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Hello everyone

I am really looking forward to moving to Mickleham and meeting you all, once the sad farewells and goodbyes have been said in Ottershaw. I am excited at what lies ahead once I have moved in to the lovely rectory and begun to work with the church, started to learn more about the community and explore the beautiful countryside.

Christ Church, Ottershaw

As I write this, I am starting to turn out old papers for shredding and items for the bric-a-brac stall which is part of a fundraiser for Christian Aid. I am amazed at some of the things I have found, and they do bring back memories. I guess it is what we all do when we move but it has struck me that it is symbolic of leaving behind what is no longer needed and taking with me those things which will be helpful. I believe that this will enable me to be as effective as I can be as the priest for Mickleham, recognising that Mickleham church and community are unique, and will have both similarities to and differences from where I am now. I know my ministry needs to be adapted to the setting, but I will bring with me all the relevant experience, knowledge and resources that I have gathered through the years. I have worked in a church setting for nearly 25 years, 17 of which have been as an ordained minister, so lots of experience and lots of paper and books to sort!

I am excited to be joining a church family which is welcoming, caring, inclusive, and flexible. This is what I glimpsed when I visited for interview and what I am sure I will experience as I join you. Together I believe that we can continue to grow in these ways so that our church is as accessible as possible for those who are yet to join us. The gospel is good news for everyone, and church is a great way to explore and enjoy all that God offers us, while recognising that God's love is not confined to Christians or the church but encompasses the whole world. The church, in every location aspires to share that love by being an integral part of the local community and reaching out to care and support and contribute in all the ways it can. I was impressed with what is already happening and will want to encourage the church to continue to be active in this way.

I am pleased too, that in recent years Christians have recognised that we need to show more love and care towards our natural environment. The church is part of the world and through prayer and action can support causes such as justice for the oppressed, resources for the poor, help for the afflicted, rescue for the persecuted and combating climate change. At a local level we can work with the community to encourage environmentally friendly initiatives.

To do these things well we will need to be confident of the eternal love of God for each one of us, his adopted children, and seek to understand his will and purpose for our lives through discipleship. We can only respond to that love by giving of ourselves in worship and in service, and in giving of time, resources, and money. The Diocese of Guildford has a vision statement 'Transforming church, transforming lives '. This recognises that the church needs transforming by God to become more like the Body of Christ, individual Christians need transforming so that we become more like Jesus and society and communities need transforming so that they become more cohesive, more united, more caring. By working together, directed, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, I trust that we will be transformed and will achieve transformation together.

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Sandra Faccini Your soon-to-be resident priest



St Michael's Church Services

See calendar on centre pages for details of all services 10 am Sunday Services also available on Zoom

oining information for both Zoom and J telephone users is available in Pews News Online each week. If you would like to join us by Zoom then contact Alison Wood for the codes or to ask her to include you on the emailing list for Pews News: admin@micklehamchurch. org.uk/phone 01372 376443. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for worship.

Please refer to Pews News Online for the latest information. If you missed any of the services, or would like to revisit them, all are available on the church YouTube channel:

> https://youtube.com/channel/ UCl4pbewCT91iZhcdoEjJBIw



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St Michael's Church Community Group

That this new St Michael's Church Group is nearing the end of its first year is evidenced by the fact that we are already pre-planning a repeat of last year's debut event...the Christmas Advent Windows. This year, with, hopefully fewer Covid restrictions, there is even more of an opportunity for meeting up with WhatsApp or Zoom faces, and more mulled wine!

Meanwhile, as we write, we have just completed Heritage Weekend, which welcomed a total of 106 visitors through the church doors. One lady was particularly keen on taking snaps of the font. She had been in the church only once before,' 60-odd' years ago, for her baptism! Another couple were revisiting all their marriage/honeymoon venues for their Golden Wedding celebrations.

David Fishwick is to be particularly thanked for doing three 1-hour 'drop-in' recitals of organ music by Bach, Handel, Elgar, Dubois and others, including four renditions of Bach's Toccata and Fugue! Thoughtfully too, on the Saturday, the anniversary of 9/11, he included 'The Star Spangled Banner' in his repertoire.



'David Fishwick finishing the Bach!

Thank you also to Wendy Wyatt on Bells, and to Carole Brough-Fuller for once again laying out the Graveyard Trail.

With the smell of autumn in the air, the FoodBank needs its usual seasonal boost. This has been an impressive year in terms of contributions overall, and maintaining continuity. Food Bank reminders may sometimes seem repetitive, certainly, but demand is continuous, and with the allocation of Afghan and other refugees into Mole Valley, the need this winter will be iust as high. Thanks to all regular and irregular givers. Both donation locations remain available. Mark Day



Following a very successful and well attended Tea@3 in the garden of Old House on 13th September people have been inquiring about the next Tea@3.

Due to the uncertainties of the current Covid situation it is not possible to announce a date and venue at the moment. Please look at Pews News for further announcements.

We look forward to seeing you when we can resume.

Any enquiries to Julia Siberry

01372 375303

The Food Bank

While we are all enjoying the end of lockdown and going into some shops without a mask, please remember the families who are still struggling to make ends meet. Especially those with children who have been on holiday for six weeks and wanted not only lunch every day but also have been asking for ice creams, snacks, chips – you name it.

Some parents may well be looking at bare cupboards and empty purses, so please keep the donations of food coming as you have been doing over the past year or so. Donations can be left at Mary Banfield's house which is at the end of the first turning to the right off Mickleham Hall's drive, and also in Westhumble at Sue Tatham's, seventh on the left in Pilgrims Way

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St Michael's Church Community Group Climate Sunday

Our first Climate Sunday seemed to go down well. Similar services were held in over 1800 churches nationwide as part of the Church of England Eco-Scheme developing momentum in advance of the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in October/November. St Michael's is signed up to this scheme and a specific sub-committee of the PCC is to be set up to promote and monitor progress against the scheme objectives.

Harry Beer, aged 10, from Mickleham Hall has developed a bit of a reputation as a local 'activist': he sits on Old London Road with climate reminders for passing motorists. He gave a great presentation on climate change reminding us that it is his generation which will bear the brunt of the actions of this one.

David Kennington identified the two main areas for environmental action: climate and the need to reverse decline in our habitats and species diversity. He emphasized the point that we seem to have been running the human race as separate from the rest of the world's environment, rather than part of it AND interdependent with it. He emphasized that organizations such as the Church,

like his previous employer, the National Trust, could provide the local leadership for individual actions to address both key issues. The CoE seems to have recognized its responsibility in this respect.

The Rev. Michael Dunk provided some powerful quotations from the church's pronouncements on the environment to emphasise the critical status of the need for action, rather than words. The entire reading of Genesis 1, 'In the Beginning...', seemed to take on extra meaning and relevance as the spoken word, reminding us of our place in this beautiful world.

Harvest Supper Last Chance Buy Your Tickets Now

nly a few days left to get your tickets for the 2021 Harvest Supper, missing for 2 years! I hope that you have kept the date of Saturday 2nd October free to come to the Village Hall for 7.30pm. A delicous main course, vegetarian alternative, even more delicious puddings, a bar, a quiz and a raffle. Tickets still available, £10 or £5 for children under 12, from Mary Banfield 01372 373912 and Frances Preslev 013 06 882473 Looking forward to seeing you. Frances Presley



Members of the Thursday morning Bible Study group enjoyed a BBQ in the garden on a lovely day in the middle of August. We have enjoyed studying less well-known prophets as well as topics such as the Seven Deadly Sins! We are looking forward to our next sessions which are so well led by Alison Wood.

Lockdown Experiences for the Village Archive

M ost readers would agree that we have been living through strange times since Covid-19 arrived in the UK at the end of January 2020. The local history group hopes to collect an archive of personal accounts by local people. As so much of what has been written has been via digital media which will eventually disappear into the ether, we aim to make hard copy records which can be accessed in years to come.

Were you working from home, a key worker, home schooling, shielding, a carer, volunteering at a food bank or other support group, an unofficial

community helper? Did you or someone in your household have the virus? Did you have a loved-one in a care home, or living on their own elsewhere? How did you keep your children occupied? How were your children affected? Please take a few minutes to jot down how you coped so that future generations will be able to read about life during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We would welcome accounts from everyone, either as hand-written hard copies in digital format. Please send to me at St Anthony, Pilgrims Way, Westhumble, Dorking RH5 6AW or to sue@thetathams.co.uk Sue Tatham



'A Lockdown Moment' was one of the subjects in the photography class at the recent Village Show. Many thanks to Amy Ward for letting us use her awardwinning photo here.

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society

Sun shines on September Show

The Village Show

or once we were delighted with the weather forecast being wrong overcast with occasional bright patches was the gloomy Met Office prediction, whereas we had a wall-to-wall sunny afternoon for the first Horticultural Show since Summer 2019. It was all quintessentially British as the tea and cakes had to be hurriedly moved into the shade and the visitors either basked in full sun or found some dappled shade. A bit like anything that is starting up after a pause, we were not quite sure what the response would be to a Show where people would actually mingle and talk face-to-face when the pandemic was still about, but we were pleasantly surprised to find that people were keen to get back to as normal a life as possible.

A very good number of entries were brought in from 8 am and judging began at 10.15 sharp. As a relative newcomer to the Show protocol I have been amazed at the amount of time the judges take in coming to a conclusion about winners and runners-up. Two people judge the fruit and vegetables and there is earnest conversation over every single entry except the longest runner bean - there's no two ways about that winner. Of course judging is partly objective and partly subjective: we all have our pet likes and dislikes after all, but it is all done with care and consideration. Naturally the cookery judge has the best job,

although one year we must counterbalance by having a marmite cake recipe from Letitia Cropley (Vicar of Dibley).

Prizegiving, because of Covid, was outdoors this year, but was actually a much better venue and we will continue this for the future. Many thanks to Charlotte Daruwalla who was our VIP for the day and presented the prizes. Prizewinners are mentioned below, but well done to Jennie Davis who took the main prizes of the Salomons Cup and

RHS Bronze Banksian Medal. For the last two shows we have opened up entries beyond the two-mile-radius of Mickleham to members of the Garden Shed club (www.gardenshed) set up locally to promote gardening and to hold events, talks, visits and more. Jennie is our first winner from that source and we hope this will provide stimulus and interest in our show and a fresh competitiveness in producing excellent entries. Our aim is to keep this wonderful and traditional local event alive into the future.

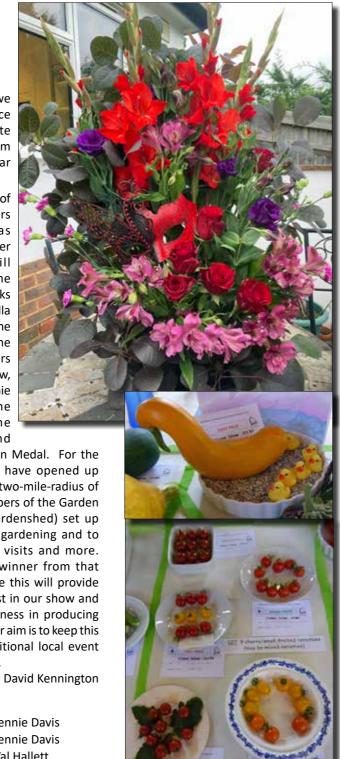


Ellman Cup, most outstanding exhibit—flowers Robson Cup, most outstanding entry—vegetables Schreiber Cup, most outstanding entry—fruit Gordon Clark Cup, most outstanding entry—floral arrangements Alison Walton Dennis Trophy, most outstanding entry—cookery Vi Bullen Trophy, most outstanding entry—arts and crafts Alan Huggett Memorial Cup, best dahlias Taylor Cup, most points—cookery Colwell Cup, most points—arts and crafts Bronze Banksian Medal, most points—horticulture Salomons Cup, most points in show Irvine Cup, most outstanding children's 3-4 yrs Heygate Cup, most outstanding children's 5-8 yrs Wilkinson Cup - most outstanding children's 9 and over Hudlass Cup - best entry St Michael's School,

Jennie Davis Jennie Davis Val Hallett

Sarah Blake Charlotte Daruwalla Richard Siberry Sophie Adshead Charlotte Daruwalla Jennie Davis Jennie Davis **Amalie Pinner** Cecilia Turner Freddie Armitage

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From the top: Alison Walton's flower arrangement 'High Drama'; the most amusing vegetable; collections of cherry tomatoes; below: an acrylic painting.







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Irresponsible Cyclists?

ere are some more thoughts further to the article in last month's edition.

There has been a huge increase in cyclists in our area. The main reason was the 2012 Olympics followed by the Ride 100. We have now, thankfully, got rid of the Ride 100, which resulted in thousands of road cyclists training here between May and July each year. I rode in three Ride 100s, and was amazed at the fact that the organisers sent out regular newsletters to participants but never included messages about road safety, looking out for pedestrians, not riding on the A24 where there is a cycle lane, and the like. So the message for organised events is, we need to engage with the organisers and get them to issue proper instructions to their participants.

We do still have irresponsible road bikers in the area, and the assault mentioned in the earlier article is a good example of that. By the time you read this, the inquest on the dreadful

accident whereby a pedestrian was killed on the road up to Norbury Park should have taken place, and we will know what actually happened.

Most road bikers are sensible. But every time you see dangerous biking or ancillary offences such as that assault, do please photograph it and send a report to Surrey Police. Road cyclists need to know that they do not own

For mountain bikes I actually think the risk is less. Yes, there are some irresponsible mountain bikers around. I did the London to Brighton off-road a few weeks ago and was amazed when I slowed down for a pedestrian on a shared path and got shouted at by a speedster behind me. But generally their speed is restricted by the terrain.

The solution is not banning them, it is segregation. If you look at what has been done on Leith Hill, mountain bikes and pedestrians/horses are all kept on separate trails, except in rare cases



where the trails are clearly marked as shared.

Mickleham Parish Council has put in for a grant from Surrey County Council to put in place signage, fencing and chicanes across Mickleham Downs to try to match the success of Leith Hill We should also be seeking to persuade Surrey County Council to do the same in Norbury Park, if they can ever work out what they want to do with Norbury Park. Including a café and cycling shop in the new development for the old sawmill, and encouraging well-run cycling events, would put some money from cyclists back into our community. Hopefully the same will be true of the new café 51° North, replacing the Frascati. Like it or not, we are now a major destination for road bikes and mountain bikes alike, and we have to work out how to live with them, not simply to ban them. Will Dennis



Local Plan – Westhumble

Thanks to all the people who signed the petition against parts of Westhumble being inset from the Green Belt in the new draft Local Plan, the proposal has been dropped. The revised plan was

accepted at a Mole Valley Cabinet meeting on 15th September. The area adjacent to Cleveland Court that was under consideration for development also appears to have been ruled out.



Mickleham Choral Society

Concert for Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November at 6 pm **CHANGE OF VENUE**

Sadly it is not possible to hold Mickleham Choral Society's annual concert for Remembrance in St Michael's, Mickleham due to Covid restrictions. However, we are fortunate that St Mary's Church, Church Road, Leatherhead can accommodate us and we will be giving our concert there instead.

This is our first concert in nearly two years and as such will be a very special occasion. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. Details for booking tickets will be in the November magazine

The Garden Shed Visit to Knepp

am sure many of you have heard about the Knepp Estate, south of Horsham. The 3.500 acre estate is owned by Charlie Burrell who inherited it from his grandparents. For 17 years he struggled to keep the farm going but finally had to sell off all the farm machinery and livestock.

In 2002 he launched his vision for rewilding Knepp, and in 2010 the Knepp wildland project received Higher level Stewardship funding, the government scheme for funding environmental projects. The driving principle is to establish a functioning ecosystem where nature is given as much freedom as possible.

This summer the Garden Shed booked to go on one of their walking safaris. This gave us an insight into how this project is working and a chance to see first-hand the results of 11 years of rewilding the land. We were not disappointed. The group split into two, and we were led by an ecologist for three hours, being shown the different areas of estate.

Our first spotting of a stork sitting on its nest high in the tree, immediately led to our leader explaining how each year there is an increasing number of storks arriving on their land. As we walked, we saw a many more storks nesting. The biggest surprise was when they all took to the air and started circling the sky using the thermals. What a sight to see. Knepp have also introduced freeroaming cattle, ponies, pigs and deer. They have noticed that certain species are increasing in numbers. Turtle doves, on the list of endangered species,

for the British Isles are seen at Knepp and there are now 24 breeding pairs. We saw a hobby, the smallest variety of falcon, and nightingales which breed on the estate. The purple emperor, one of the largest

British butterflies, is another species in general decline. However, they are at Knepp in good numbers because the rewilded habitat suits their needs. They, in turn, attract butterfly enthusiasts every year.

Here are a few photos that were taken on the afternoon. We were all so impressed with the information shared by two very knowledgeable ecologists We all agreed that we would be back.

The public can visit the estate and walk on the marked footpaths. However, we found that the guided safari walk gave us much a much greater depth of understanding about this outstanding project.

From top right: part of the group on their walk; a stork on its nest; cinnabar caterpillars on ragwort; a stag with handsome antlers; the hammerpond; a speckled wood butterfly; a closer view of a stork on its nest.







Thinking globally, acting locally – Biodiversity on the Mickleham Rec

As noted on page 9 of the July/ August issue of this magazine, the chance find in the spring of bee orchid rosettes on the Rec at Mickleham has stimulated the leaving of an area to grow naturally to flower and to seed. In just one afternoon in early July I recorded 50 plant species on the Rec and its surrounding hedges. Most of these are native species. There will be more to be found but this does give a snapshot of what is there.

Leaving this rectangle of grass uncut has allowed these native species to both flourish and to act as a food source for bees, butterflies and many other invertebrates. Some of these in turn will be eaten by other animals such as birds and bats. The seed of grasses and other

species will feed some birds directly too, their own muesli mix in effect. There are many more benefits to wildlife. Some of their leaves are eaten by caterpillars of butterflies and others and the taller grassland gives shelter to these too. All of this in about 10m square!

I do hope that others too will consider this trial of leaving this small area uncut in the summer to be a success and that it will be repeated in some form in subsequent years. As this is the children's play area, I wonder what the young people of the village think about this trial?

I have sent a list of the plant species I found to the MPC and am happy for it to be circulated more widely.

Ann Sankey



above: common yarrow below: knapweed



Knepp: a Magical Place

Charlotte Daruwalla adds:

Repp: you can read the full story of the wilding of the estate in the book *Wilding* by Isabella Tree, Charlie Burrell's wife. It is very informative and a good read.

I used to pass the estate on the bus on my way to school every day for several years — I remember seeing the sign about Knepp being the home of the herd of red poll cattle, the pride and joy of Charlie Burrell's grandmother. You may have seen the ruin of a former Knepp castle (12th century), visible from the A 24 south of Southwater. The Burrell family live in a 'modern' version' built in 1809, which a pair of storks has chosen as a suitable venue for a nest.

Little did I know when on the bus that more than half a century down the line I would get great pleasure from visiting Knepp; finding an area where the wildlife has been revitalised, against the trend in most other areas where intensive farming makes the habitat less suitable for native birds to thrive. At Knepp, the birdsong in spring is almost deafening while in other areas it is alarmingly quiet. Earlier this year, for the first time, I recorded a turtle dove's purring call there; it is quite hard to hear it on the recording because of the volume of other songbirds competing with it.

My first visit was on a trip organised by Lyn Richards of Friends of Box Hill

a while ago. We may have been part of a test run for the safaris because we were charged a fraction of the price. We travelled round the estate in an all-terrain vehicle and the tour was conducted by Charlie Burrell himself and a tree expert Ted Green, who was an advisor to the wilding project. They gave a fascinating commentary and insight into the estate as we travelled round, just like the ecologists on the Garden Shed trip. It was quite an experience and I have been back many times since then.

Excellent maps of the waymarked footpaths are available on the web or from the shop at the safari site on the estate

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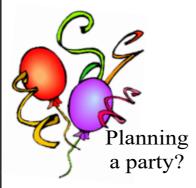
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10	SUNDAY	10 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer at Westhumble Chapel

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13 Wednesday	7.30 pm	Licensing of Sandra Faccini as Parish Priest in St Michael's Church
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Sayda Cole 1941 – 2021

Many were saddened to learn that Sayda Cole had died quietly at home on 2nd February. Her passing brought to an end twelve long years of a cruel progressively degenerative disease which she bore with great courage. Thanks to the care of her devoted husband, Brian, and loving friends Sayda was able to participate in local activities until a short time before the pandemic stopped everything.

We are all to a large degree products of our upbringing and Sayda's was certainly a most unusual one. Born in 1941 in Bombay during the Second World War, she remained there until 1947 when her parents decided to opt for Pakistan at the time of Partition amidst the horrific events which occurred during a breakdown of social order. They lived initially in Karachi but then moved after a short time to Lahore with her four sisters and an impressive household staff. Eventually in 1960 the family set sail for England and to a very much more modest lifestyle in Ladywell. Sayda worked as a secretary for a large West spent overseas while Brian continued his career with BP in locations as



Sayda distributing MPMs 1992

diverse as Nigeria, Benin, Tunisia and Paris. During their time abroad Heather and Andrew were born and by the time the family returned to England in 1974 Heather was five and Andrew was two.

The family settled for a short time in Beckenham before moving to Westhumble in the summer of 1975. where Sayda lived with Brian for the rest of her life and very happily brought up Heather and Andrew. They recall very fond memories of their mother, reflecting on her firm faith and Christian commitment and her devotion to St Michael's Church and its various outreach activities. They particularly remember her devotion to them both and to their well-being; all the events which they enjoyed with her such as school sports days, long walks in Norbury Park and picnics.

Latterly Sayda loved her role as granny to Conner, taking him on trips to places such as Worthing and Arundel Castle. Her love of them all is summed up by the fact that just two days before she died, she spoke to both Heather

from helping in the village shop, and assisting at many children s functions organised by the church. She was also a devoted member of the Thursday morning bible study group for many years until her disability prevented her from taking any further part.

In 1984, when I became editor of the reconstructed Mickleham Parish Magazine, Sayda was part of the original team. She typed the pages with such skill there was rarely a typo, but when one was spotted, rather than resort to Tippex, she speedily retyped the page. But when we moved the production to computers, she chose to take over the distribution of magazines instead. She was such a help to me.

Nothing was too much trouble for her, even for people she hardly knew, and her kindness, concern and devotion will be remembered for many years to come. For Brian, Heather and Andrew the passing of Sayda has left a great void in their lives and enormous



sadness. Sayda had so much love to offer, and they will always recall her energy, cheerfulness and devotion to her family. We send them our sincere condolences. Sue Tatham



A Memorial Service to celebrate Sayda's life is being held at St Michael's Church on Saturday, 2nd October at

End firm of estate agents until 1965, and Andrew bidding them what turned out to be a very fond farewell. having first met Brian in 1963. They 2.30 pm. were married two years later. Sayda loved life in the village and Her marriage prompted more time contributed to it in so many ways,

Geoff Knight

We are sorry to report that Geoff Knight, formerly of School Lane, died on Friday 10th September at Dungate Manor Care Home in Reigate where he had been staving since June this year. He celebrated his 89th birthday last January and had been in failing health for some time, but his sudden death was unexpected. We send our love and sympathy to Gene, Amanda and family at this sad time.

Community News

Congratulations to Julia, daughter of Angela and Clive Gilchrist of Chapel Lane, on her wedding to Louis Lloyd in Kotor Bay, Montenegro. They finally managed to tie the knot on the 21st August, following two Covid-incurred cancellations. A perfect day, and so worth the wait!

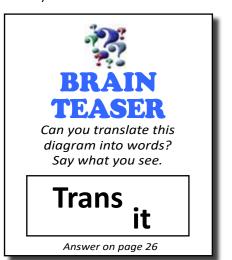


Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our coffee morning at Chapel Farm on 10th September.

It was a great turn out despite the rather inclement weather. Initial tally up is over £1,400 which is an incredible support for this great charity. Donations were also received from people who were unable to be present.

There were delicious cakes which were enjoyed by everyone and it was so good to catch up after a year without the coffee morning.

Thank you. Liz Absalom





The Annual Bonfire and Fireworks display

The Westhumble Residents' Association has discussed the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks display in the Westhumble Fields. In relation to the Fireworks display the following points were made:

- The fireworks need to be ordered now which means a commitment of £2,000 which would not be recovered if the event was cancelled, and could not be stored for use in 2022;
- While outdoor events were currently permitted a new Covid variant or a surge in cases might lead to a change of government guidance;
- The Brockham bonfire and fireworks had been cancelled for 2021;

The Committee agreed that in light of this the fireworks display should be cancelled.

It was noted that the bonfire did not require the same advance financial commitment. However, the following points were made:

- With Brockham's event cancelled a Westhumble event, even bonfire only, might be inundated by visitors;
- Not all the usual bonfire builders were comfortable with the required closeness for some aspects of the bonfire building.

In the circumstances it was decided to cancel the event for 2021.

The Pixham Artists & Friends Denbies Vineyard Gallery London Road Dorking RH5 6AA 4 ~ 10 October 2021 9:30 ~ 5:30 Monday ~ Saturday, 10:00 ~ 4:00 Sunday Bridget Glasgow, Suzie Moore, Phyllis O'Shea, Jennie Sherborne, Caroline Watson & Elizabeth Watson

Marathon time

There are at least five Mickleham and Westhumble residents taking part in the upcoming London and York Marathons and thereby raising funds for charity.

Running in the the London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October are:

Suzie Wood who is running for Guide Dogs. Her justgiving page is: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SuzieWood

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Also running on the same day in the Virtual London event will be Immie Adshead, getting to know the A24 between Dorking and Leatherhead a bit too well! This event is for those who were not allocated a place in the Marathon.

Good luck to all five. Training is almost done; now it's time for the big day... Race reports next month.



Immie Adshead running in a sprint triathlon at Blenheim Palace recently

Mayflower 400 Darking 1620

The team at Dorking Museum looks forward to welcoming visitors in October. We note that Friday 1st October is officially 'National Smile Day', the message of which is "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile". We hope that another month of free museum entry will make you smile!

'Darking 1620': The Museum's current special exhibition, postponed from 2020, marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of The Mayflower. Dorking shoemaker William Mullins, whose house survives in West Street, was one of six Dorking residents who sailed on the Mayflower, and his daughter, Priscilla, is sometimes known in the USA as 'the mother of a nation'. At that time, Dorking – known as 'Darking' – was a relatively modest market town for the surrounding villages and farms, holding regular markets and well provided with shops, mills and inns.

The impressive new exhibition, 'Darking 1620', weaves the story of the six

Dorking Museum in October

pilgrims from Dorking who undertook that perilous voyage to the New World with an examination of 17th century life in the town they left behind.

A short film 'Mayflower 400' is also on view and the accompanying book, 'The Weaver, the Shoemaker and the Mother of a Nation' by Kathy Atherton and Susannah Horne, is on sale, £8.

New book: 150 years ago, alongside the market for which it is well-known, Dorking had quite an industrial centre. At the heart of it was a brass and iron foundry. The Dorking Foundry site is now occupied by Dorking Museum and a new book by Julian Womersley takes a fascinating look at its history. 'A Dorking Foundry Scrapbook: Celebrating a lost part of the town's industrial heritage' is published by The Cockerel Press and available from the Museum and online shop, £5.50.

Archive Sale: There will be an Archive Sale of duplicate items surplus to Museum requirements, including maps, books, postcards and other items. Please come along to the Christian Centre, Church Street, on Saturday 23rd October, 11am-2pm, to buy yourself a piece of Dorking history and support your local Museum.

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he Mickleham Cricket Club finished I the season with a thrilling game against Leatherhead. 450 runs were scored and the game went right down to the wire. Justin Turner's impressive form with the bat continued with 48 and Michel Ngueudam's bowling terrorised the opposition finishing with 2 wickets for 48 off 8 overs. MCC narrowly lost the game.

This has been a challenging season with Covid and the loss of many of our young players. Greg Ayton, our captain, tragically lost his amazing dad midway through the season. This gave me a chance to captain the side. I love this club. They play competitively, we want to win, but as captain I realised what really makes MCC special. We are inclusive, we respect our opposition and we always play with the Caribbean spirit. The best game for MCC is when everybody has had a chance to participate and felt like part of the

So the highs of the season. Justin Turner's amazing batting. In his opening game he was 119 not out. Theo Dudley's emergence as an outstanding bowler under the tutelage of Greg Ayton. Michel's rise as a fearsome opening bowler. Farah Patel diving around the field to save us runs, Ali Pritchett, 14 years old, taking 4 wickets in a game and Ivan Lyons joining us and being embraced to find some solace after losing his son tragically.

A few big thanks to Chris Presley for organising all our games as well as a magnificent 6-a-side tournament in the New Forest. To Frances Presley who stoically manages our scoring in every game and to Mark Day, who we have come to realise is a truly great umpire.

We are looking forward to the next season and we need your support. You can be proud of the MCC - we deliver the best cricket teas in the South.

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The Dorking Group of Artists November Exhibition 2021

Denbies Wine Estate

Monday 1st November – Saturday 6th November 10 am - 5 pm (4 pm on last day)

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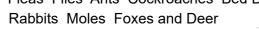


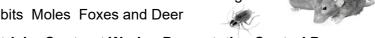
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When I was looking for a theme for last month's puzzle I settled on CHEESE and then thought why not make it local? I well remember once manning a stall selling NORBURY BLUE at a farmer's market (and I am pretty sure I sold more than I ate). That must have been not long after it first appeared in 2001 Michaela and Neil Allam have since moved production from Norbury Park to near the Silent Pool in Albury and added two other cheeses to their stable: DIRTY VICAR (a white moulded soft cheese that is the North Downs' answer to STINKING BISHOP, the one cheese included in the puzzle that is not local) and the DORKING COCK (surely the only cheddar to be named after a roundabout sculpture). Given all the farms there are in Surrey, it's amazing that they are currently the only cheesemakers in the county. It is testament to Michaela and Neil's skill, persistence and enthusiasm and the quality of their products that they are still in the business despite all the difficulties of the last 20 years.

Probably the most convenient way of purchasing their wares locally is via Denbies farm shop but, as I know from selling my books, producers get vastly more when selling direct to the customer and so, if you have the chance, head over to their own shop at Sherbourne Farm, Shere Road, Albury, GU5 9BW. Not only can you buy their cheeses (particularly the Dorking Cock which is not on sale elsewhere) but you can also book a tour and see how they go about their work. And if you want to make a proper outing of it there are also the Silent Pool gin distillery and Albury Organic Vineyard next door as well as the opportunity for a walk around the magical Silent Pool itself. For more details see www.norburyblue.co.uk or ring 07799-231402 or 01306-710001.

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

12 Sitting on the fence (Andrew likes not to!) (9)

IMPARTIAL

With 'Andrew' being me, the crossword setter, 'Andrew likes' can be expressed as 'I'M PARTIAL to', 'not to' means that you remove the 'to' (and this shenanigan has to happen because 'I'm

partial' without the 'to' is not the same as 'I like') then ignore the apostrophe and squish it together to get the answer.

3 Advocate for Mark 6 Golf? (5)

I hoped that '6' would give you a good lead into this as its Roman representation is VI which fits in with the V in the crossing clue at the top. The question mark at the end is doing a bit of work here in that it is implying that 'Golf' is an example of a kind of thing, in this case CAR - and it is also saying that the definition is a bit tricksy ('Mark' being a shortened way of referring to the Gospel according to Mark, with a VICAR being an advocate of that text's

27 Man can be found in outlet which caters for either his boyfriend or girlfriend? (6)

I will do my best to avoid getting caught up in gender or religious politics here, but I thought it worth mentioning that cryptic crosswords often use the word 'man' as a synonym for 'piece' in board games, particularly chess. So 'man' could be pawn, rook, knight, king or even queen (the best moving and most powerful man on the board - I am not going to make any effort to unpick that) or, as in this case, BI-SHOP.

21 With one of 18 in bow, facing the stern is what causes sickness (7)

'one of 18' = HOLE (as in a round of golf), which is put 'in' 'bow' = ARC which when 'facing the stern' is CRA.

22 A Labour leader smashed up rock before giving boot to one of the Trinity (6)

'smashed up rock' = SAND which goes before A 'Labour leader' = L. The one of the Trinity I am referring to is the Son of God, and 'Jesus boot' is slang for SANDAL.

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

Andrew







National Trust is selling second-hand books in the Box Hill café and would be happy to receive donations of books to ensure there is an ongoing supply. Other NT sites make significant amounts of money from the sale of donated books. If you have reasonable quality books to donate, please bring them along to the café between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm.

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Dough delights!

The new academic year sees the nursery welcoming 27 new children. Some of the younger ones were only 6 months old when we entered the first Covid 19 lockdown. We have been very pleasantly surprised at how well these lockdown babes have adapted to being at nursery, it has also been a pleasure to actually see the faces of their parents too!

Just one week in and it was gluing and sticking galore as children created their pasta and pulse pictures for the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural show. They also created 'leaf bugs' by printing with leaves and adding features such as many legs, wings and stings. It was Amelie's rainbow leaf bug that was awarded the Irvine Cup, and she was most delighted to receive it.

We love autumn at nursery, as a season it provides us with so much to discover and explore. Lots of crunchy leaves, beech nut shells and the all time favourite conkers! At time of going to press, these are yet to appear, but we know these shiny delights will soon be arriving in pockets and we look forward to adding them to our natural play resources. Last year we learnt how to make conker soap and I am sure we will be revisiting this recipe again this year. We have just discovered another new recipe too. Slow cooker playdough. We love playdough at nursery, it is a very versatile sensory play item. The malleable properties of playdough make it fun for investigation and exploration as well as secretly building up strength in all the tiny hand muscles and tendons. As part of simple, tactile



play it can be squashed, squeezed rolled, flattened, chopped, cut, scored, raked, punctured, poked and shredded! Each one of these different actions aids fine motor development in a different way, not to mention hand-eye coordination and general concentration. Our new slow cooker recipe makes a super smooth dough and the children have loved creating with it. Photos show 'lemon drizzle' dough.

Hilary Budd



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Solution to the September crossword

Across: 1 Redivide 5 Nausea 9 Skincare 10 Strife 12 Impartial 13 Raked 14 Thug 16 Extinct 19 Norbury 21 Cock 24 Ounce 25 Bloodbath 27 Bishop 28 Begrudge 29 Donate 30 Navy blue

Down: 1 Rustic 2 Drippy 3 Vicar 4 Dorking 6 Antarctic 7 Stinking 8 Anecdote 11 Blue 15 Houseboat 17 Entombed 18 Grandson 20 Yobs 21 Cholera 22 Sandal 23 Cheese 26 Dirty

BRAIN TEASER answer: It fell off the back of a van



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Starry Night

What a wonderful start to the beginning of the academic year! We welcomed all children back to school on 2nd September with our youngest children taking part in home visits and half days at school. We can now welcome our families inside the school building and have a full term of events planned that include parents on site. We keep our fingers crossed that continues to be the case.

We started the term off by taking part in some 'Community Art'. The National Gallery run an event called 'Take One Picture'. Inspired by this, we have been creating our own version. We chose the picture 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. This fits beautifully with our topic for this term, which is 'Take off'. The children in Years 1 and 2 painted their own version of the picture thinking about shades of blue and silhouettes. Have a look at our efforts.

Our reception children always start the year with painting their portraits and what better way to include them as Van Gogh loved a self-portrait. They took a close look at themselves, picked up a paintbrush and did a fantastic job. We will display them in our hall for everyone to enjoy and the children will be able to

sell their artwork to their parents at our parent curriculum evening.

Reading Framework

In September 2021, the government introduced a new 'Reading Framework'. The purpose is to emphasise how vital it is that all children become confident and proficient readers. There is also a particular focus on spoken language as the foundation for literacy.

In response to this, all schools are required to deliver a high quality, validated phonics programme. Research shows if children are confident and proficient readers at an early age, they have better educational outcomes and life chances.

At St Michael's we have successfully delivered a phonics programme called 'Read, Write, Inc' for a number of years. We are pleased that this programme is on the validated list and we are already meeting the requirements.

We have introduced a range of extra reading sessions to ensure the children engage in high quality texts that will hopefully inspire some lifelong readers. Comprehension skills as well as fluent decoding create a competent reader!



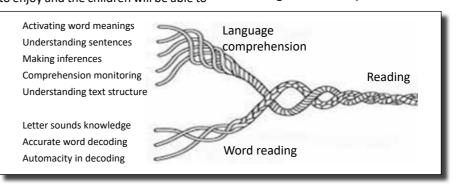
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Feel Fantastic Friday

As we move forward and the world opens up, we have been considering the well-being of our children as we embark on the next chapter at school. We decided to weave this together with the focus on engaging readers and came up with a 'Feel Fantastic' day.

What better way to start the weekend than with a focus on mind, body and soul. The children have taken part in PE sessions, Forest School sessions, yoga, meditation, fitness boosts and finally, they end the day with 'books and biscuits'. Going home tired, happy and enriched is the best way to start the weekend, I am sure you will all agree.

Nicola Cleather







Budding van Goghs at work and some of the great results.

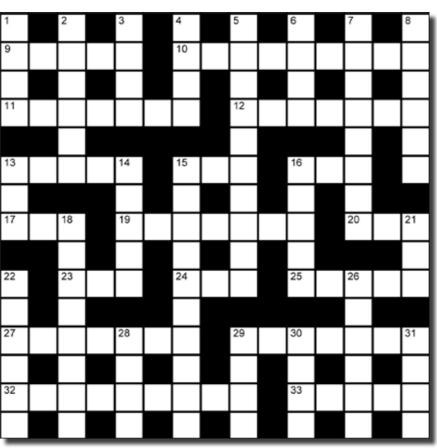
Cryptic Crossword

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: In the clues and the answers are words that can make the titles of a set of 16 that comes from the theme. One of the set is missing – send that title to andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk by 16th November 2021 and one correct entry will be randomly picked to receive any one of the 16 of their choice.

Across

- 9 The man painting is the epitome of courage (5)
- 10 Shake a dollar, I'm a creature of the New World! (9)
- 11 Raucous cheers about the start of confessions to where youngsters go to avoid their parents (7)
- 12 Go berserk after a brief afternoon back sinks into mania (7)
- 13 Gags when starting to solo in aircraft (5)
- 15 Sprite is the choice of a trio of important people (3)
- 16 Nat Tate, artist and entertaining quencher of thirst (3)
- 17 It's good for absolutely nothing to return in a natural condition (3)
- 19 Red nose is new sign on the bottom of champion (7)
- 20 It's 25 to act like this clanger on Just a Minute, so it's said... (3)
- 23 'The Opposite of Sunrise' without a star is just scenery (3)
- 24 Some final signs of an ordinary enema are completely out of order(3)
- 25 Person who vaguely heard the return of a brief war in Asia (5)
- 27/29D With a change in law, my libido became the driving force behind 10, 24 25 9, 14 2, 8 33, and 18 (7,4)
- 29 It's best to draw after having pot (4,3)
- 32 A city snob when drunk has the capacity of a mule (9)
- 33 See 8 Down

The solution to last month's crossword is on page 26.



Down

- 1 'A la mode' in this instance means 'with peach ice cream' (4)
- 2 Worries about sister's first kiss (6)
- 3 Small person not waiting in the middle for long (4)
- 4 Broadway is gone for stars beginning to booze before they're written in for performance? (4)
- 5 After surgery with MP, I reply or they might behave like this? (10)
- 6 First man whose ale wouldn't have led to a 29A (4)
- 7 Movement in lace gave what could be called an eyeful (8)
- 8/33 Slob lived in utter chaos saying that his wife apparently exposes herself (4,2,5)
- herself (4,2,5)

 13 Twice this was said to be better than twice 17 (3)
- 14 A good man drinks water for pudding (5)

- 15 In mad alien's recollection, things were rather spicy at this event (6,4)
- 16 Tough projections usually regularly presented in the face of American power (5)
- 18 Short break in music lesson relating to deprivation and having ants in one's pants (8)
- 21 The second in artist's extended sequence of performance pieces (3)
- 22 Important meeting with detainee that's fantastic! (6)
- 26 Hello, say briefly what can be thrown in the face as a source of superstition (6)
- 28 Maybe something blue is around the heart of Africa (4)
- 29 See 27 Across
- 30 Goes out with babes not bothering with a disguise (4)
- 31 Primarily thunderstorms in Dogger end in sea level variation (4)

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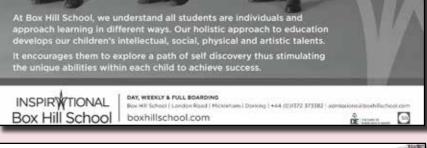
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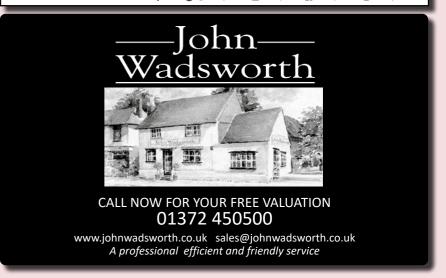
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