to be bored of windmills and canals, and your stomach objects to yet more Snickers bars and gels. The welcome sight of my dear wife Annie standing beaming outside our hotel, equipped with a tray full of jugs of ice cold Heineken, was the best view I had had all day.

We slobbered round a few museums the next day, including an exhibition at the Hermitage devoted to Catherine the Great (sadly, no working model contraptions for stallions), then headed back to Blighty.

The next weekend I was (with zero modesty) bragging

Will Dennis (second from the left) before setting off on his bike

about my trip to Mary Banfield. In a fantastic, but wholly characteristic act of generosity, Mary has promised £1000 for local charities if I abseil off the Emirates Spinnaker tower in Portsmouth. This is now in the diary for 2nd April at 10.30 am (1st April would have been more appropriate, but it was fully booked). We have opened a fund raiser web page to try and double Mary's money in aid of some local charities: Leatherhead Start (was Leatherhead Night Hostel), Pit Stop, Princess Alice Hospice and Kids for Kids. The link is <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/Will.Dennis>. Please note however that this only works for Princess Alice and Kids for Kids. If you want to donate to Leatherhead Start or Pit Stop please just donate direct to them, or send Mary or me a cheque made out to the appropriate charity and we will forward it.

I am told Mary has a flat with a view of the Spinnaker Tower and will be sitting there with binoculars glued to her eyes on 2nd April. If you want to come and watch too, no doubt this can be arranged in return for a suitably large donation....

Will Dennis





WESTHUMBLE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Saturday 5th November

If you have been helping to build the bonfire, thank you – but don't forget to come!

At 5.45 pm, the Guy will lead a torchlit parade from the junction of Chapel Lane, Adlers Lane and Burney Road.

If you are a bit later, come to the Westhumble field at the lower end of Adlers Lane.

The bonfire will be lit by around 6.30, p.m. followed by Neil Mason's spectacular fireworks.

Our insurance policy does not permit hand-held fireworks, so please **DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN SPARKLERS** – we have an alternative!

THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE A BEER TENT

Soup & Sausages will also be available from the barbecue, as usual, for a small donation.

We shall be requesting £5 per head at the gate.

Please bring family and friends from beyond Mickleham and Westhumble.

Finishing touches to the bonfire from 10 a.m. on Saturday 5th November (lots of newspaper to be screwed up – great fun!)

To hear about other items of interest or information for Westhumble residents, plus Neighbourhood Watch bulletins, email mike.giles@mac.com Your details will remain confidential.



Pop-up Pub at the Westhumble Chapel Saturday

**17th December
from 5 to 10 p.m.**

Good beer and wine as well as a non-alcoholic choice.

Sausage rolls and other nibbles may also make an appearance. Once again, the bar will be run by Pop-up landlord Duncan Irvine ably assisted by Gerry Weaver.

Do come along and bring your friends. It is a chance to meet with neighbours, catch up with the people you have not seen since the last Pop-up, and make new friends.

The next Westhumble Talk



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KING WILLIAM IV

Well we have had lots of sun, but October has not been as warm as we would have liked. However, it did mean I could use it as an excuse to sneak away firstly to Portugal for a couple of days of golf.. And Anne & I got a night away for our 20th anniversary.

October saw our first enjoyable Autumn quiz which raised money for the village playground; thanks to Heather, Sarah & Martin for all their skills in compiling, comparing & organising. And we really look forward to our season of quizzes with Malcolm & Sue, starting on **Monday 7th November at 7 p.m. for 7.30pm.** Booking essential.

We are also preparing for another of Anne's favourite evenings – our fireworks for our neighbours & friends-- on **Sunday 6th November at 6 p.m.** You are all welcome to come along to oohh & aahh & twirl sparklers!

We hope we might see you at one of these events, or if not very soon. All the best for now, Eamonn

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A New Playground for Mickleham

Mickleham's new playground was officially opened on Friday 7th October at 3.30 p.m. Many people from the village and wider community in Dorking joined the children of St Michael's School to celebrate the opening and it was really fantastic to see such a large turnout.

The children have had to walk past the fenced-off play area on their way to and from school since the beginning of term as we all waited for the grass to grow. They were overflowing with excitement as they waited at the gate on Friday afternoon, and it was with an enormous amount of pleasure that Sarah and Heather cut the red ribbon and were finally able to open the gate to the children for their first play.

With the aid of cupcakes for the children and a glass of fizz for the adults, the event turned into quite a party. We

would like to thank the ladies that baked the cakes (you know who you are), Mary Flint and Alison Wood for the loan of metres and metres of beautiful home-made bunting with which they decorated the playground, Kompan for supplying balloons and gifts for the children, the Parish Council for supplying the bubbly and all the helpers who gave up their afternoon to help with the set-up and running of the event.

And finally, the Playground Association would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this project over the past two years. The new playground would not have been possible without the support and generosity of many organisations and individual people. Capital grants came from Ride Prudential through the London Marathon Charitable Trust,

Mole Valley District Council and Surrey County Council. In addition, support from the Parish Council, local fundraising events in the village and donations from both local businesses and members of the community have all contributed to create what I hope everyone agrees is a fabulous new play area.

In applying for the funding for the new playground, we have had to demonstrate to the various funding bodies the many benefits that outdoor play bestows on children. But we also believe that the presence of facilities such as the village playground, the nursery and the school has a wider benefit to the whole community, by ensuring that Mickleham remains a place that is welcoming to children and young families.

Long may that continue.

Congratulations and many thanks to Sarah Parfitt and Heather Bourne who spearheaded the very successful playground project. The surge of excited children when the gate was opened for the first time said it all!

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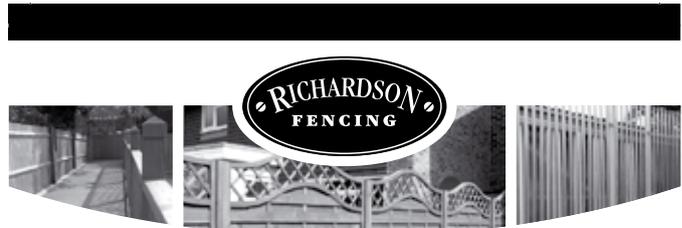
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While on their 'Green Escape', students took part in three workshops ably led by our wonderful English and Drama teachers. Their first workshop focused on ways of opening novels, and students shared their own favourite reads.

The second workshop provided students with top tips for their own

creative writing. Students talked about different narrative perspectives, as well as the subtleties of vocabulary choices. Extracts from Dickens's 'Little Dorrit' and McCarthy's 'The Road' were used to inspire students to compose their own creative pieces.

The final workshop focused on an introduction to Shakespeare's 'King Lear'. Students created freeze frames to introduce the key motif of family in the play, and they also role-played different scenarios from Act 1 scene 1. The rest of the evening was spent eating pizza, homemade brownies (a Green Escape tradition) and toasting marshmallows, around the fire.

The following day, everyone climbed to the top of Leith Hill. A late-September sun lit up the South Downs and Leith Hill Tower that provided a fabulous backdrop in front of which students performed key scenes from 'King Lear' and shared their creative writing.

This trip has become a highlight for students of English and staff alike and everyone helped to make it a very memorable experience. Our Sixth Formers were able to forge new friendships amongst autumnal woodland, share ideas about literature by candlelight and thoroughly indulge their creative selves.

Katharine Bryson, Head of English

Tuesday Toddles

A new friendly group in Mickleham for kids aged 0-5 years to play along side their Childminder or Registered Nanny
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Additional sports equipment for the Rec



Football goals?
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In the September MPM Duncan Irvine wrote that there is a small surplus of funds left over from grants given for the Mickleham playground which must be spent on play equipment. The proposal is to provide something for young people once they have outgrown the playground.

Duncan would like suggestions as to what should be provided, especially from young people who are most likely to use the equipment. Please email Duncan with your thoughts: duncan.c.irvine@gmail.com



Mickleham Choral Society's Carol Party will be on Friday 16th December
Make a note in your diary now!



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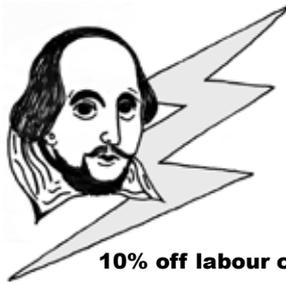
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The chilly crispness of an autumnal morning is actually quite welcome. Autumn is probably my favourite season, both at home and in the nursery. I really enjoy gathering the 'fruits of autumn', the abundant beech nuts in Mickleham are a particular favourite, prickly on the outside but soft and furry inside. Some of the children have been bringing their finds and lots of conkers, another autumn delight. The deep brown polished nuts that just have to be rolled around in your hands. Indeed, this week we have been playing with an autumn sensory table, encouraging the children to really investigate the textures and explore new descriptive language – and we have enjoyed the odd conker fight or two.

We now also have a new cohort of children attending the Forest School afternoons. They have been learning our Forest School rules, and are now working together to build the dens that they will play in all year long.

Earlier on this month we had an outing to the Dorking Halls to experience an interactive children's theatre show 'Moonbrella'; the journey of an umbrella to the moon. We have been playing with our own moonscapes, complete with silver moon rocks (foil covered potatoes!) the dark den and of course junk modelling rockets.

We look forward to welcoming the community at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November in the village hall - see details below. Hillary Budd

Now well into the autumn term our new children have all settled in and we can begin to get to know their individual characteristics. We have already worked out that we have a 'boisterous boy' year, so will be planning lots of physical activities, super-hero play and pirates will undoubtedly feature too.



Photographs: Hillary Budd

From left: Drilling conkers; collecting 'moon beads'; stories in the den

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A Day in the Life of a Headteacher



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his wooded areas at the back of the school and of course to exchange the peppercorn in return for using it.

A typical day ends with the task of closing up the school. This involves checking all door and fire exits are locked, checking that nobody is left in the building and setting alarms.

I can say that it is a real privilege to work with such wonderful children and with such a fantastic staff. No day is the same as I don't always know what to expect when I arrive in the morning, which makes it very exciting. In this job, knowing that the children are benefiting makes it all worthwhile.

Before I started to write this article I thought it would be a good idea to get a perspective from the children. The answers to 'what do you think I do?' brought a variety of responses including, 'making sure the people are good' to 'writing down all the things the school needs to do'. In fact, many of these things are part of the day and very perceptive for a child of five or six years old.

A typical day starts with the rather mundane yet necessary task of opening up the school. This involves checking that all doors and fire exits are unlocked and a general safety check around the school. Teachers and the Breakfast Club ladies arrive soon after so it is a quick good morning and time to update the staff room notice board and check emails for any urgent messages.

When school opens, I like to be at the gate to welcome the children. It is good to meet children with a smile and a cheery hello. It is also an opportunity for parent to speak to me or ask a question. Very often parents will catch me to check on arrangements – this might be for lunchtime singing club, gardening club or the new playground mural.

A very special time for us at school is our collective worship which happens first thing in the morning just after registration. This is a time when we can all get together as a school and is a time for calm and for reflection. As a church school we have a particular value which we discuss in assemblies through the use of a parable or Bible story.

During the morning, I like to get into

classes to see the children and monitor their progress. They are very good at explaining what they are learning. This may be about how to find missing numbers which Snowy (a class bear) has lost from his calculation, a new phoneme or how to write instructions. Children are very engaged and enthusiastic to share what they are learning.

No day would be complete without a meeting of some kind. As a school we are forward thinking and continually looking for ways to improve. We are currently looking at our maths provision in school with the help of experts in their field provided by the local authority. Along with the maths lead in school, we discuss ways forward to make us even better. There is a discussion about supporting maths through classroom displays and setting up home-school support in maths by setting up 'Mathletics', an online suite of games for children to practise their mental maths skills.

We are very fortunate to have such close links with and support from the church and local community. On occasions, I may meet Malcolm Raby to discuss upcoming events or, more recently, our Prayer Day or meet with Geoff Knight to sign the contract for using



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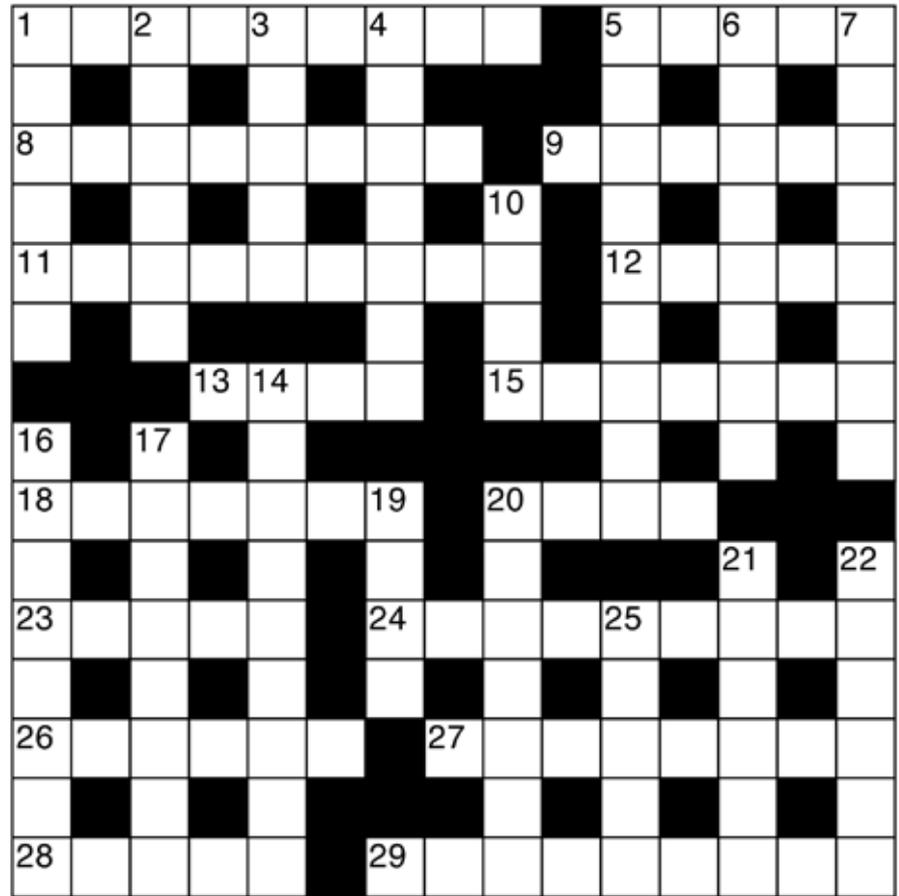
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 1 Seasonal output of sack factory? (9)
- 5 Atlantic has massive concealed abyss (5)
- 8 Careless assembly of salads with HP (8)
- 9 Determined – perhaps to go camping (6)
- 11 I wondered about getting a new quilt (9)
- 12 A calculating reptile? (5)
- 13 A child in care in the Edwardian era (4)
- 15 Fiddles about, possibly with Irish philosophers (7)
- 18 Fighter redesigned to carry cargo (7)
- 20 Give advice that sounds threadbare (4)
- 23 Bridge opponents holding fifty-six for the king (5)
- 24 Quiet bouncy bushes? (9)
- 26 Follower of travelling Oxford flea? (6)
- 27 American moving picture format (8)
- 28 Haggard heroine gains a degree and a crown (5)
- 29 A legal bet transforms board game (9)



Down

- 1 Who ate less and finished quicker? (6)
- 2 Initially rare wild and aggressive mountain gorillas found here (6)
- 3 A singular bird – or trousers if plural (5)
- 4 Ponders over how to reply (7)
- 5 Concertina with one 'c' missing: useful in explaining metonymy (9)
- 6 Home of a north-east breed of beef (8)
- 7 To sleep on it is smartest arrangement (8)
- 10 Mostly tangled up insect (4)
- 14 What turned the Argonauts bitter? (9)
- 16 Crimes of people who deal in stolen goods (8)
- 17 Obstinate poet insists on being paid thus (8)
- 19 Part of exam to rate stamina (4)
- 20 Raising the temperature of Geordie porcelain? (7)
- 21 To sell or replace a terminal appendage (6)
- 22 Get Ray dancing (6)
- 25 A lamb is inherently able at birth to do so (5)



From the Village Archives: Givons Grove Petrol Station in the late 1930s

SOLUTION TO OCTOBER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Caution Cyclists 8 Oriel 9 Miserable
- 10 Press Room 11 Horsa 12 Despot
- 13 Stylists 16 Cast Iron 17 Outlaw
- 20 Onset 22 Gladiator 23 Harmonica
- 24 Alibi 25 Tip of the Iceberg

Down

- 1 Cropped 2 Universes 3 Illusionist
- 4 Nimrod 5 Yosemite 6 Sober
- 7 Seesaws 11 Hallucinate 14 Solitaire
- 15 Roughish 16 Crochet 18 Warping
- 19 Safari 21 Strop

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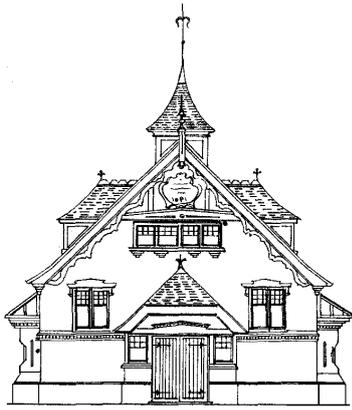
November

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| 2 | Wednesday | 9.15 – 11 a.m. | Open Day at St Michael's School |
| 3 | Thursday | 9.15 – 11 a.m. 11 a.m. | Open Day at St Michael's School Bible Study Group meets |
| 5 | Saturday | 1.15 – 3 p.m. 5.45 p.m. | Open Day at St Michael's School Westhumble Bonfire – torchlight procession starts |
| 6 Third Sunday before Advent SHOE BOX SUNDAY | | | |
| | | 8 a.m. | Holy Communion (Order 2) |
| | | 10 a.m. | Worship Together with Baptism. Fairtrade Stall |
| <i>Copy deadline for December Parish Magazine</i> | | | |
| 7 | Monday | 4 p.m. | Almshouses Committee meets |
| 10 | Thursday | 11 a.m. | Bible Study Group meets |
| 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY | | | |
| | | 8 a.m. | Holy Communion (Order 2) |
| | | 10 a.m. | Remembrance Sunday Service |
| | | 7 p.m. | Choral Society's Concert for Remembrance Sunday |
| 14 | Monday | 9.15 a.m. | St Michael's School Assembly in church |
| | | 8 p.m. | PCC meets |
| 16 | Wednesday | 8 p.m. | Westhumble Talks 'Cabaret' at Ashleigh Grange |
| 17 | Thursday | 11 a.m. | Bible Study Group meets |
| 19 | Saturday | 9 a.m. | Men's Breakfast. Running Horses |
| 20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | | | |
| | | 8 a.m. | Holy Communion (Order 2) |
| | | 10 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 3 p.m. | Choir rehearsal for Carol Service |
| 20 | Monday | 3 p.m. | Tea @ 3 at St Anthony, Pilgrims Way |
| 24 | Thursday | 11 a.m. | Bible Study Group meets |
| 26 | Saturday | 9 a.m. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Women's Breakfast. Running Horses Community Nursery's Christmas Fair. Village Hall |
| 27 ADVENT SUNDAY | | | |
| | | 8 a.m. | Holy Communion (Order 2) (CHAPEL) |
| | | 10 a.m. | Holy Communion (introducing the new Diocesan Mission Strategy) |
| | | 3 p.m. | Choir rehearsal for Carol Service |
| 29 | Thursday | 8 p.m. | Advent Course |
| 30 | Friday | | Prayer Space Morning in church for St Michael's School |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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and including Christmas Day

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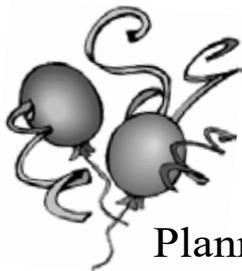
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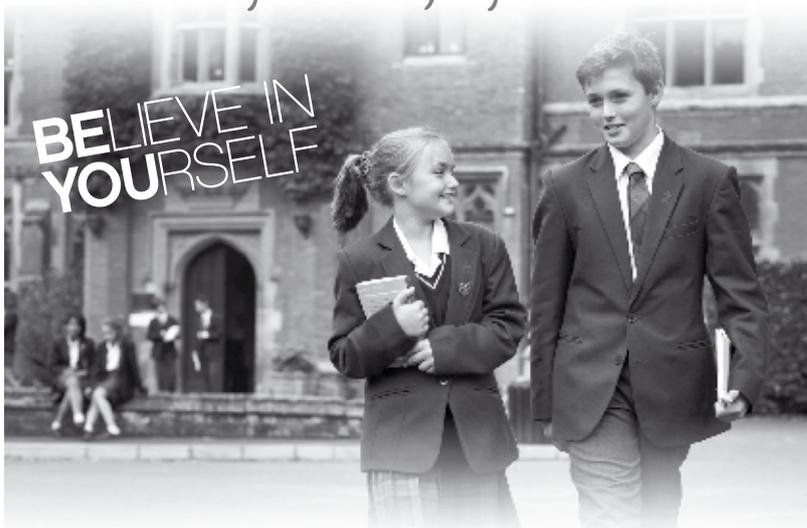
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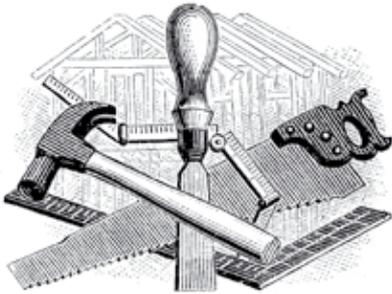
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