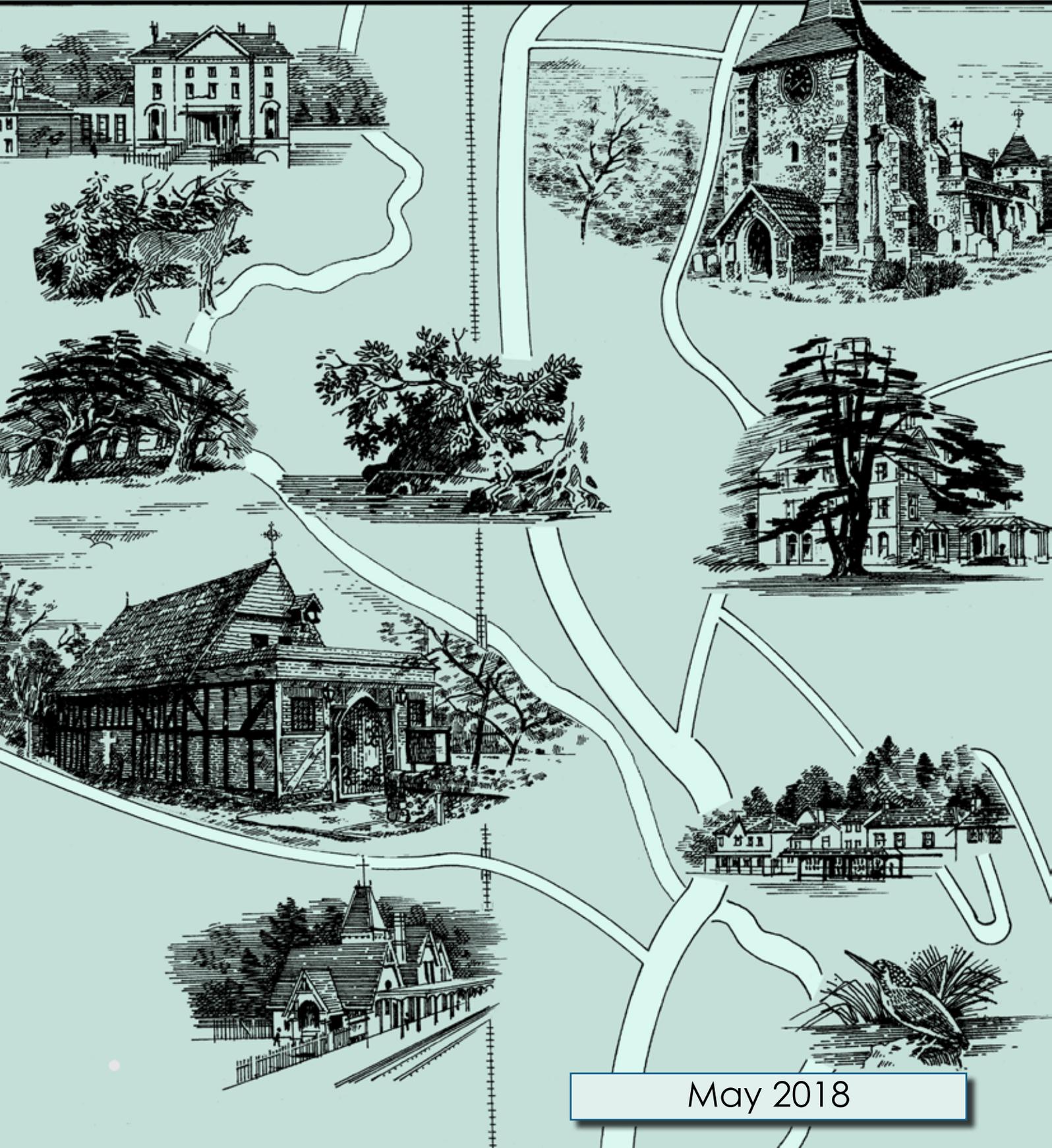


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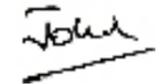
The calendar for May commemorates the conclusion to Christ's earthly ministry and the beginning of the life of the Church. April saw the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, suffering and death on Good Friday and the mystery of the Easter resurrection. The Disciples met with Christ following the resurrection and up to the time of his ascension (Ascension Day May 10). Then Pentecost (Whit Sunday May 20) sees the Holy Spirit inspiring the Disciples themselves to go and preach the Gospel to all peoples and build the Church.

The Church Lectionary provides readings for each day of the year and includes dates when saints and others are commemorated. These are the people who followed the Disciples in building the Church. Among others May records three Archbishops of Canterbury. In the 6th century Augustine (May 26) was sent to England to convert King Ethelbert and his people to Christianity. The King was based in Canterbury and Augustine became the first Archbishop. In the 10th century Dunstan (May 19) was Abbott of Glastonbury Abbey, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and finally Archbishop of Canterbury and among other things is the patron saint of bell ringers. Finally Lanfranc (May 28) was a Benedictine monk in Normandy who moved to England after 1066 and became Archbishop of Canterbury. May also commemorates the much later church reformers John and Charles Wesley (May 24) described in the Lectionary (Anglican) as evangelists and hymn writers which intentionally or otherwise glosses over their role in founding Methodism.

Somewhere between Archbishops Augustine and Lanfranc a church was built in Mickleham and has played its part in the story of the Church begun over 2000 years ago. All those people over the centuries who have worshipped in that building, been baptised and married there and buried close by have been players in the story and that continues today. It may just be me but I find that history comforting.

By the time you read this a new chapter in the history of the Parish of Mickleham will have begun. John Harkin will have been licensed and should be moving into the Rectory and we look forward to his ministry. His arrival brings the Interregnum or Vacancy to an end and we should take the opportunity to thank all those who have worked hard to keep the church running during that time and in particular the many and varied visiting clergy. Particular thanks go to the Reverend Ian Stonehouse who not only took the occasional Sunday service but also all of the daily services in Holy Week from Palm Sunday right through to Easter Sunday itself.

And so the story continues.



John Banfield
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Fiona Taylor's tulips in the Spring Show





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John and Sue Harkin

John Harkin's licensing service is due to take place on 23rd April. We hope to include an interview with John about his return to Mickleham in a future magazine, but in the meantime here is some information about him and Sue:

John and Sue are delighted to be serving the people of Mickleham and Westhumble once again! The family first moved here in 1993, with their three young children, and enjoyed five very happy years in the parish.

Before that, John was in business for almost 17 years while Sue continued to be a full time mother to James, Katie and David, and also holding down a busy part-time managerial role in Social Services based in Woking.

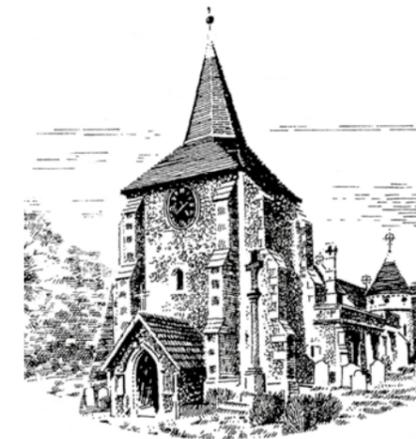
James is currently in the Royal Navy, is married to Hannah and they are parents to 4 year-old Charlie and Beatrice who is 18 months old. Katie is a teacher running her own independent educational consultancy, and she and Jon married in St. Michael's Church, Mickleham in February 2018. David is an air traffic controller based at the moment at a very busy international

airport in the Middle East.

Following theological training John was ordained in Guildford Cathedral in 1989, before serving a curacy in Wisley with Pyrford until the family moved to Mickleham. The curacy was in a very large, three church parish, with a mixture of traditional and contemporary services, and proved to be an ideal training ground for our formative years of ministry. The role here included working three days a week in Box Hill School as Chaplain.

The family then moved to Jersey in 1998, where John became Rector of a large parish, and Vice Dean of Jersey, serving as Dean during an interregnum. Sue worked full time as an Administration Manager for Jersey Business School, before being employed by the parish in a pastoral and administrative ministry, which was greatly blessed by God.

John was subsequently invited by the Bishop of Winchester to become vicar of a large town centre parish in Andover, and Area Dean of the Deanery which consists of 31 parishes.



Sue has worked full time with him in an administrative and pastoral role, a ministry together which they both greatly valued.

In March 2018 they retired from full time stipendiary ministry, and by God's grace and providence return here once more, this time with John as Associate Minister on a House for Duty basis. They very much look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new friends, as John begins his pastoral ministry here on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday each week.

John says 'May we all pray for God's continued blessings on the communities here at Mickleham and Westhumble.'



Lent Lunches

Thank you to all the hosts of the five Lent lunches. A total of £368 was donated to the Mary Frances Trust, a small charity based in Leatherhead, which for over 20 years has worked with people in the local area who are experiencing emotional or mental distress. For more information see their website: www.maryfrancestrust.org.uk.'

Marriage Preparation Day

In November this year, my fiancée Simon and I will be getting married at St Michael and All Angels. The church has huge significance, particularly for Simon's family who have worshipped here for a number of years. His grandmother, Anne Matheison a very familiar face among the congregation! As part of the lead up to the big day we attended a 'Marriage Preparation Day' on 10th March. This was held at Leatherhead Parish Hall, hosted by Rev Graham Osborne and Rev Ian Stonehouse. The purpose of the day was to take time and reflect on marriage and our relationship. We live in such busy times, so the day served as a precious opportunity to really stop, think and appreciate one another. The day also meant we could meet other couples also getting married this year - it was nice to share stories and the experience of marriage (and all the planning!). Simon and I thoroughly



enjoyed the day and a big thank you to Graham and Ian for a truly inspiring day. We cannot wait for the special day to arrive and to celebrate with friends and family.

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The Honorary Stewards at the Wimbledon Championships



I am often asked about my involvement at The Championships, Wimbledon and what is a very different role to my regular day job, so I hope this gives you a flavour of my role at this wonderful event.

I am sure many of you reading this article will have visited Wimbledon, having either been successful through the Public Ballot, or perhaps you have queued, keen to secure one of the limited show court tickets or ground passes available on the day. Wimbledon is one of the only big sporting events where you can still buy tickets on the day and that is where our huge team of volunteers from the Association of Honorary Stewards play a significant role providing assistance and information around the grounds and on the courts to more than 500,000 visitors attending the Championships every year.

The Queue is a unique part of the Wimbledon experience and very much a 24-hour operation starting on the Sunday before the Championships and ending as the last people go through the turnstiles on Men's finals day - some 15 days later. The Queue starts in Wimbledon Park, where we have a large team of Honorary Stewards on duty. Some spectators will have queued overnight, overseen by our Night Stewarding team, with many others arriving when the first tube trains start hoping to secure a show court ticket, or a grounds pass.

Our early morning team will arrive at 5.30 a.m. ready to wake everybody

and get overnight equipment into left luggage ready to start moving The Queue down towards the ground. A large team of Day Stewards, mainly young students, will join the larger team of Honorary Stewards to manage the whole process, and by the early morning we can have close to 10,000 people waiting patiently in line looking forward to the day ahead.

By mid-morning the ticket holder gates will be busy as ticket holders arrive for their day at Wimbledon and I will spend the morning checking all the gates to ensure a speedy, but safe and secure, arrival for our visitors. With some meticulous (!) scheduling we can get our team away for a lunch break before they are assigned to their duties on the show courts to work alongside volunteer Service Stewards, including military personnel on leave, and a contingent provided by the London Fire Brigade. By midday play will be well under way on the outside courts and many people with ground passes will have a found a seat or a place to watch the best players on an unreserved court. Play can sometimes go on until after 9 p.m. so it can be a very long day for our team and especially if Centre Court plays until 11 p.m.

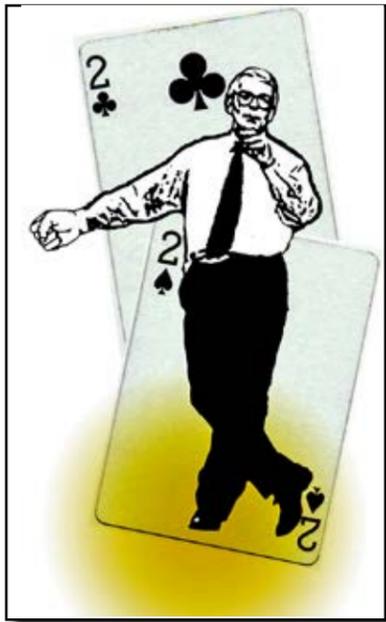
With the recruitment process now finished for this year, 14 new Stewards will join a team of 200 on duty at the Championships. The whole team numbers well over 300 with the team of 80 Day and Night Stewards and a team of 20 on the Information desks. Stewards have been assisting

Left: One of our Honorary Stewards leading the early arrivals up to Henman Hill/Murray Mount and the Resales Ticket Office where over £345,000 was raised in 2017 for charity; right: Spectators view from the unreserved seats on Court 3.

at the Championships since 1927 and our Association was officially formed in 1951. With many Stewards returning year after year and many with 20+ years of volunteering at the Championships, the experience of our team helps to make Wimbledon very special for those attending. You may well have seen the man in the black hat in the Players Box and he is one of our longest serving Stewards flying in every year from Abu Dhabi.

As an avid tennis fan and a visitor to Wimbledon every year since the early 1970s, I was recruited to the Honorary Stewards Association in 2001 and was very honoured to take over as Chief Steward in 2013 - a memorable year, not only for me, but also for Andy Murray as the first British Winner in the Men's Singles in 77 years! My role as Chief Steward is very much all year round with liaison with the Championships Department and many planning meetings to ensure that each year we make improvements to the visitor experience. With a new roof on No 1 court due to be ready in 2019 there is constant development to ensure that Wimbledon remains one of the top sporting events in the world and I am looking forward to Monday 2nd July 2018 when we start all over again!

Nick Pearce
Westhumble resident



Here are a few of last month's clues that I have heard have caused problems. Send in any queries to andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk and I shall do my best to explain myself.

12A Sample endless rum punches (5)

DEFINITION: 'punches'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'endless' = remove the last letter of a word, 'rum' = pointer to an anagram (where 'rum' is as in 'strange')

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Sample endless' = SAMPL, then make an anagram of those letters

ANSWER = LAMPS

(This meaning of the word 'lamp' has been around since the early 1800s but was not used much in the 20th century until it saw a revival in the late '90s, being used in such poetic phrases as 'I'll lamp him one').

Mickleham Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Ranmore Room at St Michael's Church at 7.30 p.m on Wednesday 9th May and, as before, Mickleham Parish Council has arranged for a speaker to address the meeting. It will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The annual RideLondon event, which passes through Mickleham and Westhumble draws thousands of cyclists to the area throughout the year, is a regular topic of conversation. The Parish Council has therefore

Cryptic Delicacies

25A Roughly start to manhandle inside the bloody river (5)

DEFINITION: 'bloody river'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'start to' = take the beginning letter of, 'inside' = put it inside the word

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Roughly' = SOME (as in 'it was some three pounds in weight'), 'start to manhandle' = M, 'inside' = put the M in SOME

ANSWER = SOMME

10A Dawn is a radiant light circling round John Major's foot (6)

DEFINITION: 'Dawn'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'circling' = the word before envelops what comes next, 'foot' = take the last letter of

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'radiant light' = AURA, 'round' = O, 'John Major's foot' = R. So AURA envelops OR

ANSWER = AURORA

(This is not a commonly used word for 'dawn' but it comes up if you put 'dawn' into a thesaurus. I do not know why John Major popped into my head – I just wanted a word ending in R – but it did make me laugh. When I told my Dad about the reasoning of this, he said, 'Well, that's rather misleading' - which is as perfect an example of an unintended compliment as I have ever heard!)

27A Record label can free Billy Ocean (8)

DEFINITION: 'Record label' or 'Ocean'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'free' = remove something from something

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'can'

and 'Billy' mean the same thing (i.e. something you cook in on a camp fire), so 'can free Billy' (i.e. Billy free of can) cancels itself out and leaves nothing. The clue could have just read 'Record label Ocean' but that does not read very well and including the singer Billy Ocean makes the surface reading of the clue look to be fully about the music industry. This trick is also used in anagrams – adding a few letters can make something more fun and readable, and then somewhere else in the clue there will be a pointer to which letters are to be removed in order to make the real anagram.

ANSWER = ATLANTIC

20D Dress up in camelhair as a matter of course (4)

DEFINITION: 'Dress'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'up' = read it upsidedown, 'in' = the word is contained in what follows

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'up in camelhair AS a matter of course' = find the word for dress going back in the letters of those words

ANSWER = SARI

22D This clue holds the cards? (6)

DEFINITION: 'the cards'

This is an unusual clue, and that is pointed to by the question mark at the end. It is a cryptic phrase or puzzle and in this case came about through a pure fluke – the word DEUCES fitted into the space in the grid and then I noticed the clue's number was 22, and 2s in poker are known as DEUCES.

Andrew Tatham



group meetings etc.

The state of the surface in Swanworth Lane has been causing concern for some time and the Parish Council is exploring what action it can take to improve it. Quotes for the road to be resurfaced are being pursued.

Trevor Haylett - Clerk to the Council

Leith Hill Musical Festival

Mickleham Choral's Competition Morning

This year's Leith Hill Musical Festival Competition Morning at Dorking Halls on 12th April presented a new challenge for Mickleham and its conductor Juliet Hornby as, after a recent reorganisation, they were singing in a different division. Festival choirs are divided into divisions each competing and then coming together to give a concert in the evening with professional soloists and musicians.

In the early days of the festival the three divisions were 'village', 'town' and 'advanced' choirs. The music chosen for each reflected the size of the choirs and their expected singing capabilities. There were no auditions. Then there was a time when, after a choir came top two years running it moved up to a 'higher' division and its least successful choir moved down. Over the years and as some choirs dropped out, the number of singers in each division has varied markedly, and it was becoming difficult to mount comparable concerts for the three nights. Following his appointment as Festival Conductor in 2016 Jonathan

Willcocks decided to address this issue by re-naming and reorganising the divisions, each with four choirs. And so, this year Mickleham, having come top in their division in the 2017 competitions found themselves in the 'green' division with two of the frequent winners of, what festivals singers recognise as, the top and middle divisions, namely Dorking and Holmbury St Mary. The fourth choir was Bookham who came top in Mickleham's division last year. Green division's main work was Elgar's *The Kingdom*, one of his lesser-known oratorios, which presented a big challenge for all the choirs. On competition morning the adjudicator chose two passages of *The Kingdom* for the choirs to sing, along with the madrigal, part song, and separate songs for higher and lower voices they had been rehearsing. Holmbury St Mary came top in all classes, with Dorking second. Mickleham acquitted itself well and came third, just ahead of Bookham. The judges frequently commented on Mickleham's musicality and good phrasing. Its two ensembles (groups

of 8 - 12 singers) sang well with one coming joint second, just one mark less than the winner.

However, Mickleham did not come home empty handed. The competition ended with an Open Class where each choir performs a song of its own choice. Mickleham sang last with the spiritual *Soon ah will be done wi' de troubles of dis worl'* which impressed the adjudicator who awarded it the highest mark – 90!

Everyone heaved a great sigh of relief afterwards as this year the stress of the competition had been heightened by being in a 'higher' division and the difficulty of the music they were asked to sing. Many went on to 'Ask' for lunch and a welcome revive, before returning for the afternoon joint rehearsal in preparation for the evening concert. This was followed by the traditional gathering in the 'Runners'. It was generally agreed that the day had gone much better than they had feared. Well done, Mickleham and well done, Juliet.

Sue Tatham

What's coming next: Two more choral events are planned for this summer. First of all the **Mamma Mia Sing Along on 11th May** (see page 11 for details) and our **Summer Concert on 23rd June** (see below).

Rehearsals for the latter start on Thursday, 26th April at 8 p.m in the village hall. Come early to collect your music. If you have been thinking about joining the choir this is a good opportunity to try us out as the music is very light-hearted and not too difficult. Do join us – we have lots of fun and there are no auditions.

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Spring Show and AGM

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At the AGM Judy Kinloch announced her retirement after 13 years as Chair of the Society. They have been very successful years; she has steered the society through many shows including the celebration of the centenary in 2009 (see page 12) Judy has been a joy for all the committee to work with and she will be very sorely missed. She has always championed the role the Society plays in fostering community spirit and encouraging children to grow things and take part in shows. Thank you, Judy for all your hard work and lots of fun and laughter. She is staying on the committee and will continue to write for the magazine. No doubt Judy will also continue to win prizes at future shows.

David Kennington has generously agreed to take over. He declared that he has had little time to enter shows while he was working, apart from a misshapen vegetable, but will perhaps have a go in future. He emphasised his commitment, as a result of working with the National Trust, to encouraging



Photographer Ben Tatham

people of the benefits of being out-of-doors and enjoying nature. He was welcomed to his new post. Sarah Blake has recently joined the committee and has agreed to take over as Treasurer, a welcome development.

Charlotte Daruwalla

A selection of the flowers, produce and children's art at the show.



Can you translate this diagram into words? Say what you see.

IN VADERS

Answer on page 25



A Village Tradition To Cherish

As Judy Kinloch retires from the chair of the Horticultural Society (see page 9), we are including the article she wrote around the time of the Society's centenary to highlight the traditional role the Society has played in the community over the years:

The first record of what was initially called the Mickleham and Westhumble Cottagers' Show was a meeting held on March 20th, 1909, more than 100 years ago, under the chairmanship of Sir Trevor Lawrence of Burford Lodge which resulted in the first Show being held in July of that year. There were 200 entries in 41 classes. Shows and AGMs were subsequently held at the Village Hall until the outbreak of war in 1914 led to their abandonment. It was not until 1923 that the show was reinstated with Sir Trevor's son, Sir William, in the chair. At that point, it had been renamed the Mickleham Village Show and it was held every year until 1939 when a show was planned but cancelled at the end of August and by 1940 all idea of a show was abandoned. They were restarted in 1950 under the auspices of the WI with Mrs. Duckham, its President, as Chairman. At this point it became the Mickleham & Westhumble Village Show, only changing its name to the Mickleham & Westhumble Horticultural Society in 1951. It has been held continuously since then, celebrating its centenary in 2009.

All this history is contained in a number of handwritten minute books that continue throughout the 20th century until 1995 when the computer finally took over, and copies of nearly all the Schedules dating back to 1911 have also been preserved. These early schedules differ from ours today; they include advertising, with seedsmen offering prize money, and entries were often limited to specific occupations. For example, the Industrial Section

catered for the 'cottagers' but these were still the days of big private gardens and gardeners so there were separate classes for them. In 1937 Section A allowed residents from Dorking and Leatherhead to enter, Section B residents of the parish of Mickleham and Section C was for cottagers and allotment holders. Under-gardeners were allowed to compete but not head or single-handed gardeners. Clearly a strong social hierarchy persisted.

The inter-war years seem to have been a time of expansion with what had been two small committees (one headed by the Rector, the other designated the Ladies Committee) blossoming into a large General Committee, a Gardening sub-committee, an Industrial sub-committee and a Sports Committee. 'Industrial' is perhaps misleading since it is now covered by what we today call Cookery, Needlework and Arts & Crafts but it also contained quite ordinary household objects. Originally there were classes for Maidservants only, a Laundry class (non-professional), as well as Men and Lads and Schoolchildren. The gardens behind the school were worked by the children who were taught how to grow vegetables as an important part of their education. In the early years the headteacher of the school would close the school the day before the show and it was a case of all hands to the deck!

During this time, money was awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for gardeners and for children and we do still reward the children with cash prizes. These were not large sums, only shillings (perhaps 20p), but may have been

a welcome addition to the income of some of the villagers as one class demonstrates only too well, that asking for 'A 'cold dinner for a Working Man costing not more than 6d.' A 3/- prize would have covered the cost of 6 such dinners. The numbers required for each class was considerably greater too; no measly 6 pods of peas but 25, and 48 bunches of black or white currants. A scything competition and a class for the highest number of dead rabbits reveal the agricultural nature of village life at that time.

Although originally the committees' composition was very much made up from 'the great and the good' and the local gentry, over time it is clear that the villagers, many of whom were gardeners at the big houses, also played a crucial role in the planning and organisation of the shows, probably in fact doing much of the practical work involved. It was not until the end of the 1950s that there was annual membership by subscription. Prior to that the shows had been funded by a quite limited number of residents, mostly those who lived in big houses, who donated a sum that varied from 5/- to 5 guineas (25p to £5.25) and whose names were listed in the schedules.

We no longer hold dog shows or run races, and while photography (introduced in 1930) has gained hugely in popularity, needlework of a workaday kind, such as knitted stockings has declined, as have the craft entries which are kept alive by a keen minority. We also no longer pick wild flowers or collect queen wasps, but the shows are none the worse for that! Judy Kinloch



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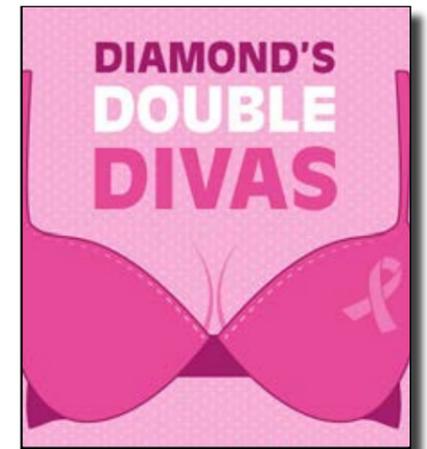
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Diamond's Double Divas

In December I made the rash statement that I would lose 5 stone and then enter the half marathon Moonwalk in aid of breast cancer on 12th May. I have found it very difficult to shed the necessary pounds and have had a number of lapses. The level of exercise has improved but I have only lost 1.5 stone to date. I might have been a little ambitious with the weight loss but I have every intention of trying to complete the Moonwalk. I have not given up on the quest to lose the weight but I think I need to be more realistic on the time it is likely to take! With the help of some local residents

and especially the support of Anna Darnell the mileage is increasing week by week. Diamond's Double Divas are all set to walk the 15 miles in London over night on 12th May. If you would like to support either of us please find our sponsorship page at moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/diamonds-double-divas, on our Facebook pages or contact us directly and we would love to accept your donation.

Additionally if you would like to join the Diamond's Double Divas team on the night, it is not too late, just contact either of us via Facebook, text or email.



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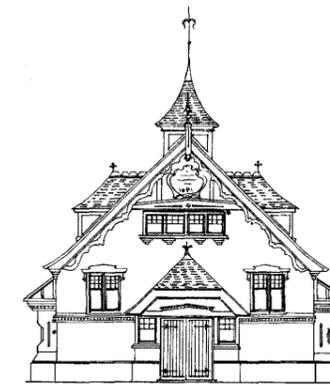


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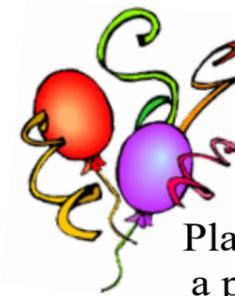
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Calendar of Events

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9 Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Mickleham Parish Council AGM Ranmore Room
11 Friday	7.30 p.m.	The Sing Along Mamma Mia Village Hall
12 Saturday	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	St Michael's School Fête
13 SUNDAY 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 1130 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion CHAPEL Morning Prayer
19 Saturday	9 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 2 p.m.	Men's Breakfast Village Hall AGM Wedding
20 SUNDAY PENTECOST	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
28 Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast
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Peter was born in 1930, the second son of Cyril and Dorothy Miller. Cyril was a successful marine barrister and Dorothy also a barrister in her own field, who later became a JP; their combination of brains was bound to produce very cerebral offspring.

Peter went to Rugby school where he excelled at the sport invented there. He was in the first XV and Captain of Running, winning the famous 13-mile cross country run, known as the Crick. He developed his passion for music which led to a love of opera. He was a huge supporter of Glyndebourne and many of us here have enjoyed visits there with him.

He left school in 1948 and went on to National Service. He went into the Intelligence Corps and was posted to Cyprus where he trained as a wireless operator. After being demobbed he took up his deferred place at Lincoln College, Oxford reading History and Law. He earned a Double Blue in running and was a regular pacemaker for Roger Bannister, who went on to be the first to break the 4-minute mile. Curiously, the two men died within a month of each other, both having suffered from Parkinson's disease.

Peter then joined Miller Insurance, a Lloyds broking firm founded in 1902 but still very small. Peter became its eighth employee in 1953 having finished his Bar finals. By the time Peter retired the staff numbers had grown to 550.

Peter had married Katherine Milner in 1955 and they had two sons, James and Andrew, then adopted Tessa. Both Peter and Kathy loved the island of

Sark in the Channel Islands so bought and restored a house called La Ville Roussel and created a beautiful garden which outshone even that of the Dame of Sark. Peter had a seat in the local parliament, known as the Chief Pleas and undertook his duties with great diligence, sometimes travelling overnight for a debate.

Sadly, Peter and Kathy divorced and in 1979 he married Leni and, thirdly, in 1991 Jane Herbertson with whom he had a son, Harry.

Getting to Sark was quite an adventure. A flight to Guernsey, taxi to the harbour and a 10-mile trip across rock strewn seas to the little Creux harbour. Then it was either a pony and trap or Shanks' pony up a very steep hill (there are no cars on Sark). The unreliability of the flights led Peter to acquire a twin-engined plane and although Peter never got his pilot's licence, he used to grab the controls from the pilot, David Oakley, as soon as he could. Flying must be in the genes as his son Harry is now with Norwegian Air. Peter would also skipper his boat Isabella across to Sark, weaving in and out of evil looking rocks. He enjoyed giving his passengers a speedy, if nerve-racking, trip! After a day's expedition caving or cycling round the island it was back to the house for gin and tonics and then an intense battle on the croquet lawn before dinner: his wine cellar was legendary.

Lloyds is a great institution with a proud 300-year history, but in the 1980s problems were beginning to appear. The Fisher Report required a new Act, and Peter was given the job of overseeing the passage of the Bill through Parliament - a huge task. The Bill was passed in July 1982 and enshrined Lloyds with the right to self-regulation. There was evidence of fraud, Lloyds Names were hurt and there were huge underwriting losses. Sir Peter Green had retired as Chairman at the end of 1983 and the search was on for a scandal-free replacement. Despite being a broker rather than an underwriter, Peter



was the perfect candidate and he was elected Chairman on 1st January 1984. He took on a poisoned chalice, which was a very brave thing to do. 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man' are words that describe Peter perfectly.

In 1986 Her Majesty the Queen opened the new Lloyds building and Peter enjoyed escorting her round the controversial Richard Rogers design. It was a splendid occasion: Lloyds had regained its stripes. He received the Lloyds Gold Medal in 1987 and was knighted in 1988.

He led Lloyds through what was, arguably, the most difficult period in its long history. He was a man of great integrity, admired by all his staff, a fine public speaker and an outstanding insurance broker. He loved Lloyds and gave his all to regain the reputation it was in danger of losing. Every company should have a Peter Miller.

Latterly, he suffered from the worsening effects of Parkinson's, but despite this he recently enjoyed a family holiday in South Africa. A remarkable man indeed, and I shall miss him.'

Peter and his family lived at Quinneys in Camilla Drive for many years. He was very supportive to St Michael's Church both financially and with good advice. A very regular member of the congregation despite his busy life, Peter sometimes made spectacular flower arrangements on special occasions for the church. A keen gardener, he delighted in showing people around when he opened his garden at Quinneys for the benefit of local charities. After moving to Holmbury St Mary about eight years ago, Peter kept in touch with local events via a parish magazine mailing list subscription and submitted the occasional article. We send our condolences to the Miller family.

Mickleham Village Hall AGM

will be held on Saturday 19th May commencing at 10.30 a.m. in Mickleham Village Hall.

Joyce Nix

We are sad to report the death of Joyce Nix who lived in Pilgrims Way for many years. She lived to the great age of almost 104. She was the mother of Jo Brown of Mickleham and the late Liz Rudolf who also lived in Pilgrim's Way. We send deepest sympathy to all her family.

Community News

Congratulations and best wishes to Roger and Rhona Howell of Adlers Lane who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary (60th) in early April.

Congratulations also to Clive and Angela Gilchrist on the birth of their first grandchild, Penelope Joy (known as Poppy) Rudling. She was born on 26th March to Pippa (née Gilchrist) and Jon Rudling.

Welcome to Elly and Douglas McIlwraith-Joy who have moved to Pilgrims Way from Dorking.

Many thanks to Colin Wylde (Nitro) for his Motoring News in April - a brilliant April fool. A number of people have said how much they enjoyed it.

Welcome

If you have new neighbours, please ask them if they would like a welcome in the magazine and let us know the details. We can only include them if someone tells us.

Sue Tatham writes...

Many many thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers, and get well messages after my recent operation. To hear from so many of you was quite overwhelming. I am now making steady progress and hope to be back 'in harness' before too long.

Thanks, too, to Charlotte and the magazine team for producing a great April magazine. It was such a relief to be able to leave it in safe hands.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Visit to Abinger

Wednesday 6th June

Please join us for a guided tour of the Grade II* listed church of St James, Abinger Common. We will meet outside the church for an 11 a.m. start. After lunch at the Abinger Hatch we will have a tour of Goddards at 2.30 p.m. Goddards is a country house, also in Abinger Common, built by Edwin Lutyens in the traditional Surrey style with a garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll.

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Top: St James; below: Goddards

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The infrastructure was installed and is provided by Openreach. They are employed by service providers to make the installations to premises. The Openreach link below verifies if FTTP is available at your address and there are further instructions below to help anyone wishing to purchase a new faster broadband package.

We know that this new technology will benefit the people of Mickleham, local school children and businesses immensely. We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who

contributed financially and to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure that we now have infrastructure that will provide a long-term solution to the upload and download speed of data communication in our locality. Mickleham is also now part of the UK's 3% that has this infrastructure and we hope as many residents as possible will decide to take up use of it.

Mickleham Broadband Group
 Kirsten Johnson, Mary Flint, Will Dennis,
 John Banfield, Robin Rowland.

<https://www.openreach.co.uk/orpg/home/index.do>

Follow all the relevant menus after entering your postcode and address or your landline number. Eventually you will see a list of providers. Which provider you choose is entirely a matter for you but remember that you have a range of possible service providers (albeit somewhat limited at the moment). When you call a provider, it is helpful to ask to speak to the FTTP Customer Options team, and if needed state that you are part of a newly commissioned Community Funded Partnership. It is your responsibility to negotiate with your chosen provider.

The Garden Shed Willow Weaving Workshop



The Garden Shed held a Willow Weaving Workshop on 28th March. The course was run by Nicki Rowling who started weaving 18 years ago. Her expertise was invaluable to a group of 15 novices. The start of the day the hall floor was a bundle of willow sticks. By the end of the morning each participant had created their own 6ft obelisk for their garden. This can be used for training sweet peas, clematis or beans in the summer months.

The Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society for their summer show will be including this in a section for a willow woven plant support. We all left very proud of our new creations, and all commented on what an enjoyable way to spend a rainy Monday morning. Susie Gowenlock

Friends of Juniper Hall
 Wednesday 2nd May
 Lunch 12.30 p.m. followed by a talk by Sir Brian Unwin.

The last days of Napoleon on St Helena

Sir Brian gave a well-received talk last year about Fanny Burney and Adele, Comtesse de Boigne.

For information about joining the Friends of Juniper Hall or to book the lunch contact:
 Suzy Hughes 01483 281935
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This is a must and not to be missed

PESTS AND DISEASES
 Monday 21st May at 7.30 p.m.
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A Talk by
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Ray is returning after his very successful talk in February. Ray trained at RHS Wisley and has been teaching a wide range on horticultural subjects for the last two decades. He was awarded a Fellowship by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture, for services to Horticulture.

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Eamonn and I have just been on the wettest muddiest walk ever around Norbury Park. And I looked like I had had a mud bath last weekend after planting out some of the herb & veg garden. I do hope the long overdue sunshine makes an appearance for us all soon.

The team at the pub have been working hard, retaining the 5 Star Food Hygiene Rating, and looking after the hardy souls who braved the Easter rain to enjoy our glorious Surrey Hills.

Surely Prosecco, Pimms & Silent Pool Gin days are round the corner now! Maybe we shall even get sunny bank holidays this May. And roll on the Sunday jazz in June. See you soon, Anne x

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Leatherhead Community Association Summer Activities

The clocks went back a month ago and, hopefully, the weather should be getting warmer - and a bit dryer would be good!

Walks: Peter Humphreys has been working hard to plan new walks, long and short whichever you prefer, around our beautiful Surrey countryside. Non-members of the LCA are welcome to all these events and your first walk is free-of-charge with a £3 charge for each subsequent walk. They are designed to be gentle and at modest pace, with few stiles, and easy gradients. The morning, 3-4 mile ("Short") walks, last about 2 hours and usually alternate with 4-6 mile ("Longer") walks, the latter incorporating a lunch or picnic break, but we try to adjourn for a snack after the short walks too. They usually take place on the first and second Wednesday of each month. Between May and September you could be walking near Rusper or Richmond, Capel or Cranleigh, with many different places in between. Peter Humphreys is very happy to give you full details - 01372 378347

Tea and Talks: There are two more 'Tea and Talks' before the summer break -

'Dressing for Royal Occasions' on 11th May and 'St Petersburg' on 9th June. Both are on Fridays at 2 p.m. and only cost £1 per session, and there are cakes with the tea!

If you prefer to listen to music, or maybe as well as Tea and Talks, Gwen Hoad is presenting the first one herself as a 'Musical Journey' on 16th May and then every 3rd Wednesday in the month after that up to and including August. Admission is £1 for members and £2 for non-members who are always welcome, and start at 2.15pm.

Tours and visits: There is already a programme of visits arranged, the first one being a GPO London Walking Tour on Sunday 27th May, then on Thursday 14th June there will be a visit to the Regents Park Open Air Theatre for a matinee performance of 'Peter Pan' which is packed with puppetry and theatrical magic to delight young and old alike. On 17th July there is a coach trip to the historic Chatham Dockyard, and on 22nd August, again by coach, there is a guided tour of the Hogs Back Brewery at Tongham where all the products can be tasted!

Lectures: Just to whet your appetite for the autumn, the new programme of art/

history lectures is now being planned with the first one, hopefully, on 26th September - watch this space.

Please do not forget that social bridge, Scrabble, table tennis and snooker continue through the summer as well as the two, very popular book clubs.

For full information on everything that goes on behind the doors of the Leatherhead Institute at the top of the High Street please call in or phone and Sarah will be very happy to answer any of your questions. You can then pick up the new Newsletter which tells you about all the different programmes that will be running throughout the summer. Membership of the Institute is only £5 a year and most of the activities in the Institute are free to Members, but non-members are always welcome for a small charge. There is nearly always a cup of coffee or tea available in the library which is open every morning where you can borrow DVDs as well as books. Sarah is in the office every morning from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. The phone number is 01372 360508 and the email is lca2@btconnect.com, or go on our website www.leatherheadca.org.uk

Have a lovely summer. Frances Presley



Butterflies and Bees on Box Hill

It rained and rained over the long Easter weekend but despite everything we had a fantastical time at the top of the hill. Children and their families came to search out the Little People of Box Hill. Braving the mud they followed the trails through the woods and discovered tiny houses and woodland folk, Ivy Elf and Bluebell Faerie. At the servery and café we tried to keep the festive atmosphere alive despite the weather. Burgers from our local butcher were flipped all weekend on the BBQ and were served with delicious relishes made in our own kitchen. For those with a sweet tooth we had Leith spinning candy floss creating Uncle Bux's Beard, one of the woodland folk from Catherine's lovely book called *The Little People of Box Hill* and on sale in the café for £4.99.

Of course we could not let Easter go by without some chocolate eggs so there was a specially prepared chocolate tray bake topped with mini eggs in the café, and in the spirit of spring we added freshly shooting rhubarb to our cheesecake.

We are all hoping for a big improvement in the weather as we get ready to celebrate the royal wedding in May. The bunting will be out and the chefs will be preparing special cakes to celebrate the marriage of Harry and Meghan.

Our local special interest for the children will be all things that fly on Box Hill. We hope to have a children's trail ready for half term with a butterfly biscuits for the eager junior participants and we are experimenting with honey cakes as the bees come out of hibernation.

Leaves are sprouting on the trees at last and the daffodils and bluebells

are in blossom so come up and enjoy the warmth and colour as Box Hill once again Springs into life. We really appreciate your continued support and love to see our local friends and residents taking the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful and very special place.

If anyone is interested in working up here take a look at www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk for when jobs become available.

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Make A Difference



On Tuesday 27th March, it was the annual Box Hill School Make a Difference Day, when pupils from across the whole school participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities as part of the commitment to help good causes and the community.

This year's charity was Ronald McDonald House, which was chosen because Box Hill School has a personal link with it. Thousands of pounds have been raised for this fantastic charity, alongside our continuation to support the Round Square work in the South African village of Philippolis.

Throughout the morning, the students organised stalls and took part in various activities around school. This year there was a hugely popular car wash, 'sponge the teacher,' coconut shy, Easter egg hunt, pancake making and a special 'East meets West' event, where students cooked up culinary delights, donned Sumo wrestling outfits and rode a special Rodeo bull brought in for the occasion.

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights was the 'Auction of Promises' where teachers and fellow students bid for a list of promises. This year's list included a parking space by the front door for half a term, a private lunch for 4 at the Chef's table, a chocoholics movie night, kick boxing lessons and various teachers offering their time for additional coaching sessions. This year's auction alone managed to raise over £1,200 with a total of over £3,000 raised so far, and more pledges still to come.

The day time activities finished with the annual student and staff walk up Box Hill, where even the sun made an appearance for a few minutes! The fun carried through in to the evening with the Live Music Event, showcasing a musical extravaganza of performances and talent from both students and staff. The audience was treated to a diverse range of musical acts and a display from the Box Hill dance group. The evening was a wonderful stage

for some well-known and previously unknown talents.

Box Hill School's Round Square Representative stated: 'The money raised will have such a positive impact on the Philippolis community in South Africa and we will be very proud to take it to them when we go. Box Hill School has been visiting and working in Philippolis for 10 years now. So far we have assisted in the refurbishment of the church, built a raised bed garden and provided an underwater irrigation system, built the foundations of a digital learning centre for the local school and villagers, a storeroom and kitchen for the local Omas (or grannies as we know them). We helped to build the first counselling room in the free state and most recently a toilet block.'

We are so pleased to have been able to support such amazing causes and have fun as a whole school while doing so. We look forward to presenting our donations to our chosen charities and seeing our monies help fund important projects.

Emma Bushnell



Leith
Hill
Place

Activities in May

To see:

- Bluebells and rhododendrons
- 'Inside Out' exhibition - Karen Pearson and Reiko Evans

To take part:

- Beginner's Crochet Workshop
- Introduction to pottery course

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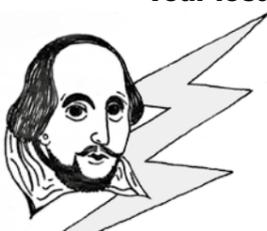
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Easter Activities

Another busy term was completed before the Easter break at St Michael's nursery. Activities enjoyed by the children included making edible Easter nests, egg and spoon races and an array of Easter-themed arts and crafts.

Visiting St Michael's church is always popular with the children and we try to make our learning factual but appropriate to the nursery level. For the Easter story we looked at the carving of the Last Supper behind the altar.

When we are back after the Easter holiday we will be planting potatoes and beans so 'growing' will be one of our themes for next term.

We shall also be participating in the St Michael's Infant School Summer Fete on the 12th May. Last year we took the chickens over for a 'day out' and held chicken races which were a great success so we shall be repeating that this year, plus a craft or bake stall. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Box Hill Bugs

Mother's Day at St Michael's

Mother, mummy, mamma, mum or whatever term of endearment you like to call her, your mum is one of the most important people in your life and here at St Michael's we chose to celebrate her with style.

Mother's Day assembly

We started our celebrations by holding an assembly in the school hall. The proceedings started with a rendition of the Westlife classic *You raise me up* (which resulted in a few tears being shed) followed by each class showing/singing or saying something about their mummy (by this time the tears were in full flow!) Otters class held up pictures of their mummy and told everyone what she did that was great. 'I love my mum because she...' was Owls class and finally Woodpeckers class sang a Mother's Day song. Everyone did so well, getting up on the stage and performing; it was a fantastic way to show everyone how much we love, worship and respect our mummies and how much they mean to us.

Mother's Day workshop

The second part of our celebrations was the annual Mother's Day workshop held in the school hall. I arrived at 9 a.m. to let the helpers into school (the workshop was not meant to start till 9.45) and was completely amazed at how much pre-preparation time had been spent transforming the hall from its usual learning environment into a busy craft-making, fun-filled hive of entertainment! The hall had table after table after table filled with crafts, making, planting and many more exciting things. Even though it was not finished, you could tell many hours had already been spent, thinking about, creating and setting up ready for what fun lay ahead. The activities ranged from fruit kebabs to planting geraniums and also included decorating stones, making roses to be put in a flower holder, decorating book marks, threading bracelets (my own children made me 2 of these which I wore all day), dressing up a mummy,



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decorating photo frames and designing stain glass windows- phew! And to top it off unlimited supplies of tea, coffee, squash and of course biscuits were on hand for all of those thirsty and hungry mouths. I was also amazed to see the dedication from The Friends Committee (especially Mrs Barnes and Mrs Halliwell who oversaw the whole event) and the local community including Church helpers, who gave up their valuable time to help our children. Overall it is safe to say, a really enjoyable morning was had, celebrating our Mothers and making memories for us to treasure forever. A massive thank you to all involved!

Judith Moore (class teacher)

Highlights of the Spring Term

With all the school staff away enjoying their well-earned Easter break we have also put together some of the highlights of last term.

Reception - Otters class

A huge thank you to the parents who helped at our 'Year R revamp' this term. We now have a huge sandpit and a great mud kitchen with a stage *en route*. The new track for scooters and painted fence panels brighten up the space and the children absolutely love it.

We learned all about Pancake Day and loved making and eating pancakes in the Pancakes Café! After half term we celebrated Chinese New Year, learning about the clothes they wear and the food they eat at this season. We also listened to the Chinese New Year Race story to find out how animals are



a big part of the Chinese calendar. We especially enjoyed making spring rolls, making flags and learning a dragon dance.

One week we looked after eggs, keeping them warm and waiting for the chicks to hatch out. We learned all about the life cycle of a chick, made our own life cycle and pictures, and found out facts about how to look after the chicks. And then on the following Monday we found they had all hatched. They stayed with us until Friday when they went off to a farm. We were surprised to see how much they had grown in one week.

Year 1 - Owls class

One of our topics this term was 'toys'. We looked at toy design and made our own puppets.

Two mystery visitors came to tell us about and showed pictures of the toys that they played with as children - spinning tops, trikes, stilts, Jacks, Meccano and homemade go-karts to name but a few. We also were shown how to spin a Diabolo and all had a go. In history we looked at old and new toys and, in literacy, wrote about them in preparation for our trip to Chertsey

Toy Museum. Afterwards we wrote accounts of the visit and thank you letters.

Year 2 - Woodpeckers

For the second half of term our topic was Dinosaurs. In English we became researchers, reading non-fiction books about dinosaurs in preparation for our trip to the Natural History museum, where we had a fantastic visit.

Back in school we made a Dinosaur fact file with information about our four favourites: Stegosaurus, T-Rex, Triceratops and Diplodocus. We had a go at designing a new dinosaur. Children were asked to find out about Mary Anning at home and in school we wrote a news article about her. Over several weeks we made a designed and made a dinosaur cushion.

The whole school enjoyed the Pancake Café and dressing up as their favourite character for World Book Day. The term ended with a Easter Bonnet Parade and End of Term Service in church.

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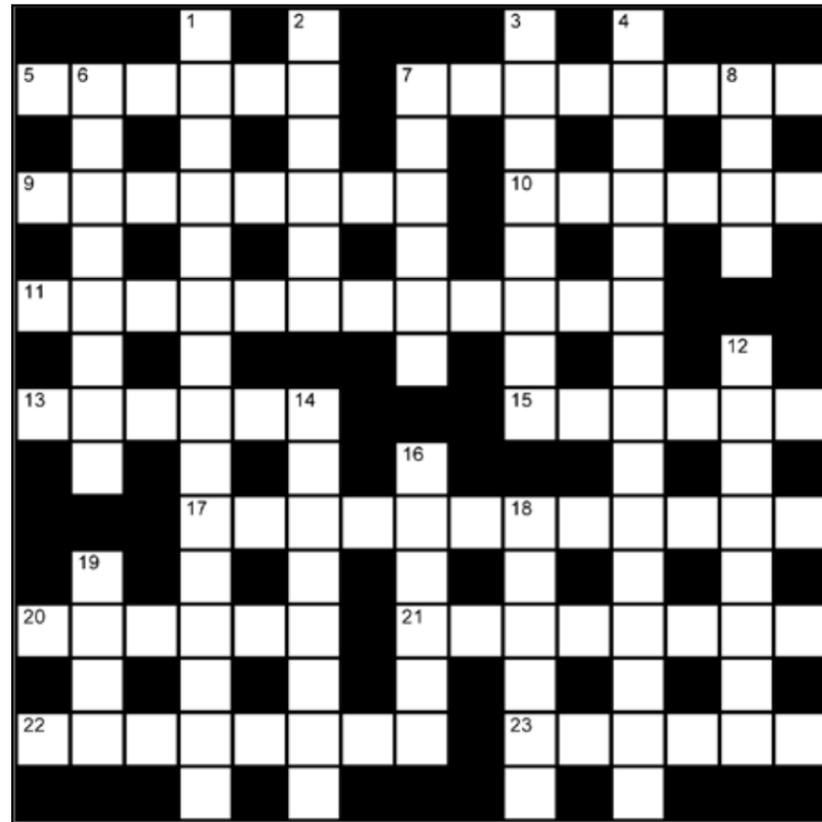
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 5 Layers in twisted rats nest? Ah! Not hens! (6)
- 7 4 sons running amok could lead to car overheads (8)
- 9 Blows horns for little presidents? (8)
- 10 Rock in a Canadian bay (6)
- 11 'Deutschland über alles' as sung by Dolly Parton? (7,5)
- 13 Gatecrash or encroach on shelters on dry land (6)
- 15 Paint the French flowing hair standing on end (6)
- 17 Oddly wearing spectacular shebang in Windsor (5,7)
- 20 An American tap dancing for a cutie leaving Rio (6)
- 21 Former coppers have a powwow (8)
- 22 100 is too old to get insurance (8)
- 23 Supporters of wing walks (6)

Down

- 1 Stringed Smasher is a big noise at the horse trials (9,6)
- 2 Fall headlong for nurse, capturing her heart (6)
- 3 A fox when the hounds are in the kennels sounds like this - it's immoral! (8)
- 4 Meghan wants to marry one of these though he is not any one of these (3,4,3,5)
- 6 Wrong French river is a slow runner (8)
- 7 Top seed on a roll following Open - it's magic! (6)
- 8 If you do this to Shergar, you get to go on (and on) (4)
- 12 Scottish ducks near the front for Meghan's last hurrah (3,5)
- 14 King Tut, for example, is a weird non-U pantie guy (8)
- 16 Run away from outside centre Rob Blind (6)
- 18 Having former coppers on the edge leads to a cop-out (6)
- 19 You can have a saucy mince in this flamboyant coat (4)



Have you spotted signs of spring? Many woods round Mickleham and Westhumble are a good starting point to see bluebells. This picture was taken at Hatchlands NT property last year.

SOLUTION TO THE APRIL

Across CROSSWORD

- 1 Nastiest 5 Jaunts
- 9 Peerless 10 Aurora 12 Lamps
- 13 Egomaniac 14 Roamed
- 16 Raiment 19 Laments 21 Sanity
- 23 Snare drum 25 Somme
- 26 Edison 27 Atlantic 28 Sunhat
- 29 Palmists.

Down

- 1 Nepali 2 Steam room
 - 3 Idles 4 Suspend 6 Adulation
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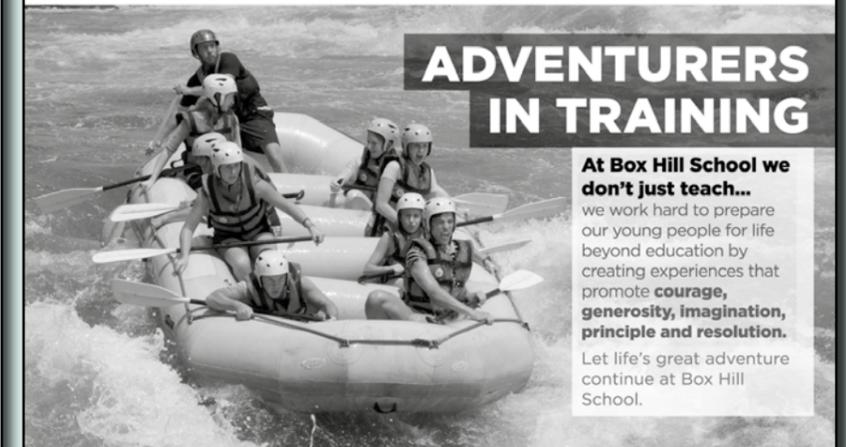
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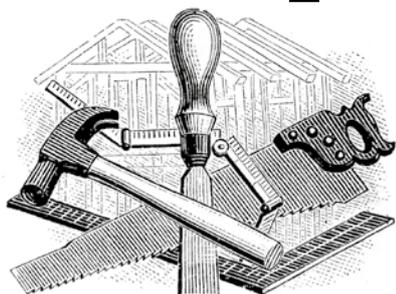
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