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Dear friends

I have been talking to a number of people who are feeling really tired.

On reflection one reason is that when we are assimilating changes in our circumstances, especially when the future is uncertain, we expend a lot of emotional energy. Bereavement, and the process of grief, is a classic example of that. For most of us, the whole COVID-19 experience thus far - lockdown, constantly-changing rules and guidelines, coming out of lockdown, and now new uncertainty about what is on the horizon - has taken a huge amount of emotional energy ... and the ongoing uncertainty continues to drain us.

I am reminded of the book by Robin Skynner and John Cleese called 'Families and how to survive them', which came out of John Cleese's experience of group therapy run by Robin Skynner and his wife Prue. The book is in five sections exploring the lifecycle of a relationship. It starts with a couple meeting and deciding to marry, the health of their relationship, the arrival of a baby and the changes that brings, and then how the baby develops into a healthy adult who then meets their own life partner and starts the cycle again.

The book takes the form of a conversation between John and Robin, with John posing questions that Robin answers. In the chapter on what makes for healthy families, they have a conversation about the 'attachments' that a group can handle. When talking about how to deal with change, Robin says 'when the stress is too big for the individual, he may need to engage a group that can handle the change. The bigger the change, the bigger this group may need to be'.

The conversation continues with John talking about the extraordinary beneficial effect that meditation has. Robin agrees that 'anyone who feels that they are in some way plugged into a meaningful, cosmic system is given a greater psychological balance and stability as a result – whether or not they believe it contains a God-like figure at the control panel. And lots of people have this beneficial sense of being plugged into something bigger, even if they are not religious in the going-to-church-regularly sense'.

Robin goes on to say 'I think I have mentioned before about the research on healthy families that they did at Timberlawn, in Dallas. One of their most intriguing findings is that the healthiest families seem to subscribe to some transcendent value system, something beyond themselves. I am sure the fact that they were plugged in in this way, to the greatest of all possible systems, helps to give them such remarkable psychological stability and resilience. I have always been struck by the way so many patients, if they do really well in therapy, develop an interest in the meaning and purpose of life'.

The 'attachment' of Christian disciples is to a God who has shown himself (herself? themselves?) in three quite distinct ways – as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – the God who has unconditional love for his creation.

If we are feeling low, tired and isolated, great comfort can be found in 'taking it to the Lord in prayer'. The assurance of God's presence and loving care, evidenced and exemplified by the church family of which we are part, can give us a much-needed boost in these dramatically changing times.

I wish you the joy and serenity of the Autumn season.

With every blessing

Graham

Reverend Graham Osborne

A pologies to John Banfield for adding an incorrect title to his by-line for last month's letter. It should have been: Canon of St Christopher's Cathedral, Bahrain. Editor

**Mickleham Parish Magazine
'Christmas Card'**

As in past years readers who would like to send Christmas greetings to their local friends by way of the magazine and donate the money saved on cards and postage to charity should contact Sue Tatham.
01306 882547 editor@micklehammag.co.uk

The copy deadline for the December magazine is Sunday 8th November.

The charge is £10 per person (£20 per couple) but if you would like to give more, that would be great.

Proceeds this year will go to St Michael's C of E Infant School and St Michael's Community Nursery



Crib Service 2020

We all know that this has been a peculiar year and lots of events have been cancelled in order to keep us safe. Under present restrictions we do not think that we can bring the Crib Service to you in the usual way which is very disappointing. However, we know how important this is to so many of you, it signifies a moment of calm and reflection in the business of preparing for Christmas Day. In view of this we have decided that a Crib Service will happen, but not in its usual form. We are working together to bring a Crib Service to your home through the wonders of Zoom. There will be further details in the December magazine and we will contact our school and nursery families so that as many of you as possible can still experience the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus in that very lowly stable.

Anne Weaver

Want to Zoom into Sunday Services at St Michael's?



All our church services can be watched via Zoom. The weekly Zoom codes will be available in Pews News Online which is sent to all church members. If you would like to join us by Zoom then contact Alison Wood for the codes or to ask her to include you on the emailing list for Pews News: admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk / phone 01372 376443. The services are also available to watch on the church website: <https://www.micklehamchurch.org.uk/sundays.htm>



Got your shoebox? Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday – 8th November

Leaflets are now available in church and there is also information about what to pack on the Samaritan's Purse website.

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If you are unable to shop and pack a box yourself, there is the option to make a donation instead:
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St Michael's Soups

Now that autumn is at hand, we hope your thoughts may be turning to warming fare. All the 27 recipes are tried and tested and delicious, and favourites of the contributors. The booklet would make an attractive 'stocking filler' if you are looking ahead to Christmas. It costs a mere £5 and all of the proceeds of sale will go to Allsaints, the printing costs having been met by the parish magazine. If you would like a cookbook (or two or three!) please contact either Sue Tatham (email sue@thethaths.co.uk or call 01306 882547) or Alison Wood (email alison.wood29@btinternet.com or call 01372 376443) and we shall be pleased to deliver and collect payment.



St Michael's New Community Group

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) at St Michael's has, as many will be aware, been going through a staged review of St Michael's needs and aspirations for the immediate and longer term. One of the important needs which has come to the fore is the greater interaction between the church and the wider community.

The PCC has thus formed a new group which will focus specifically on our church's expressed aim of being 'At the heart of the community'. See below for contact details of the group's members. Without going into specifics, the overall intention is to broaden St Michael's actions 'beyond the church walls', doing more and being seen to be more involved with wider community activities, beyond the church electoral role.



This short article has required a 'Hold the Front Page' request to this prestigious journal, but there will be more detail in the next edition. There are two matters, however, which we wanted to raise and start to address quickly.

One of the group's specific roles is to add to the help that St Michael's currently gives to the vulnerable and lonely. During these Covid months, further areas of division have become apparent: between those who are adequately skilled and physically equipped to take part in on-line communication through WhatsApp/Zoom etc and those who are not. The magazine continues to be a vital link to our community, but the new group's aim is to add to this on a day-to-day or as-needed basis directly to individuals,

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particularly perhaps over the Christmas period. We all will know of friends or neighbours in or within reach of our parish who may like the odd phone call now and then, just to feel more in touch. We would be grateful for your assistance in identifying such needs: we know of some, but please contact any of the group members if others come to mind.

Finally, who knows what Christmas is going to be like this year? There is unfortunately a high likelihood that some of the usual events such as Christingle, Nine Lessons etc will be absent or very different. This group has initiated one new event which should be possible whatever Boris says - see below...and the St Michael's Christmas trees will be up as usual.

Mickleham and Westhumble Living Advent Calendar



Join us in creating a living advent calendar to bring some festive

community cheer this year. Every day in advent, a new Christmas window will be unveiled. We are inviting members of the Mickleham and Westhumble community to dress a window in your house and present it for all to see, from your allocated day of advent until Christmas day. We hope that children of all ages (0-99!) will enjoy touring the different houses in December to see your displays, with the aid of a simple map.

Thank You All!

Dear friends,

Katie and I would just like to thank you all for being such amazing friends following the article about my transition in the October magazine. We have had so many messages from phone calls, emails, whatsapp, letters and cards full of love. I cannot tell you how much this means to us, we were very scared

before we sent the article and now feel so comforted by what we have heard back from you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hope to see you all again soon. Stay safe during these very difficult times and look after each other.

We have just had a short break over the long weekend to spend time together as Francesca and Katie. We wanted to see Ben and Salinda down in Totnes for

his birthday and a whole lot of other lovely friends. We were a bit afraid of staying in hotels and bed and breakfasts because of Covid - 19, so we hired a camper van and did the road trip! It was so much fun! Also, it was a very affirmative journey going out into the real world as Francesca and for the first time being a real human being out and about! Once again, thank you all so very much and sending love.

Francesca and Katie Cox xxx

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Lest we forget... William Kirby

By now, the name of former Westhumble resident William Kirby has largely been forgotten. However, in October 1940 his name must have become well-known here. William was the first (and, thankfully, only) person killed in an air raid on Mickleham or Westhumble during WW2. Local historian Ronnie Shepperd recalled how a bomb landed in one of the gardens of Moleford Cottages, just round the corner from the Railway Arms pub (now the Stepping Stones) and next to the new Mickleham bypass. Unfortunately, the bomb hit an Anderson shelter, killing William Kirby who was asleep inside. A report in the *Surrey Advertiser* suggests that William's 18-year-old son was also in the shelter but escaped uninjured.

Aided by information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) it is possible to piece together the details of William's life. He was born in September 1886 at Colley Manor Farm in Reigate, the son of farmer William Arthur Kirby and his wife Sarah. By 1901 the family had moved to the Moor Hall Estate in Ninfield, near Battle, where his father was the farm agent. A few years later William Arthur left England to start a new life in New Zealand, a country keen to attract

more farmers in the early 1900s. We can assume he took advantage of the New Zealand Government's offer of an assisted passage. In 1909 he was already judging cattle at agricultural shows on the North Island, where he remained for the rest of his life. His wife Sarah, however, was living with her sister's family in Kent in 1911 and died there in 1920. There are no records to tell us whether she went to New Zealand and came back or if her husband left England without her.

Meanwhile, William Jr had abandoned the agricultural life of his childhood and enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1908. Although his service record has been lost, we know he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion which fought in numerous actions on the Western Front, including the First Battle of Ypres and the Battle of Passchendaele.

At some point during the war William was wounded and transferred to the 5th Reserve Battalion, based at the Chelsea Barracks. He was given the Silver War Badge to show he was no longer fit for military service and his medal cards record his rank as Acting Sergeant. The CWGC tells us he was also awarded the French Legion of Honour but as yet no details of this have been found.

In 1917 William married Anna Margaret Tharle (known as Margaret), whose father was also a farmer, in Streatham. Their daughter Joy was born in 1920 and son William Barton the following year. Although the births were both registered in the district of Dorking we do not know where the family was living. William first appears on the Electoral Register at 1 Mole Ford Cottages in 1923. It seems likely that all four Mole Ford Cottages (which later became Moleford) had only recently been built as none of them are listed on the Register before 1922.

During the 1930s William was the proprietor of the garage on the approach to Dorking Station. After war broke out, he joined the Home Guard and at the time of his death was a Company Sergeant Major. He was buried at St Mary's, Reigate, on 7th October 1940, the same church where he and his father had been baptised. Both his children served in the military during WW2, Joy in the WAAF and William Barton as a Captain in the Royal Tank Regiment. Margaret stayed on at Moleford Cottages for more than 40 years, until her death in December 1981 at the age of 89. Judith Long



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An end of it

– a puzzle from our mathematical consultant

Anyone can produce a continuous line, with no breaks or joins, that has finite length but no ends (a circle will do) or two ends (like the letter I). But can you think of one that has finite length and exactly one end?

There are infinitely many answers, and I will provide one in the next issue. You can have as many sharp corners as you like, but no crossing over itself (so the number 8 is not allowed).



Photograph: Ben Tatham
Amazon hub which has suddenly appeared at the station

15 Years of Guys and their creators (well almost)

In 2005 when we started having the magazine printed professionally, we were able to include photographs. We thought you would like to see the guys we found in our archives.



2005 The Rabbets



2007 The Budleighs



2008 The Alas



2011 The McCheynes



2014 The Burtons



2009 The Taylors



2010 The Butlers



2012 The Alas



2013 The Lees



2015 The Callicotts



2017 Families organised by Justine Lagarrigue



2018 Mike Weller



The year we made the guy...

Although he scrubs up well when the occasion demands, Ben is happiest in his scruffiest clothes. In fact, he has a long drawer filled with frayed shirts, holey pullovers and paint-spattered trousers. Those passing by when he is gardening may have noticed his sartorial elegance. One morning back in the '70s he was working in the garden with Lane,



the retired family gardener who had known Ben throughout his childhood. Quinneys' (Camilla Drive) chauffeur who lived in the bungalow opposite the Pilgrim's Way entrance, came along and asked to borrow a wrench. When he returned it he offered Ben a tip. 'And did you take it?' I had asked. 'Of course.' he replied, much to Lane's amusement.

Sue Tatham



2016



2016



We know that the Brewer family made the guy in 2006, but we do not have a photograph. The 2016 report includes this photograph, but does not say who made this splendid guy. Please let us know if you can identify them.

Two Incomplete years



2006



2016

Remember, remember...

As there will be no Westhumble bonfire this year we have been looking at accounts of our Guy Fawkes celebrations in past MPMs. According to Mick Hallett's *History of the Westhumble Residents Association* 'it all began around 1947 when Messrs Shepperd and Virgo, who ran the very successful Children's Service at the Chapel of Ease, decided to hold a firework party for the children who attended the service, in the garden of Moonstone in Pilgrim's Way. It was later moved to Mr and Mrs Baker's garden in the dip of Pilgrim's Close. Mr Baker made torches out of paraffin-

soaked rags in cans tied to canes for the children to carry in a procession with the guy around Burney Road and Pilgrim's Way. The torches are now banned for obvious reasons.

This arrangement continued until around 1962 when Jim Gordon joined the team. He had contacts at Brocks Fireworks and Schermuly's of Brockham and obtained fireworks at reduced prices, and the venue was moved to the slip field behind Pilgrim's Close. Messrs Shepperd and Virgo handed over to Jim and the bonfire building was organised by a group of enthusiastic teenagers – it

gradually got larger and larger, with John and David Gore organizing it.

Around 1971 Jim moved away and the Gore brothers continued the event until Mick became the ringleader for about seven years ably assisted by his son David. Mike Weller became involved and eventually assumed the role of Master Bonfire Builder. In 1984 Neil Mason became the Hon. Entertainment Secretary and, with the able help of Gerry Weaver, has successfully run the event ever since, producing bigger and better displays every year.' In the last few years it has attracted more than 500 spectators.'



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Farewell to RH5 – Hello to EX17

When Debs and I moved to Westhumble in 1987, it was for me something of a return to my roots. Though my parents actually lived in Dorking, it was through friendship with those in Burney Road whom Downsend referred to as Scarlett (i) and Scarlett (ii) that I first became acquainted with the village as very cycle-friendly (yes, Jim, really!) and with an excellent bonfire. Though an outsider, I was inducted for the latter in the art of attaching a treacle tin to a broom handle, filling it with paraffin-soaked rags and setting it alight before marching *en masse* down a narrow path. How times have changed since the 1960s on health and safety!

Norbrook had in fact been the only house we looked at in the area; the view of Box Hill instantly convinced us, and Mrs Bradgate was a delight to deal with on the transaction; 'my only condition is that completion cannot be when I am on one of my archaeology digs!' was a memorable line from her. Having been latterly in South Sutton, the change of culture was very apparent to us on Day 1 as commuters; we were astonished to find people talked to each other on the station platform! We also quickly discovered several of the houses on our stretch of Pilgrim's Way had continued the practice from 'Dig for Victory' of cultivating the top of the railway embankment and so we set to on reclaiming the ground from nettles and brambles to find some excellent currant bushes struggling underneath.



with the *Dorking Ad* even recording the triumph! Another lengthy saga was the playing fields. As Wanderers continue their rise from their new Meadowbank base I think their temporary first team stay at Westhumble was a reasonable compromise; bits of the infrastructure, notably the high floodlights, did indeed go when they were no longer required. A victory for a bit of pragmatism?

Many people have wondered why we decided to move. It was absolutely no criticism whatever of a place we have so long enjoyed; we both just felt it was time for a change of scene. We have swapped one market town for another here in Crediton, though perhaps one that is more fully in that role; at this time of year tractors and massive trailers of maize etc are to be seen everywhere, and we have found that the largest 24/7 employer is the dairy! Everyone has been extremely welcoming to us – as we are sure you will be to John and Dee. And finally to David, Ben and all my WRA committee colleagues, a big thank you for the lovely memento and the send-off bottle!

Peter Bunn



Wild! About Coffee

There is a new enterprise next to the sawmill in Norbury Park: WILD! ABOUT COFFEE. Phil Corin set up the business with the aim of supporting wildlife conservation as a key objective and originally consulted with Surrey Wildlife Trust on the concept and about operating from their locations. During lockdown he was invited by the sawmill (which is operated by SWT) to relocate from Whitmoor Common, near Guildford, where he had been based for the previous 3½ years.

Phil told me that his father ran a restaurant and had him making ravioli at the tender age of seven years. Later Phil worked for a well-known food chain and went to Dallas, USA to expand business then moved back to the UK base to continue working

coffee is a particularly good excuse to go for a healthy stroll. For ambience there are carefully designed tree stumps to sit on around a wood-burning brazier, and for the children there are marshmallows to toast for free! Oh, he also offers hot chocolate, flapjack, brownies and contactless payment. Stephanie Randall

Who do you think you are?

I began to have an interest in genealogy only when someone asked me why so many of our family bear the family name Wesley before our surname Dennis. My father had always claimed that we were descended from Charles Wesley the hymnodist, but I had simply thought that was just Dad telling a good story. Helpfully, my uncle Guy had done a lot of research into the Wesley family, which has been carried on by his son, my cousin Colin. Colin is charming, but just a teeny bit nerdy. (When he announced his wife was pregnant, his father said to mine 'I'm surprised Colin knew what to do'). Colin evidently is interested in procreation however, and has kindly provided me with family trees for the Dennis and Wesley families that go way back.

In the mid-19th century William Dennis (yes, there was another William Dennis before they made me and broke the mould) married Maria Wesley and had a son, Arthur Wesley Dennis, my grandfather, 1869-1921. So from then the Wesley and Dennis families merged and we all started calling ourselves Wesley Dennis.

Further up the Wesley family tree we then do indeed find Charles Wesley - so Dad was right! Charles wrote some 6,500 hymns. His brother John, was the founder of Methodism. Elsewhere, there are some interesting entries including a distant cousin Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, victor of Waterloo and twice prime minister. Even further back in the

day there is Licolph 'murdered after 1018'; William or Walmond de Wellesley 'slain in battle in Ireland 1303' - as was his son William; his grandson Arthur 'fell in battle with the Scots, near Berwick'.

How much of this is factual I have no idea, but it's quite fun. There are loads of posh types like Walter de Wesley 'standard bearer to Henry II in 1172' Edward de Wellesley 'chaplain to Edward IV'; Sir William de Wellesley, first Baron Noragh (1330); and Elizabeth de Wellesley 'of Dangan Castle, Ireland'. Dangan Castle was the seat of the Wesley family in County Meath from Henry II's invasion of Ireland in the 12th century until the early 19th century. Wellesley, Westly and Wesley seem to have been interchangeable spellings of the same surname. They did not have spellcheck then of course. Or they were too busy fighting the Scots and Irish to learn to spell.

The Irish authorities have, unbelievably, refused to issue me with a passport on the strength of my family's historical pillaging of their land. We need to Take Back Control.

I have surmised from all this that the reason that we Dennises since grandfather Arthur bear the name Wesley, is pure snobbery. The Wesley family had these illustrious forebears, and the Dennis family, er, did not. Can you imagine the shock horror when Maria announced she was marrying a



Will and grandchildren

Dennis, who appear to come from solid lower middle class stock?

So we now have a family tree going all the way from 938 AD to 2019. If this may be of no great practical use, at least it (a) enables us to bone up on relatives' names when we know we are likely to meet them at post-Covid family occasions and (b) impresses the hell out of Americans (once you have explained to them that Methodism is not a type of acting and Waterloo is not just a railway station). Sadly, my Corbynista son and daughter-in-law have decided to end the tradition, refusing to be bound by such bourgeois ideas as family history, and their son will be plain Tom Dennis. Genealogy, in short, is not as boring as I had assumed. And the great thing about the internet is you can do in minutes research which would have taken previous generations weeks or months. Do have a look. But remember that if you cannot find at least an earl in your ancestry, I shall expect you to doff your flat cap to me when we next meet.

Will Dennis

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

This meeting took place on Sunday 27th September via Zoom and was chaired by the Rector, Revd Graham Osborne. The meeting was attended by the officers and 37 parishioners.

At the Vestry Meeting which preceded the APCM, John Banfield stood down as churchwarden. Thanks were given to John Banfield for his sterling service over the years. Sarah Blake and Ian Wright were elected as churchwardens for the coming year.

At the APCM there were elections to the PCC. Jamie Aarvold had sadly died and Jenny Hudlass stood down after many years' service on the PCC. Elizabeth Moughton had completed her term and was re-elected for three years. There

remains a vacancy which can be filled at a later date.

There were elections of representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod. James Riches and Simon Ward stood down and Caroline Jones and Vickie Leney were elected for three years. There remains a vacancy here, also.

Richard Siberry, as Treasurer, reported on the financial affairs of the PCC. He drew attention to the significant overall deficit of £94,685. The areas of significant expenditure in 2019 had been the installation of the AV system, which had come into its own in the last few weeks of Covid-19 operation with services being Zoomed and live-streamed, and the refurbishment

of the Chapel, which was a huge improvement.

Frank Warren's report on Stewardship was available at the meeting. Frank has now stepped down from this valuable role after many years, and his place is being taken over by Bruce Diffey.

Reports were received on *Fabric, Goods and Ornaments* (John Banfield and Sarah Blake), *Leatherhead Deanery Synod* (James Riches and Simon Ward), *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults* (Vickie Leney), *Almshouses* (John Banfield), *St Michael's School* (Sandra Peers) and *Mickleham Parish Magazine* (Sue Tatham). All these reports available from me on request.

Elizabeth Moughton, PCC Secretary

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Slave Owners of Mickleham: The Worrell Family

Photograph: Judith Long



Worrell family vault in Mickleham churchyard

When we recorded the inscription earlier meant slaves could no longer be brought from Africa, although slavery itself was still legal.

By 1764 Jonathan and Jane had left Barbados and moved to London where their son, William Bryant, was baptised. Jane died soon after his birth although there seems to be no record of her death. What prompted the move from Barbados is not known, but Jonathan remained in England for the rest of his life. In 1766 he married Catherine Weston in Norwich. Over the next twenty-one years they had eleven children, eight born in Ipswich and three in Hainford, Norfolk. Jonathan and Catherine moved to Juniper Hall with their younger children in 1800, where they lived until Jonathan's death in 1814. Jonathan bequeathed his estates in Barbados to his two eldest sons, William Bryant and Jonathan. Both visited the island but neither of them chose to make it their home, although Jonathan Jr bought a plantation called Highland and married the daughter of another plantation owner while he was there. William Bryant married a Frenchwoman and spent the rest of his life in Rouen. To make up for the loss of any inheritance from Barbados, Jonathan Sr bought more than 45,000 acres of land on Prince Edward Island for his younger sons Charles and Edward.

In 1833 the Slavery Abolition Act, which abolished slavery in some parts of the British Empire including the Caribbean, was given Royal Assent and came into force the following year. Under the terms of the Act, former slaves became 'apprentices' who had to work without pay for a further six years. The Government also agreed to give £20 million in compensation to the slave owners for the loss of their slaves, which was roughly 40% of the Government's annual expenditure and 4% of GDP at the time. Unsurprisingly, the former slaves received nothing. A team of academics at UCL's Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-ownership has put together an online database which includes details of 46,000 slave compensation records and includes information on the slave owners and their estates. These entries show that in 1836 the Worrell family

had six claims upheld and received £5,120 17s 7d in compensation for the loss of 244 slaves.

The discovery that a wealthy Mickleham family owned slaves leaves us wondering how the rest of the community viewed their slave-owning neighbours and if there were others nearby. We do know that the Worrell family is the only one from Mickleham or Westhumble listed on the UCL database. However, on 1st March 1809 there is an entry in the Mickleham baptism records for Eliza, the daughter of Abraham Parry Cumberbatch and his wife Charlotte. Abraham, an ancestor of the actor Benedict, was born in Barbados where his family owned two plantations. One of these, Cleland, was close to the Worrells' Sedge Pond Plantation so we can assume the two families knew each other. The Cumberbatch family's stay in Mickleham must have been brief as their other children were born in London or Kent.

Two earlier, intriguing baptism records have also been found. The first, from 8th August 1677, records how 'James (a Blackmoor Boy of about ten years of age)' was baptised and 'took for his surname Quinney, which was given him by JB. B.D.' JB refers to John Bonwicke, Rector of Mickleham. The second, dated 25th July 1773, merely states it is the baptism of 'John, a black Boy'. How these two boys came to Mickleham and whether they were slaves, or the sons of slaves, is still a mystery. Judith Long

*BITTERMANN, Rusty; MCCALLUM, Margaret. The Pursuit of Gentility in an Age of Revolution: The Family of Jonathan Worrell. <https://journals.lib.unb.ca/index.php/Acadienisis/article/view/22685/26326>

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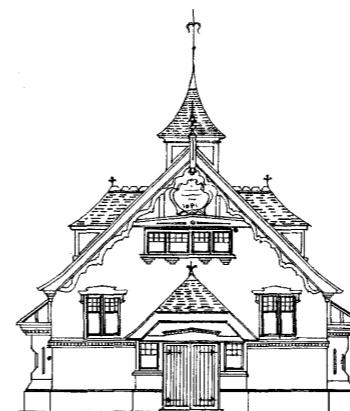
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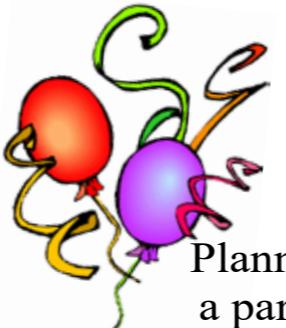


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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

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For me, the London Marathon has been a fascination since it was first run on 29th March 1981; since I took up running ten years ago, it has been my ambition to take part. I had always wanted to run with my son, Jasper. He managed to gain an entry place through his running club and I had a place through the charity St John Ambulance. We did a lot of training together and had planned our course to take us from the area where I grew up and he was born (Walton/Weybridge) to where he lives now (Putney). This was by road as far as Hampton Court, then along the Thames towpath to finish in Bishops' Park, Fulham.

One big advantage of this virtual event was the chance to have others running



(L to R: The Lloyd team, Gary, Jasper, Lynne friends and family members, I have so far raised over £2,500 for St John Ambulance, which is such a worthwhile cause and for whom my grand-daughter is a trainee cadet. All the entries for this year have been offered a place for next year's race in October 2021; so, if the wretched virus is under control by then, it could at last be the real thing through the streets and crowds of London and the iconic finish on The Mall!

Now where did I put my trainers...?!
Gary Lloyd

Community News

Farewell to James Cartright who has moved from Juniper Hill to Lingfield.

Welcome to:
Aidan and Verity Holloway and their two young sons Rufus and Jago, who have moved to Pilgrims Close from London; and

John Greenwood and Deirdre White, who have moved to Pilgrim's Way from Ilckenham, West London with their cats.



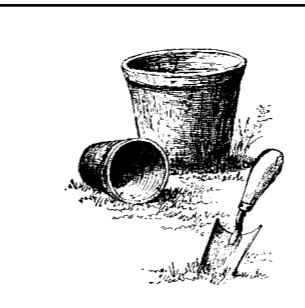
What can you see?

Our chief photographer saw something unusual here so he took this picture. Last month we asked what you could see, and to provide a caption.

Reader Janet Webber said 'I think it looks like a Poodle!' and suggested the caption: Blue sky thinking.

Janet wins the prize of seeing her name in print. Thanks to her for taking part.

Ben (the photographer) thought it looked like a bear and Sue (the editor) thought it looked like a great ape.



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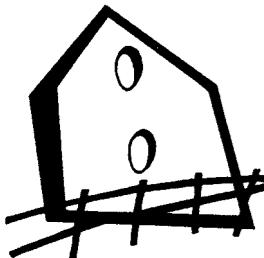
Macmillan Coffee Morning

Liz Absalom writes: I was so sad to have to cancel the Macmillan Coffee morning this year at Chapel Farm. I tried to figure out ways to keep the event running and the numbers small but when we were finally down to groups of no bigger than six people I admitted defeat. The charity sent me an on-line link for people to donate to the coffee morning so I sent this out to everyone and offered to bake cakes to order for anyone who wished to buy them. The orders came in and I spent a week buried in flour and icing sugar. I baked a total of 24 cakes and



next year's event extra special and that the sun will shine. I look forward to welcoming you all back to Chapel Farm in September 2021. Thank you.

Westhumble Residents Association



Many people in Westhumble learn about the issues being dealt with by the WRA from the Neighbourhood Watch emails sent out by our chairman David Allbeury. Please email wsthumble.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com if you would like to receive the emails.

This article summarises the issues dealt with by the WRA this year.

One of the first subjects tackled was to discuss joining with Mickleham Parish Council (MPC) in a joint Emergency Plan which they had prepared. At that time, we had no idea of the type of emergency we were going to be involved in. It was thought that the most likely was flooding as that had happened on 21st December. We knew that in September 1968 flooding had been so severe that the A24 had become impassable at the Burford Bridge roundabout and near where Frascati is now. Other risks that were thought likely were storms and fallen trees such as we had suffered in October 1987 and January 1990.

The Emergency Plan was based on a standard format provided by Surrey County Council. One of the possible risks was given as Pandemic Flu but the possible consequences did not include lockdown, self-isolation, closure of schools, shops etc, but the arrangements put in place jointly with the MPC such as the WhatsApp group plus neighbours looking after each

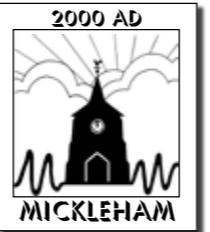
biscuits which people came to collect at pre-arranged times on Friday 25th. The weather was inclement so if the coffee morning had been running it would have had to have been indoors. The final total including the online donations and money from cake sale has today come to £1,470.00. This is the most I have taken so far and I am incredibly humbled that you have all supported this event this year, even though it was cancelled. The charity will be extremely grateful of these funds which are so desperately needed this year. I hope that we can make

National Trust and others to form the Joint Action Group to address the problems arising from the huge number of people visiting Box Hill after the end of the strictest part of lockdown. Various actions were agreed, and the situation has calmed down. Another local nuisance is the noise from motor cyclists on the A24. The WRA has joined again with Mickleham in a meeting with councillors and staff from the county and district councils. Various solutions have been proposed including further speed limits and acoustic cameras which can record the loudness, the speed and the identity of the motorcyclists. Councillors acknowledged that the problem had existed for more than 25 years and was getting worse. Discussions continue.

We got to hear that a cycling organisation had prepared a plan to close Chapel Lane to vehicles at the junction with Ranmore Common Road and that this had been sent to the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty Board as a serious proposal. We convened a meeting with the Director of the AONB and our County Councillor and explained that Westhumble relied on that part of Chapel Lane going to Bookham for access to Westhumble for lorries weighing more than 7.5 tons which is the weight limit on the bridge over the railway. Network Rail had earlier said that they were concerned that the bridge might collapse particularly if heavy lorries used it despite the weight limit sign, so Chapel Lane via Bookham is the alternative access. The proposal for closure was withdrawn. If you notice an overweight lorry using the bridge, note down the details and email the Neighbourhood Watch address, as David Allbeury knows who to contact.

The WRA joined with Mickleham PC, county and district councillors, police,

Ben Tatham



Unusually this month the parish council report has been written by Chairman David Ireland, rather than Trevor Haylett, Parish Clerk. Trevor will be leaving the post at the end of this month to pursue some of his other commitments, which clearly demand more of his time than he currently has available.

Trevor was appointed as clerk to Mickleham Parish Council in September 2015 and has been a huge source of encouragement and support to myself as chairman and an invaluable source of information and guidance to my fellow councillors. His background was in sports journalism, which immediately endeared him to me, as a sports enthusiast, even if his loyalty was to Norwich City! Trevor has given

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unstintingly of his time and has enabled the parish council to remain up-to-date with the many changes in policy and governance.

His successor will be Feena Graham, a resident of Mickleham, who joins us from a background in Human Resources and Change Management with one of the largest UK retailers. She has lived in the village for several years, has a keen interest in its well-being and is an enthusiastic committee member of the Badminton Club.

The parish council has also said a fond farewell to Judy Kinloch, who has decided to retire as a councillor after many years of faithful service. She has been a mine of invaluable local knowledge and information and will be greatly missed. Judy has promised to remain available as a source of knowledge and wisdom to the PC and especially to the chairman.

Zoom with a view!

Mickleham and Westhumble residents will know that a recent petition called on SCC to coordinate all relevant agencies in an effort to combat the longstanding nuisance of exhaust noise, speed and dangerous driving. Well over 800 residents throughout the Dorking area signed online.

Mickleham Parish Council and Westhumble Residents' Association also circulated a survey about personal experiences and concerns. The petition triggered a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 7th October, chaired by County Councillor Tim Hall, Chair of the SCC/MVDC Local Committee, with a view to airing the number of issues which arise under the banner headline and to exploring options to combat the problems which beset many residents. We were represented by members of Mickleham PC and WRA and after a short introduction by Rev'd David Ireland, PC Chair a ten minute video illustrated the many aspects of the problem. Huge thanks to Nikolai Belousov and Sage Dillon for recording, introducing and producing an inspired presentation, at very short notice, which hammered home all the relevant points - do watch it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPF96XaPAxE>.

Councillor Hall applauded the video's content and the way it had been

edited. He was convinced that the problem is not only real, but very, very long-standing and not confined to our area. All councillors present seemed very familiar with the issues, some from personal experience at home and others because of representations from constituents. We had plenty of opportunity to query matters or reinforce their points.

It is probably unusual that there were no dissenting voices from our views and several councillors were equally vocal in their dismay that despite representations from residents over many years, very little had been done to counter the noise issue, in particular. Apart from planting a hedge on the central reservation north of Burford Bridge, to deny onlookers the opportunity of picnicking in the middle of the road while encouraging bikers to speed on the dual carriageway, the only other permanent measure had been the fixed camera on the Mickleham Bends, now superseded between Burford Bridge and Givons Grove roundabouts by average speed cameras, although these in turn have created huge problems with motorbikes and fast cars using Old London Road through Mickleham to avoid cameras.

Meanwhile the A24 between Burford Bridge and Denbies roundabouts remains unmonitored.

Meanwhile apart from all the work that has been generated by the Noise Petition, details of which are reported below, we are currently following the electoral procedure to elect a new councillor to take Judy's place and hope to be able to announce the result very shortly.

The council has been battling for some time with Surrey County Council legal department to agree the terms of an indemnity required of Mickleham Parish Council before we can erect the bus shelter generously funded by local support. As I was writing this article, the news arrived that we can go ahead with placing an order for the bus shelter, which may yet be an early Christmas present for the community!

Finally the Children's Playground on the Recreation Ground is being well used, while parents and children respect the need not to gather there in large numbers.



There has been intermittent police activity over the years to persuade offending bikers of the error of their ways and a recent operation funded by Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro, had marked success in terms of the numbers stopped and cautioned or fined, but the meeting thought it unlikely that residents had noticed much improvement. It became clear that among the potential courses of action, permanent installations are an absolute necessity, because speed, noise and dangerous driving feature from dawn until well after midnight and it was concluded that changes in seasonal weather, plus Covid 19 enforced free time may well affect the normal seasonal lull.

The meeting was liberally sprinkled with fine words and good intentions, but the task ahead is to maintain pressure for action, including such options as extension of the average speed camera system, installation of 'noise cameras' and, where appropriate, reduced speed limits and sleeping policemen.

A recording can be viewed via <https://www.facebook.com/MoleValleyLC>.

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As we move into winter and the nights start drawing in The King Willy starts to quieten down a bit so from the 21st October onwards our opening days will change. We will now be closed on Monday, Tuesday and additionally WEDNESDAY, but we would love to welcome you Thursday through to Sunday. Last orders are 9.30 as Boris told me I have to get the pub empty by 10 pm.

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Cryptic Delicacies

The puzzle was entitled 'Brands & Models', with three clues including the words 'brand of top and bottom' and three clues including the word 'model'. Well, the brands were: 15A Triumph (subject of arch), 22A Morris (the old designer being William Morris, though he was more into Arts and Crafts and socialism than turning petrol into exhaust fumes), & 23A Austin (the first name of the groovy Mr Powers). The corresponding models were 6D Stag, 22D Marina, & 17A Allegro, and the letters in the top and bottom rows of the grid spelt out 'British Leyland'. It makes me feel old to think that those cars that were so ubiquitous in my youth now seem to be entirely absent from the roads (certainly I do not recall seeing one for many years, though no doubt someone is making money from hiring out pristine models to make period dramas set in the '70s and '80s). British Leyland ceased to exist in 1986, just as I finished university, though I think that is purely coincidental.

Here are some of the other clues, with definitions underlined:

8 Cnut maybe is heard to be after gold frock (6)

ORDAIN

'Cnut' is an example of a Dane, which sounds like DAIN which goes after OR (= gold in heraldry), with 'frock' being used as 'invest with clerical office'. Cnut, the king of the North Sea Empire of Denmark, England & Norway, has been misrepresented in the telling of history as an idiot who thought he could turn back the tide, whereas the original story has him demonstrating to fawning courtiers that actually his powers were

nothing compared to those of God (and in fact he then hung his gold crown on a crucifix and never wore it again). It is not without reason that he was known as Cnut the Great.

11 Alternatively, wind can sound dignified (6)

AUGUST

'Alternatively' = or, 'wind' = gust, and those said together sound like AUGUST.

5 Insult a British leader for messing up the city where his great-grandfather was murdered (8)

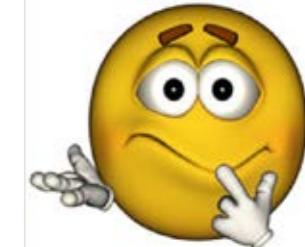
ISTANBUL

British leader = B which when messed up with INSULT A gives ISTANBUL. Boris Johnson's great-grandfather, Ali Kemal, was born in Istanbul. He was a journalist and liberal-leaning politician who was a migrant to England in 1909, fleeing with his English wife from a violent coup by hard-line conservative forces. He returned to Turkey in 1912 but violence was never far away and in 1922 he was kidnapped from a barber shop in Istanbul and then lynched in Izmit (i.e. he was not actually murdered in Istanbul - my first mistake in this puzzle). His son Osman remained in England during the First World War and to avoid anti-Turkish hostility took his maternal grandmother's surname of Johnson and started calling himself Wilfred. Osman/Wilfred was the father of Stanley, the father of Boris Johnson.

25 Did shark swim to bite collector in the ear? (4,4)

HARD DISK

The question mark at the end of the clue implies that some leeway needs to be given, and in this case it is because



the definition is also cryptic. 'Bite collector' sounds like 'byte collector' which is what a hard disk essentially is. 'Did shark' swims about to give its anagram HARD DISK.

26 Umpire mistake leads to awful skin case for consultant (8)

REFERRED

'Umpire' = REF, 'mistake' = ERR (though, looking at it now that's not really an exact synonym for the verb 'mistake', more 'make a mistake' – which is ironic as this is my second mistake in this puzzle - please forgive me), and the skin of Awful (i.e. the outside of the word) is AL.

27 Heard joint is dull - bar is lacking (6)

NEEDED

'Joint is dull' could be 'Knee is dead', 'bar is' = without 'is', which gives 'Knee dead', say it aloud to get NEEDED.

3 I like being in the absence of shade (6)

INDIGO

I + 'like' = DIG (as in 'I dig groovy music' – I appear to have been channelling Austin Powers in this puzzle) which is in 'the absence of' = NO (as in 'there is no groovy music here'), with 'shade' being a synonym for 'colour'.

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

New material on History Group Website

The Batchelor Family

The Batchelor family were part of village life from the late nineteenth century through to nearly the end of the twentieth century and their legacy lives on in Batchelor's Yard, off School Lane. Judith Long wrote an informative article about the family which was published in the November 2018 edition of the Parish Magazine.

co.uk As Simon is compiling some memories of his family's time in Mickleham for his grandchildren he would love to hear from people who remember his grandfather or any other Batchelor brothers and sisters. Please contact the History Group if you would like to be put in touch with him.

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The Paul Brown Memorial Match

A recent Sunday marked a special day for the Sunday Thirds. Banstead CC's regular game with Claygate CC was reconfigured into a Memorial Match to celebrate the contribution the lately departed teammate and friend Paul Brown had made to both the club and the Surrey Senior Cricketers Association. Paul's obituary was in the September magazine. The Claygate club already numbers some of Paul's 'Seniors' friends and they kindly invited more from other clubs to join them for this occasion.

The SSCA Chairman, Hugh Symes, presented Banstead with a very impressive-looking cup (heavy and shiny, none of your rubbish, all professionally engraved) for the contest.

The weather was picture perfect, and the outfield was mostly that deep and delicious, close-cropped, green, you only seem to get in mid-September. Banstead Skip, Simon, won the toss and put Claygate into bat. The batsmen batted very carefully against the fast and fierce bowling. With silverware at stake, Banstead also fielded more sharply than usual to keep the runs down. Claygate sent out a procession of

batsmen who mostly did not fail entirely – but did not make too many either. A final score of 109 looked a little light, but as bitter experience has shown down the years, those runs do not score themselves.

Captain Simon and Brian Thorpe opened the batting for Banstead and soon set about the Claygate attack, Brian favouring the pull come hook to fine leg while Simon seemed happy to give anything outside off-stump a good leathering. Simon finally fell, two shy of another fifty, which brought the in-form Gopa out to help Brian row the boat ashore. Well-played all three – and fair-play to the Claygate bowlers and fielders who stuck at it.

This left plenty of sunlight for speeches and the presentation of the silverware. A minute's silence was observed, allowing all those who knew Paul to reflect upon what a sad loss this has been. Bill Early and the Seniors' Chairman expanded on this, noting that Paul had a hinterland well beyond cricket, including his skill as an actor/entertainer and was universally



Jo with the miniature cup

regarded as 'a lovely man'. Paul's wife Jo, who was accompanied by members of their family, added some kind words of her own before presenting 'the pot' to the winning captain – and top scorer – Simon. A miniature version of the cup was presented to Jo by Bill, as well as some flowers by Claygate CC president Nigel Abbott.

Further drinks followed and it was agreed that this was an occasion of the kind Paul would have thoroughly approved and enjoyed, providing exactly the right balance between competitive sport and good fellowship. Thank you to all who helped this to happen, especially Bill who pulled the strings of Paul's cricketing life so carefully together for this memorable event.

Jon Stott

OMCC Annual Report 2020



Next up was a game against the Jack Frost XI in beautiful Shere. The local ale, Shere Drop, available throughout the match, helped to console us as we were thrashed by a side in which two Shere players contributed 90% of their score.

Chris had managed to get us the use of the Westhumble pitch and we had two hard-fought games there against the Zambuca Tigers and the Dexter Destroyers, the latter being an annual event. The Tigers are always great to play against and we won a close match. Many very enthusiastic spectators arrived to cheer for the Destroyers which created a festival atmosphere, but we were ultimately 'destroyed' in an excellent game. We raised £200 for the air ambulance in memory of Dexter Kibble.

One of the bright stars of our season was Pank Patel's daughter Farah. She brought energy, enthusiasm and courage to our team, we certainly hope to see her playing next season. We lost two challenging games against Headley

and Bookham and were excited about our final game against Effingham. We fielded a strong side, and some excellent bowling and fielding restricted the young Effingham stars to 117. We were cruising to victory but after a mighty collapse with 4 batsmen not scoring, we snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

This was a shortened season which will be remembered for visiting some new grounds, playing our young new stars, and for sanitising hands and the ball every six overs. Mickleham cricket looks strong for the future, and everyone is hoping for normality next season, and in particular to the best cricket teas in Surrey. We hope to have winter nets, subject to the virus, and let us hope that next year we are all playing again on our home ground at Box Hill School.

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Autumn is a fabulous season for us at nursery. It provides us with so many natural resources to use in our play with an array of rich natural colours. At nursery we are trying to reduce our plastic and if we can replace broken or damaged resources with a more natural alternative we will do so. Obviously such alternatives need to be robust enough for lots of little hands to play with or be free!

This term we have made the most of 'free' conkers! We have used them for mark making by rolling in paint then down gutter tracks, we have created natural art pictures using them, fallen leaves, twigs and other autumnal 'fruits'. Children have particularly enjoyed either drilling holes in them for threading and making conker critters or spiders. We have also introduced the children to homemade 'conker' (or Viking) soap by steeping grated conkers in hot water and then using the liquid to wash hands or mud kitchen crockery! Conkers really do make a mildly frothy soap as they contain saponins, a soap like chemical compound, totally natural!

Another free activity for us - we had a pumpkin donated. It started as a seasonal decoration, and will shortly



Clockwise from top left: conker tracks, grating conkers for conker soap, conker critter, washing up with conker soap.

humble sparkler! If my words below prevent an accident, I will consider that I have done my stewarding job remotely this year!

- Please remember that sparklers should not be given to children under 5, older children should still be supervised when using them.
- Wear gloves, think about how flammable a child's coat may be (I have witnessed melting 'fluffy' hood trims!)
- Make sure long hair is tied back, and ideally wear a hat too.
- Hold sparklers at arm's length and light one at a time.
- Never hold a baby while holding a sparkler (you would be surprised!)
- Make sure you are prepared with a sand-filled fire bucket or a bucket of water for discarding used sparklers.

Stay safe, follow The Firework Code and enjoy your bonfire celebrations.

Hilary Budd

BRAIN TEASER
Can you translate these diagrams into words?
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Answer on page 26



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Down: 1 Breather 2 Raconteurs 3 Indigo 4 Tactics 5 Istanbul 6 Stag 7 Hansel 14 Overridden 16 Pedantry 18 Reissued 19 Anthill 21 Laurel 22 Marina 24 Thee. TOP and BOTTOM: British Leyland

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Revamping of our Bee Rules

We are well underway at St Michael's with our Recovery Curriculum. The children are becoming more settled by the day and our focus on well-being and re-joining has helped enormously. The children have been taking part in weekly yoga, mindfulness and meditation sessions. In addition to this we have given the children ample opportunity to rebuild their relationships with each other and learn how to be part of a school community once again. Of course this does not come without challenges and we are reminding the children how to treat each other with an open heart, kind attitude and to be inclusive.

In order to support this, the teaching staff have relooked at our Bee rules. These rules were established 3 years ago and are a framework to help children think about their choices throughout their school day. We have replaced 'Bee mindful' with 'Bee thoughtful' and have added two extra Bee Rules, 'Bee respectful' and 'Bee safe'. We believe that our new Bee rule of being respectful will encourage the children to behave in ways that show regard for others as well as themselves and also their school. We are seeing the results already! I am sure that the introduction of stickers with our Bee Rules on have helped to enthuse the children.

Bee Safe is a child friendly way to help the children understand the importance of hand washing and following good hygiene. I have to say, the children have been amazing and are already used to the new routine, gently reminding each other to follow the rules.

Our parents have been a big support by social distancing on the playground and supporting the school in keeping everyone safe.

We are in the process of appointing new school council students and they will play a significant role in helping us establish the rules. They will be armed with stickers ready to recognise and celebrate good choices. We also have Year 2 leaders with eagle eyes, who are looking out for examples of children following our Bee Rules.

Lastly, I would like thank visitors to our open days on Friday 23rd October and Saturday 24th October, we were delighted to meet you and really enjoyed showing you around our school. If you are looking for a school place for your child or if you know any families who have children about to start school, please do encourage them to come and have a look around. We are a small, family focused school with the most incredible grounds and a great big heart!



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Nicola Cleather

INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

We were delighted to host the inaugural Maggie's Surrey Cycle Challenge on Sunday 11th October. Maggie's is a charity that offers the best possible support free to anyone with, or affected by cancer. You will find Maggie's centres alongside NHS hospitals and they also provide support online. It was a necessarily small event this year in the current circumstances, and was especially scrutinised for COVID compliance. It was a glorious day on the Sunday. Kitted out in their eye-catching orange kit, the cyclists set off at intervals to tackle the 80- or 40-mile routes accompanied by their guides.



Along the way, they were refuelled with lunch at the Maggie's centre at the Royal Marsden Hospital and returned to School to receive their medals at various points during the day. A great day was had by all and it was wonderful to be able to run the event, thus enabling Maggie's to raise much needed funds to help those

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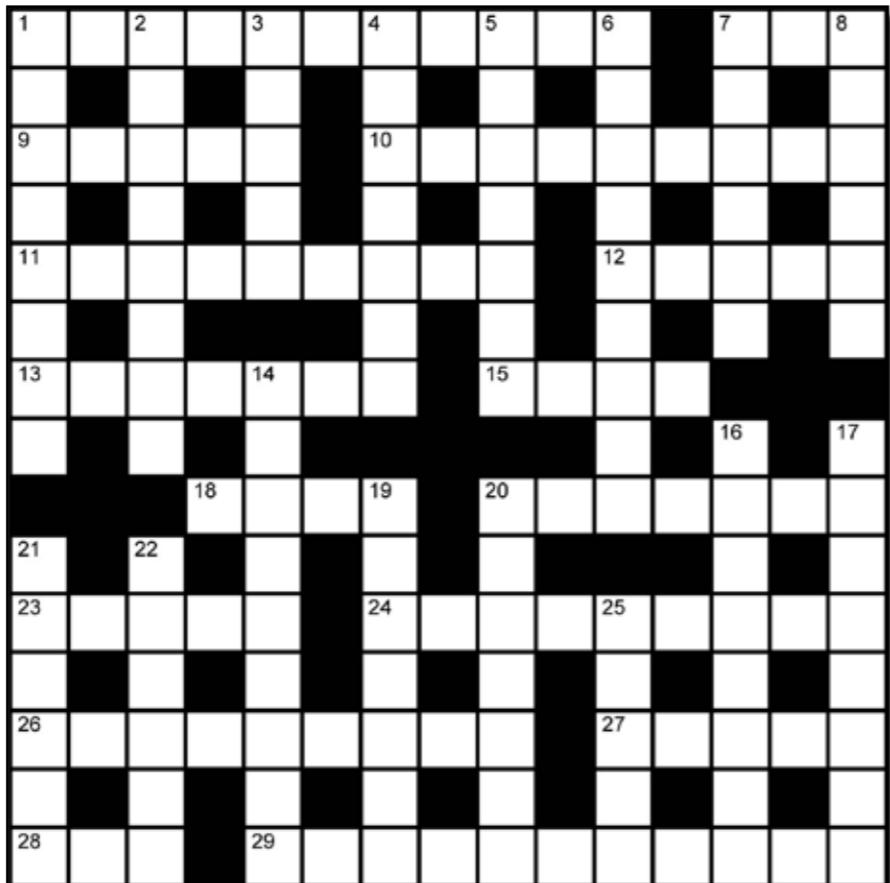
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 1 Cowboy can become all over the place come pint ten (11)
- 7 Princess's irritation comes from having to scrape a living (3)
- 9 Cockney communicating extreme lack of beer to maiden (5)
- 10 Former six-legged taxi driver is very chirpy? (9)
- 11/19 Final diagnosis of groin diseases is unpleasant for writer not known for cutting hair (9,7)
- 12 That's how it was written about to not be moved by slings and arrows (5)
- 13 Ethnic group beginning to model for artwork (7)
- 15 Something for a throat that sounds a bit scratchy (4)
- 18 Oxygen discharge is a result of creative brain activity (4)
- 20 Fantastical beast is fake, with its tail stuck on its head, led by naked ogre (7)
- 23 Register the contents of kitchen roll dispensor (5)
- 24 Sad sonnet about stuff that's been beneath the surface for a long time (9)
- 26 You can put this in your mouth to put fire out (5,4)
- 27 Brutes in fishnets win every time (5)
- 28/20D Her elegant jitterbugging is not the specific subject of



poem by 11/19 (3,7)

29 Romantic ambience changed till having a tumble (11)

Down

- 1 Lousy FT denies it's lousy (8)
- 2 It could be a yen for acceptance (8)
- 3 French word provided for song's main theme (5)
- 4 Something that is out when ironing despite having the position of German leader (7)
- 5 Exotic duo care for the origin of their Panama hats (7)
- 6 Disgracefully set about plonk and do a runner with unwelcome initiator to the Land of Nod (6,3)
- 7/8 Flat cap with a knot worn flamboyantly as a precursor to action (4,2,6)
- 14 Being endlessly both rude and aloof is unwise (9)
- 16 Go away to instruct new gang leaders in film making (8)
- 17 In wading bird, sound control centre is hard-wired (8)
- 19 See 11 Across
- 20 See 28 Across
- 21 Posted letters about Big Brother (6)
- 22 Pen contains head of horse and snake in discomfort (6)
- 25 Slam sailor for behaving badly, showing a lack of moral fibre (5)

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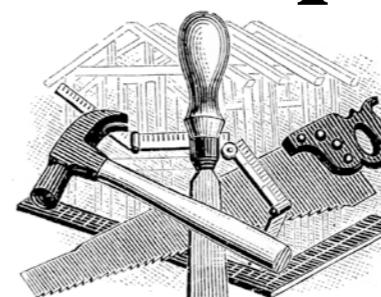
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