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Dear friends

Nearly 25 years ago I had the privilege of writing my first article for the Mickleham Parish Magazine, soon after we had moved here in 1993. I began the article with these words:

'Thank you all so very much for the warm and wonderful welcome to this lovely parish; we have, as a family, been made to feel very much part of the community already even though we have so recently moved here. Our thanks go also to all those of you who have so generously given of yourselves in terms of time, effort, money and support to ensure the smooth running of parochial matters during the interregnum. It has taken a united effort which I'm sure reflects the love and care that exist in the togetherness of this parish.'

I would sincerely like to use these words again to reflect the warm welcome Sue and I have received on our move back to Mickleham all these years later, to thank all of you involved during the recent interregnum, and to express our thanks for the visible love and care that exists here. We are grateful too for your wonderful support at the Licensing Service in April.

You will have seen from last month's magazine a brief synopsis of our background and family, and Sue and I look forward now to getting acquainted once again with the communities here in Mickleham and Westhumble. It will be interesting for us as we adjust to retirement from full time ministry, and for me as I begin this new 2½ days a week appointment, primarily on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, but obviously with flexibility as required!

This month we leave Spring behind as we enter the new Summer season, which perhaps could be a good time for us to ask ourselves what might God have in store for us personally this Summer. There are almost certainly many exciting opportunities, whilst acknowledging our individual contexts! Who knows what the days ahead will bring for us? Actually, God knows; God alone knows the future, and what that holds for us, and fortunately for us He does not leave us to face it alone. God gave us Jesus, and continues to give us His Holy Spirit, to guide us through the difficult times as well as the times of joy in our lives, and the guidance, that helps to enable us to persevere, is freely available to everyone.

I am praying that God would continue to bless and develop this parish and everyone in it, and am convinced that God's plan for us as we move forward will be exciting and encouraging! May the church continue to play a significant part in the life of the parish, as we embrace God's future for each and every one of us.

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Reverend Canon John Harkin  
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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting took place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April and was chaired by John Banfield. 31 parishioners attended.

At the Vestry meeting, chaired by Richard Siberry, which preceded the APCM, John Banfield and Anne Weaver were elected as Churchwardens. Thanks were given to John and Anne for all their work in the past year, particularly during the period since Rev'd Malcolm Raby retired.

At the APCM there were elections to the PCC. Carole Brough Fuller stood down and was thanked for her eight years of service on the PCC. Richard Siberry and Paul Wates retired by rotation and were re-elected for three years. Andy Diamond and Amy Ward were elected for three years and Frances Presley was elected for one year.

Richard Siberry, as Treasurer, reported on the financial affairs of the PCC. There was a small deficit of £633 on

'general account' which needed to be addressed, and he encouraged people to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme to make regular payments to the church. This scheme results in improved cash flow and much less administration at his end.

Reports were received on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (Jenny Hudlass), Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (John Banfield and Anne Weaver), Stewardship (Frank Warren), Fair Trade 2017 (Alison Wood and Amanda Wadsworth), Almshouses (John Banfield), Mickleham Parish Magazine (Sue Tatham) and St Michael's School (John Banfield). All these reports were available at the meeting and are available from me if you would like to see any of them.

Elizabeth Moughton  
PCC Secretary

See page 15 for the list of PCC members.

## Welcome to John and Sue Harkin

Our first week back in Mickleham was a blur of emotions and experiences, not least of which was because God's sense of drawing us back was so unexpected!

In recent times as my 65th birthday began to loom ever larger, Sue and I had been praying for God's specific guidance about where we might be spending our future and what this might entail. Would the Lord confirm a continuation of our existing ministry until I was 68, or even 70, or was there a sense of retirement from full time stipendiary ministry, and a move to 'pastures new' so we could do some of the many things together we had planned to do in retirement?

There is a verse in the Bible which says 'In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps' Proverbs 16:9 - how true! When our daughter Katie asked if she could get married here, it set us on a course that God had already got planned for us, and further to an invitation from Reverend Graham Osborne that course led to this exciting House for Duty ministry. Our adult children were absolutely delighted for us when they heard the news, and they are looking forward to their visits to Mickleham once again.

When we left for Jersey, which was a part of the Winchester Diocese, we went with a sense of both trepidation and excitement. It was a very different context to serve God in, with challenges and joys. It is a small island (approximately 5 miles by 9) where many local people speak a



John and Sue Harkin

patois derived from the old Norman French. As an occupied island during World War Two it also has an amazing history. The natural beauty of the island is incredible, we have memories of watching the puffin colonies in the parish, barbecues and numerous visits to the various beaches.

In 2010 the Bishop of Winchester invited us to take up new responsibilities, this time in Andover. During our time there much was achieved under God in both Parish and Deanery, in a town centre ministry with significantly different challenges and joys. The church building was a regular venue for concerts as it was large and had wonderful acoustics. Many schools used the church, especially over the Christmas period, with over 6,000 people attending services in December each year including 800 at the Christingle Service! Spiritual, financial and numerical growth was a real blessing, and to see individuals mature in their faith was such a privilege.

Then God answered our prayers by calling us back to Mickleham!

In many ways the parish has not changed much since we left in 1998, although we have noticed a few differences (eg both schools have new halls), and as yet we haven't had the opportunity to explore both villages as much as we would like. However, the most fundamental part of any community is the people. Although there inevitably are new people for us to get to know, there are also many familiar faces too. What we have retained in our shared family memories from our arrival 25 years ago, is of a warm and welcoming community, and this has been 100% replicated in 2018 when we returned! The Church has traditionally played a significant and central part in the life of the local community, and our prayer is that would continue and develop. Our ministry continues to be one where we seek under God to create an atmosphere where every individual can develop and grow spiritually, so that we may all become the person God created us to be.

Reverend Canon John Harkin

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## The Garden Shed visit the Arundel Tulip Festival

On the first day of our mini heatwave, a group of Garden Shed participants headed down to Arundel to The Tulip festival held in the gardens of Arundel Castle. What a perfect day of blue skies and warm sun to view the 60,000 tulips planted in different areas of the grounds. A feast of colours greeted us. On the banks of

the castle walls, there were red tulips and white narcissi, cascading down the banks of grass. Inside the castle grounds the different gardens were planted up in different colour themes, and styles. Also numerous displays of large urns of tulips were magnificent, we counted in one pot 50 tulips.

Due to the cold wet weather of Spring,

we were not sure how many flowers would be in bloom. We were not disappointed. As a volunteer at the gardens commented 'The tulips are now opening their faces to the sunshine'. We did as well, and left Arundel feeling rejuvenated, after enjoying a glorious day of warmth, while soaking up the impressive tulip displays.

Susie Gowenlock

MAMMA MIA!

Did you come to Mickleham Choral Society's Mamma Mia Sing along on 11th May? If you did not, you missed a really, good party.

The good bits? There were the costumes, Will and Annie stole the show wearing, respectively, a gold and black glam rock outfit that would not have looked out of place in Star Trek and a striking fluorescent pink catsuit (that was Annie in case you were wondering). We had (at least) two Agnetas in long, blond wigs and gold boots, a distinguished linen-suited gentleman representing Stig Anderson. Then there was Juliet in

her dungarees, with many friends also in dungarees, doing a very passable impression of Meryl Streep. The rest of the cast wore floaty numbers from their last holiday and as it was a wonderful balmy evening, this was reminiscent of a Greek island where the film version of Mamma Mia is set.

But guys, where were you? My favourite bit in the film, well one of them, is where the lads at the Stag Night dance along the rickety wooden pier dressed in masks, snorkels and fins: they are fins by the ways, not flippers - dolphins have flippers.

Then there was the music. Well, what can you say? Actually, they did not say - everyone, burst into song with those familiar words and actions as they *Supertroopered* beneath the large

screen in the village hall. Fortunately, the light was subdued so it was hard to pick out those singing totally off key, but who cared.

Thank you for the Music (Will) and the Money, Money, Money (which will go to The Friends of Surrey Performing Arts Library), compère (Martin Cox - cannot think of a compère song, sorry), the bartenders and ESPECIALLY to all the cooks (cannot think of an ABBA cook song either). We were served with humongous portions of tasty moussaka and Greek salad, although I did overhear Juliet comment that it would be a long time before she could face feta cheese in her kitchen. Thanks, everyone, it was a great evening.

Stephanie Randall

# The Postal Museum

I recently had the opportunity to go to the Postal Museum in London with the Leatherhead Community Association

The Museum is in Phoenix Place just behind the enormous Mount Pleasant Sorting Office in Rosebery Avenue, Clerkenwell. When I was about 12 years old, my parents used to take me to Sadler's Wells, the highlight of the evening being to take the tram from Waterloo Station straight there, which went under the tunnel from Waterloo Bridge to Kingsway, and I knew that when we passed the sorting office we were nearly there. Sadly today, the bus going the same route doesn't go through the tunnel.

If you would like a trip down memory lane then the museum is the place to go. You will learn how the mail started back in the mid- 17th century when King Charles I began to send letters to other royals and then legalised the use of the royal posts for private correspondence. The recipient had to pay the postage! The postal service continued to develop during the Civil War, and with the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 Charles II officially established the General Post Office. This became the 'Royal Mail' because it was built on the distribution system for royal and government documents and in 1661 the office of Postmaster General

was created to oversee the GPO.

Delivery was always of great importance and horses were used from the very early days. The postmaster of Bath, Ralph Allen, recognised this and set about organising mail coaches, in 1784 the first one ran between Bristol and London. These were like ordinary family coaches with the staff being given uniforms for the first time in 1793. There was always the hazard of the special coaches falling victim to highwaymen.

In 1852 the first pillar box was installed in Jersey and introduced in mainland Britain the following year. In 1857 the first box was built into a wall cavity. Traditionally pillar boxes have always carried the Latin initials of the reigning monarch. If you were to walk up Downs Lane in Leatherhead you will still find one in the wall with the letters 'VR' (for Victoria Regina) on its door. The design of pillar boxes has changed over the years, but they all have an 'aperture', except for one designed in 1858 by the government Arts and Science department which forgot to include one.

You can find out how and when postage stamps came into being. The first adhesive ones were the famous Penny Blacks (all unperforated - that dates me!) Perhaps the best part of the tour is the Mini Mail ride, during which you

will hear how the tunnels were dug by hand, its early construction, how it ran into financial problems, and its eventual opening in 1927. The driverless, two-foot gauge train ran for 6.5 miles underneath London from Whitechapel to Paddington. At one time it carried four million letters a day. There were eight stations and the train's purpose was purely to transfer mail swiftly between the mainline stations and sorting offices within the city. The stations were at a much shallower depth than the track which meant that there was less distance to bring the mail to the surface. The uphill gradient helped to slow the trains down. It proved invaluable during the war and even with some bomb damage the operation was not held up.

By 2003 the network had become more expensive than using road transport, and sadly it was closed. Now reopened for the museum, it was the best fifteen-minute ride I have had in a long time.

I strongly recommend a visit: you can learn all the history of the Royal Mail right up to the present day, and have a 'fun' train ride even if you are a bit squashed! Frances Presley.



From left: VR pillarbox; George V Pillar Box (During the Second World War some pillar boxes were painted with white bands to avoid accidents during black-outs. To help air raid wardens during enemy raids some pillar boxes even had their caps painted with a special gas detector paint.); Viewing platform and the mini-mail train.

## Help to avoid Cold Callers

Westhumble's Neighbourhood Watch Lead Co-ordinator, David Allbeury, has packs of stickers (shown here) which he will supply to residents of both Mickleham and Westhumble. If you would like one, please contact him on 07860 01306 or at [Westhumble.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com](mailto:Westhumble.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com)

## PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON

## Cycle Races 29th July

Views for and against the RideLondon cycle events were expressed during an informative talk given by Route Director Kevin Nash to the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church, last month. Looking ahead to the sixth staging of the event on 29th July, he began by laying out some impressive statistics: participants had raised £54million over the five years, contributing to the £2.6m worth of funding which had been distributed in the Surrey County Council area during that time. That funding had been a significant contributor to the new playground at the Children's Recreation Ground.

There would be no changes this year in terms of road closures or the cycle routes and that was a disappointment to those members of the public who

were hoping to hear that alternative roads were being pursued.

One outspoken critic said the event was called RideLondon, not RideSurrey, and after five years it should be switched to other areas around the capital. Kevin Nash said the route was fixed until next year but was uncertain beyond that because the London & Surrey Cycling Partnership, which delivers the event, comes to the end of its contract in 2019.

Parish Councillor Will Dennis' main concern was over the number of cyclists drawn to the area to practice between March and July and said RideLondon should be doing more to urge them to consider the effect they have on local people. Parish Council Chairman, the Revd. David Ireland, said that a small minority of a large number of cyclists were giving the sport a bad name

through their abusive behaviour and a lack of concern for residents and other road users.

Kevin Nash said he would take all the views, for and against, back to their discussion groups and ended on a hopeful note by saying there were indications that resources might be found to improve the cycle paths that run alongside the A24, thereby encouraging more cyclists to divert off the road.

David Ireland thanked Kevin for his talk and said that, with one or two exceptions, the meeting reflected an overall feeling that RideLondon has been a great event, providing funds for the community and encouraging people to take up cycling – a good thing at a time of concern over the nation's health and fitness. Trevor Haylett, Clerk, MPC



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## New Nower Wood Learning Centre Celebrates First Anniversary!

Surrey Wildlife Trust is celebrating the first year of its rebuilt Nower Wood outdoor learning centre, with record numbers of visitors and a nomination for two coveted building awards. The centre is nestled in over 80 acres of ancient woodland near Leatherhead.

Since opening on 20th April 2017, the £1.2m flagship learning centre has helped SWT grow its efforts to educate and inspire people of all ages about wildlife. The building has already served over 10,000 visitors – 3,000 more annual visitors than before the rebuild. The new building has been shortlisted for Best Public Service Building and Best Educational Building in the South East LABC Building Excellence Awards 2018. The modern facilities replaced outdated, leaking wooden huts from the 1970s and are much more accessible for those with special educational needs and disabilities. There have been 125 school visits and 55 adult learning courses throughout the year – the centre has even hosted 60 birthday parties!



Funding for the building included donations from Trust members, businesses, the public and a £360,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The building is equipped with cutting-edge teaching technology like video microscopes and interactive screens. The centre's design includes various features to minimise its environmental

impact, such as cladding made of locally sourced, sustainable timber; solar panels on the roof; and a biomass boiler that uses recycled wood pellets.

The centre takes bookings for school groups, adult learning courses, birthday parties, and corporate events. To find out more and to book your session, visit: [surreywildlifetrust.org](http://surreywildlifetrust.org)

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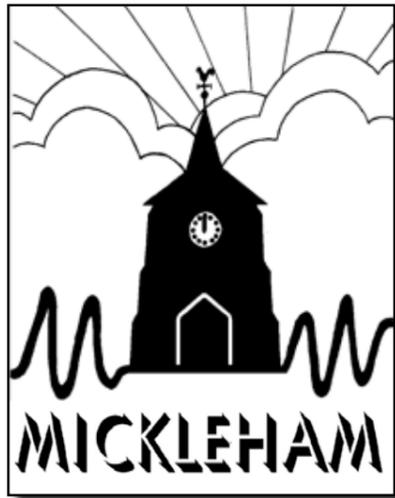
Nower Wood Learning Centre

## Mickleham and Westhumble Badminton Club

This club is now officially formed and the first club night was on 9<sup>th</sup> May in the splendid new Sports Centre at Box Hill School. All four courts are being used between 18.00 - 20.00 on Wednesday evenings until the beginning of July

when the hours will be reviewed. The club currently has 40 signed-up members. Should you be interested in learning more, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Blake, on [sarah.blake1@uk.nestle.com](mailto:sarah.blake1@uk.nestle.com)





## Mickleham Parish Council Annual report 2017-18

We have also made further efforts to ensure that the community is kept better informed of matters that affect their daily lives by the further development of the Parish Council website and accompanying email service. It is hoped to keep the website even more up to date in the coming year.

The owners of the Village Shop, which has been the subject of so much interest and speculation in the past year, have now finally exchanged contracts, and it is to be converted into a family home.

The Parish Council notice board, in the centre of the village by the bus stop, has been replaced by a larger board capable of taking the increasing number of posters advertising events of local interest.

The grave, outside the west door of the church, which commemorates Viscount Bennett, the only Canadian Prime Minister not to be buried in Canada, was the site of commemoration on Canada Day in June last year. The Canadian flag was laid on the grave and flowers were laid to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Viscount Bennett's death.

One ongoing problem, namely the state of Swanworth Lane, is currently being addressed, as the potholes have once more reached a stage where they are a danger both to vehicles and pedestrians. The ownership of the lane

remains ill-defined so the hope is that a combined effort by Box Hill School, Circle Housing Association and the Parish Council may produce the funds needed to resurface the damaged areas of Swanworth Lane.

The safety of motorists on the A24 as it bypasses Mickleham remains a concern and new cameras are being installed between the Burford Bridge roundabout and the section near the Givons Grove roundabout to record average speed in the hope that this may more effectively address the issue of speeding motorists.

Most recently the Parish Council has thanked Kirsten Johnson, Mary Flint and members of the group that has successfully negotiated the completion of the agreement with Open Reach to provide superfast broadband to the premises in the part of Mickleham that had previously missed out on the earlier improvements to the broadband service. An amazing achievement!

Finally a meeting was held in March for those who had expressed an interest in forming a Mickleham and Westhumble Badminton club, using the splendid new facilities very kindly provided at the new Box Hill School Sports Centre. A steering committee has been formed and the first club night was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

David Ireland  
Chairman

**H**ow time flies. It seems no time at all since I was reading the last Chairman's Annual Report with all the good news about the extended playground area in the Recreation Field with all the new equipment. The new area continues to attract a lot of grateful children and our thanks go to the playground committee for their continued efforts to keep the playground equipment in good working order.

This year we have also installed two new litter bins with lids, in an effort to keep the Recreation Ground free of litter especially that previously distributed liberally around the area by our urban foxes as they raided the old bins. The bench at the top of the Recreation Ground has been replaced by a most attractive bench given in memory of Kerry McCullough, a member of this community for many years.



**H**ere are a few clues from the May crossword, dissected and displayed in their details for you.

**12 Scottish ducks near the front for Meghan's last hurrah (3,5)**

DEFINITION: 'Meghan's last hurrah'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'front' = use the first letter of the previous word

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Scottish ducks' = HEN, 'near' = NIGH, 'The front' = T

ANSWER = HEN NIGHT

*(This makes use of one of the things in the English language that is such a joy for cryptic clue setters: words which not only have several meanings but also look like different parts of speech. 'Ducks' looks like a plural (i.e. more than one aquatic bird) which might lead you to think that it is pointing to something ending in 's' or even a plural noun like 'flock' but actually here it is a singular noun (see www.freedictionary.com/ducks meaning No. 5) where 'ducks' is the equivalent of 'dear' or 'darling' as in 'All right, ducks?' when said by someone to one other person in some parts of England (another example of this is 'babes'). In Scotland, I think the word most of often used as a term of affection in this way is 'hen' (surely familiar to all you followers of the great Rab C Nesbitt), so 'Scottish ducks' = HEN.)*

**20 An American tap dancing for a cutie leaving Rio (6)**

DEFINITION: 'An American tap'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'dancing' = a pointer to an anagram (*making the letters dance*), 'leaving' = subtract some letters

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'for a cutie leaving Rio' = F A CUT E, then anagram those letters

ANSWER = FAUCET

## CRYPTIC DELICACIES

*(The surface reading of this clue is a distraction as 'An American' looks like a noun and 'tap dancing' is such a common phrase that it sticks in the mind as always being combined, but when looking at a clue you must try to ignore the surface and break it down into its component words. Here 'American' is being used as an adjective and what they drink water out of is a faucet.)*

**18 Having former coppers on the edge leads to a cop-out (6)**

DEFINITION: 'a cop-out'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'edge' = one of the letters from the beginning or end of a word

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'former' = EX, 'coppers' = CUS (as in the chemical symbol for copper with the plural S), 'the edge' = E

ANSWER = EXCUSE

**3 A fox when the hounds are in the kennels sounds like this - it's immoral! (8)**

DEFINITION: "immoral"

SIGNAL WORDS: "sounds like" = you're looking for a homophone

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: If the hounds are in the kennels, then the fox could be described as 'unchased' - say it and it sounds like the answer.

ANSWER = UNCHASTE

**8 If you do this to Shergar, you get to go on (and on) (4)**

Not a standard clue in that it doesn't have a separate definition. You have to think what 'Shergar' is an example of, and what is an expression that means 'to go on (and on)', i.e. 'to flog a dead horse'.

ANSWER = FLOG

**16 Run away from outside centre Rob Blind (6)**

DEFINITION: 'rob blind'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'outside' = take the outer letters (i.e. the first and last letters) of

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Run away from' = FLEE, 'outside Centre' = CE

ANSWER = FLEECE

*(capitalising 'Rob Blind' was an attempt to distract by inventing a rugby player called Rob Blind who wears the No 13 shirt, i.e. is an outside centre).*

**19 You can have a saucy mince in this flamboyant coat (4)**

DEFINITION: 'You can have a saucy mince in this' (*as in something you would eat rather than what you would wear to your local drag club - now there's something that Mickleham is missing*).

SIGNAL WORDS: 'flamboyant' = an anagram indicator

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'flamboyant COAT' = TACO

ANSWER = TACO

I would be grateful for any feedback to learn what you would like explaining or to hear what you have particularly enjoyed about my puzzles. I have a feeling you might find this month's one rather a challenge. For some reason the words I picked for the grid were harder to clue for than I expected. One of the difficulties with setting clues is judging what is general knowledge. The trick is to make things cryptic whilst not resorting to the ultra-obscure - and sometimes what seems like general knowledge to one person can be ultra-obscure to another. A case in point has been seeing my maternal editor struggling with the droopy appendage in 1 ACROSS of this month's crossword. I hope you have better luck.

Andrew Tatham  
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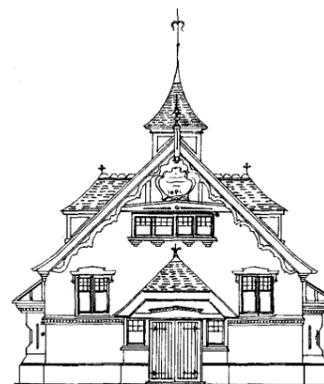
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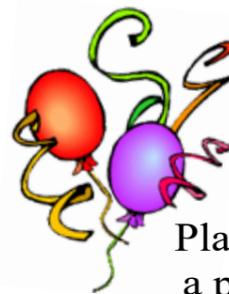


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1<sup>st</sup> May Joyce Eileen Nix



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9	Saturday		
10	SUNDAY Trinity 2	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Garden Shed visit to The Medicine Garden, Cobham Morning Prayer – WESTHUMBLE CHAPEL
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16	Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast. The Running Horses
17	SUNDAY Trinity 3	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
22	Friday	6 – 8 p.m.	Garden Open at Ashleigh Grange
23	Saturday	7.30 p.m.	DÉJÀ VU Mickleham Choral Society's Musical Concert Quiz. Village hall
24	SUNDAY Trinity 4	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 2 – 5.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) – CHAPEL Holy Communion Garden Open at Ashleigh Grange
25	Monday	3 p.m.	Tea @3 at Fredley Lodge
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Mum died on Good Friday two weeks before her 104th birthday. She was born just before WW1 as the oldest of seven children. Her father Harry was one of ten children and her mother Bessie one of nine. They had been brought up on farms in East Devon. In 1913 her parents set up a business in Budleigh Salterton selling china. The main influence on Mum was Crediton High School where she was a boarder from the age of 11. She made many friends there and became captain of both the tennis and hockey teams.

At 17 she came to London to take a secretarial course and then worked as a PA to a well-known woman doctor. She found her way around the city by walking or taking buses and rented a flat in Belsize Park, joined a tennis club and had a good social life. At 25 she married our father, a quiet Londoner, from a small family, on 2nd September 1939 – the day before WW2 was declared.

For three years they slept under a table in their rented flat in Hampstead because of the bombs. In 1942 her brother Bill, in the RAF was killed aged just 22 and

I was born later that year. In 1944 my brother Chris was born, and we moved to a house that Dad bought for £1800 in the now fashionable West Hampstead. Our sister Liz was born in 1948. The annual highlight of our life was going to Devon for a month every summer.

In 1952 we moved to Epsom. Mum didn't even see the house until the day we moved in! She had stopped work in 1942 to have me. In 1956 she took a job as a school meals assistant, so she would be at home with us in our holidays. Life improved in material ways, but Mum had to work really hard. She later qualified as a cook and then a caterer. She was an expert gardener and had an allotment for many years to help feed us. At 18 on my first date with Paul then 24, as Mum waved me out the door she hissed 'remember, older men expect more'. When we announced our engagement some two years later she told Paul I was difficult to live with!

I don't know how she coped with being widowed at 55 and working full time until 66. In 1998 she moved to Westhumble with her daughter, Liz and her two daughters, Nicky and Sarah.

Mum holidayed all over the world, with and without family and always enjoyed sport and bridge. In the last 75 years she has enjoyed her family, now expanded with seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, aged from 1 to 51. Growing old is not for the faint hearted and Mum has borne it with her usual resilience. 'What can't be cured must be endured'.



As she declined physically, she read and enjoyed the company of many friends and neighbours and loved to be taken out. She was a 'people person'. After she went in the care home aged 98, she said 'I'll try to think of it as boarding school'

I know that she will have been welcomed in heaven by so many people she has known and loved and will be having a wonderful time.

Granddaughter Sarah added: 'Mum' was practical, modest, competitive, supportive, a great listener and fond of fudge and jelly babies. And great grandson George observed that one of Joyce's passions was board games – particularly scrabble at which she was very competitive.

Joyce was buried in the new churchyard next to her daughter, Liz Rudolph who died in August 2017.

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

## The Village Hall Mickleham Chairman's Report 2017



The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

The Village Hall has had another successful year thanks to the work of my fellow Trustees and to Deanna Darnell our Bookings Manager. All of the Trustees have taken on specific responsibilities which facilitate the

smooth operation of all aspects of running the Hall. During the year Juliet Hornby and Malcolm Raby retired as Trustees. We thank them for their contribution. David Kennington joined us as a Trustee and has already made a great contribution to the maintenance of the building and the grounds

Our Treasurer, Brian Wilcox, reports that we again generated a surplus of about £4,000 in 2017, despite undertaking major repairs to the Nursery Roof at a cost of almost £2,900. Whilst we

are in a healthy financial position, we need to build up our Reserves to cover both the ongoing replacement of equipment and the periodic major items of maintenance.

Our bookings have held up during the year. Whilst a couple of our long-term users have retired, they have been replaced by new regular users, including a fitness group offering three sessions per week. We would welcome ideas for new uses of the Hall.

Ben Tatham

## The Wedding Season is upon Us

I Do, I Will, I Have

How wise I am to have instructed the butler to instruct the first footman to instruct the second footman to instruct the doorman to order my carriage; I am about to volunteer a definition of marriage.

Just as I know that there are two Hagens, Walter and Copen, I know that marriage is a legal and religious alliance entered into by a man who can't sleep with the window shut and a woman who can't sleep with the window open.

Moreover, just as I am unsure of the difference between flora and fauna and flotsam and jetsam, I am quite sure that marriage is the alliance of two people one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgetsam,

And he refuses to believe there is a leak in the water pipe or the gas pipe and she is convinced she is about to asphyxiate or drown, And she says Quick get up and get my hairbrushes off the windowsill, it's raining in, and he replies Oh they're all right, it's only raining straight down.

That is why marriage is so much more interesting than divorce, Because it's the only known example of the happy meeting of the immovable object and the irresistible force.

So I hope husbands and wives will continue to debate and combat over everything debatable and combatable, Because I believe a little incompatibility is the spice of life, particularly if he has income and she is patable.

Ogden Nash

## BRAIN TEASER

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## Cowslips on Barrie's Bank

This photograph shows cowslips growing on the bank opposite Flint Cottage on the Zig Zag at the foot of Box Hill. Flint Cottage was once the home of the renown Victorian writer, George Meredith. He built the green chalet in the wood to the right of the

a house so that he would have a quiet place to write. The story goes that when J M Barrie (author of Peter Pan) once came here to visit the great man. He sat on the bank trying to pluck up courage to ring the bell, but eventually he gave up and left.

## Some things do change ...

From the January 1960 Mickleham Parish Magazine:

May I remind all subscribers to the Magazine that subscriptions are now due for 1960 in January, ie now. We feel that we cannot ask more than 4d [pence] for the Magazine, although it fails to pay for itself by an alarming margin. Any small excess above the required price would therefore be acceptable.

As you are aware today's parish magazine no longer charges a subscription. Our advertising income

covers our expenses. As the MPM operates under the auspices of the PCC, the magazine accounts are included in the annual church accounts which were presented at the APCM. Unfortunately, this year our donations from accrued funds, including one to the PCC for £2000 (for tree work at the Westhumble Chapel) were included in our running costs. Our surplus for the year was actually £1138.

Sue Tatham, Editor

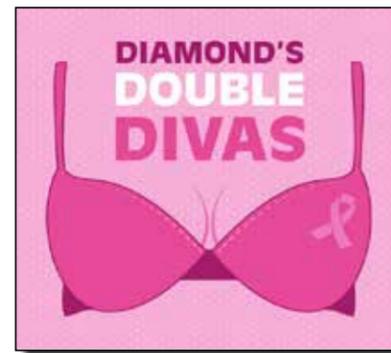
## The Magazine's Babysitting List

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has prompted a review of the information made available in the Parish Magazine and it has been decided no longer to publish the mobile phone numbers of teenagers who offer babysitting services. Instead landline numbers will be printed in the magazine, or where there is no landline the number

will be for a parent's mobile phone.

Whilst there is no legal minimum age requirement for babysitters the Parish Magazine will only publish contact numbers of babysitters aged 14 years and above. However parents using babysitters should be aware that if the babysitter is under 16, then the parent remains legally responsible for the child's safety.

Sue Tatham



Anna Darnell and I got wet before we started and there was a lot of waiting around. Anna was magnificent and completed the second part of the walk in a great time.

At the seven mile marker I was persuaded to consider leaving the walk. I was referred to a paramedic by one of the stewards as I was sweating profusely in freezing temperatures and apparently looked grey. The medic took my blood pressure which was sky high and called an ambulance. Once

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Moonwalk London 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Walking the Walk for Breast Cancer Charities

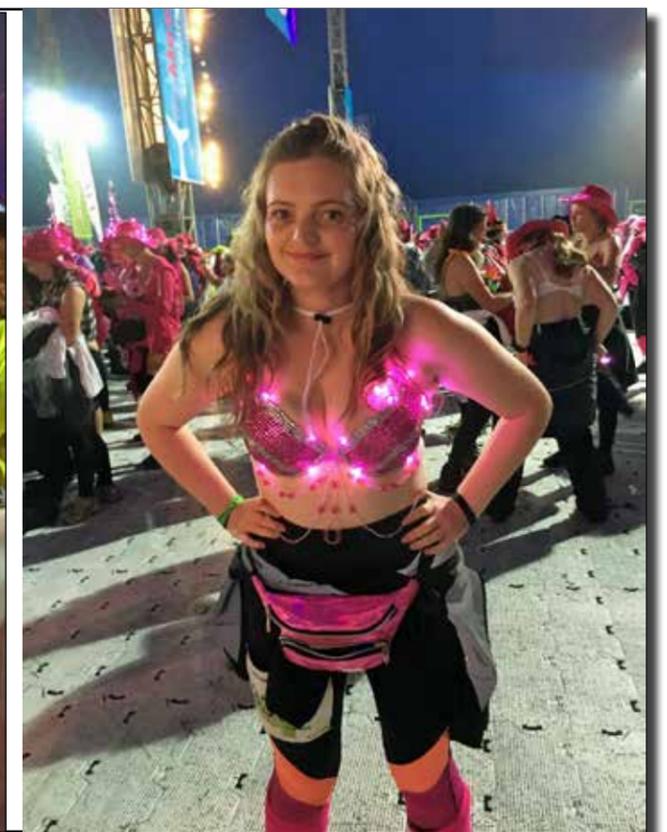
Here is a report from Andy Diamond about his and Anna Darnell's night of mixed fortunes.

I got to the ambulance they gave me an MOT and 5 ECG tests. They decided after an hour to send me back to the medical centre rather than the local hospital which was a great relief. About 15 minutes later Anna sent me a text saying she had finished. She must have flown around the course once she got shot of me and still looked fresh as a daisy! After some much needed sleep my blood pressure returned to normal and having visited the Doctor I have been offered a full MOT which I happily accepted. I am really happy for Anna but disappointed that I only got half

way round. Anna has every intention of completing the full marathon next year which I know she will achieve and I will step up my fitness programme and lose the weight I intended.

We would both like to thank everyone who generously donated, we are currently at around £900 and hope to reach £1000 by the time we have collected all. Amongst all of the participants we are estimated to have raised around 6 million for what is a very worthy cause.

Thank you once again,  
Andy Diamond



If you would like to sponsor Anna and Anna you can find their sponsorship page at <https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/diamonds-double-divas>

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For anyone worried, Eamonn hasn't purchased an invisibility cloak or gone 'awol'. Unfortunately he has had severe sciatica due to a herniated disc for three weeks now, with no sign of improvement, and he is only able to walk a few steps.

I am sure you will agree that our staff have done a great job in running the pub in his absence. Although several of you have nicknamed Eamonn 'Churchill' as he emulates his hero by issuing very regular instructions to the staff from upstairs. I prefer this to Eamonn's new name for me - 'legs'!

Hopefully he will be up and about soon and then we can both join you and enjoy the lovely sunshine. Why not join us for jazz on Sunday afternoons? Hope to see you soon, Anne x

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## The Other MCC

As the stair rods of rain hammer down outside, the council elections are done with and the next royal wedding looms, obviously our thoughts turn to the sound of leather on willow. Mickleham Cricket Club celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in its reincarnated form this year. We actively welcome new players of any ability, or none. No discrimination of any sort but we do play in the Caribbean spirit (mainly Malibu but sometimes Bacardi). Contact Jim Evans, or the relevant match manager given on the fixtures list below. Will Dennis

### 2018 FIXTURES

Month	Date	Opposition	Home	Time	Match Manager
MAY	Sun 06	Superstars CC	Home	2pm	Presley C
	Sun 13	Abinger Hammer	Home	2pm	Dennis W
	Sun 20	Pitch not available			
	Sun 27	South Nutfield	Home	2pm	Ayton G
JUNE	Sun 03	Zambuca Tigers	Home	2pm	Presley N
	Sun 10	Coldharbour	Home	2pm	Evans J
	Sun 17	Temple Sheen	Home	2pm	Perks W
	Sun 24	Dennis Destroyers	Home	2pm	Evans J
JULY	Sun 01	Effingham	Home	2pm	Presley C
	Sun 08	Match TBC	TBC		Presley N
	Sun 15	Mandarins	WestH	2pm	Ayton G
	Tue 17	Horses v King Bill	Home	6pm	Evans J
	Sun 22	Pitch not available			
	Sun 29	No game - Cycle Event			
AUGUST	Sun 05	Dexter Kibble Memorial XI	Home	2pm	Presley N
	Sun 12	Bookham	Home	2pm	Dennis W
	Sun 19	Jack Frost XI	Home	2pm	Presley C
	Sun 27	Match TBC	TBC		Perks W

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## INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

Box Hill School started the new term with the opening of our fabulous new 5 million pound Sports Centre. The Headmaster assembled the whole school in the sports hall on the first day back after the Easter holidays to celebrate the completion (and unofficial opening) of our newest building. Whilst the official opening will be undertaken next month, it was a brilliant opportunity to share collectively in the fulfilment of months of work.

The Headmaster said that Kurt Hahn, the founder of Round Square, believed that 'whilst indoctrination of young people was a crime, schools must expose children to new experiences'. This new sports hall is part of the completion of that vision. The tennis player Arthur Ashe said that 'you never really compete against an opponent – you are playing against yourself; your own highest standards. When you reach



Photograph: BHS

Headmaster, Cory Lowde with the school in the new Sports Centre

your limits, that is pure joy.' This is the joy we feel with all our learning as we continue to discover that there is more in us than we think. About 80 families came over two evenings to see and enjoy the new facilities and hear of our continued commitment to develop the school for future generations.

The new split level Sports Centre includes indoor netball, badminton, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, cricket nets, outdoor astro turf pitch, outdoor netball/ tennis court, fitness gym suite, a balcony for aerobic classes and other facilities including a classroom. Emma Bushnell

## A Letter from Box Hill NT



Dear All

How lovely to see the sunshine at last with the added bonus of so many people coming up here to appreciate all the beauty around. It really is very beautiful at the moment with all the fresh new buds and leaves. A wonderful promise of new life.

Catherine McCusker's charming book has been a great success with children, parents and grandparents. The children's story weaves a web of fantasy around the plants and animals found on

Box Hill and a special trail was created to reflect the characters. Catherine has been autographing copies for her fans but there are still some available in the café at £4.99 with the proceeds going to The National Trust. A lovely memento of a beautiful place.

Over half term we will have a special Flutter Trail for the children and our junior participants on this free trail will be given a butterfly biscuit in the café. Don't forget to collect your ticket from

the Shepherds Hut. We haven't forgotten Father's Day and have a special treat on that Sunday for all local Fathers and their families – 20% off a spend of over £12 on production of the voucher below.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing all our local friends up here over the coming months.

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Dare we say it – it looks like summer might finally be on its way. For the nursery this means a whole new feel to our forest school activities. It is great to see children realising what the change in season means at close quarters. The change also provides us with a range of new materials from Mother Nature's store for the children to use in their play and learning. This week, for example, we have been using leaves from the woodlands around the nursery to create some amazing leaf art. We can also use the leaves for a number of simple

## The sun has got his hat on...

but important learning activities such as counting and colour identification. Hopefully, the change of weather also means we can finally put away the waterproofs, wellies and gloves and get out sunhats and sunscreen.

Since coming back from the Easter break we have also celebrated St George's Day, which included perfecting our (balloon) sword skills; we also made dragon 'fire' blowers, discovered what shapes we have in our garden and used them to create castles. Next, we will be reading and discussing some of the more traditional children's stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and other eternal favourites – always a popular topic for both children and staff alike.

Another outside activity this term will be the planting and growing of vegetables in our raised beds. We have a range of veggies on the go including potatoes and peas and we will be showing the children how to

take care of them by watering and weeding, before the more enjoyable task of picking and eating.

Our chickens had a quick day trip on 12<sup>th</sup> May, just up the road to the St Michael's School Summer Fête. Last year we held chicken races at the fête which proved so popular we were asked to do it again. A large, last-minute hitch last year was the arrival of Mr Fox just a week or so before the day. Luckily a parent provided 'stand ins' for the big event, so this year we have been keeping a close eye on the chicken pen to try and avoid a repeat. Hei-Hei, Elsa, Henny Penny, and Chestnut were training hard, sticking to a lean diet and building up as much stamina as they could before the big day. We also ran a 'decorate a cup cake' stall. You will have to wait until next month's magazine to hear which of our stalls proved more popular.

Hilary Budd

Photograph: St Michael's Nursery



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## St Michael's School from a Child's Perspective

My day can start as early as 7:45am, when I can have my breakfast and join in with fun activities at Caterpillar Club before my friends arrive at school at 8:45am. When I get into the classroom I put my reading journal, water bottle and coat away myself before starting my morning activity – it might be a handwriting, maths or phonics activity that I can practise.

Each day I focus on learning literacy, maths and phonics in the morning and learn lots of different subjects in the afternoon. We learn through topic work at school, with lots of exciting topics each term, which change to suit our interests – space, gardens, arctic animals, making waves, toys, the great outdoors, dinosaurs, traditional tales to name but a few. We also like to do our learning outdoors. In Reception class and in Year 1 we have our own outdoor learning spaces and we have our own garden, vegetable patch and woodland areas.

We like to have visitors to our school

who have between them helped us learn about: water safety (RNLI), toys from the past, gardening and horticulture, space with a space dome and different cultures and religions from around the world. We also have some animal visitors who help our learning. We have a Therapy dog called 'Trumpers' who visits each week to hear children read and we even had some tiny visitors who arrived as eggs and left as chicks! We also like to go on school trips, this year Reception visited a local farm, Year 1 has been to Chertsey Toy Museum and Nower Wood nature reserve and Year 2 have been to the National History Museum. We are going to Chessington World of Adventures to learn about habitats.

As a Christian school we like to take good care of one another, we have daily assemblies and trips to the church where we have time for reflection and to learn about God. We support lots of charities and recently took part in a sponsored scoot for Sports Relief and



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we are about to have a superhero day to support Christian Aid.

We enjoy drama, of course we have the usual large productions at Christmas and at the end of the Summer, but we also get involved in lots of smaller more personal events throughout the year - we have a special mother's day assembly, we dress up in fancy dress for world book day, we have an Easter pause day and an Easter bonnet parade, country dancing at the fête, sports day and a fun maths-problem-solving day.

We also have a super choice of clubs to join during and after school. We have; football, golf, tennis, multi-skills, French, choir and piano lessons.

For Years 1 and 2, I think the best things about our school day are:

- Drawing
- Using Learnpads and laptops
- School trips
- The Summer Fair
- Raising money for charity
- Lunchtime – I like eating!
- The shows and the music.
- Literacy, our books and the library
- My friends
- Learning
- The forest
- The puddings!
- Maths and the teachers
- Taking home 'Barnaby' the bear
- The playground markings and the toys
- Rewards like 'Dojos' (for good learning and good behaviour)
- Playtime!

Photograph: St Michael's School



## St Michael's School's Summer Fete on 12<sup>th</sup> May

Photograph: Ben Tatham



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**BRAIN TEASER answer: Big fish in a little pond**

# Cryptic Crossword

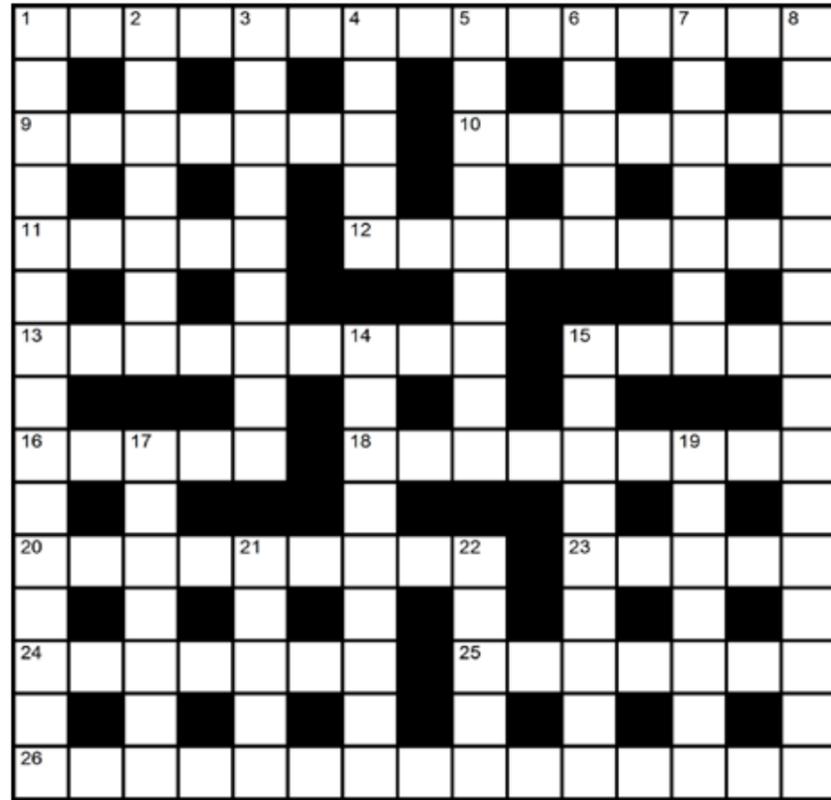


## Across

- 1 Outlaw uses charm to jigger up droopy appendage (6,9)
- 9 Problem virgin performed speedily (7)
- 10 Rambo and Wrestler fight together not using arrows in quiver (7)
- 11 Gershwin has the life force of someone living by the River Tigris (5)
- 12 Not sure bartender's rum cocktail is made for Dutch oil worker (9)
- 13 Way of mixing eggs in to oil rocks scientist (9)
- 15 Put it back! Choosing instrument last instead of playing first means everyone can join in (5)
- 16 Drags on dragons? (5)
- 18 PM with bad IQ and us all at sea is a rather disappointing outcome (4,5)
- 20 Deeply impressed with Reading in kickabout (9)
- 23 Maybe Bambi heard a group called 'The Animals' (5)
- 24 A French car lets you see the whole picture from inside a tube (7)
- 25 Bonkers, bonkers, bonkers about the Queen, no, no, bonkers! (7)
- 26 Sit, gentlemen, and throw up to achieve liberation! (15)

## Down

- 1 Yrdnual could be water fairy, perhaps (7-2,6)
- 2 Glum bag of bones admits holding on to back pain (7)
- 3 Everyone agrees that NUM union's a complete mess now leader's gone missing (9)
- 4 Boris Johnson was once alternative to Prime Minister (5)
- 5 A local saying in Hull: 'Henman ate them', which means that you can eat them or go hungry (9)
- 6 The ambassador is not in the next in line of them (5)
- 7 Cameron used to be at the centre of this vocal taxi-drivers' computer users' group? (7)
- 8 To get warmer, Tel. Clerk 7-26 (8,7)
- 14 I never start to assume - not as hard as you might say in this state (9)
- 15 A group for investigation of rackets in construction (4,5)
- 17 Works out 12 + 19 + 26 as an example (7)
- 19 Country ruled central part before left half became a plaything of Hawaii (7)
- 21 Woody enclave in view through varifocal lens (5)
- 22 'Budge over!' is correct command (5)



Photograph: Garden Shed



Another picture of Arundel Tulip Festival with the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard in the background – see page 5.

## SOLUTION TO THE MAY CROSSWORD

### Across:

- 5 Strata 7 Sunroofs 9 Trumpets
- 10 Hudson 11 Country music
- 13 Ashore 15 Enamel
- 17 Royal wedding 20 Faucet
- 21 Exchange 22 Coverage 23 Struts

### Down:

- 1 Badminton racket 2 Career
- 3 Unchaste 4 Tom Dick and Harry
- 6 Tortoise 7 Sesame 8 Flog
- 12 Hen night 14 Egyptian 16 Fleece
- 18 Excuse 19 Taco

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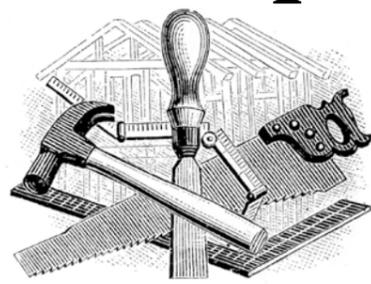
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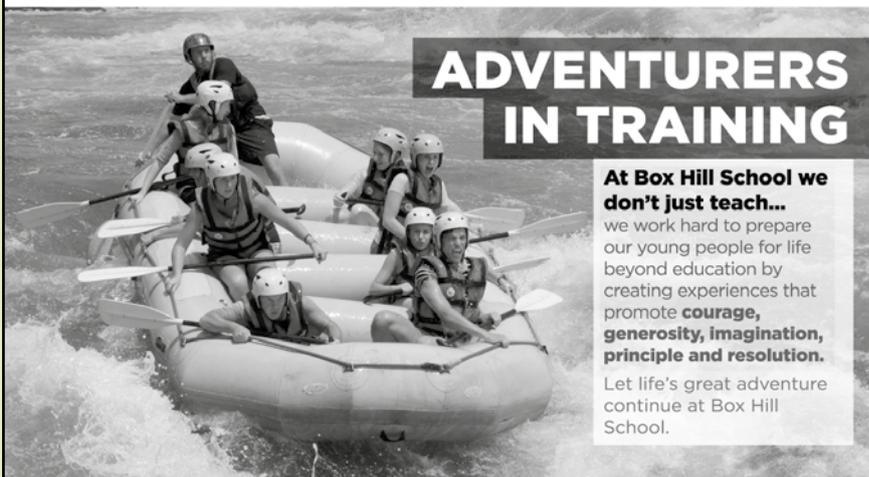


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