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Mickleham Rectory

Dear friends

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, 'I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2,000-step process.' In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca Recording company. Apparently the executives were not impressed and one executive is reported to have said, 'We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out.' The group was called The Beatles.

Wilma Rudolph was the 5th of 11 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralysed left leg. At the age of 11, she removed the metal leg brace she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13 she had developed rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on, she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals.

The moral of the above is clear, character is often unlikely to be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. We gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where we really stop to look challenges in the face. We must attempt the thing we imagine we cannot do, or become the person we fear we cannot be.

Jesus extends an invitation to everyone to follow Him, to change lifestyles. That word 'change' is something very profound. It is not just a matter of wearing a different style of clothing or behaving in a certain manner; it is a profound change in our whole life, radical change.

The great mathematician Blaise Pascal concluded that the struggle to believe in Jesus Christ was worth it. He saw that if you believe in Christ, you will gain everything as God promised. But if you choose to say no without trying, you will lose everything. As one writer put it, 'If God does not exist, it does not matter how you wager, for there is nothing to win after death and nothing to lose after death. But if God does exist, your only chance of winning eternal happiness is to believe, and your only chance of losing it is to refuse to believe.' As Pascal said, 'I should be much more afraid of being mistaken and then finding out that Christianity is true, than of being mistaken in believing it to be true.'

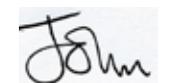
The finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A Christian is not one who never fails, but one who never gives up in their belief in God. If you would like to find out more about life's big questions, do consider joining the Alpha Course this summer (see page 3 for more details)

We only pass through this life once, so I encourage you to live life to the fullest and give it your very best with God as your guide.



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The Reverend Canon John Harkin, Mickleham Parish Priest



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28TH MARCH

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Please come to Lent Lunch instead.

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Lent Lunches Soup Cookbook

Copies available at the Lent Lunches and then from admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk Proceeds to AllSaints Coffee Shop.



Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study Group

At Abbotts Cottage, London Road Mickleham 11am till 12.30pm
This month: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March

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. Do not 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 7.45 pm till 9 pm.

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

A warm welcome to the Lent Lunches 2020 at the Village Hall



These lunches provide a great opportunity for local people to meet together in a relaxed and informal setting, and enjoy a soup, bread and cheese lunch in good company! All the lunches this year, for which there is no charge, will be held in the Village Hall and we will be meeting on

Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. 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 the AllSaints Coffee Shop, a Social Enterprise in Leatherhead creating training opportunities for young people. 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 email harkin12@btinternet.com.

Lent Course 2020

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 7.35 pm (after a short service in church to mark the start of Lent) and then on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March at 7.30 pm all hosted at the Rectory. Please let Canon John and Sue know if you would like to join the group.

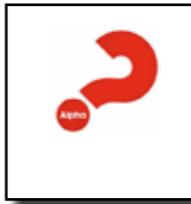


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Alpha Course starting 20th April

the Christian faith and then a time for discussion, before finishing at 9 pm. The series includes interviews with public figures such as world renowned scientist Francis Collins of the Human Genome Project and adventurer and author Bear Grylls. Thanks to the hospitality of Liz and John Absalom our

meetings will be held in Chapel Farm Barn in Westhumble as set out below.

All are evening meetings from 7 pm to 9 pm, with the exception of the Saturday which will be from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to join this Alpha Course, please contact Canon John and Sue on harkin12@btinternet.com.

Monday 20th April

Monday 27th April

Monday 4th May

Monday 11th May

Monday 18th May

Saturday 23rd May

Tuesday 26th May

Monday 1st June

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th June

Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus have to die?

How can I have faith?

Why and how do I pray?

Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Why and how should I read the Bible?

How does God guide us?

Why and how should I tell others?

Do you have a pair of Marigolds?

Liz Harper has been cleaning the Chapel and providing the flowers faithfully for the last fifteen years for which we are very grateful. Now it is time for her to hang up her Marigolds and move on to pastures new. Liz and Mike are moving to Dorset, and we wish them well in their new home. We send them on their way with our thanks and love, they will be missed.

We need to pass Liz's Marigolds on to someone else. The Chapel is not difficult to clean requiring only a couple of hours once a month. If you and maybe

a friend, could spare a little time to do this important task, perhaps you could get in touch with me. The more people who volunteer, the less number of times you would need to do it during the year.

If, like me, you are a member of the Avant Garde school of flower arranging, more properly known as the plonk 'em in and see what happens school, no matter. Is there someone who would be prepared to do the flowers – two small vases? Please get in touch and let me know.

Anne Weaver

Do come and join us from 10 am to

12 noon.

Prayer Workshop

This term's Prayer Workshop will be held on Saturday 14th March in church. Designed to be a practical resource, offering help and understanding, our time together will enable us to consider Prayer Ideas for Small Groups, in addition to Contemplation and Meditation, a basic introduction and short practice. We desire to develop a personal habit of prayer in our own lives, to help us when we may feel intimidated or confused by the idea of personal prayer, and to receive all the blessings our Loving Father wants to pour upon us as we come to Him in prayer.

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Mickleham and Westhumble Local History Group

Rhoda Child's Sampler

A short time ago, a sampler came up for auction on eBay which immediately took our interest, not only because it mentioned Mickleham National School and the date 1880, but because it had been sewn by Rhoda Child, a surname we had previously come across as one long associated with Mickleham.

Rhoda's father, William Child, was born in Shere in 1827 but the first mention of him in Mickleham is in the 1851 census, where he is listed as lodging with a family on the Leatherhead Road (now the A24). Kelly's Directories for 1867 to 1872 list him as a lodging-housekeeper but there are no further details. He obviously did well for himself working as a carpenter/builder and was a talented wood carver who exhibited a basic musical instrument in the form of a wooden serpent, twisted into a curved form, at the Great Exhibition of 1851. It was awarded a diploma of merit and is still prized by the family. He married a local girl, Harriet Mundy, in 1871 and they had three children besides Rhoda: Alice, Walter and James. They lived for a time in School Lane and later in 1 Laurel Cottage as tenants.

We learn a little more about the family from the school logbook written by Robert Mortimore, the master of the National School. Rhoda was admitted on 24th May 1875 having previously attended Mrs Reynolds' Dame School. Needlework was then an important element of the curriculum for girls and much interest was taken in the girls' prowess by the local gentry who would frequently visit. Five such ladies were called upon to judge the needlework prize and it was only after long consideration that Rhoda and Lily Gray were awarded equal first prize. High praise was given to all competitors. Rhoda married Walter Housden in Mickleham in 1897. He was from Hertfordshire but by 1915 the couple were living in Laurel Cottage. He was a keen member of the Rifle Club and was appointed a sidesman at the Easter Vestry meeting in 1918. After his death in 1943, Rhoda stayed on until her death in 1960. She had the

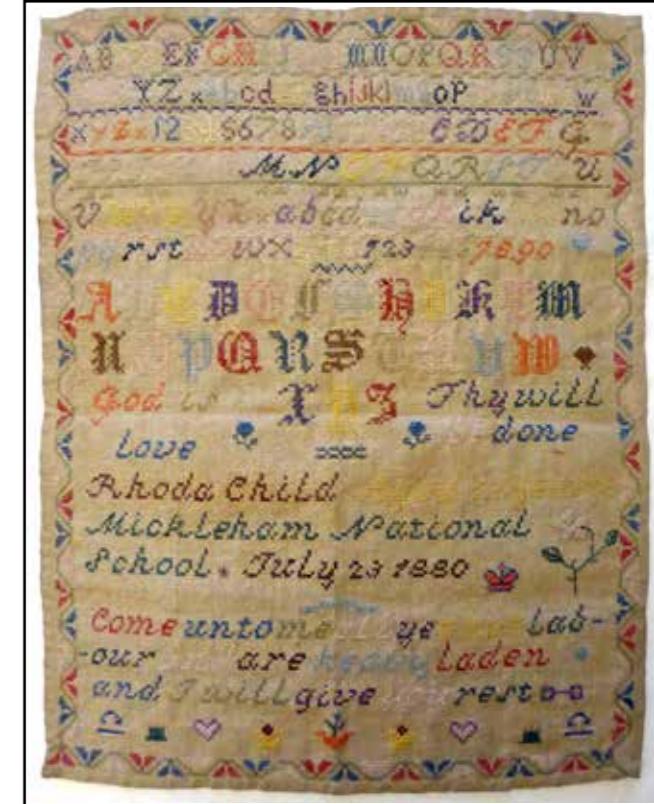
reputation for being mildly eccentric (or so I am told).

The log also records Walter leaving school to be a carpenter. The master says of him that 'it affords me great pleasure to speak highly of the boy'. Other mentions include James spending a week's holiday in Edinburgh and leaving to go to work in Leatherhead. When scarlet fever was spreading through the village and both houses either side of the Childs were infected, Rhoda was sent away to avoid her catching what was then a potentially fatal disease.

Alice was a lady's maid at the Cavendish Hotel in Eastbourne before her marriage in 1891 to William Baxter. There is a photograph of the wedding guests including the bride and groom on the history website.

William and Walter established their partnership on the site that had been run by Henry Haynes at the Timber Yard on the Leatherhead Road. William had been Henry's foreman and eventually succeeded to the business, buying the stock in 1892. It was a highly successful partnership which did not end until William's death in 1918 aged 91. During this time, they built Queen Anne's Terrace and Upper Park Rise in Leatherhead.

Walter married Edith Kendall in 1893 and they had three children, Marion, Edith Marjorie and William. The archive has a postcard sent by Marion to Billy on his birthday in 1909, but sadly he died in a diphtheria epidemic in 1910 aged 7. The family lived in Timber Yard House but now also owned 1 and 2 Laurel Cottages, a family connection that remains. Marion joined the staff



at the school during WW1 and Edith taught at the school in the 1920s for the princely sum of £98 pa. Both she and her sister died in Dorking in 1978 and are buried in Mickleham as are many members of the family. Walter Child died in September 1939. He was a member of the first Parish Council and a founder member of the Mickleham Rifle Club. The business was sold to Charles Bravery in 1938.

William Child was a remarkable man, not simply on account of his business acumen. His obituary stresses his cleverness and the extreme simplicity of his habits. He was well read, interested in astronomy, and had 'a tenacious memory'. Moreover, up to the age of 90 he is said to think nothing of walking twenty miles a day. In short, 'a man of heart as well as head'. Judy Kinloch

Editor's note: When this sampler was received it had been folded twice. Even after careful repeated steaming the folds were still evident. When conserving fabrics it is best to roll them up and wrap in acid-free tissue paper to store them.

Time to Spring into Action

The Spring Show will be held at the village hall this spring, slightly later than usual on 25th April, but although many daffs will be over, there will be plenty of time for the tulips and more to put on a colourful display. The schedule which appears in this magazine ranges from flowers to foliage, from spring vegetables to seedlings, plus a chance to display your talents – whether

for photography, cookery or flower arranging – so do consider what you might enter.

The AGM will take place at 11.15 and will be accompanied by coffee and tea with homemade cakes as usual but this year for a change the prize for the members' draw will be a £50 Garden Voucher. This is a small, friendly show to kick off the gardening season and

there will be a plant stall stocking local plants grown by members, always excellent value and ripe for planting in your gardens.

So do come to appreciate the entries, have a chat with friends and neighbours, stock up on plants and take your chances on the raffle.

Judy Kinloch

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Spring Show Plant Sale AGM at Mickleham Village Hall 25th April 2020 from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Show Schedule

A. Cut Flowers

- 1 Narcissus, including daffodils - single head, 3 stems
- 2 Narcissus, including daffodils - multi-head, 3 stems
- 3 Miniature narcissus-3 stems, same variety
- 4 Miniature narcissus-5 stems, mixed varieties
- 5 Tulips - 3 stems, same variety
- 6 Tulips - 5 stems, mixed varieties
- 7 Any other bulb - 3 stems, same variety
- 8 Small vase of primulas
- 9 Wallflowers - 3 stems
- 10 Pansies - 5 blooms floating on water
- 11 1 camellia bloom shown in a glass

All entries to be brought to Mickleham Village Hall between 9am and 9.45am

10.30am: Show Open, Plant Sales, Coffee and Cake. 11.15am: AGM

Entry forms to the Show Secretary, Mrs Angela Gilchrist, Ashleigh Grange, off Chapel Lane, Westhumble by Thursday 23rd April. Please leave in the mailbox at the end of the lane opposite Chapel Farm or email ar.gilchrist@btinternet.com by 8pm at the latest.

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Festhumble Music Festival

The Festhumble committee are delighted to announce that our local festival of music will go ahead for its second year. Our 2019 event was a tremendous success, raising well over £1000 for Leatherhead Start, who help to improve the lives of the homeless.

Festhumble 20 will be hosted at the Stepping Stones pub on the 27th June 2020.

Put the date in your diary now.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again...

Was not only what I muttered as I pulled on my gold boots for their second-ever outing, to transform me into a *Super Trouper* for the evening, but it is also the title of a very well-known, 'weirdly irresistible' (Peter Bradshaw, *The Guardian*) blockbuster movie of a couple of summers ago. I was heading out that January evening to a sing-along, eat-along, dance-along in the village hall organised by Annie Dennis, surely THE Dancing Queen, and reconnecting with that 1970s vibe I was not sure I felt the first time round.

Those boots of mine had their first outing in 2018 when a wonderful group of people responded to the need to raise money for the Surrey Performing Arts library that the council no longer intended to fund. The library housed a vast collection of plays, choral music, orchestral sets and dance resources as well as a wealth of reference works, much valued and used by drama groups, choirs, orchestras, dance companies and indeed many who are interested in performing arts. 'The collection was under threat of being split up and dispersed around the country' explained Juliet Hornby, conductor. In response, a trust was set up and NewSPAL was formed, which would raise the necessary money to move the library to a new home and continue to fund it afterwards. Juliet and Annie organised a fundraising evening, Sing-

a-Long-a Mamma Mia back then, which was great fun and a tremendous success and Will and Annie Dennis offered to organise round two.

So here we were again, at the village hall, excited at the prospect of another night's dancing.

The evening kicked off with a dinner in the Greek style, to get us in the mood of that idyllic island life celebrated in the film. Homemade moussakas and salads arrived on every table (huge thanks go to all the people who made them – Tracy, Sarah, Rubian, Annie, Katie, Nikki, Julia and Juliet) and vegetarians were treated to Annie's spanakotiropita (look it up). Martin Cox jolted the whole evening along as our super-groovy MC and Jim Evans (donor of loads of beer) and Graham Clark made a very welcoming sight at the bar and must have been responsible for much of the funds raised, if I go by the uninhibited dance styles that were on display that evening.

Thanks to Will Dennis and his Time For Bed discotheque, we not only watched the film on a huge screen, but rocked the night away to ABBA faves like *Waterloo*, *SOS*, *Fernando* and *Knowing Me Knowing You*. Time for Bed specialises in the music of the '50s to the '70s, Will tells me. He and



Grumpy Old Mickleman Toaster and Other Settings

I find it difficult to accept that when we can direct a satellite 5.5million miles to land on an asteroid travelling at 72,000 mph in a different direction, it remains impossible to sort out settings on a toaster with any sort of accuracy whatsoever. Why is it not possible to pre-programme the thing to your personal preference? Even Alexa cannot help. There is still a single knob with fixed, timed settings: the bottom 4 range from 'warmed', through 'doughy' to barely brown and the top 2 seem

to be 'incinerated' to 'your kitchen's ablaze'. In the latter case, there is an eject button which allows you to set fire to the rest of your house more rapidly. Thank goodness God boils water at a uniform temperature, otherwise making tea would be like ordering a steak.

There are other machines which need to incorporate some of the much vaunted space age technology. Lawnmower throttles which, at the merest twitch of one's thumb, go from 'idle' to 'drag

business partner Peter Maynard have in their heyday played at Cambridge May Balls and London clubs alongside the likes of Shakin' Stevens, McGuinness Flint and Steeleye Span. 'These days we mainly do charity gigs and 70th birthday parties!', he grinned. Well, he did a wonderful job at this event and we would have danced the night away I am sure, except that he had promised the Dell Close residents that the music would stop at eleven. Absolutely nothing to do with our collective ages. Thanks to all the real Super Troupers of the evening - you know who you are - that made this happen. The evening raised a mighty £1,458.43 for NewSPAL, which I believe is due to open soon in Woking. Congrats to Cathy Cain for winning the costume prize, in her gorgeous flared floral number and to everyone who dressed up so authentically for the evening.

Look out for the next sing along... is there a Mamma Mia 3? Can any of us go again? What shall I do with my boots?

Karen Ripper

horizontally into hedge', is one. And fridges, where at setting 3/10 your milk goes off, and at 4/10 there are icicles on the lettuce is another.

With due acknowledgement for the idea and part of text to Armstrong and Osman 'The 100 Most Pointless Things'.

Mark Day

PS: Which came first, the toaster or sliced bread? Answer on page 28.





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Friends of Box Hill

55th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman, Lyn Richards, welcomed the President, Ben Tatham, the National Trust Team and about 78 Friends to the Mickleham Village Hall on Saturday 1st February.

The Chairman's Annual Report had been circulated and she referred to a number of the highlights. She mentioned the refit of the Discovery Zone which the Friends partly funded with NT – new murals, a ranger's notebook and other new features have resulted in very positive feedback. There have been some problems accessing the Drone photographs they funded in 2018, but these have been resolved and the NT Conservation Advisory Group will be able to use them. Gail Jeffcoate, who has worked extensively for this group for many years, has decided to stand down. Lyn thanked her for everything she has done. Gail will continue on the FOBH Committee. In future, the National Trust will pay for ecologist Graeme Lyons to provide advice and specialist knowledge to the Group. Estate Management Planning has been worked on this year, and one outcome is that significant funding has been provided by the NT for work to be carried out on Chapel Farm. In 2020 plans for Box Hill Farm will be prepared following soil surveys. The Friends have funding to support future projects there thanks to the Bantam Trust. The Friends' events were all well attended and enjoyed. Membership is down following the GDPR exercise and Lyn urged Friends to help encourage new memberships, especially amongst younger families. She thanked the committee and all the Friends for their support. On behalf of the Friends she sent much sympathy to the family of David Benjamins, who died very suddenly in January (see also page 17.) Ben Tatham expressed the Friends' gratitude to Lyn Richards for her unstinting commitment and energy in championing the Friends' activities. In his words 'Lyn makes everything happen'.

Mark Dawson gave a short tribute to David Benjamins, saying how much he is missed. For now a Leith Hill ranger, who used to be the long-term volunteer at Box Hill, is taking over leading the

volunteers. Mark introduced Stephanie Fudge, Surrey Hills Countryside General Manager, who gave an overview of National Trust policy for Box Hill and Surrey Hills. In future this will focus on People, Land and Nature, Climate Change and Productivity. The National Trust expected to reach a membership of 6 million this year. For 2020 main goals were to deliver the Estate Management Plan, which has now been completed; to address the question of access during busy times, and to create a wildlife garden at the back of the servery on Box Hill to attract butterflies. Stephanie reported that there was increased income from Food and Beverage and car parks, and hoped that these commercial interests would continue to do well; there will also be a mobile concession van at the Stepping Stones. Ann Sankey noted that more education was needed in sensitive areas to make the public aware of rare flora.

Catherine McCusker told the meeting of just one of the many education projects they had been working on last year. It is 'Delight in the Woods' which allows children to build skills and broaden their horizons. Last year they worked with eight schools, this year they already have 24 schools signed up. The children have a "Wow" experience day, where in the woods they look for an enchanted tree, finding characters and solving problems. This is followed up at school where characters come to visit and finally they have a super story party day engaging both home and school. The objectives are to support children's social and emotional development; to engage children with learning; to broaden their horizons and to develop a positive support network around each child.

Mark Dawson then gave the Head Ranger report. Work at Chapel Farm had started: four conservation areas will be fenced and the planned orchard is already fenced. 1.75 kilometres of new hedges are being created, planted with native hedgerow species. Funding of £65,000 has been provided from NT Land Outdoors and Nature funds, and initially the land is under a two-year Farm Business tenancy with Steve Conisby. At Box Hill Farm there has

Photographer Mike Thurner



A purple emperor butterfly

been a delay in progress; due to the heavy metals found in the ground, a comprehensive soil analysis was commissioned to establish what works could be carried out on the land. The results were not clear, so the National Trust is sending a list of questions back for clarification. Funding has been secured for replacing hedges as per the Estate Management Plan once the analysis has been interpreted. There will be consultation with the Environment Agency and River Mole Catchment group with regard to the sluice. Box Hill Conservation: grazing started in September and is now coming to an end. Scrub management has been carried out on most of the compartments as per the Advisory Group management plan. There is a new Species and Habitat Condition monitoring system starting up. £110,000 has been spent on Ash die-back; all the trees felled are in high risk areas as they are dead and dangerous.

After a break for tea, the meeting re-assembled and Lyn Richards introduced Mathew Oates, who gave a talk on the Purple Emperor butterfly at Knepp Wildlands in West Sussex. He was formerly National Specialist for Nature within the National Trust. He is a well-known TV and radio broadcaster and author with a particular passion for butterflies and poetry. He started with a list of 'facts' about the Purple Emperor – very interesting, until he stated 'they are all rubbish'. He then explained their habits and habitats: the males are very aggressive, and can see off most potential predators; they live mostly in treetops visiting lower branches only in the morning to look for females with whom to mate. They love to feed on dung – the fresher the better – and especially fox dung. All in all it was a very entertaining talk, and much enjoyed by his audience.

Fiona Roberts Miller



Dorking and District Talking Newspaper

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Did you know that there is a flourishing Talking Newspaper in Dorking? The first edition of The Dorking Talking Newspaper was issued in 1988. Our listeners receive a memory stick each week containing an audio version of The Dorking Advertiser and we have recently started to include items from Parish Magazines including Mickleham Parish Magazine. Once a month there is also a magazine, which is compiled by us.

During Thursday the *Dorking Advertiser* is edited, that is prepared for reading,

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The number of listeners remains static at the mid-30 mark, if you know of anyone who is blind or partially sighted and might enjoy receiving the Talking Newspaper, which is completely free, please contact our Hon Secretary Christine Thom on 01306 883778.

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Running the London Marathon

Gary Lloyd

I will be running in this year's London Marathon on 26th April. The residents of both Westhumble and Mickleham may have seen me plodding around the local roads and the A24 for a few years now. After finally ceasing to play regular cricket about ten years ago, I started running in the early days of parkrun. I joined Dorking & Mole Valley Athletic Club some time later, training and competing regularly with them, gradually building up event distances to 10k and then 10 miles. Over the last year or so, I have managed my first three half marathons, so having now

reached the ideal sporting age of 75, it is time to go for the big one!

My son, Jasper, will be running the whole way with me, which will be a great help and morale booster. I will be running for St John Ambulance and have a fund raising target set by them. My granddaughter, Amelie, is a cadet trainee with St J A and can vouch for the time and effort that their people give freely and for the resources needed for the charity to provide support for all the events that need them.

If any of your readers would like to



Jasper and Gary

make a donation to this worthy charity, the link to my justgiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gary-Lloyd44>

If anyone sees me dragging my feet round the roads over the coming months, do please give me a wave... every little bit helps!

Gary Lloyd

Anna-Maria Darnell

For those who do not know me, you will probably know my mum. My name is Anna-Maria Darnell, daughter of Deanna, and I am here to spread the word (and suddenly make it very real) that I will be running this years London Marathon this year for Macmillan.

As some of you may know, on 23rd April it will be 10 years since we lost my dad to cancer. AND, for some reason after watching my lovely friend Kayleigh smash it last year I have decided that I would like to mark the occasion by following in her footsteps as it falls just 3 days after the anniversary. What was I thinking you ask? I am asking myself the very same question!

Now if you knew my dad well, then you will probably agree with me that

he would almost certainly say 'what on earth do you want to do that for?' And if you are someone who knows me well you will be thinking, 'you? a marathon? Pull the other one' but here we are!

I have been lucky enough to be offered a place on Team Macmillan, a charity I know will be close to many people's hearts like it is to mine and my family. If you would like to read the full story and contribute in any way to my £2,500 target my donation page can be found here: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/anna-maria-darnell.

Any support or donations would be greatly appreciated no matter what the amount, I will also be putting sponsor forms and collection tins in the local pubs and many of you know where



Baby Anna with her proud Mum and Dad

to find mum or I if you would rather donate in person.

Keep an eye out for me pounding the village roads as I rack up the training miles and if you would like to join me for a few miles you are more than welcome.

Thank you very much to those who have already donated and supported me: means so much. Wish me luck.

Anna

Dates for your diary

Mickleham and Westhumble Village Party

hosted by Juniper Hall will be on Saturday 18th July

The title is 'Midsummer Masquerade'. Save the date and look out for more information in future magazines.

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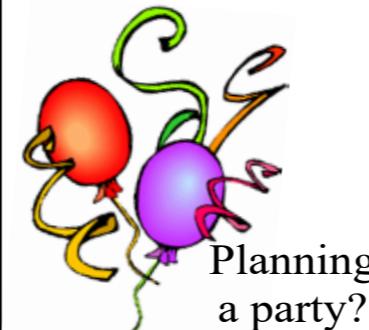


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		10 am	Family Service
		10 am	Apple Tree Pruning Course
2 Monday		9.15 am	St. Michael's School assembly in church
3 Tuesday		7.30 pm	PCC meeting in the Ranmore Room
8 Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent	7.30 pm	Lent Course meeting at the Rectory
		8 am	Holy Communion
		10 am	Holy Communion
		11.30 am	Morning Prayer at the Chapel
9 Monday		12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	Lent Lunch at the Village Hall
10 Tuesday		7.30 pm	Lent Course meeting at the Rectory
14 Saturday		10 am to 12 noon	Prayer Workshop in church
15 Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent	8 am	Holy Communion
		10am	Holy Communion
16 Monday		12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	Lent Lunch at the Village Hall
17 Tuesday		7.30 pm	Lent Course meeting at the Rectory
18 Wednesday		7.30 pm	Barnardos Fashion Show
22 Sunday	Mothering Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion at the Chapel
		9.15 am to 10.45am	Mothering Sunday workshop at St. Michael's School
		11 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service and Baptism in church
		7 pm	Sundays at 7 Violin Recital
23 Monday		12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	Clare Kennington in church
		7.30 pm	Lent Lunch at the Village Hall
24 Tuesday		7.30 pm	Garden Shed talk at Stepping Stones
		8 pm	Lent Course meeting at the Rectory
29 Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent	8 am	Holy Communion
		10 am	Holy Communion
30 Monday		12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	Lent Lunch at the Village Hall
31 Tuesday		7.30 pm	Lent Course meeting at the Rectory

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Saturday 27th June Festhumble

Saturday 18th July Village Party

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It is also available as hard copy in local libraries and at Pippbrook. The document has 207 pages but it is most important that you read it and make your views known to the Council.

The Government requires that the Council provide land for a yearly average of 449 houses to be built in the 15 years from 2018 to 2033 - a total of 6,735 houses.

Ben Tatham

There are two proposals for new sites

for houses in Mickleham and one for Westhumble. On page 165 it is proposed to put 10 dwellings on a site on the north side of Dell Close. On page 166 it is proposed to put 6 dwellings on a site at Hall Farm, Swanworth Lane. On page 176 it is proposed to put 16 dwellings on a site to the north of Westhumble Street.

Two other sites which affect us are on pages 124 to 127: the first is at Pixham End (what used to be known as Friends Provident): 330 dwellings, 4,000 sq m of offices and 2 gypsy and traveller pitches are proposed. The second is the Dorking Station car park: 186 dwellings, 400 sq m of additional offices and an unspecified number of car parking spaces are proposed.

Ben Tatham

See also page 19 for roadshows.

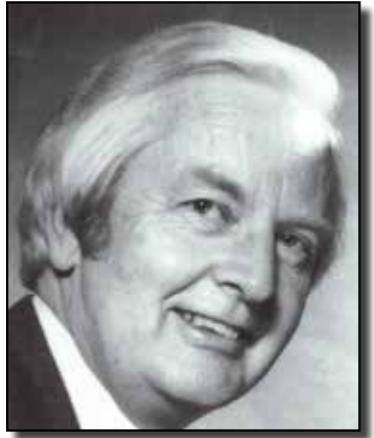
Sir Hugh Cubitt

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sir Hugh Cubitt at the age of 91 in early February. We hope to include an obituary in a future magazine. In the meantime we send our warmest wishes and deepest sympathy to Lady Cubitt and the family.

Community News

Welcome to Peter and Kelly Banham and their children, Jed and Maisie who have recently moved to Burney Road; and belatedly to Helen, Amanda and Vinnie the dog who moved to Pilgrims Way late last year.

Congratulations to Elly and Doug McIlwraith-Jay of Pilgrims Way on the birth of Sebastian David who was born at home as planned (a true Westhumble!) on 23rd January 2020. They say he is keeping them on their toes and they are enjoying watching him get bigger (although a little sad also!).



Thomas Ellis 'Tim' Hatton OBE 1925 – 2019

attacking such caravans murdering many. Tim made contact with all Sikh community leaders along the route to allow the caravan through. On 10th December 1947 they reached the border of Pakistan and he handed over his charges safe and sound to a Punjabi Regiment captain of the new Pakistan army.

In 1948 Tim left the Gurkhas and returned to England with a view to going to Oxford, but unwilling to wait for over a year to enter, he went out to Malaya to join the Police Service. The newly-formed Federation of Malaya was under attack from Communist insurgents. Arriving just after his 23rd birthday, Tim spent most of his time running a ferocious-looking jungle squad hunting for 'bandits' (Communist terrorists) in the jungles north of Kuala Lumpur. Tim's jungle squad included about 30 Malay and Indian policemen dressed in jungle green and armed to the teeth. He worked in several areas, protecting rubber estates, tin mines and palm oil plantations. The risk of death was ever-present. Many of his friends were killed in terrorist ambushes. Intelligence however was the key, and in 1952 Tim moved into this field and made his greatest contribution.

Tim was born in 1925 into a family with strong naval traditions, but because of his poor eyesight he was unable to pursue a career in the senior service. So, when he left school in 1943 he joined the 9th Gurkha Rifles instead. Following training, he joined his battalion in late 1945 at Surabaya in Java, and there his adventures began. The 9th Gurkhas had been sent to Indonesia where, in the wake of Japanese defeat, law and order had broken down. They were repeatedly attacked by armed insurgents, but managed to advance and free 3,000 Dutch and Allied prisoners crammed into a jail. They saved them just in the nick of time as the Indonesians were about to set the place alight and burn the prisoners alive.

After some time in Malaya, Tim and his men sailed to India in October 1947. Independence and partition had been proclaimed in August. In the Punjab Muslims were moving into the new state of Pakistan. The 22-year-old Tim Hatton was in charge of a caravan of 100,000 men, women and children and herds of cattle, sheep and goats. Tim organised guards along the route, each day going ahead in his jeep to reconnoitre the next camping place. Well-armed Sikh bands had been

for Meritorious Service and the OBE.

In the citation for the OBE Tim was commended for displaying outstanding leadership and considerable personal courage on many occasions. After transferring to the Special Branch responsible for intelligence planning, he 'showed exceptional professional skill in conducting and co-ordinating highly delicate secret operations against selected high-level communist leaders. That the Communist terrorist organisation in Central Malaya was virtually eliminated was in very great measure due to Mr Hatton's original detailed planning and supreme professional competence'.

Back in England, Tim held a number of jobs, one of them as Clerk to the Governors of Haberdasher Aske's Girls School and was given the task of raising £30,000 for a new swimming pool and other necessities for the school. He arranged a garden fete (never done before), which was very successful as he had taken advice from the 6th form girls and invited Lulu to open it.

Tim became a sort of super bursar of the United Westminster Schools, and in 1974 Roy McComish invited him to become a governor of Box Hill School and chairman of the finance committee. By this time the family were living at the Old House in Mickleham, opposite the school.

Sadly for Tim his first wife Joanna died of cancer in 1980. Tim and John were assisted by members of the local WI in caring for her during her distressing illness. Later Tim married Sarah, whom he had met at a Mencap Ball at the Café Royal (Sarah was Deputy Appeals Director at Mencap). Roy McComish was Tim's best man for the wedding at the Brompton Oratory.

As Chairman of Governors of BHS from 1984 he inherited a varied board including a Yugoslav Prince in exile and an actor who was a villain in the James Bond films. Looking now at Box Hill school, it is difficult to believe that when Tim became chairman the site was covered with wooden buildings, sheds, classrooms, and boys' boarding houses. Thanks to his financial wisdom vital improvements were made >>>

>>> including the recruitment of new governors with expertise – a school inspector and expert on buildings and a local councillor with knowledge of planning. Later he began the move to putting up brick buildings of good quality which fitted with the historic setting.

Among Tim's contributions to BHS was the appointment of Rodney Atwood as successor to the irreplaceable founding head Roy McComish who had been in command for 26 years and the choice of Commander Chris Pelley - 'absolutely the right man as the country entered a recession' as successor to the original bursar. Tim's successor as chairman, was Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, a former pupil of Roy's, a Falklands veteran, with impeccable Gordonston background.

In 1994 Tim and Sarah moved from Mickleham to a house in the Cathedral Close at Salisbury. Tim's activities did not cease. His enthusiasm of many pursuits continued to be infectious. He breathed new life into the Salisbury area English-Speaking Union (ESU) schools' public speaking competition. He was a guide at Salisbury Cathedral for twenty years. The cathedral is a magnificent building, but some find the interior in contrast to the outside rather dull. Not with Tim as your guide. With Sarah's support he wrote two books in retirement: 'Toc Toc Birds', an autobiography, and growing from his years of guiding 'The Man that Moved a Cathedral'. The original Salisbury with its cathedral was north of the present town at Old Sarum. In the year 1220 Bishop Le Poor began building a new

cathedral on the water meadows by the Avon, its present position. Tim's book told that story with humour and clarity. Even in his last months in a nursing home, Tim still retained his ready smile, his humour and impeccable manners. Rodney completed his eulogy with 'Tim's life is the most remarkable of anyone I have ever known whom I could call friend, but inevitably given the roles that we shared, I look across the road at what he did for Box Hill School, with those wooden sheds and shortage of cash, and look at what it now is. I like to imagine Tim and his good friend Roy McComish in the Valhalla of chairmen of governors and headmasters, and saying to one another, 'Didn't we do well.' We send our sincere condolences to Sarah and to John and Richard and their families.

Mickleham Parish Council

A reminder to residents to add their name to the petition launched by Mickleham Parish Council to tackle the scourge of noisy motorcyclists and speeding vehicles which regularly blight our local roads and shatter the peacefulness of this part of Mole Valley. More than one person in the household can add their name to the petition so make sure family members are on board. There were 166 signatures at the last count but many more are needed if the petition's aims are to be met. Mickleham has contacted neighbouring parish councils to try and get them on board because this is a problem that affects the whole local area and not just our village.

The petition can be accessed here: <http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/>

DAAENS2019/ and there is also a Facebook page where you can add your support - <https://m.facebook.com/DAAENS/>.

Forming a Speedwatch team is another arm of the campaign to crack down on speeding vehicles and four volunteers have so far taken part in training sessions run by the scheme's organisers. Another volunteer is required before the Mickleham Speedwatch group can start testing so please come forward by contacting the Parish Council at clerkatmpc@gmail.com.

Mole Valley District Council's public consultation on the site allocations it has identified in an attempt to meet the pressing need for new housing will run until 23rd March. In Mickleham, officials have put forward sites at Hall

Farm in Swanworth Lane (where six dwellings are proposed) and Dell Close (ten dwellings).

The proposals for Mickleham and wider afield can be viewed at a number of roadshows MVDC is hosting until 7th March. The venues are: MVDC Offices in Pippbrook, Dorking on Monday 2nd March (9.30 am to 1.30 pm); Bookham Barn Hall, Wednesday 4th March (3 to 7 pm); Dorking Christian Centre, Friday 6th March (4.30 to 8.30 pm); Leatherhead Institute, Saturday 7th March (10 to 2 pm).

The MVDC document will also be available at the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th March.

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Cryptic Delicacies

the order [the other way round]

28 Refrain from meekly eating even almonds in rabid elk's place (6)

MELODY

Even letters of [A]L[M]O[N]D[S] [=LOD] are put into ME[EKL]Y in place of anagram [rabid] of elk

4 A lover says nothing repeatedly like this? (7)

SWEETLY

More of a riddle than a cryptic clue, based on the idea that a lover says sweet nothings, i.e. [nothing repeatedly] is said SWEETLY

24 Measure balls the other way round - it's really too much! (8)

OVERDOSE

DOSE [measure, as in a specific quantity of medicine] + OVER [balls, an over being six balls in cricket], then reverse

6 Say 'give it more effort' to a Cockney passion (6)

ARDOUR

'Harder' is a way of saying 'give it more effort' and when saying it for a Cockney to be able to understand(!) you might

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leave off the aspiration to give the sound of ARDOUR.

18 Sadly empty and hollow, Don returns to capital condition (8)

SYNDROME

S[ADL]Y empty = SY, hollow D[O]N = DN, return that to give ND, capital = ROME

27 The object of adoration is a single short Action Man given that he is one of a kind (4)

IDOL

I [a single = 1 = I in Roman numerals] + DOL[L] [Action Man given that he is one of a kind] [short] of the last letter. [given that he is one of a kind] is a way of saying 'for example'. This distinction has to be made because Action Man is an example of a doll rather than doll being an example of an Action Man – i.e. if the clue had said 'doll' no qualification would have been needed for it to refer to Action Man or Raggedy Ann or Baby Alive Whoopsie Doo Doll, but if it had just said 'Action Man' on its own, then it would have had to refer to a particular Action Man like Sergeant Fred or Commando Dave or General Sir Reginald. Similarly if a clue said 'animal' then it could imply all sorts of animal, but if it said 'horse' then it has to imply something that is a horse, like filly or gelding or Red Rum – whereas 'horse, for example' could imply animal, drug or lasagne ingredient. I somehow doubt all of that has made things much clearer, but it is something to think about when you see 'for example' or similar in a clue.

29 Obligation to return to bed despite not showing any love (4)

DEBT

Returning T[O] BED = DEB[O]T, love = O (as in tennis) and [not showing any] means you remove any Os to give you DEBT

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

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Left: Box Hill School Wreath; right:
Year 7 Girls Hockey team after a great win!

entire year group of over 60 students visited a number of cemeteries as well as museums providing an invaluable insight into what soldiers on the front line of WW1 experienced. The

students visited the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, where they learnt about the long, narrow ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived, known as trenches. This was followed by a poignant stop at Tyne Cot Cemetery. Students also attended the Menin Gate ceremony to pay their respects to all those who lost their lives as a result of the First World War. Overall, a valuable and important trip for a group of young people which gave them a small taste of what life may have been like for soldiers during World War One.



GIRLS' SPORT

What an exciting two terms we have ahead of us! This month we introduced some additional sports fixtures for girls' hockey. With so many girls also taking part in netball this term, a new 4th VII team has been created. The first week back was dedicated to trials and training so that all pupils could get back in the swing, ready for fixtures. We already have some great wins under our belt and the teams are looking forward to future matches.

VISIT TO YPRES

On Friday 31st January our Year 9s set off for Belgium for what would prove to be a moving and thought-provoking visit to Ypres. The

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The winter is passing and spring is here. The children have been intrigued by the spring flowers appearing in the nursery garden and chicken enclosure and asking lots of questions about what they will become. Now we have some beautiful snowdrops and daffodils blooming, helping children understand seasons and growth. During Forest School, we have been looking at the catkins and buds growing on the trees. It has started getting less cold so the children are enjoying being able to play outside without having to put on so many layers. We have also had interesting discussions about the warmth of the spring sun melting the frost outside on the picnic bench. Some of you at home may be thinking about embarking on spring cleaning or having a good sort. This is also an important time for us in the nursery to have a spring clean, to look at our resources and evaluate what looks a little too well played with and may need replacing. Some of the members of staff attended the Nursery World Show in London in February to learn more about current, innovative practice in the

Early Years. It was also a valuable opportunity to seek out new and inspiring resources for our children to play and engage with. Continuing professional development is imperative and valued for our practitioners. The more we learn, the better we can help the children in our care learn and progress. Ofsted have implemented a new Early Years inspection framework and we are awaiting the results of the consultation on possible amendments to the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We have spent time as a staff team digesting this, mulling it over and considering the impacts on our practice. We have had Mountain First Aid training, making sure not only can we deal with indoor environments but also with the slopes in both our Forest School settings. Staff members have attended seminars, visited other nursery settings and some are beginning new levels of training in early years practice and Forest School. We have also had visits from other practitioners to our nursery so we can share ideas and best practice.

Lastly, we are looking forward to joining the Medau ladies again for some musical movement sessions!

Hilary Budd

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BRAIN TEASER answer: All in a day's work

Solution to the February crossword

Across: 8 Gaga 9 Rowdy 10 Reel 11/16 Robert Burns 12 Economic 13 Poetical 15 Enrobe 19 Estuary 22 Tartan
24 Overdose 28 Melody 30 Rock 31 Moist 32 Tuba

Down: 1 Taco 2 Man-eater 3 Erotic 4 Sweetly 5/26/17 My love is like a red red rose 6 Ardour 7 Yeti 14 Opera
18 Syndrome 20 Undulate 21 Boudoir 23 Tweaks 25 Enmity 27 Idol 29 Debt.



Mole Valley Ramblers

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Foxes and Farmers

There is a phrase that says 'time flies when you are having fun' and here at St. Michael's School, we must be having lots of fun and excitement as we are approaching March already! At this time of year, the children are continuing to be busy with their learning, having had an exceptionally busy autumn term (settling into school, Christmas plays and church services). We are now focussing on continuing to provide a happy and safe learning environment where the children can flourish and achieve with their work.

At St Michael's we have changed the structure of our PE sessions. As a school, we are part of the Dorking School Sports Partnership (DSSP). We work closely alongside Carolyn Stowell (our DSSP leader) as well as other schools within the local area. We meet to discuss our planning, lesson content and its structure and the positives (or negatives) of teaching PE.

As of this academic year (2019 – 2020) we have employed specialist sport coaches to come and teach PE across the school. Our Reception class have a PE session on a Monday afternoon. As well as continuing to learn how to change into their kit and back into their school clothes, we are encouraging them to



participate in a range of physical skills, including different ways of moving, how to play invasion games, music and movement and finally finishing up the year with track and field activities ready for the annual sports day.

Years 1 and 2 have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon. Again, they are being encouraged to learn a range of different skills including developing moving and different movements (based upon the Year R learning), fundamentals of movement (based around gymnastics), net and wall games and, again like Reception, track and field activities ready for the annual sports day. PE is a busy part of our week! So far, the children are enjoying this change in our way of learning and when asked if they like PE the responses have been 'yes' with some of the reasons being 'I like running', 'It is a fun activity', 'I like throwing and catching even though it is hard' and 'I like the games we play including Foxes and Farmers'.

As part of the DSSP, we are also encouraged to participate in intra-school games and workshops. Recently our Year 2 children went to the Ashcombe School to participate in an Athletics festival alongside two other similar schools. The children really enjoyed



this, they loved working with other children and they gained confidence in the skills they were learning. It was a positive experience for all involved. Our Year 1 children have been invited to attend a multiskills festival later this month. Overall, at St Michael's we are working hard to encourage our children to be as fit and as healthy as they can.

Mrs Judith Moore
class teacher and PE lead



Charity pub quiz – save the date!

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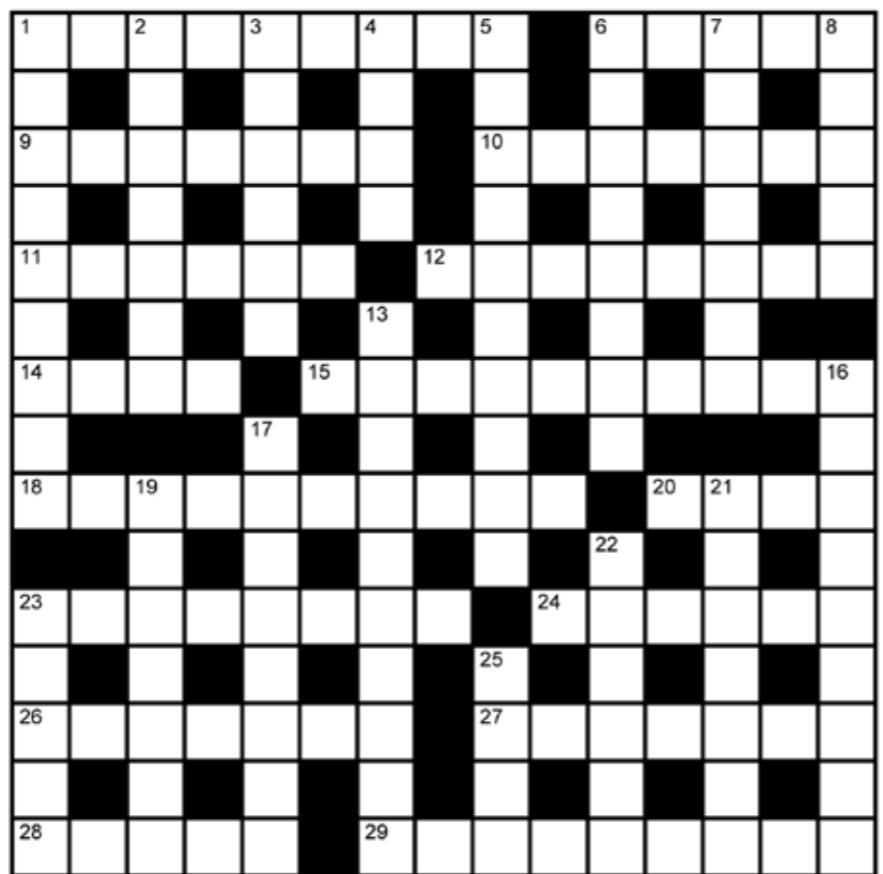
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 1 Iffy piece of furniture is back against a different piece of furniture (9)
- 6 Clean undergrowth (5)
- 9 Strangely unusual stuff in former container of 21 half in California (7)
- 10 'Exchange, exchange!', I ranted (5-2)
- 11 Little dog heard to be the one to 4 up 25 (6)
- 12 In favour of vocal young people being in chains for life? (8)
- 14 A little bit backward for one of the next generation (it's the facts!) (4)
- 15 Got her view about carrying a spare tyre (10)
- 18 Punish brat for breaking Monet's tool (10)
- 20 An important sequence of blue material on the radio (4)
- 23 Sets cups up for people under investigation (8)
- 24 Snuggly comforters of the French old-timers (6)
- 26 Ran about with thing with teeth (7)
- 27 Hit Eric's mongrel for having more fleas? (7)
- 28 Birds are the thing written about by half-cut blokes (5)
- 29 Red Ken lied about prejudice finally being gone, as it's stirred up again (9)



Down

- 1 To be in costume when opener is dismissed adds rupees all round (7,2)
- 2 Order wool but get an extended spread (4,3)
- 3 The point of tennis is desiring to drink without having a bender (6)
- 4 To be a magician is to yield a kind of smile (4)
- 5 I represent motley crew in this? (10)
- 6 Begin to loudly smash something made by a 20 (and referenced in 8 other clues) (4,4)
- 7 Being smelly is another way to irk 20 (7)
- 8 He's a doctor, not endless pubes cut up variously in knots! (5)
- 13 I vote 'worry' when outlandish people are out of touch here (5,5)
- 16 Treated reverently when arrested under start with a new administration (9)
- 17 His taste is strange to pagans (8)
- 19 Look over six-foot being around head of pygmies (7)
- 21 With no trouble, bottom of boat sounds like work of a prophet? (7)
- 22 Someone who pointedly listens is able to come after the return of casual love? (6)
- 23 Poor choice of cutlery is the result of someone saying 'it's not logical' whilst being Roman instead of Catholic (5)
- 25 Church of Scotland is an area beyond the visible spectrum in the shelter of thousands (4)

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Is it imagination, or are there more robins around this winter than normal? This one greeted us on the North Downs Way.

Andrew Tatham
Answers to the FEBRUARY crossword are on page 26

See Grump on page 7
A: The toaster in 1893 predated sliced bread by 35 years.

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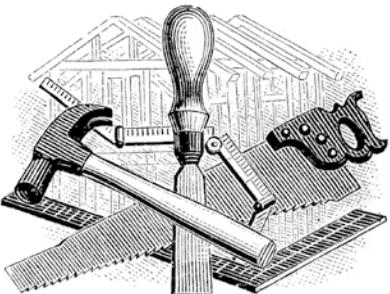
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