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Dear friends

An important event in the calendar this month is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. I appreciate that this Sunday raises some controversial issues, but surely it is a time to remember with thanksgiving those who lost their lives fighting for their country – and to look forward to a time when there really will be peace in the world. Sadly 'peace' is a word that is meaningless to so many people throughout the world and we have failed miserably to build a world where the fear of violence and warfare has ended.

Justin Welby has been Group Treasurer in the oil industry, Archbishop of Canterbury (a position he still holds) and a parish priest. In a recent interview he stated that being a parish priest was the most stressful job he had ever held. So after 32 years of ordained ministry, and most of that as a parish priest, the time has come for me to 'lay down my burden' and head for full retirement. At the time of writing I am not sure what form of 'ministry' will be offered for Mickleham, but can I urge you to give full and generous support to the churchwardens during the forthcoming 'vacancy' at what will be a busy (and possibly stressful) time for them.

When Paul the Apostle wrote a letter to Christians in Ephesus, he included these words:

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your hearts enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

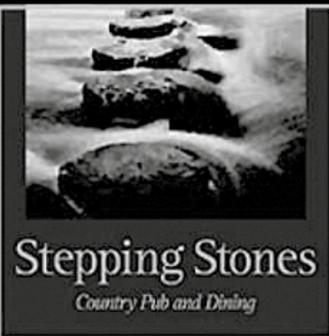
This, too, is my hope and prayer for those of you whom it has been my privilege to serve in the past four and a half years.

We have a Visitors' Book in church and so far this year, apart from people living in the UK, we have had visitors from Norway, China, South Africa, Malaysia, Romania, Isle of Man, Australia, Italy, Czech Republic, Belgium, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, USA, Singapore, Spain, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and Denmark. And remember that it is widely acknowledged that only about 1 in 10 people sign a Visitors' Book! Quite a number of those visitors speak of how 'peaceful' the church feels as they walk round the building.

Just a couple of days ago I had the following email which I have been given permission to print. This person was taking some photos of the village for a promotional video he was working on and wrote:

'Obviously, I wanted to take a shot of the church, but it was very grey and dark and spitting with rain, so I decided to take shelter in the church – as opposed to the pub! I was all alone in the church sitting in a pew, enjoying the wonderful peace and suddenly felt incredibly close to my mother who died a few months ago – feeling emotions I had not felt since her death; it felt almost as if she was there. It was very emotional and I was extremely moved – but meant to be working! Wiping tears

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from my face I headed out of church and amidst all the grey darkness there was a tiny chink of slightly brighter cloud on the horizon making everything a little less bleak, so I crossed the churchyard and set up my camera to film the church ... and as soon as I was set up ready to roll camera ... this happened ...'



If you are finding life stressful and wonder 'What is it all about?' then why not call in when you are passing, and you too may come to feel something of the 'peace' which God offers in Jesus Christ.

With Christian greetings for the last time

Many thanks to Malcolm for all his help and support for the editors of the parish magazine over the years. His copy has always been timely and we always knew that he would fit it to one page - until he took us by surprise this month!

With very best wishes to Malcolm and Sue for a long, happy and peaceful retirement from the editorial team.



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17th December at 6.30 p.m.

Additional singers welcome

We are inviting singers to augment the church choir for this very special service.

There will be 4 rehearsals on Sunday afternoons from 5.30 to 7 p.m. on 19th and 26th November, 3rd and 10th December; and before the service on 17th December.

More information from Juliet Hornby - juliethornby@yahoo.co.uk.



Got your shoebox? Operation Christmas Child

**Filled boxes should be returned to
the church or the Rectory by
Sunday 5th November**

We are once more collecting shoeboxes filled with appropriate goods to brighten the lives of children living in countries where such presents would otherwise never be received. Your simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they are not forgotten.

Leaflets available at the church and St Michael's School. If you are unable to fill a shoebox but would like to support the work of the charity, the leaflet contains an envelope in which donations can be placed.

Jazzy Harvest Supper

On the occasion of the Harvest Supper on 30th September there was an evening of jazz at the Village Hall provided by Westhumble resident, Jeremy Lassen and his 'Jazzmates'.

Following a delicious fish and chip supper and fruit salad the audience were treated to a number of classic jazz tracks from The Great American Song Book of jazz standards, with a few more modern numbers interspersed.

After a short break, Jeremy and the band got the audience on their feet and dancing to a selection of more modern jazz songs, which finished with a lively

rendition of *Johnny Be Good*.

The event raised over £700 for St Michael's church and was supported by local pubs and a salon in Leatherhead.

Thanks to the Running Horses, the King William IV, the Stepping Stones and Prive for donating prizes for the raffle.

Thanks also to Amanda Wadsworth, Julia Siberry, Alison Wood and Anne Weaver for preparing fruit salads and Jonathan Blake and Gerry Weaver for providing the sound and manning the bar. A good time was had by all.

Simon Ward



Jerry, left, and his Jazzmates

The Crib Service 2017

The Crib Service, which takes place on Christmas Eve in the 'Bonfire Field' in Westhumble, is a very popular family event, attracting about 100 people last year. We start at 4 p.m. at the junction of Adlers Lane and Chapel Lane, before processing to the field, led by Mary and Joseph. There are readings and carols along the way, which help to tell the story.

Once again we would like as many children as possible to take part, either

as readers or the 'cast'. We need all the main characters as well as a bevy of angels, flocks of shepherds and an impressive train of Wise Men with their attendants. It is not unknown for adults to dress up for the occasion as well, so find your tea-towels and old curtains and join in. There will be hot drinks and mince pies afterwards.

If you have not been before, it is a truly magical event which reminds us, in the midst of the hurly-burly of

present wrapping, potato peeling and last minute panics, that what we are celebrating is the birth of a baby, Jesus, in a crude stable, to a young girl and her husband whose hearts must have ached with love.

Further details will appear in next month's magazine, but if you would like to take part, or help in any way, please get in touch with me as soon as you can.

Anne Weaver 01306 883932



Carol singing in the
Chapel ruins, Chapel Lane,
Westhumble

6.30 p.m. 19th December

More details in December magazine



Christmas Cheer
Carol singing in the pubs this year
Friday 22nd December.

Further detail in December issue.

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'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 by the December deadline: Sunday 12th November.

The charge is £5 per person (£10 per couple). Proceeds this year will go to St Michael's Community Nursery.

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Harvest celebrations begin at the Craft Workshop

Photographer Meredith Shiers



Autumn has arrived, and so to did the first Craft Workshop of the new academic year at St Michael's School, celebrating the festival of Harvest on Sunday 1st October.

The children enjoyed an array of craft activities including decorating Harvest crowns, flower pots, paper pumpkins, bug windmills, gingerbread biscuits and spotty sticker art to name just a few! Each child then filled a paper bag with all their special things to take home.

As is now the format for the workshops, the crafts and refreshments in the school hall, were followed by a family service at the church in which the children of St Michael's (past and present) sang two special songs with the help of creative directors Mrs Peers, Head of School and Year 1 teacher Rowan Dickinson.

After two years of planning the workshops, I am now handing over

my creative baton to a new team of volunteer parents - Kirsten Pitman (Year 2), Maddy Halliwell (Y2) and Hollie Barnes (YR). My daughter Riley has now left St Michael's to join West Ashted juniors so the time has come for me to go too. I have really enjoyed my time working with Malcolm and the school to provide these events and I look forward to attending in the future with Riley and her younger sister Regan.

It's not only a fun way to celebrate Harvest, Christingle and Mother's Day as a family and as a school, but to also feel part of a community as we all work together to give our children these special and memorable opportunities. Thank you to the many helpers from the Church, Box Hill School and local community who give up their time to come and help us. It would not be possible without them, especially their help in tidying up at the end!



If you would like to get involved at future workshops please get in touch with the school via info@stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk

Meredith Shiers

For more pictures see page 23.



Lest We Forget Farewell to Headley Court

Photographer Stephanie Randall



The Countess of Wessex takes the salute

The media have been dominated, quite understandably, by memories of the Great War, with the centenary of the Armistice coming up in 2018. However, this does not mean we should not also remember those affected by more recent conflicts. On 29th September a parade took place along Dorking High Street to enable the town to say farewell to Headley Court and to recognise the work that has been done there. Earlier, there was also a private thanksgiving service at St Martin's Church in Dorking.

The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre is to move to purpose built facilities in Leicestershire. At Headley for many years, it has come into public consciousness with the need, following recent military engagements, for the rehabilitation of service personnel who have received severe injuries. They also give support to their families.

The parade of military personnel was led by the Band of the Household Cavalry in full ceremonial uniforms with plumes flying on their helmets. The Duchess of Wessex took the salute, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of

Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, who spoke of the wonderful work done by the Centre.

Many schoolchildren, with flags, and members of the public cheered to give Headley Court a rousing farewell.



Dorking Museum in November

The Museum is taking a look at the plight of civilians in 1917, and the effects of the Great War.

While not strictly part of Remembrance, the efforts of civilians were highly relevant to the success or otherwise of the campaign in France.

Our current exhibition, 'Dorking 1917', is the fourth in our popular series of exhibitions showing what life was like for locals and visitors on the Home Front during each year of the Great War. The exhibition shows that 1917 was a time of hardship and tension but had a lighter side too. A fascinating glimpse into the lives of an earlier generation.

Dorking was deluged with terrified Londoners seeking a safe haven. German zeppelin day-time raids struck London that summer with night raids beginning in September. Motor buses from Clapham were crowded with refugees, many of European origin, leading the local paper to say that Dorking was becoming the home of the 'East End Foreigner'.

Many found homes in the Falkland Arms district and sent their children to local schools, while wealthier families rented houses near the station so that they could commute to work. Soon hotels were full, apartments were fetching premium rates, and houses for rent were unobtainable. A second wave found no accommodation and mothers and children trudged the streets before sleeping in the open.

The visitors were generally greeted with sympathy, although they were regarded as 'foreigners' with unfamiliar ways. However, tensions rose as the 'invasion' exacerbated food shortages. In October, the Council placed notices in London papers advising people not to come to Dorking as the town could not provide food for the influx.

The population had endured nearly three years of war, and, as the nation's resources were directed towards the war effort, civilians suffered shortages. A Ministry of Food was established to prevent hoarding and profiteering, and to encourage the population to consume and waste less. But Britain

was dependent on imports for 60% of foodstuffs, which made the country vulnerable when German submarines began to target merchant shipping. By March 1917, it was estimated that the country had only enough food to last 6 weeks.

Shortages and fatigue took a toll on health and morale. Schools were particularly affected with many closed for weeks at a time because of teacher shortages, repeated bouts of contagious disease, and a lack of fuel to fire the heating stoves.

Let us not forget the hardships being suffered by our brave local men in Europe and further afield. The exhibition also includes the roll call of local casualties, including those from the Battle of Passchendaele, which took a large toll on local men, and those who died in the Middle East, in what is now Iraq. One panel follows the progress of the local volunteer 'territorial' company from Dorking to India and over to what was then Mesopotamia where many succumbed to heatstroke, fever and disease rather than enemy action.

We'll Meet Again - Dame Vera Lynn



It was with great pleasure I undertook a commission to paint Dame Vera Lynn's portrait in celebration of her 100th birthday, and on the day of a private unveiling in her home, I was accompanied by my parents, who were absolutely delighted to meet this wonderful lady. My father was one of the service men that had been lucky enough to be sung to in the early 1940's by 'The Forces Sweetheart'.

Besides being able to look through the photographic album of her trip to Burma, my parents had a lovely sing-song with Dame Vera including her favourite song *Yours, The White Cliffs of*

Dover, and *Till we Meet Again*; it was a beautiful moment seeing the three of them holding hands and reminiscing. A very special day with an extremely Special Lady.

Sherree Valentine Daines

Ed: *What a heartwarming story.*

Wikipedia tells us that Dame Vera Lynn was born on 20th March 1917. She began performing publicly at the age of seven.

She released the album *Vera Lynn 100* in 2017, to commemorate her centennial

year, and it was a top ten hit, making her the oldest recording artist in the world and first centenarian performer to have an album in the charts.

Vera was made a Dame in 1975 for charitable services and a Companion of Honour in 2016. A street named in her honour, Vera Lynn Close, is in Forest Gate, London, and a locomotive on the North York Moors railway is named Dame Vera Lynn.

As many of you know Sherree lives in Mickleham.



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More details in the
December magazine

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Dear Friends

Thank you to all those who supported the coffee morning at Chapel Farm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a delight to see those of you who could attend, thank you for taking the time to come along to support this amazing charity. A huge thank you too to those of you who were unable to attend but have given me donations. I have banked £1,020 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity this year which is absolutely amazing.

It was another lovely sunny day on Friday 22nd September. We had laid out the kitchen table with cakes and biscuits and the urn was boiling away ready for 10 a.m. At 10.15 I was chatting away with 5 or 6 people thinking - there's going to be a lot of cake to eat tonight. I spent 10 minutes busily



The table loaded with delicious cakes ready for the fray

pouring coffee, etc and when I then turned around the kitchen and garden were full of people. I am always amazed at how many of you turn out for this event - thank you. It makes me feel very proud to live in such a supportive community.

I hope to see you all again next year!

Liz Absalom

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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Walk Around Dorking

For our final event of the year 18 members of our group met outside Dorking Museum for a guided walk around the town. Our guides, Jennifer Langford and Wendy Foley, explained that the museum occupies the site of the Old Foundry, where munitions were produced during WW2. Outside the building is a piece of decorative ironwork which used to sit on top of St Martin's church spire.

Along West Street, Jennifer pointed out the house of William Mullins, a shoemaker who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 with several members of his family. It is thought to be the only remaining house of a Pilgrim Father in this country. William, his wife and son died soon after reaching the New World but his daughter Priscilla survived and had ten children. Her descendants include the US presidents John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams.

Next stop was the United Reformed Church, built on the site of an older Congregational Church. Dorking was always a centre for non-conformism and John Wesley preached in the town on numerous occasions. Further down the street lies the King's Arms, the oldest pub in Dorking. In 1890 a Temperance Hotel (now Harmans) opened, directly opposite the King's Arms, where locally brewed ginger beer was a popular drink, especially with visiting groups of cyclists.

On our way up Junction Rd to South St (pictured) we spotted the old sign on the wall for Gilliams, the stonemasons, a name familiar to some of us from several headstones in St Michael's churchyard. We paused to reflect on the long list of names on the South St war memorial, including those of Valentine Joe Strudwick, one of the youngest of the war dead at 15 years and 11 months, and the three Cubitt brothers, sons of Henry Cubitt, 2nd Baron Ashcombe. On a lighter note, Jennifer pointed out that Reginald Boggis, whose name is also listed, in fact survived the war.

At Pump Corner our group was surprised to be shown a paving stone with the word "WELL" stamped into it, marking the source of water for the pump. We must all have walked on it countless times without spotting the lettering. Pump Corner was the old town centre where North, South, West and East



Streets converged (East St is now the High St). Nearby in the road stood the market hall, which had fallen into disrepair by the beginning of the 19th century. The Lord of the Manor, the 11th Duke of Norfolk, had promised to rebuild it but died before this could be accomplished and so the building was demolished.

The construction of the turnpike road in the mid-18th century greatly improved travelling conditions and several Dorking coaching inns offered a daily coach service to and from London, taking about 3 hours each way. The King's Head on the corner of High St and North St is believed to be the inspiration for the Marquis of Granby in Dickens' *The Pickwick Papers*, with Tony Weller in the book modelled on William Broad, a well-known Dorking coachman.

Behind the High Street we meandered down some of Dorking's picturesque alleys, catching glimpses of hidden cottages and colourful gardens before stopping at the Old Pumhouse. Here a plaque marked with the initials RP commemorates Resta Patching, the founder of the waterworks where water was pumped through wooden pipes from the Pipp Brook.

Passing St Martin's church on our way back to the High St we learned that the 64m spire is thought to be the tallest in South East England. It stands as a memorial to Samuel Wilberforce, the Bishop of Winchester and son of the anti-slavery campaigner William

Wilberforce. Samuel died after being thrown from his horse in Abinger Roughts in 1873 and is remembered today for his strong opposition to Darwin's theory of evolution.

Some sporting history then followed. Jackie and Wendy explained that an annual west v east Shrove Tuesday football match was played in the town. Shopkeepers barricaded their properties and a collection was made before the match to cover the costs of any resulting damage. By the end of the 19th century the game was banned due to the damage caused and the riotous behaviour of the supporters. At Cotmandene we discovered another sporting tradition. In the 18th century, cricket matches were played there and a painting hanging in the Long Room at Lord's cricket ground depicts one of these matches.

Those of us keen to see more made our way through the alleys behind the High St up to Rose Hill. Here, in the mid-19th century, an attractive collection of houses was built by the Dorking Villa Company around a sloping grass paddock in the grounds of Rose Hill House. On our visit, lying contentedly on the grass, were several sheep! It was hard to believe we were only a few metres from Sainsbury's car park. By then it was time to head back to the Museum and to thank our guides for a fascinating experience.

Judith Long



Broadband Update

We are delighted to announce that the Mickleham Broadband Project has been upgraded and all premises involved will receive Fibre to Premises (FTTP) instead of Fibre to Cabinet (FTTC). FTTP provides fibre connection all the way from the exchange to your premises.

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When will it be done?

Work will start in the next few weeks with a view to the infrastructure to be completed by Christmas, although delays can occur. Openreach are outsourcing various engineering

companies to work on this project in the hope that the infrastructure can be completed by Christmas. You may not be connected to fibre by then, but they are going to try very hard for us.

What costs are involved?

The main infrastructure will stay at the price we agreed and have already paid. The cost of your annual broadband package will be up to you, broadly you pay more as the speed increases.

There may be the odd charge for extra new cabling if a household is situated quite far from a distribution point but Openreach have assured us that they will do everything to make sure they will get everyone connected with any extra costs being kept to a minimum. Please do not worry at this stage, our team will work on your behalf and we must work together as a community to make sure that we realise this opportunity and get the project completed.

What can we do to get this project up and running?

Parking is a big problem in Mickleham, so if you see engineers who have to

park on roads and you have space on your driveway or other areas, please offer them a place and no doubt a cup of tea will not go amiss.

Some premises may require an extra telegraph pole installed. We do not know every scenario yet but if it happens to be your land Openreach may ask you for permission. It can hold up the project if permission becomes a lengthy process. If you own the land and agree the installation a simple authorisation form can be signed between yourself and Openreach. If you do not agree the situation, could we ask that you contact us so we can all work quickly to find a resolution.

If you are unhappy with any workforce or have any queries or complaints, please address these to us as soon as possible at micklehambroadband@gmail.com. We are in touch with the chief engineer's department at Openreach and are sure any problem can be addressed and ironed out quickly.

Mickleham Broadband Group

Photograph: Ben Tatham



are most welcome, along with all your relatives and friends. Come whatever the weather.

Finishing touches to the bonfire from 10 a.m. on Saturday 4th November (lots of newspaper to be scrunched - great fun).

Westhumble's Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display Saturday 4th November

If you have been helping to build the bonfire, thank you - but do not forget to come.

At 5.45 p.m. the Guy will lead a torchlit parade from the junction of Chapel Lane, Adlers Lane and Burney Road.

If you arrive a bit later, come to the Westhumble field at the lower end of Adlers Lane.

The bonfire will be lit by around 6.30 p.m. followed by Neil Mason's spectacular fireworks.

Our insurance policy does not permit hand-held fireworks, so please DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN SPARKLERS - we have an alternative.

This year the Pop-Up Pub will make an appearance.

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It is the time of year when the garden centres and plant catalogues are full of a huge variety of bulbs and once more it feels almost like an annual duty to add at least a few to our current stock, whether for naturalising in grass, for planting in borders or in pots. Psychologically, it is not just a duty but a necessity in order to set our minds ticking forward towards spring and the joyful transformation they will bring about in those dark days.

Growing bulbs for sale is a highly lucrative business. Think of all those fields of daffodils and tulips in Holland. Not good for biodiversity but how many of these are grown naturally and how many use pesticides? The problem is that bulbs immersed in pesticides and fungicides carry their trail straight into your garden.

Neonicotinoids are commonly used in the bulb industry as a flower bulb drench to keep aphids and other sap-sucking insects away from plants. Their half-life is estimated between 34

days and 3 years as they break down in the soil during which time bacteria, amoeba, worms and insects are all affected. Although research results show some variation, there is little doubt that the use of pesticides should be avoided as far as possible. Even at low levels of contact, bees' ability to forage, learn and remember navigation routes have been seen to diminish and the population of insect-eating birds has also shown some decline where seed has been treated.

So if every bee that visits one of your blooms is tasting a tiny bit of poison, what can we do about it? The answer must be to buy sustainably and naturally produced bulbs. Some Dutch growers are now producing zero pesticide and/or organically grown bulbs. UK companies such as the Organic Gardening Catalogue (organiccatalogue.com) and Crocus (crocus.co.uk) also stock organic bulbs. The Organic Gardening Catalogue in particular has an excellent range; I like



the look of a small tulip called Honky Tonk, pale yellow with a soft pink blush, but there are lots of lovely things!

There's still plenty of planting time left so if you have not already bought your bulbs, do consider the organic options – BE BEE-FRIENDLY!

Judy Kinloch



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Any Information about Stone Throwing?

Around 10.40pm on Saturday, 14th October, a flint thrown at our house in Chapel Lane broke porch roof tiles, but fortunately caused no other damage. We gather that a group of noisy youngsters walked up the lane and into Pilgrims Way at about that time, so if anybody has helpful CCTV footage, it would be good to try and nip this in the bud. Thanks.

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Mickleham Choral Society's Carol Party will be on Friday 15th December

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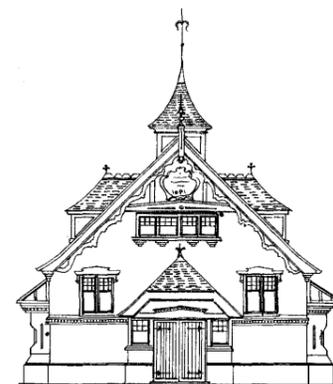


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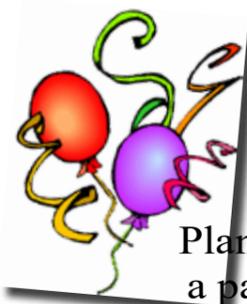
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INTERMENT OF ASHES IN ST MICHAEL'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

6th October Malcolm John Batt and Jane Batt

Calendar of Events

November

4	Saturday	5.45 p.m.	Westhumble Bonfire & Fireworks
5	Sunday	4th Sunday before Advent (Shoebos Sunday)	Holy Communion (Order 2) Worship Together
		8 a.m.	
		10 a.m.	Quiz Night at King William IV (book directly)
6	Monday		Bible Study Group meets
9	Thursday	11 a.m.	
12	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion (Order 2) Remembrance Day Service NO MORNING PRAYER AT THE CHAPEL Concert for Remembrance Sunday St Michael's Church (see page 11).
		8 a.m.	
		10 a.m.	
		7 p.m.	
13	Monday	9.15 a.m.	St Michael's School Assembly in church
16	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
18	Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at the Running Horses
19	Sunday	2nd Sunday before Advent	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
		8 a.m.	
		10 a.m.	
20	Monday	8 p.m.	PCC meets
23	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
25	Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at the Running Horses
26	Sunday	Sunday before Advent (Christ the King)	Holy Communion (Order 2) (CHAPEL) Holy Communion
		8 a.m.	
		10 a.m.	
27	Monday	3 p.m.	Tea@3 at Mary Banfield's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15th December - Choral Society Carol Concert
Sunday 17th December - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 19th December - Carols at the Chapel Ruin
Thursday 21st December - Crew 18+ reunion
Friday 22nd December - Carol singing ground the pubs

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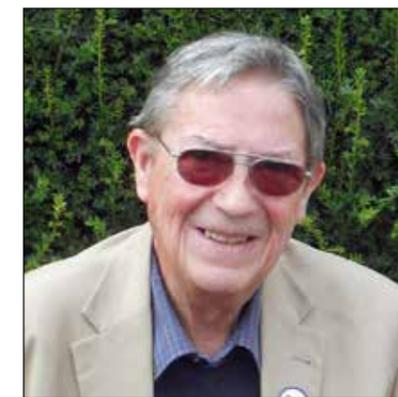
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Richard Alexander Roberts-Miller

1942 -2017



Richard Roberts-Miller was born on 31st August 1942 and was brought up by his mother and grandmother in the building that housed the family business of sign writers in Kensington. He attended Westminster City School and Southampton University where he took a degree in Economics. He pursued a career in market research in London for some years before moving to the United States in 1978 as President and Chief Executive of Thomson Vacations, one of the first companies to sell package holidays in the US and one which he turned into a highly successful enterprise. On his return to England, Richard continued his career as a consultant on a free-lance basis but the tragic death of his brilliant son Alexander in 2002 led him initially to concentrate on setting up and running a charitable organisation in Alex's name to provide educational, sporting and social opportunities for disadvantaged young people. It continues today.

Richard married Fiona Deacon in 1972 and as well as Alex, they had two daughters, Jo and Beth. Jo and Simon have two children, Barney and Zac, and Beth with Leigh has another Alexander, more familiarly known as Cubby. Richard's family was hugely important to him and he loved and enjoyed all his grandchildren and was never happier than when they were building model airplanes together. Richard was supported through the worst period of his life by Fiona, despite her own grief, with help from family and long-standing friends. They were dark days for everyone.

During his time at university, Richard showed an extraordinary degree of initiative, skill and energy as well as

sound commercial sense. He was the entrepreneur par excellence: he set up a coffee bar staffed by the best looking girls in the university, put on folk song recitals by prominent folk singers and moved on to staging full-scale rock concerts in the main hall of the university not only to students but the general public. He played the guitar himself and was the original tutor of Richard Thompson, OBE, of the Fairport Convention. Fame came when his name was the contestant's answer to a question on Mastermind about Richard (Thompson). Such was his modesty that he would never mention any of his achievements.

Richard had an intelligent curiosity about life and a fascination with celebrity. As a student holiday job one Christmas he delighted in the fact that one of his clients was the actress Julie Christie. He would never deliver her cards through the post box but would ring the bell and then pass over each card individually! His sense of humour he shared with many of his many good friends and also spilled over into his working life. When bored in a meeting he would send a coded buzz to his secretary. She would then pop her head round the door and say, 'Richard, the Invisible Man is outside', to which he would reply, 'Tell him I can't see him'. His combination of sound commercial sense and humour was put to good use in negotiating, a process he much enjoyed and usually won.

Richard, Fiona and family moved to Fredley in 1979 and almost immediately he was inveigled on to the Parish Council, becoming Chairman a year later, and he remained in that role for 24 years, personally taking on a huge amount of the business of the

council. He and Mo Chisman formed a team for many years and became good friends; they would regularly discuss and exchange books and shared their addiction to the Goon Show. Talking to Richard on the telephone about a minor matter could be a marathon event as one topic led seamlessly to another. At Parish Council meetings during the Cherkley saga, it was imperative not to mention the unmentionable unless one wanted to listen to a diatribe. All Richard's instincts of conserving the countryside and fair play were aroused. Although he might declaim, he was the least pompous of men and enjoyed the company of anyone who was down to earth and without pretensions.

Richard was always generous with his time for the community. He photographed gardens for the Horticultural Society, took pictures at the village shows and many other events. He compiled the crossword for this magazine for 18 years and quiz nights brought out his prodigious knowledge of a large number of subjects that his intellectual curiosity led him to explore.

We send our love and sympathy to Fiona and all the family.

Judy Kinloch



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Malcolm John Batt

1929 - 2017

We were shocked to hear of John's sudden death on 26th August. Not only was it so unexpected but barely two months had passed since Jane died, just as suddenly. Their wonderfully happy marriage had lasted an amazing 62 years.

John was born in Salisbury in 1929. He was a chorister at Salisbury Cathedral and gained a choral scholarship to King's College, Taunton (although John said that once his tuneful treble voice broke it was far too growly and he had to change to the organ). John qualified as a solicitor in 1952. He first worked in criminal court work and then, having set up his own firm in Wimbledon he worked in the UK and America specialising in commercial property law.

John's legacy is diverse; when he was only 17 he wrote Non-Stop, to prove a point to his music master. How it came to be published is a whole story in itself! But published it was and in 1957 it became the signature tune for the ITN news, continuing as such until 1983. You could not live in the UK in those years and not know that tune! John went on to write, amongst other things, the music for the film Mischievous in 1969 and the theme tune to two TV 1970s TV series - Main Chance and Justice, popular court room dramas with Margaret Lockwood and John Stride. He also wrote most of the scripts for these, following his successful book Let's Make It Legal; The Life of a Solicitor. I remember John saying that when on set one day he was told that the script for that episode was too long. He said 'Well, tell them to talk faster!' He also wrote a gripping cold war novel, The Tesla Trinity, which went on to be a huge success in Japan.

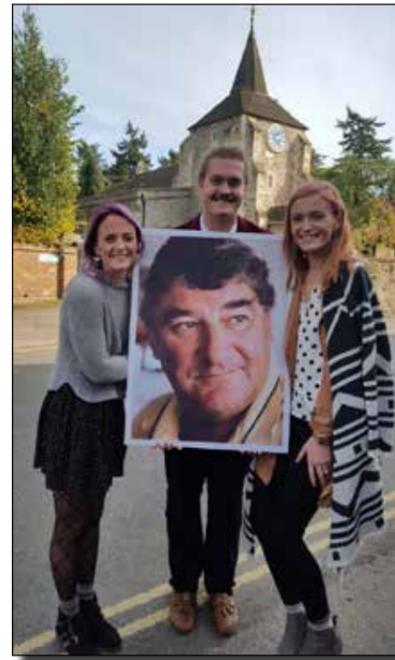
John said that his time at Salisbury Cathedral gave him a love of words and of English Church Music and indeed he made use of that. His writing talents seemed to be entirely interchangeable between music and words. It fascinated me when I worked for John that we could be working one minute on rewriting a novel as a film script and the next minute adjusting notation and key changes on an anthem.

In 1999 John dropped everything to help overturn what was to become one of the worst miscarriages of justice in recent times, the imprisonment of his best friend's daughter, Sally Clark, falsely accused of murdering her two sons. John said a few years later 'As every lawyer knows, if you are careless enough to step into the path of a miscarriage of justice it consumes you to the exclusion of everything else until it is put right'. In 2004 John wrote Stolen Innocence, telling Sally's story.

Whatever else John did, his greatest passion was for his family. John and Jane lived for most of his working life on Wimbledon Hill, first with Gina, then Charles, then Joanna, before moving down to Mickleham Hall in 1987. To complete the team they then had 3 wonderful grandchildren, Derek, Lizzy and Janie. At John and Jane's Golden Wedding celebrations John said 'Nothing prepares you for the impact of children. And absolutely nothing prepares you for the sense of pride they give you in their achievements. We are a close family. We talk all the time. We adore our children and worship our grandchildren - although we would never let them know that!'

John played a very active part in the community here. His memorable summer concerts ran for ten years. John was very involved with Box Hill School as a governor, always stressing the importance of music in school. He became a fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, as it moved to Westhumble and then to his beloved Salisbury. But central to John's life was the church, John was the organist at St. Michael's for some time (although he always said he was just filling in!) John used to write music regularly for the church choir. And John continued to write, for the community he has written hymns (including a hymn for St. Michael's School), carols, anthems and a full requiem.

John Batt, aka John Malcolm, was a talented composer and an extremely accomplished and respected solicitor, author, and script writer. But John will be remembered more than anything



Grandchildren Derek, Lizzy and Janie

for his warm, caring and compassionate personality. He was a good man who used all the gifts God gave him to the greatest effect, a man of great humour and fun, a fierce defender of justice, a true gentleman and a man utterly devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren.

I will end with a paragraph of John's: 'I have always believed that one of the greater sins is not to use the talents with which the Almighty has endowed us. I am impulsive, untidy, and incredibly lucky to have never been bored. I never know from one day to the next which one of God's gifts I shall be deploying. One of my driving forces is humour, laughter. It is one of the Lord's best gifts to mankind alongside the power of emotion to help us love, grieve, be proud of somebody else, befriend, suffer and cry.'

We send our love and prayers to Gina, Charles, Joanna, Derek, Lizzy and Janie.

Katie Cox

Community News

Congratulations to Mike and Liz Harper of Westhumble on the safe arrival of their grandson Frederick Wyndham in Zurich. A brother for Lucia.

Colin Edgar Johnson

1937-2017

St. Michael's Church was completely full on 9th October on the sad occasion of Colin Johnson's memorial service. All generations of the family were present and took part in the service with readings and a poem. The eulogy was given by Edwin, his son.

Colin was born on 26th July 1937. He excelled at school, winning a scholarship from Downsend to Lancing College where he was, according to Edwin, a 'dream pupil', captain of swimming and deputy head among other roles. His brilliance at Classics then won him a scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford. In addition to his studies he took up rowing and with his Brasenose crew recorded four bumps: one of his proudest possessions was the oar he won. From Oxford, Colin joined United Steel but this was to be for a few years only as his father asked him to come to work on the dairy farm at Norbury Park and in the family business. Putting family and firm foremost meant that he gave up a career in industry but this was just one example of his sense of selflessness and service. It was a hard life, the day starting with milking and then travelling to Johnson Baker in Putney before coming home to

more work on the farm. It improved significantly when they gave up the farm in the late 70's and moved to Old Dene. Here, Colin enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with his family and to look after the house.

Colin met Fiona at Oxford, only because their respective mothers became friends and Colin's services were offered to make up the numbers at Fiona's 21st birthday party. Clearly Colin managed to do more than this and at the Eights Week Ball in his final year proposed and was accepted. They were married in December 1960 and soon began a family: Lucinda, Edwin, Josie and Malcolm who have been followed by grandchildren in their turn. Between them, they created at Old Dene a house that warmly welcomed all ages and provided the venue for many varied family events and activities. Colin was both a devoted husband and a loving father.

Colin was a man with a remarkable range of abilities from looking after livestock, to running a business, to discussing the Iliad, all with a gentle sense of humour and without any sense of how individual his talents were. He



could connect with anyone and earned the love and respect of family and friends. Moreover, throughout his life he was a devout Christian and a regular churchgoer. Typically, he bore his illness with little complaint, especially as he had always loved the outdoor life. His final years were spent with his wife of 56 years at his side, in his own home and surrounded by family and friends until his death on 18th September 2017, aged 80. Our prayers go with him.

We send our love and sympathy to Fiona and all of Colin's family.

Judy Kinloch

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Rest in Peace

We were very sorry to hear that Malcolm Raby's father Lou, had died. He lived in York with Malcolm's mother and was 96. We send our deepest sympathy to Malcolm, his mother and his family at this sad time.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Walter Buse, a former resident of Swanworth Lane, husband of Diana Intranova. They moved to Southwater a few years ago. Walter passed away in September; the funeral is due to take place after this edition goes to print. Our sympathies go to Diana.

We are sorry to report that Anna Higgarty of Givons Grove has also died.

Her funeral took place at St Michael's on 11th October and we send our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

The sad news had reached us just before this edition goes to print that Gill Russell-Smith of Westhumble Street has also passed away. We send our sincere condolences to her sons, Luke, Matthew and Jacob, and friends.

We are also sorry to hear of the death of Terry Wells, a Bookham resident who was a regular attender at St Michael's Church. His funeral took place at St Michael's on 12th October. Sincere sympathies to his family.

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'Winter is Coming' to quote from Game of Thrones, that means new menus and comfort food. On November 5th fireworks are here in the gardens, this is not advertised as Anne and I like to reserve it for locals and regulars only. It is free and we give out sparklers to the kids (and grown up kids!)

Boo hoo, our quiz hosts Malcolm and Sue are retiring, so I am not sure how long they will be running our popular winter pub quiz, but they have committed to 6th November. Please book early. £16 pp for 2 courses, quiz and prizes. Last year many people were disappointed as it was fully booked quite early each time.

See you soon Eamonn, Anne and team

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A Visit to Wisley

A select group of 12 met at Wisley gardens in September for a tour. Our guide, Sue, set the scene in front of the laboratory building, providing a brief history of the RHS and how Wisley, established in 1904, came to acquire the land and buildings. Our walk took us to places in the garden that we do not normally visit: who would have thought there was a Jurassic Dell?! We passed several Champion trees with Sue explaining the significance of these. We walked through the rockery and learnt the reasons for the different areas and stones, arriving in the vegetable garden. The avid kitchen gardeners among us took a keen interest in the tidy rows of plants, some ready for harvesting and others freshly planted for the winter season. We learnt so much: the effects of the damage caused by the storm in 1987; what the Jelico Canal replaced;

and how to overdose on peppery vitamin C. The facts came thick and fast. Sue's knowledge was extensive and her humour engaging. It was very sad to hear that Wisley has been the victim of numerous plant thefts during recent months resulting in CCTV being installed in some of the greenhouses. It was very interesting to hear of ideas that had not worked out as planned - such as the espalier fruit trees on the fruit mound which have now been removed, as well as seeing all the areas that looked perfect.

For those of us who had been to Wisley in the past it was fantastic to see the changes that have taken place in recent months, like the exotic garden and the vegetable and herb garden. It was interesting to hear how important the trials area is, in providing a realistic



test for new plants as the site does not provide ideal growing conditions. At last the much awaited redevelopment is starting and it will be a very different RHS Wisley in a year or two. We cannot wait to see it! We passed the wonderful allium sculpture, we made our way down through the area of small gardens which is about to be re-developed, to the greenhouse where our tour ended. A tasty lunch eaten outside in the glorious October sunshine was a perfect end to our morning. It was a truly successful day.

Liz Absalom and Belinda Parham



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and

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Success in LAMDA Awards

On Thursday 21st September 2017, 35 students from Years 7-13 at Box Hill School celebrated their outstanding LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exam results with 12 Distinctions and 23 Merits.

We were pleased to invite all family and friends in for a special evening of awards and performances.

LAMDA has been offered at Box Hill School for approximately 19 years and fits perfectly with the school's ethos of an excellent all round education. It has become a very valuable subject in its own right as it provides students with essential life skills and attributes such as self-confidence and the ability to communicate clearly and present ideas. They learn the art of public speaking, conversation, expressing opinions, and of course develop their performance skills, all of which can help to prepare them for the future and real life!



Some of the students with their LAMDA certificates

Mrs Caroline Lowe, who has taught LAMDA at Box Hill School for 16 years and is a member of the Board of examiners for LAMDA said 'I am delighted with our continued 100% pass rate for the June examinations. The highest mark achieved this year was 97% for Public Speaking'.

'These results are particularly notable as they include 18 medal examinations which all carry valuable UCAS points, with Distinctions for Gold medals in both Acting and Public Speaking. I am very proud of all my pupils who have gained these results through their hard

work, ability and enthusiasm. We will be working again this year to maintain this very high standard set by my pupils.' Headmaster Mr Cory Lowde commented 'I was delighted to be in the audience for the students' performances, to see such talent, enthusiasm and confidence in their speeches and monologues was simply inspiring. The ability to present to an audience and bring the written word to life so effortlessly will stand them all in great stead in the future. I am immensely proud of their efforts and of the staff who have helped them to achieve these results'.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to increase our supply of strong plastic bags for MPM deliveries. Please keep them coming.

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J.S. Bach

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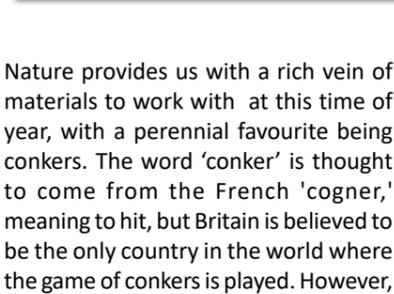




Going bonkers for conkers

After a relaxing summer break, staff and children returned to St Michael's in September ready for the autumn term. It is one of our busiest times of the academic year, as we welcome new families to the nursery and help them settle into life with us in Mickleham.

Over the summer, both the nursery and a number of parents host playdates. From our experience they make a huge difference to how children settle back into nursery or indeed settle into their new classes at school. This really contributes to getting back into the swing of playing with others, turn taking, socialising; and of course parents also get to catch up and chat! They proved as popular as ever this year and it was great to see many of our new families joining the playdates. Autumn term is now well underway.



Nature provides us with a rich vein of materials to work with at this time of year, with a perennial favourite being conkers. The word 'conker' is thought to come from the French 'cogner,' meaning to hit, but Britain is believed to be the only country in the world where the game of conkers is played. However, we like to use them for more creative purposes and conker sculptures are coming thick and fast at the moment! We have also had a dinosaur theme going on and alongside dino footprints. We made some leaf prints, and the new starters printed their leaves for the registration tree which sits in our entrance area.

We had great fun with our wheeled toys, and the children have really enjoyed having some traffic signals to go with them! The train track has also been out and is as popular as ever. We

have been pouring and measuring in the water tray... with salt! And, as ever, singing is proving a hit with both new and older children alike.

We are already busy with plans for the St Michael's Christmas fair which takes place on Saturday 25th November. Please join us. It follows the charity quiz night on October 16th, at the King William IV pub. Proceeds from the night will be split between the nursery and the Mickleham Children's Playground Association; a fun and worthwhile event.

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The bonfire will take place on Saturday 4th November.

Do come along - see page 10 for details.



As a Church school with a strong Christian ethos we are committed to doing the best for all of the children in our care, and making everyone feel included and valued. We have worked with members of our community to choose six Christian-based values that will help guide us to be the best we can be in our everyday lives.

These values will form the foundation of our choices as adults and we will take the time to learn more about what they mean and question what they

might look like in our community and beyond, making sure this is understood by children and relevant to them.

'Values are the principles we live by, informing how we behave in our dealings with others, defining our morality and our aspirations. They represent our vision of the person we would like to be and our vision of the world as we would like it to operate.'

Sustaining hope in School leadership, Alan Flintham

We have chosen 6 values and we focus on one value each term, thinking about what that means to us.

Our value in the first half of this term was Friendship. Our assemblies have focused on the qualities a good friend



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would show and how we can be friendly to each other and people that we meet. We have also thought about what the Bible tells us about being friendly and how important it is to treat others the way we would want to be treated ourselves and love our neighbours.

The children have also worked with Mrs Dickinson to create a new whole school prayer. They used our 6 values to help them. We will say this prayer every day in assembly.

Father God,

Help us to be friendly and encourage others,

Help us to be forgiving and thankful for all we have.

Give us the strength to persevere in all we do,

Lord, make this school your home too.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Paula Bliss

New School Governor Needed

St Michael's governors are seeking a community governor with an understanding of finance who can join us in December and contribute to the strategic development of the school. It is with thanks that we have to reluctantly say goodbye to Duncan Irvine who has completed four years as a valued governor. If you would like to know more about St Michael's governors please have a look at our website page <http://www.stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk/governors> To have an informal discussion please contact me either by phoning the school 01372 373717 or email phand@stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk



More pictures from the Harvest Workshop - see page 5

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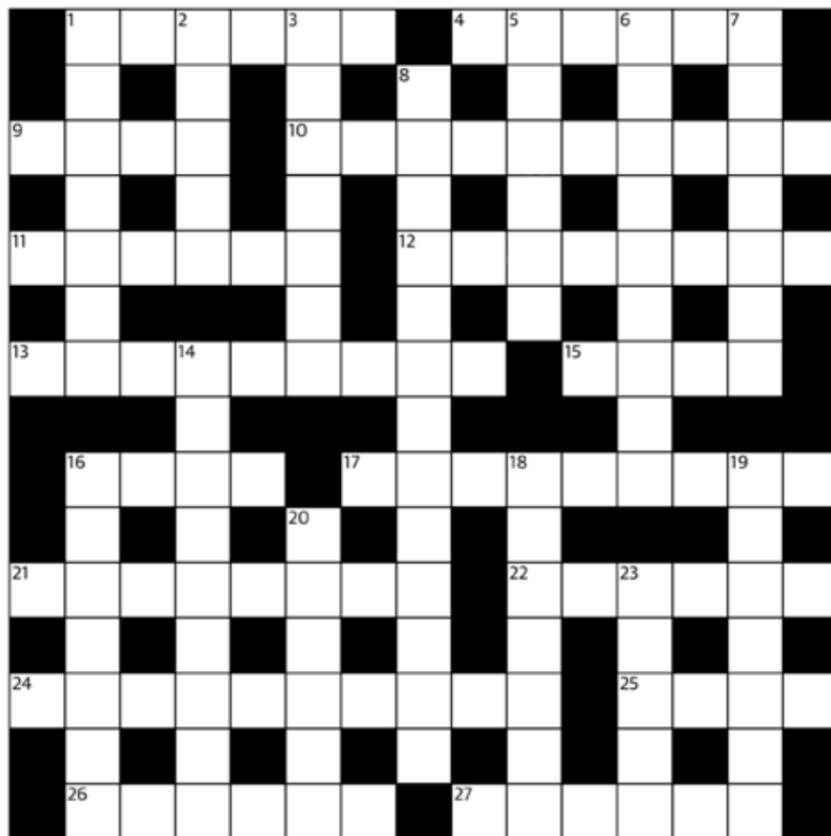
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- Hammers coins (6)
- Mouth pecker (6)
- Square team discharging sulphur (4)
- Nothing's convenient to wear on the moon (5,5)
- Leggy bird carrying launch of bullets for West Bank city (6)
- Dads taking drug provide aids for getting high (8)
- Platinum and gold surround love god. Right old flier. (9)
- Swings round beginning of stretch to the back (4)
- Bet volcano flows in unexpected direction (4)
- Setting off a dog's noise after letter (9)
- Tree-dweller? (8)
- Primarily a sexy temptress however, might actually be said to be breath-taking (6)
- Unimaginative to interweave genesis of Tolkien, Homer, Orpheus and elves for creation of new legends (10)
- Boy with male chromosome becomes female (4)
- Grabbing some of madam, Ned gets sent to hell (6)



27. Sage setter's staff is potassium-deficient (6)

Down

- Wise one who's easily offended by National Trust (7)
- Below milk dispenser changing penny for Newton (5)
- Saddens, rarely removes grains (7)
- Frost limit? (6)
- Borough borough (9)
- Rotter's ruffled ripostes (7)
- United after 45 minutes of football with coach going the wrong way nets partly underwater (4-9)

- Spoil woman's meat in South Yorkshire (9)
- Princess Royal holds in yell. Daughter gets riled (7)
- Bonkers canary incubating birth of hen – chaos! (7)
- Restless, negative and angry, before intensive care (7)
- Petals upset chief (6)
- One leaves the loo offered for rent (2,3)

Thank you to Duncan John, son-in-law of John and Mary Williams of Mickleham, for this crossword.

SOLUTION TO THE OCTOBER CROSSWORD

Across:

- 7 Fiona 8 Logician 11 Iridium 12 Equable
13 Entwine 14 (With 20 & 23) Richard Roberts-Miller 15 Convolvulus
20 See 14 22 Similar 24 Cassata
26 Taloned 27 Lima Bean 28 Elude

Down:

- 1 Officer 2 Holistic 3 Tahiti 4 Slumberous
5 Ogle 6 Lambda 9 Council 10 Weeds
14 Revisiting 16 Nirvana 17 Selenium
18 Price 19 Fredley 21 Bosnia
23 See 14 25 Alex

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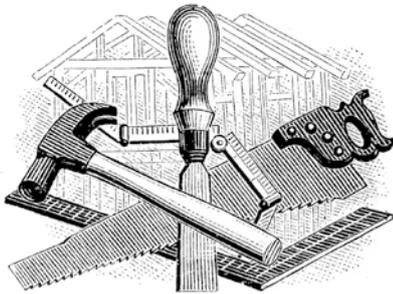
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