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Dear friends

In three of the Biblical gospel accounts, there is a record of Jesus responding to a question asking which is the greatest commandment in the Law. Jesus answered by saying 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-39).

Love your neighbour as yourself; this is a theme which we find repeats itself time and time again in our lives. I certainly find it helpful to be reminded of the importance of this instruction Jesus gave to us, because it can be a lot harder to achieve than we might like to think. How often do we treat other people in the same way we treat ourselves?

For the Jews of Jesus' day, this would have meant from their Law (the Torah):

- Being generous towards those in need
- Not taking from others what is not yours
- Not being deceitful in any way
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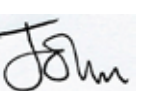
That's quite a list! I wonder what it means to us in the third decade of the twenty first century here where we live? What might it mean to love our neighbour as ourselves?

At this time of year our thoughts may turn to the months ahead, maybe plans are being made for Spring and Summer, holidays booked and so on. We consider the future and plan for what we expect to happen but to what extent do we include others in those plans? Are there people in need in some way that we can help, simply perhaps by putting ourselves in their position and asking ourselves what we would like others to do in those circumstances.

A story is told of small boy from a poor family who wrote to God for help. His letter, addressed simply 'To God', asked if He could send £50 to buy food and clothing badly needed by his family. He said that his father was out of work and his mother was ill and they had no money. A Post Office official intercepted the letter, read it and decided to give it to the local Rotary Club. The Club investigated and found indeed that the family was destitute. However, as they only had £40 in their benevolent fund they gave that. Some weeks later the same Post Office official noticed another letter addressed 'To God'. He opened it and read 'Dear God, thanks for the money you sent but next time could you deal direct? Those Rotary blokes took a commission out of it!' I pray that we don't 'take a commission' out of our dealings with others or that we consider what's in it for us before we are prepared to act. Love your neighbour we are told and that calls for acts of consideration and care, in our minds as well as in our deeds.

Let us all commit to considering others a bit more; there may be people in our own community for whom a little Christian love and kindness would go a long, long way. It might not cost us a lot but it can mean so much to others simply to know that we care for them.

May we all seek to love our neighbours as ourselves.



The Reverend Canon John Harkin, Mickleham Parish Priest



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- Wendy Wyatt and her team for the decorating the church so beautifully for the Christmas celebrations.

* Canon John and Sue for their most enjoyable Christmas hospitality.

Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study Group

At Abbotts Cottage, London Road Mickleham 11am till 12.30pm

This month: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February

If you would like to join this friendly group for coffee and chat followed by an hour studying a Bible passage, please contact Alison Wood on 01372 376443 or email alison.wood29@btinternet.com The discussion is always lively and you will be made very welcome. Don't worry if you cannot commit to attending every week, just come along when you can.

Monday Evening Bible Study Group

Held at the Westhumble Chapel 7.45pm till 9pm.

This month: 3rd and 10th February

If you would like to join this group, please contact Amanda Wadsworth at aewadsworth@hotmail.com for further information.

Lent Course starting 26th February

This year we shall be using the 'Cover to Cover Lent Study Guide' entitled 'A Passion for Christ.' Author Bishop Michael Baughen reminds us that "we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:5) and challenges us to ask ourselves can we really identify with His sufferings? Most of us live lives of plenty, comfort and choice, so what does this really mean? Over six studies, we will consider how, as followers of Christ, we can share in the sufferings of Christ, be a Church

marked by love and holiness, share the hope of the gospel, shine the light of Christ's glory, use suffering as a personal testimony and give our lives as a living sacrifice to Christ.

We will start meeting on Ash Wednesday 26th February at 7.35pm (after a short service in church to mark the start of Lent) and then on Tuesdays from 3rd to 31st March at 7.30pm all hosted at the Rectory. Please let Canon John and Sue (harkin12@btinternet.com) know if you would like to join the group.

Advent Course 2019

An engaging course was held at the Rectory during the four Monday evenings before Christmas, led by Canon John using the book 'Cover to Cover - 31 days for Advent - Journey to Christmas'.

Guided by the book, we all read a little each day and associated bible readings and we discussed these openly at the weekly meetings and talked about the questions raised in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere with tea and cake of course.

A common thought was that it gave us focus which many of us have

continued and found taking a few minutes each day to pause and reflect - very rewarding.

I am at the beginning of my journey of understanding the Bible and many have far more knowledge, but we all gained from the experience with even John finding a new understanding that he later included in his Sunday sermon. I greatly enjoyed getting to know the members of the group better and feel I have made a few steps on my journey. The whole experience was very rewarding, thank you to all that made that possible. Kelvin Pritchard

Christmas Trees

We are most grateful to the Running Horses pub for the generous gift of the two Christmas trees and decorative lighting outside the church, which created such a welcoming and apposite entrance to the church during Christmastide. Our thanks to them and to Jason and the other friends from the pub who erect them

and set up the lighting, including the lights around the cross over the porch which is so significant, and who then remove them all for Twelfth Night, marking the start of the season of Epiphany. Thanks also to the Running Horses for the provision of the Christmas Tree inside the church.



Christingle Sunday

Photographs: Ben Tatham



It was lovely to see the church full of people of all ages at the Christingle Service in December. The morning began with a Christmas Workshop at St Michael's Infant School at 9.15am where, fortified by wonderful refreshments from the Friends of St Michael's School, many craft activities took place, including the making of the Christingles. Many families and friends then walked to church where the 11am Family Service was a time

of fun and worship based around the Christingle! One of the teachers read the Bible passage during the service and the children sang beautifully before leading us in a time of prayer, so everyone was involved. A short video clip of how some children at a church in New Zealand celebrated the Christmas story was also well received. Grateful thanks to all who came and played such an important part, it was a real community service!



Shepherds flock to Bethlehem



An array of shepherds, angels, Mary and two (yes, two) Josephs assembled on Christmas Eve to follow the star to Bethlehem, conveniently relocated to a field in Westhumble. Jesus was there as well but he had to be kept under wraps until the big moment in the stable.

It is always a relief and a surprise to see so many people prepared to leave their preparations to come to take part

in or watch the local children re-enact the simple story of the birth of Jesus, especially when the weather is a little uncertain.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations; to Jonathan and Gerry for getting everything ready in the field; to Sarah and Frances for overseeing and serving the refreshments; to Karina for finding the readers; to Amy for recording the music and to the children and parents from the nursery and local schools for allowing their children to take part. This has been part of our Christmas celebrations for about fifteen years so please come again next time to help keep this popular event alive.

Anne Weaver

Carolling in the Chapel Ruins

We raised £200 at the carol singing at the Chapel ruins in Westhumble in December. Huge thanks to all who turned out and supported the event. The money has been sent to the Gambian Horse and Donkey Trust. The charity's director Heather Armstrong, in her letter of thanks writes: We seem to be expanding our work a lot as the demand is now there and people are really taking animal welfare seriously. This could not have happened without the support of people like you, helping us to make life better for Gambia's horses donkeys, cats and dogs.

Liz Absalom



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MICKLEHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CAROL PARTY December 13th

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The definition of carolling is to praise and celebrate in joyful song. So it came upon a midnight (clear) raining that Mickleham Choral Society launched into their annual Christmas Carol Party.

We are lucky that we live in an age when we can sing both the traditional carols of our childhood but also brand new and exciting carols by living composers which are just as joyful as the old. And in the audience we had the very young(5) and the very old (93) and all the shades in between. They all participated with feeling and sang glory to the new born king.

So we had *We Three Kings*, *O Little Town*, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*, *Hark the Herald* interspersed by modern carols by Rutter, Todd, Chilcott and Schram.

I am sure the highlight for many was the audience participation under the strict and watchful eye of conductor Juliet Hornby. *Nova Nova* had to be sung and clapped in a four part round by the audience and the choir and I do believe that everyone was still in perfect time by the end. I suspect it also left a little earworm of a tune for the next 24 hours for many people.

Three wonderful humorous reading by Knobby Clarke. Sarah Penry and David Kennington made sure that there was no hint of seriousness about the evening.

The whole production was wonderfully created and taken forward by individuals too numerous to list here but they put on a fantastic show, a raffle and refreshments for everyone. We are indeed lucky to have such talented individuals not only on the choir but also in the village community who put on a spectacle to remember. Dr John



The Chapel Christmas Café – Oh Come all ye faithful

The return of the Chapel Christmas Café after a lapse of a couple of years was certainly not going to present the setting up problems as in previous years. With its recent refurbishment and the removal of the pews, we now had a large area which enabled us to invite seven stall holders to join us. In the past we have had to lay sheets of hardboard over the pews! The addition of a toilet and kitchen also now makes the chapel an ideal hub for village events.

The weather forecast was sounding okay, but what we hadn't bargained for was a mini cyclone around 11am which lifted the huge umbrella I was setting

up on the patio, in preparation for my mulled wine stall in the neighbouring garden, accompanied by torrential rain. Weird – for within a few minutes 'all was calm and safely gathered in.'

Wendy, flower-lady-extraordinaire, arrived with foliage, battery candles (H&S taken into account) ribbons and baubles, and very soon the chapel was 'beginning to feel a bit like Christmas.' Our stalls included patchwork items and quilts, honey, jewellery as well as The Garden Shed, Pixham Artists and The Brigitte Trust.

By opening time, a steady flow of people had begun to arrive. Mulled

wine was proving to be a popular beverage, sorry ladies, who were doing a grand job with the tea urn, but no competition for the alcohol!

As daylight faded the chapel took on a real Christmassy feel, with fairy lights both inside and out, and the chapel itself positively buzzing with shoppers. My thanks to the guys who frequent 'The Runners' for supplying our Christmas tree and lighting.

Once again, this extraordinary building within our midst, is a useful place for a variety of community events.

And the weather? The rain held off ...it is the Chapel after all. Jenny Hudlass

Mickleham Lives

Memories of Jesse William Henry (Bill) Fuller 1931 – 2000

*Bill Fuller, legendary waiter at The Running Horses was born and grew up in Mickleham.
At the time of his sudden death in January 2000 he had been writing a series of memoirs for the
parish magazine. This article includes an edited version of his memories from 1930
onwards and concludes with excerpts from his and his wife, Olga's obituaries.*

My mother, Ida Mary Fuller 1904-1985 was born in Lucknow, India. I am sure she could hardly have imagined living in England, let alone spending most of her life in the village of Mickleham. She was the eldest daughter of Regimental Sergeant Major Newson, who was eventually seconded to an Indian regiment where he rose to the rank of Major. Upon his retirement the family moved to Rangoon, Burma, where he eventually died of sunstroke. Mother enjoyed her life and was an ardent student, winning at one stage a prize for religious studies. This achievement was mentioned in the magazine of her Mandalay School whose headmaster was a Reverend Ince. His brother, Dr Ince, was a family friend. A photograph showing the doctor and his family with their Indian servants, together with the magazine were among Mother's treasured possessions. Years later when Peter Ince became Rector of Mickleham we discovered that the 'Inces' of her childhood had been Peter's great uncles. After the demise of grandfather, the family had no alternative but to leave Burma, as all women there were considered inferior and required to forfeit all but personal belongings. So on the 9th May 1923 mother's journey to Mickleham began. On arrival in England Mother worked as a nanny for a family in Dorking. I am not quite sure how she met my father, though he records many outings together on the motorbike which he had earlier won. Apparently, Mr Hunt, the manager of the Burford, felt they were ideally suited but sadly he died in 1929, before my parents' wedding. They were married in St Michael's Church on the 16th November 1930 and held their wedding breakfast for 56 people at The Running Horses, Mickleham. I have the receipt which came to £16.18.10d. I understand that would represent a figure in excess of £2,000 today, but with Dad's betting winnings this represented a small investment and accordingly a well-worthwhile outlay.

There was quite a rivalry between the W.I. and the Mothers' Union and the last time the Mothers Union banner, which used to rest in St Michael's Church, [now in village archives] was used my mother was the standard bearer at the inauguration of Guildford Cathedral. The thirties must have been a very exciting time at the Burford. The new lounge was built in 1931, followed by the swimming pool, and in 1934 the Tithe Barn was moved from Abinger, every beam numbered and re-erected exactly. In 1935 the first meeting of the local branch of the BMA was held in the Tithe Barn and after dinner when all the guests had departed there was a considerable amount of Cockburn 1914 port left which was enjoyed by the staff. Apparently, the following morning Dad had to call out Doctor Everett as his foot had swollen like a balloon. The diagnosis was gout which reappeared at least once a year for the rest of his life, though he never drank port again. One year, Mr Kempton, a regular customer, who owned the famous greyhound 'Mick the Miller', winner of the Greyhound Derby on more than one occasion, invited 120 soldiers from the Star and Garter Hospital, Richmond, with their nurses for a day out. There was an open bar and the band from the Kingston Empire played. Jimmy Walker, mayor of New York, and his wife stayed in the hotel for a long time. He was in England because of the troubles in New York with the gangster Al Capone and company during the prohibition era. He actually had a thatched house built at Fredley which unfortunately burnt down. The meet of the foxhounds on Boxing Day had stopped because of the electrification of the railway, although Major Howard of Downside, Leatherhead, introduced it again with drag hounds trained to follow a certain scent. The Mickleham by-pass, built with the same machinery used to construct the German autobahns, was officially opened in 1938 by Hoare Belisha MP. It was not to be in operation for long as on 3rd September 1939 war was

declared on Germany and the by-pass was closed and taken over by the army. I well remember Dad telling me that a fortnight before hostilities began there was a meeting on Box Hill of German and Italian catering workers, and very shortly afterwards they had left their various employments, obviously returning to their respective countries. On a personal note my parents were blessed, if that is the right word, with three children. I put in an appearance on 23rd November 1931, my sister Pat on 14th May 1935 and my younger brother Brian on 17th May 1939.

I was thirteen when my father asked me if I would like to work at the Burford Bridge Hotel as a commis waiter. It was not long before I was allocated four tables to run on my own on Saturday night and Sunday lunch which I found not only interesting, but also rewarding. The coal-fired kitchen in those days was situated where the lounge is now, with the restaurant up steep stairs leading to the dining room that has now been turned into two bedrooms and the front part with the bay windows a small room for private functions. The hard part was having to carry the plates and food salvers on large wooden trays up the stairs and along the full length of the dining room to my station. One memorable Sunday lunchtime I heard the ominous sound of a doodle bug approaching. Suddenly its engine cut out which meant it was about to plummet to earth. As I stood with my heavily laden tray halfway down the dining room, I watched with not a little misgiving as diners and staff all disappeared beneath the tables. Rooted to the spot I was greatly relieved when I heard it explode in the far distance. Early in the war I recall my father arriving home on Saturday night, very worried. One of the German bombers had unloaded a basket of incendiary bombs and Box Hill was alight; it could have meant that the following bombers would unleash their bombs on the area. As luck would have it, the droning planes overhead ignored the lights of

Box Hill and continued on their way to poor old London. A Mr Platt, who was staying at the Burford, owned a furnishing business in Hammersmith which he visited each day. On arrival one morning he found a huge crater, not far from his establishment, surrounded by experts from the War Office. It was eventually established that this damage was the result of the first German rocket. Mr Johnson, Headmaster of Mickleham School, was very proud of the bank of yellow flowers in School Lane. He was devastated when these were dug out, with most of the bank, so that air raid shelters could be built, but accepted the inevitability of this action. The Sun Insurance office from 40 Chancery Lane, London, were evacuated to Mickleham Downs House and further shelters were built into the hillside to accommodate their staff. I well remember the winter of 1946/7 as I had then left school and was working as a junior clerk for the Sun office, trudging up Byttom Hill with snow falling into the top of my wellies – that really was a hard winter! It has to be pointed out that the Mickleham Downs House occupied by Lady Aitken is not the same building. The original house was pulled down. In 1948 the Catering Wages Act came into force and Dad as head waiter, earning 35/- a week, and the head chef, £8 a week, were pleasantly surprised to be paid £10 and £20 respectively. Great changes were in store for the Burford - its owners, Surrey Trust had sold out to Trust Houses [later Trusthouse Forte].

This is where Bill's memories end as at the end of January 2000 Bill tragically died following emergency abdominal surgery. And so Mickleham lost one of its best-known characters. Through his job as a waiter for many years at The Running Horses, Bill became well known to many people – far and wide, as well as locally. Bill was educated at St Michael's School, rising to Head Boy. On leaving school at the age of 14, he went to work in London for the Sun Life Insurance Company, travelling daily on the Green Line bus. To earn extra money, he helped his Dad at the Burford Bridge Hotel, working part-time as a waiter at weekends and for dinner-dances. On reaching 18, Bill went to do his National Service and was stationed with the army in Devizes. He was a Corporal in the Pay Corps and it was that uniform which he wore on his marriage to Olga Popperova on 10th

February 1951 in St Michael's Church. Mr Douglass conducted the ceremony and the reception was held in the Village Hall.

Olga had come to England in 1939 from Prague, Czechoslovakia on the Kindertransport. Her mother (who died when Olga was very young, and she never knew) was Jewish. She came, knowing no English, with her mother's jewellery sewn into her vest. When she arrived in England she found herself in a village hall, waiting for someone to claim her – she was the last one there, and she recalled that she looked out of the window into the dark thinking 'This must be what it's like to be dead' – it is almost impossible to understand how this nine-year-old must have felt. She eventually arrived in Dorking and was billeted with three Plymouth Brethren sisters. Later she trained as a nurse. She was very pretty and had numerous admirers – but Bill was the one she fell in love with and they were happily married for just short of 50 years.

Olga and Bill spent their first year of married life in digs in Sidcup, moving to Dell Close in 1953. Bill was soon asked by Mr Stewart, then owner of The Running Horses, to help out at a function. This was followed by an offer of full-time employment and Bill spent the rest of his working life there. Their son, Howard, was born in 1957, just before Bill and Olga moved to Holmwood where they lived for 30 years, returning to Mickleham in 1990.

Bill grew his wonderful moustache and beard on a visit to Prague in the '60s. He became well known and respected by the patrons of The Running Horses and served some very famous people in his time – he was particularly proud of a framed caricature of himself, drawn by Sir Harry Secombe in 1972 (see p14) and a signed photo of Telly Savalas bearing a message of gratitude. Bill especially enjoyed cooking flambés etc at the table, which he did with great panache – the copper pans in The Running Horses are all his. He must have had some wonderful tales to tell, which magazine readers would perhaps have been able to enjoy, had he lived. For example, he used to give a hand at parties given by Lord Beaverbrook at Cherkley Court. After he died, Olga received many tributes which she treasured – among which were compliments on his kindness, on his



prodigious memory which enabled him to greet people by name even after long intervals, on his impressive appearance and professionalism, and his knowledge of the village and surrounding large estates – he knew four generations of the Aitken family. Many people liked going to The Running Horses because of Bill and he was a great asset to the pub. He was interested in stamp-collecting, wines and writing. He belonged to a writing club and took a course by post. We have all enjoyed his contributions to this magazine, which we greatly appreciated. He also enjoyed singing, was a member of the church choir and took part in our summer concerts. (He recalled that when he was a choirboy at St Michael's years ago every Christmas Lord Bennett would invite the choir to sing carols for his guests at Juniper Hill, for which they each received a shilling.) In recent years he was a Parish Councillor. Over 140 people attended Bill's funeral to pay their respects.

Olga continued to live in Swanworth Lane until late 2012 when she moved to a home near her brother-in-law and his wife, Brian and Barbara Fuller. According to Brian she was very happy there and believed she was in a hotel – 'Please will you bring my brother-in-law some tea?' she would demand of the staff. A Jewish princess to the end. She died in June 2015, aged 86.

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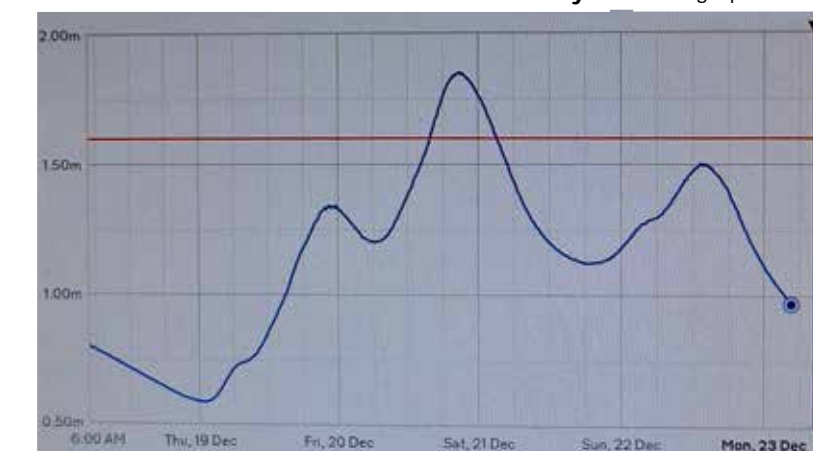
The River Mole flooded Burford Meadow and parts of Norbury Park on 20th December and on 15th January. The December flood was more serious and came close to flooding houses as can be seen on the photograph of the river level recording at Castle Mill in Pixham. The water level at the gauging station is available in real time at <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/7260>

A paper published in January 2014 which describes the causes and impacts of flooding on the River Mole is available at <https://rgsweather.com/2014/01/04/flooding-on-the-river-mole-surrey-causes-and-management/> The most serious flooding took place in December 1968 – our older residents will remember that.

Ben Tatham

River level River Mole at Dorking

River levels at this location in the last 5 days



Photographs: Graham Revill and Ben Tatham



Above: Flooding around 20th December.

Left: Burford Meadow with Burford Bridge Hotel in background.

Right: Norbury Park from Cowslip Lane.

Below: Flooding on 15th January. Pedestrian footbridge near the stepping stones.

Sundays at Seven 16th February - Guital Recital

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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Perennial Plants from Seed – Try These

We expect to grow annual plants for flowering in the summer but perennials can be a very different matter, often requiring particular conditions and being slow to germinate, let alone flower. However, while nothing in this world can be guaranteed, the chances of success with those that follow is pretty high (and I say that from personal experience!).

So DO TRY:

- *Gaura lindheimeri* There are both tall and shorter versions. I prefer the taller (36"+) as its abundance of pink star-shaped flowers bend gracefully and weave well between firmer stems. Sow seed from February to May (cover seed with vermiculite; it will germinate in about 8 weeks.)

- *Pennisetum Villosum* This grass starts off looking like a tussock and then develops very attractive feathery 'bottlebrush' panicles up to 4" long. They do well in pots and are suited to places where they can easily be touched, eg on the edge of a path. If planted on a warm windowsill in March or April shoots will appear in a week. Seed should again be lightly covered with vermiculite.

- *Linaria triornithophora* A member of the linaria family, this unusual perennial with its hard to say name (meaning three birds in flight) has charming small snapdragon flowers, rose pink in Rosea. Sow in spring, preferably under glass, and it will appear within a couple of weeks. Cover lightly with vermiculite. A cottage garden plant, it deserves space to appreciate its delicacy.

- *Verbena bonariensis* I hesitated about including this popular plant but then I thought of the prices that are charged for it in garden centres. The stiff upright stems end in airy mauve flowers which because of their narrow leaves and branching habit allow the viewer to see through them to planting behind. In spite of their height, they can be planted throughout a border. The flowers will be covered by bees and butterflies in early autumn. Sow in March and April and cover the seed which will germinate in a few weeks. This verbena readily self-sows and often places itself in places you never would have thought of.

All these will flower prolifically in their first summer and give you many years of pleasure.

Judy Kinloch



Gaura lindheimeri



Pennisetum Villosum

A warm welcome to the 2020 Lent Lunches at the Village Hall Mondays 9th - 30th March 12.30 – 1.30 pm



Our Lent lunches provide a great opportunity for local people to meet together in a relaxed and informal setting, and enjoy a soup, bread and cheese meal in good company. All the lunches this year, for which there is no charge, will be held at the village hall. Do let us know of any dietary requirements and if you require transport, which

can be provided. If you wish to make a donation, this will go towards supporting the wonderful work of AllSaints Coffee Shop, a social enterprise in Leatherhead creating training opportunities for young people. (See below.) Any donations for this excellent enterprise will be gratefully received – thank you.

It would help practically if we had an idea of numbers in advance for catering each week, so to book you can either sign the lists which are at the back of church, or contact Sue Harkin via harkin12@btinternet.com.

This year we would also like to take the opportunity to create a Lent Lunch Soup Cookbook, and invite you to contact Alison Wood via admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk with your favourite soup recipes to be included. Kindly note the deadline for this is Saturday 15th February to allow time to collate the recipes and produce the cookbook in time for the Lent Lunches. Any proceeds from the sale of the Cookbook during Lent will also go towards AllSaints Coffee Shop. We look forward to seeing you at the lunches.

AllSaints Coffee Shop



Members of St Michael's Church have and continue to enjoy visiting the AllSaints Coffee Shop. This is a social enterprise and part of the Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP). It is based in the church of All Saints on the Kingston Road, in Leatherhead, near the Plough roundabout and near Majestic Wines. Do call in to visit and enjoy refreshments and tasty snacks. Opening times are Monday to Saturday 8 am to 3 pm. AllSaints was created to provide a route to work for youngsters of Mole Valley and the surrounding area. This is done by providing a government-backed apprenticeship, which lasts 12 -18 months depending upon levels of course difficulty and

apprentice ability. Apprenticeships can be in Customer Service, Barista, Food Hygiene, Supervisor, etc. Alongside the apprenticeship, each apprentice gains a certificate in English and maths. At the end of the apprenticeship, the management and directors of AllSaints seek to provide career guidance, introductions, references, etc to help place the 'graduate' with a stable and reputable employer. In the past five years many youngsters have 'graduated', most of whom continue to be in regular employment. The cost of funding a young person through the apprenticeship is around £7,500 and the AllSaints directors commit to keeping the enterprise alive for

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Left: left to right, Nigel and Mike (directors), Martin (manager), Canon John and Sue, Chloe and George (apprentices), Dave (funding and admin manager) and Liam (a past apprentice who is currently acting as assistant manager.) Right: An AllSaints worker.

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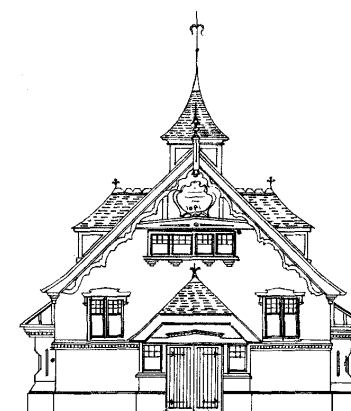


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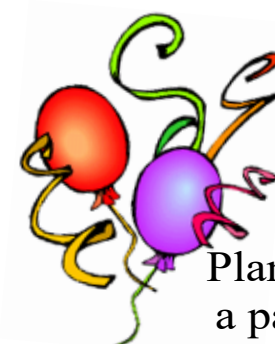


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*Caricature of Bill Fuller drawn by Sir Harry Secombe in 1972
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Calendar of Events

February

1	Saturday	2.30 pm	Friends of Box Hill AGM followed by talk on Purple Emperor butterflies – Mickleham Village Hall
2	SUNDAY	Candlemas	8 am 10 am Holy Communion Family Service
3	Monday	9.15 am	St Michael's School assembly in church
4	Tuesday	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in church
9	SUNDAY	3rd Sunday before Lent	8 am 10 am 11.30 am Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer at the Chapel
<i>Copy deadline for March parish magazine</i>			
15	Saturday	9 am	Men's Breakfast at The Running Horses
<i>Deadline for entries for Lent Lunches Cookbook</i>			
16	SUNDAY	2nd Sunday before Lent	8 am 10 am 7 pm Holy Communion Holy Communion Sundays at Seven – Guitar Recital in church
21	Friday	7.30 for 8 pm	Local History Group's AGM followed by talk on Abinger excavations
22	Saturday	9.30 am 10 am	Women' Breakfast at Denbies Rose Pruning Course
23	SUNDAY	BEFORE LENT	8 am 10 am 3 pm Holy Communion at the Chapel Holy Communion Tea@3 at Timberden, Pilgrims Way
24	Monday	3 pm	
26	ASH WEDNESDAY	7 pm 7.35 pm	Ash Wednesday Service in church Lent Course begins at the Rectory

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Our grateful thanks to Mary on behalf of us all.

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At the age of eleven he joined the Sea Scouts which filled his teenage life with sailing and rowing ex-naval whalers on Southampton Water and the Solent. Along with the many scouting activities, Roger attended the World Scout Jamboree in 1957 at Sutton Coldfield opened by The Duke of Edinburgh accompanied by Queen Elizabeth. During these years, Roger built a canvas kayak which visited most of the inlets in the sheltered waters around Southampton. He progressed to troop leader and the Sea Scout equivalent of a Queen's Scout and then Assistant Scout Leader.

After New Forest Grammar School, he became an articulated pupil quantity surveyor with the construction company John Laing, with whom he spent five years living in Oxford, some of which was spent on a converted Second World War motor torpedo boat on the Thames at Iffley Lock. This was during the protracted snow-bound winter of 1963 when the Thames froze over sufficiently to allow cars to be

driven on it from Iffley into the heart of Oxford, some three miles away. During his five-year training, he was awarded a month-long visit to an 'outward bound' type establishment in Ambleside, during which he rowed the length of Lake Windermere, climbed most of the mountain peaks in the Lake District and performed the part of Hamlet in a condensed version of Shakespeare's play in front of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden.

After qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor, Roger moved to a start-up property development company in Weybridge where he met Mary. He then joined the housing development company with whom he would spend the next thirty years. Roger and Mary were married in Woking in 1966 and soon moved to Addlestone where their daughter, Sarah, was born in 1968. The next year the family moved to Bedford where their second child Martin was born in 1970. Four years later they moved to Worcester Park nearer to the company's headquarters in Reigate. And in 1978 the family moved to Westhumble where they have lived ever since.

Roger's career as a Surveyor led to him becoming the Managing Director of the development company. It was eventually sold to the international engineering company John Mowlem. Roger expanded their commercial property activities and developed a major golf resort in the Algarve. Roger

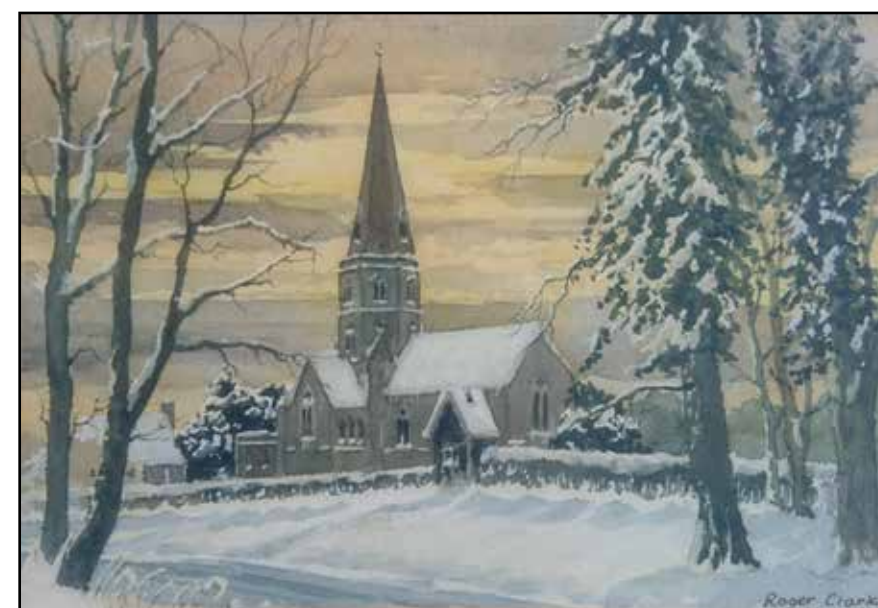


became the Group's Property Director and retired in 1994 when Mowlem divested itself of the business.

Roger's (but not Mary's) plans to spend the next 'umpteen' years sailing around the world in their yacht were placed on the backburner when Roger developed heart problems. Nevertheless, the family had some twenty years in three different yachts sailing around the south coast, the Channel Islands and the Brittany coastline. Roger had qualified as a yachtmaster and Mary as a very competent crew, and produced many delicious meals while sailing through choppy seas!

Roger and Mary enjoyed a long and happy marriage and spent many rewarding hours with their grandchildren, Hannah, Oliver, Daniel and Christian in their formative years. Among other activities, Roger became a competent watercolour artist and organised exhibitions for the Dorking Group of Artists for many years. He also loved gardening and practical work, especially maintaining the home. In 1998 he completed a survey of Mickleham churchyard which has proved invaluable for the local history group who are now recording the graves, as some of the inscriptions are now illegible. Roger played a prominent role in the management of the Burney Estate Management Company, and was responsible for the maintenance of Burney Road for 25 years. In addition he was a trustee of St Faiths, a local charity established for the benefit of the health, education and welfare of children in Surrey for 18 years only resigning because of his ill health during 2019. He will be much missed.

We send our love and condolences to Mary, Sarah and Martin and their families.



Roger's watercolour of St Barnabas Church, Ranmore

Community News

Welcome to Lucy and Rama Ramasawmy who have moved to Cleveland Court from Edinburgh.

Canon John and Sue Harkin give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Luca John Gaida, born to our daughter Katie and son-in-law Jon, on 3rd December. A new cousin for Charlie (6) and Beatrice (3). Katie and Jon were married at St Michael's Church in February 2018.

Thank you to Deanna



Deanna Darnell first started to work for Mickleham Village Hall as Bookings Manager in early 1994. Since then Deanna has not only dealt with all the people who ask about hiring the hall, showing them how things work, getting the keys to them and dealing with the booking forms and administration but she has also sprung into action to sort out problems. These include people not leaving the hall clean for the next hirer, leaving the chairs in a mess and dealing with things not working. Nothing has been too much trouble for her in looking after the needs of people who use the hall. To mark Deanna's 25 years of working for the hall, the trustees made a presentation to Deanna at a small gathering just before Christmas. We are all most grateful to her for all that she has done for the village hall and its users over the years.

Ben Tatham
for Trustees of Mickleham Village Hall

The Garden Shed's Creative Workshops

The Garden Shed has held three creative workshops in Mickleham Village Hall recently. In early December, was our annual wreath-making morning. We had a jolly time, creating Christmas wreaths with seasonal music in the background. Mince pies and mulled wine were consumed and all left merry and pleased with their efforts.

That afternoon participants were shown how to make their own willow Christmas decorations. This was led by Nicky, who has run willow-weaving classes for The Garden Shed, over the last three years. She came with lots of

ideas, and had many different choices. It was very satisfying to be making completely natural decorations that can be used for many years to come.

On the 12th January we met again. This time doing a whole-day workshop on basket-making. At the end of the day everyone had finished their own unique Willow Basket. Nicky was most impressed with their standard, and what we had achieved.

Two more workshops are planned in the coming months. Rose and Apple pruning, where you will be shown, the art of pruning, and also be able to practice your new skills.



For information about the Rose and Apple Tree Courses see page 27.

Deanna Darnell writes ...

A huge thank you to all involved in signing my card and very generously contributing to the gift to mark my 25 years of service, managing the Mickleham Village Hall bookings. It has been an eventful 25 years, starting when my daughter Anna was just 2, I have met and worked with some amazing people and I look forward to meeting many more. Thanks again to everyone for their kindness.

Mickleham Parish Council

Mickleham Parish Council, through their chairman David Ireland, have taken the initiative in attempting to tackle the scourge of excessive exhaust noise and speeding vehicles that pose an increasing danger to the safety and peace of residents, pedestrians and other road users in Mole Valley.

Efforts to persuade the authorities and the police to grasp the seriousness of the problem and explore solutions have so far met with a negative response. The Parish Council held a public meeting in November which was well attended and included Surrey County Councillor Hazel Watson and District Councillor Elsie Rosam, and one of the actions that came out of it was to launch a petition.

Available to view and sign at <http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/DAAENS2019/>, the petition states that:-
We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to coordinate measures by the Highways Dept, Environmental Health Dept, the Police and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, together with other responsible bodies, to take action to control the blight of excessive exhaust noise, speed and danger throughout the

Dorking area, with particular regard to safety within villages.

If you share the view of Mickleham Parish Council that something needs to be done to curb this problem then please go to the link above and add your name to the list. It is hoped that neighbouring parish councils will lend their support. The deadline for signatures is 7th July 2020.

A second prong of the campaign is the formation of a Speed Watch team to carry out speed testing at specific locations in the village. Five volunteers have so far come forward but a team of six is needed so if anyone else wants to put their name down please contact the Parish Council clerkatmpc@gmail.com

Some of the volunteers have taken part in a training session organised by Brenda Gough, the Community Speed Watch co-ordinator for Surrey Police, and are primed to begin testing once a location has been decided upon and approved by the authorities. There are strict criteria governing locations – for instance they shouldn't be within 100 metres of the start or change in speed limit.



The Parish Council have agreed to write a letter in support of the planning application to turn the Frascati restaurant on London Road into a café and bed and breakfast establishment. The plans can be viewed at: <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/WPHAPPDETAIL.DisplayUrl?theApnID=MO/2019/2003>

Councillors were addressed at a recent meeting by the proposed new owner, Itay Zilkha, who runs a similar concern in New Jersey, and were impressed by his commitment to the area. They believe the Climb Café – which will hope to attract custom from walkers and cyclists - will be a welcome addition to the community, particularly after the closure of the village shop. It will also help to boost tourism.

The plans include space for four bed & breakfast rooms with en suite facilities.

Trevor Haylett, Clerk

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

AGM followed by
*Worms, ashes and bones:
excavations at Cocks Farm Abinger
1877-2019*

A talk by Emma Corke
Friday 21st February
7:30 for 8 pm Mickleham Village Hall
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We are planning a visit to Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water on Wednesday 15th April.
More details next month.



Can you translate this diagram into words? Say what you see. Answer on page 26

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KING WILLIAM IV

2020 will be the 8th year for me and Anne at the King Willy – wow doesn't time fly!

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This was quickly rectified, and we have done some great things since, we invested, the pub and grounds now look great. We instigated the annual inter-pub cricket match with the Runners (thanks Greg Ayton and Jim) and strengthened village ties. We have had quiz nights, fireworks, Christmas & celebration events, outside music, BBQs, beer festivals, gin festivals, and, of course, the best staff and customers. As an independent freehouse we are grateful for your support. Here's to a great new decade! Eamonn and Anne

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Cryptic Delicacies

A slightly more downbeat Christmas crossword than my previous efforts perhaps reflected my view on 2019 (and on Christmas in general). The long clues pointed to IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER and its writer CHRISTINA ROSSETTI, and there were plenty of similarly FROSTY clues that in the end did not reflect the very mild weather that I enjoyed during my walks in the Surrey countryside through to the New Year (and whilst I'm here, one of my favourite things at Christmas was seeing the spectacular view from the viewpoint just to the east of Norbury Park House, at grid TQ162537 – you can see both sides of the valley looking through the Mole Gap towards Dorking).

Here are some of the clues:

1 Can be done for loudly giving money to Mrs Fawltz (8)

'Can be done' = FEASIBLE

'money' = FEE, 'Mrs Fawltz' = SYBIL, and say them out loud to get the answer.

13 Stick with hard post appears odd to not be included (9)

'Stick with' = PERSEVERE

'hard' = SEVERE, 'post' = after, so SEVERE is after 'aPpEaRs' without the odd letters = PER

14 Cut up about sweetheart leaving without 1D coat (2-4)

'without 1D coat' = DE-ICED (I'm sure everyone thought 1D was referring to my favourite group, One Direction (!), but no, it was pointing to the answer to 1 Down which was FROSTY)

'Cut up' = DICED, which is around 'sweetheart' which is the letter at the heart of 'swEet' = E

19 Mind-numbing stink short of French spirit (7)

'Mind-numbing' = HUMDRUM

'stink' = HUM, a short form of 'of' in French is 'D' (as in d'or), 'spirit' = RUM

25 Colour mirror, for example, that's blue at first (5)

'Colour' = BEIGE

'for example' = E.G., 'that's' = that is = I.E., the first letter of 'Blue' is B, and then mirror all of that for the answer

4 Garden vegetation that is friendly to wildlife but if you sit underneath it for 10 minutes you will die (4,3)

Just to keep you on your toes, this was more of a riddle than a standard cryptic clue. I had filled the grid with words some months ago and it was a coincidence that when I came to write the clue



I had just read 'This Is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay. In it was a joke relating to a patient who thought that all natural products were safe to use, only for the doctor to point out that all sorts of things found in a garden were dangerous. He referred to various poisonous species but also included one plant that if you sat underneath it for 10 minutes, it would cause you to die. In the book, the answer was 'water lily' but of course the same applies to LILY PAD as in this clue. I can thoroughly recommend the book – very funny if you can stand dark humour and rudery, but also heartbreaking and a depiction of the NHS and its staff at breaking point.

7 Stopped motion short film by Disney (5)
'Stopped motion' = FROZE

A film by Disney is 'FROZEN' and if it is short (by one letter) then FROZE is what you've got.

Always good to get ideas of things to discuss in my article, so any responses or queries will be happily received at andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk

Andrew

A Visit To The Chapel Arms, Westhumble



It is nice to say 'shall we pop up to the pop-up pub for a pint or two?' We live

in Loveden Cottage, behind the chapel so a short walk brought us to the chapel main door where chatter and laughter could be heard from inside. On entry Dry January was not in evidence as many locals were crowded around the makeshift bar, admirably manned by Duncan and Gerry.

Surrey Hills Ranmore Ale was on offer along with lagers, wine and Wassail (a heady mix of ale, sherry and spices!). Soft drinks were available for children and others not tempted by the alcohol.

Having chatted and downed a pint I noticed the Ranmore Ale had been replaced by Hogs Back TEA, another Surrey-brewed beer. A further glance, shortly afterwards, revealed that the TEA had also gone and now only lager was available. Someone was clearly despatched to fetch further supplies

– more beer in the shape of Doom Bar, a Cornwall brew.

There was a steady flow of comings and goings and throughout a jolly atmosphere prevailed.

Drinks were served until 10 pm. The time of year and the hours worked well and hopefully in future years friends and neighbours will once more gather to welcome in the New Year. On behalf of Duncan and Gerry thanks for your attendance and support and cheers to the next event!

Graham Manning
Beer Correspondent



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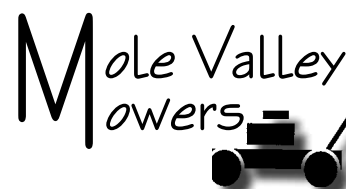
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Box Hill School Green Team

Over the Christmas holidays, phase one of transforming one of our boys' boarding house has been completed to give it a great new look. The outside of the boarding house has been refurbished with cedar cladding to complement the look of the Sports Centre and to give a more modern and homely feel. Phase two will be landscaping the area outside

to help to make the entrance more open and inviting and also it will give the boys a central outside space in which they are able to work, socialise and relax in.

In support of the Environmentalism Ideal, this term we have launched the Box Hill School 'Green Team'. The aim is that Box Hill School will achieve The EcoSchool Green Flag

award by January 2021. The team will meet once a week during an Activities period. The students on the eco-committee voted for three areas of focus for the coming year – energy, waste and transport. We are excited to see where this student-led sustainability journey will take the school in the next 12 months. Watch this space! Lily McKeown

Trek the Great Wall of China with the Orpheus Centre



The Orpheus Centre is an independent specialist college in Godstone that focuses on developing independence skills through performing and visual arts and makes dramatic improvements to young disabled adults' lives. They believe that every young disabled person should have the same opportunities as their non-disabled peers and offer a personalised study programme focusing on building independence,

communication and social interaction skills through the arts, supported housing and a personal care service.

The charity is looking for people to join them in April 2021 for a trip to China. It will involve a five-day trek on a remote section of the wall from Gubeikou to Simatai. The trek takes in stunning views of rolling hills and mountain peaks, with one of the great wonders of the world as the backdrop. This difficult but rewarding trek will give participants a chance to experience rural China.

The sponsorship target for the trip is

£3,000. Funds raised will provide a substantial donation to the Orpheus Centre and also covers the cost of all your travel arrangements.

By taking on this challenge of a lifetime you'll be helping young disabled adults on their journey to independence. Anyone interested is asked to email fundraising@orpheus.org.uk or come along to an information evening at the Orpheus Centre in Godstone on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm. Further information can be found on their website www.orpheus.org.uk/china

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It has become increasingly common for a new year to bring about new beginnings, and perhaps even more so when it's also a whole new decade. We tend to think deeper, analyse more and start our new beginnings with gusto and determination like never before. It reminds me of the quote by Edith Lovejoy Pierce:
We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.



A decade of opportunity

Opportunity is a fantastic word. Brimming with optimism, it allows us to embrace the changes that a New year brings. We are looking forward to writing our new book this year at nursery.

On that note, we know there are many parents of younger children who are also starting to write their new year chapters, and we are currently accepting applications for the academic year September 2020. Please do get in contact if you would like to be shown around the nursery – we would love to welcome you.

This term we will be looking at space and dinosaurs... It sounds like an odd combination but following several visits by families to The Natural History Museum over the holiday season children are talking a lot more about 'our world'.

A natural progression from this is also looking at exploring feelings of, and thinking about others, using stories such as The Wonkey Donkey. With Valentine's Day approaching we will be making something special for our loved ones and I have no doubt there will be lots of discussions with the children on how much we appreciate them.

This term also brings about some sad changes for our nursery, as we say a very heavy-hearted farewell to two long-standing and much-loved members of our team. Jo, who has been with us for a whopping 16 years is taking a very well-deserved break, and Dana, who has been with us for nine years, has taken up a new full-time position at Surrey County Council working with families of children with additional needs. We wish them both well in their new ventures – their new opportunities. And with that we would like to wish you all a wonderful new decade – we hope whatever chapter you begin to write for yourself and your families, it's full of opportunities for you all.

Hilary and the team x



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BRAIN TEASER answer: Back Rub

Solution to the December crossword

Across: 1 Feasible, 5 Ask for, 9 Ornatly, 10 Carols, 12 Truce, 13 Persevere, 14 De-iced, 16 Doormat, 19 Humdrum, 21 Untidy, 23 Reinstate, 25 Beige, 26 Boogie, 27 Threaten, 28 Mayday, 29 Mackerel.

Down: 1 Frosty, 2 Ad nauseam, 3/25/17 In the bleak midwinter, 4 Lily pad, 6 Scapegoat, 7 Froze, 11 Trod, 15/8 Christina Rossetti, 18 Cherubim, 20 Mead, 21 Urethra, 22 Fennel, 24 Ivory.



February Walks with Mole Valley Ramblers

February sees the second of our Beating the Bounds of Mole Valley walks on the 12th, as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations but each of these walks is going to be repeated the following month, if you cannot make this first one. There is a wide choice of other walks ranging from a leisurely 4 miles on Ranmore on the 3rd to a strenuous 8 miles up Box Hill on the 26th. Mole Valley Ramblers organises group walks across the heart of Surrey and further afield.

Please visit the Mole Valley Ramblers Association website for details. www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk

Hot Topics at St Michael's

Here at St Michael's C of E Infant School we teach our curriculum using topics as a stimulus and a vehicle through which we give our children access to learning in a fun and engaging way.

With last term's topic 'Up, up and away' we went 'Up' into the sky to learn about the birds, further 'Up' into space to find out about our Solar System (assisted by a visit from an awe-inspiring planetarium dome) and then went 'Up' in smoke (quite literally) at the end of last year as we concluded our learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children enjoyed designing and making their own Tudor houses and were pleased and proud of their efforts, however they had no reservations in letting them take part in a re-enactment of the Great Fire when we set fire to them in the playground! The children learned a great deal using this topic, not only about the history of the Great Fire of London and about diary writing from key historical figures like Samuel Pepys, but also how to design and make Tudor houses in art and design technology, about how different materials can burn and to predict how the fire might spread in science.

Christmas is always such a magical time at St Michael's; with the Christingle workshop and service at St Michael's

Church's Christmas tree assembly, Christmas story-telling evening, Christmas dinner, Nativity performance and Christmas end-of-term service at St Michael's Church and with a visit from Father Christmas himself! We defy even 'The Grinch' from becoming infected with a little Christmas spirit.

Our new calendar year is a time for reflections on the year that has passed and for resolutions about the things that we would like to achieve at school this year. We encourage the children to think about what aims they have for themselves this year and to set about making them happen!

The start of the Spring Term has brought our new topic 'Dinosaurs!' and we have already started to find out fascinating facts about the amazing creatures that roamed the earth millions of years ago. We will be designing our own dinosaurs – will they have scales or feathers? We will be designing and sewing our own dinosaur cushions. Finding out about Mary Anning a famous fossil collector, dealer and palaeontologist who made significant fossil discoveries long ago in Lyme Regis in Dorset and also learning about more recent fossil discoveries by William Walker an amateur fossil hunter who found a Baryonyx dinosaur in Ockley here in Surrey! Our learning about dinosaurs will culminate with



Great Fire of London reenactment

a trip to London to visit the Natural History Museum, where Years 1 and 2 will have a dinosaur workshop and closer inspection of the dinosaur and fossil collections – we can't wait!



Rose Pruning Course

with Will Burridge

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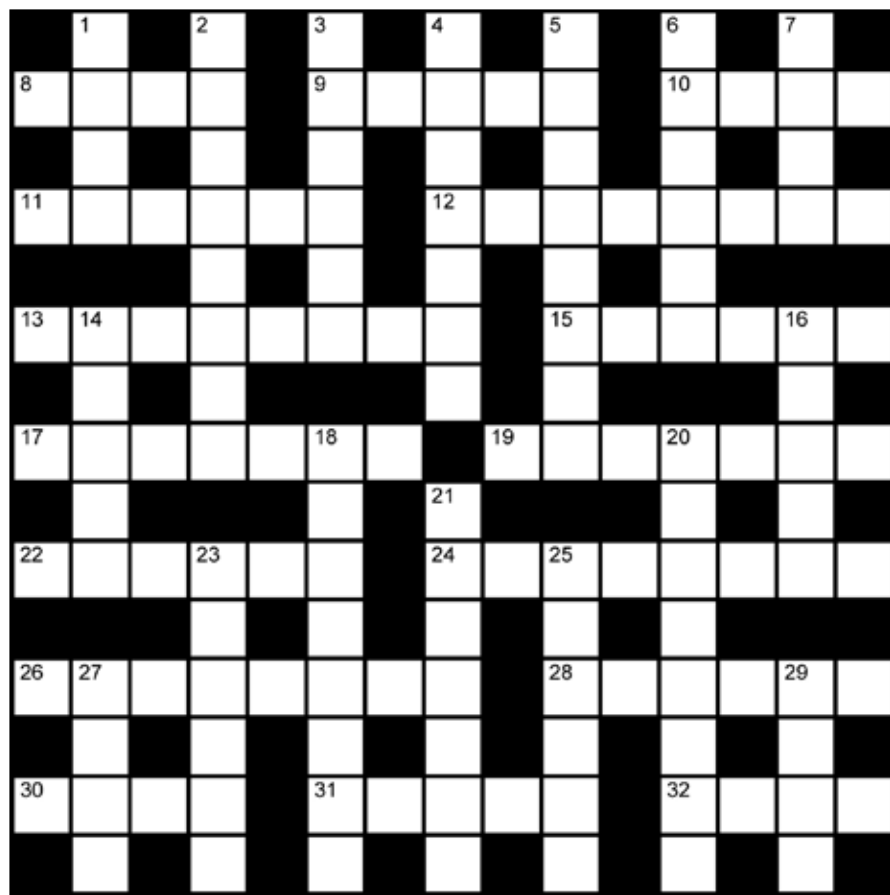
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 8 Put note on cooker for popular lady? (4)
- 9 Disorderly mob is beheaded before end of day (5)
- 10 Look lasciviously around dance with 11 16? (4)
- 11/16 Steal from Her Majesty to start brand before leading Sikh poet (6,5)
- 12 English Tory regularly foams in cocaine solvent (8)
- 13 Burns maybe one calorie in firing the imagination (8)
- 15 Put clothes on or Ben surprisingly has eye opener (6)
- 17 See 5 Down
- 19 Use tray to transport to mouth (7)
- 22 Black material and leather as worn by 11 16? (6)
- 24 Measure balls the other way round – it's really too much! (8)
- 26 See 5 Down



- 28 Refrain from meekly eating even almonds in rabid elk's place (6)
- 30 Jar is possibly marble (4)
- 31 Tearful athletic knight is taking the start (5)
- 32 Raising a bottom without closure is a means of producing a low note (4)

DOWN

- 1 To find a dish go inside and plant acorns (4)
- 2 A mere ant can become wild predator (3-5)

- 3 Sexually arousing Romeo in the region of the ear after having drug (6)
- 4 A lover says nothing repeatedly like this? (7)
- 5/26/17 Dark silver-eyed Romeo lies about delivering a romantic line from 11 16 (2,4,2,4,1,3,3,4)
- 6 Say 'give it more effort' to a Cockney passion (6)
- 7 Even I can be an Everest legend (4)
- 14 The love for three oranges may be a rope dance (5)
- 16 See 11 Across
- 18 Sadly empty and hollow, Don returns to capital condition (8)
- 20 Go up and down when playing auld tune (8)
- 21 Unopened food I rub around a lady's private place (7)
- 23 Ask wet eccentric to make changes (6)
- 25 Bad blood is queerly minty to sweetheart (6)
- 27 The object of adoration is a single short Action Man given that he is one of a kind (4)
- 29 Obligation to return to bed despite not showing any love (4)

Andrew Tatham

Answers to the DECEMBER crossword are on page 26



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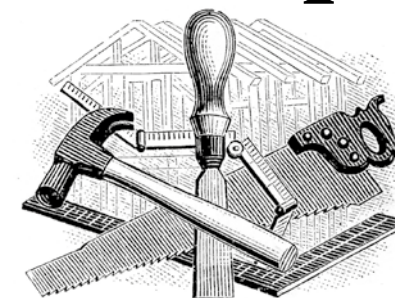
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