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Mickleham Rectory

Dear friends

Christmas would not be Christmas without \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank):

- A turkey and all the trimmings
- A tree and its decorations
- A sack (full of presents) delivered by Santa and his reindeer
- Christmas shopping – and picking up those great bargains
- Parties with family, friends, food and drink

What about the CHRIST of Christmas? For many people Christmas has become 'Xmas' and we are no longer sure what the 'X' stands for. So my challenge for each one of us this year is to put CHRIST back into 'Xmas' and so to focus on the real events and significance of Christmas. I would not want to appear to be a killjoy or to criticise all the trappings of Christmas, but merely to emphasise that they are the trappings and not the reality.

One of the very popular Christmas songs is *Do they know it's Christmas?* which went to Number 1 in 1984 and then again in 2004. May you come to appreciate this year that it really is Christmas and not just Xmas.

To help in this we have a number of events which have been organised by St Michael's Church and you will find details elsewhere in the magazine, but just to note our special CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

18th December	6.30 p.m.	Christmas Readings and Carols as we remind ourselves of the real Christmas story
Christmas Eve	4 p.m.	Journey to the stable. Our Crib Service in Westhumble Field. A joyous start to the Christmas season for the whole family
	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus
Christmas Day	8 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel. A simple service lasting just 30 minutes for those who prefer a more traditional start to Christmas Day
	10 a.m.	An informal Family Service for all ages. Join us as together we worship Christ, the new born king.

With best wishes

Malcolm, our Parish Priest, is more than happy to visit people in the parish (with or without church links) to discuss pastoral and/or spiritual matters. He is also happy to offer home communion to those not able to attend church on a regular basis. Just contact him.



## JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

THE RUNNING HORSES

9 – 10 A.M.

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**NB NO BREAKFASTS IN  
DECEMBER**

## MEN'S BREAKFASTS

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**21ST JANUARY**

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## WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS

4TH SATURDAYS

**28TH JANUARY**

Book with: Stephanie Randall  
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srandall55@gmail.com



## Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December

6.30 p.m.

All welcome

Do come along

## The Parish Magazine

'Christmas Card' is  
on page 5.



## Church Flowers

We are most grateful to the team of flower arrangers who ensure that we have flowers in church week by week. There is always space for more volunteers (whether or not you attend church) and we do have a fund available to assist with the purchase of flowers if this is something holding you back from volunteering.

You may also like to know that it is possible to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in memory of a loved one (say on the anniversary of their death) or on a special occasion (say a special anniversary or birthday). Such a donation will be acknowledged on the Sunday in question.

For further details have a word with Malcolm or one of the churchwardens.



## Carol Singing at the Chapel Ruins, Westhumble

6 p.m. on Tuesday 20th December

**T**uesday 20th December at 6 p.m. - carol singing at the Chapel ruins, Westhumble, followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Chapel Farm. This is an outdoor activity so please dress accordingly and bring a torch to read the carol sheets. There will be a collection in aid of the Gambian Horse and Donkey Trust - <http://www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk>. If the weather is inclement we will meet in the barn on the farm for carol singing. This is a fun event for all the family - please come along, meet your local community, our horses and donkeys and have a jolly good sing. Looking forward to seeing you.

Liz Absalom

# Tea @3

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

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**C**hristmas is approaching fast and we are making progress with the plan for the annual Crib Service which will take place once more on Christmas Eve in the Westhumble bonfire field. We are very grateful to the trustees of the field for their continuing support.

## Is your lamb ready?

We are looking for children to play the main parts in our tableau and for a few older volunteers to do the readings. If you would like to take part, please contact Rev. Malcolm Raby.

Last year we invited everyone to bring a lamb, be it a toy or a drawing, or a cut out picture (even I can manage to use scissors!), depending on your craft ability and time. Many of you rose to the challenge and the baby was almost

hidden under a shower of lambs when the shepherds arrived at the manger. This year we would like to do the same, so everyone (not just the children) is invited to bring a lamb again which can be taken home after the service as a reminder of the simplicity that is at the heart of our celebrations - a vulnerable child on a bed of straw.

I have found my lamb ready for Christmas Eve. Have you found yours?

Anne Weaver



## CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S & WESTHUMBLE CHAPEL

4th December	Christingle Family Service for ALL AGES (11 a.m.)
10th December	Christmas Café in the Chapel (2 – 4 p.m.)
17th December	Pop-Up pub in the Chapel (5 – 10 p.m.)
18th December	Service of Lessons and Carols (6.30 p.m.)
20th December	Carol Singing in the Chapel Ruins in Westhumble
23rd December	Carol Singing around the pubs
24th December	Family Crib Service in Westhumble Field (4 p.m.)
24th December	Midnight Communion (11.30 p.m.)
25th December	8 a.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)
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The Running Horses

8 p.m.

The King William IV

8.45 p.m.

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a word with Sarah Ward  
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the churchwardens, Anne  
Weaver or Simon Ward. For  
contact details see page 11 in  
the centre of the magazine.



## Christmas Café Saturday 10th December Westhumble Chapel 2-4 p.m.

If you would like to have a stall (no charge – just  
a donation) please contact Jenny  
[jennyhudlass@sky.com](mailto:jennyhudlass@sky.com)

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More details from Malcolm Raby



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# Anniversary Dinner at The Running Horses on 26<sup>th</sup> August

During Brakspears' refurbishment of The Running Horses in 2014 a menu for an anniversary dinner on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1941 was discovered. The five-course meal seems very lavish for wartime, but severe rationing of almost everything except vegetables and bread was not introduced until 1942. Priced at 8 shillings and 6 pence it was quite expensive for its time. (10 shillings in 1941 would be worth £17.65 now.) Also in 1942 the Ministry of Food & Agriculture imposed a restriction on the number of courses that could be served and the maximum price a restaurant could charge.

The menu card had been written by the then landlord, Owen Stuart. It was framed and now hangs on the pub wall along with a photograph of Owen and Queenie Stuart.

Earlier this year, at the suggestion of the present manager, Iain, The

Running Horses replicated the menu at a dinner on the said date when the guest of honour was Owen Stuart's daughter, Ann Vickers. She along with family and friends as well as several of the village regulars enjoyed the excellent meal, which, priced at £41, was extremely fair for such a feast. Afterwards Ann stayed the night, occupying the room which was once her nursery.

The Running Horses' management plans to repeat the 1941 anniversary dinner annually – what a brilliant idea.

Rosemary Robinson



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Huge thanks to all those who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at Chapel Farm. It was a fun event with lots of cake, coffee and chat. The weather came up trumps and we were able to sit in the garden in the sunshine.

It was lovely to see so many local people gathered together to support such a great cause. I finally banked an amazing amount of £ 882.50.

Thank you so much for your support and I hope you enjoyed the morning.

Liz Absalom

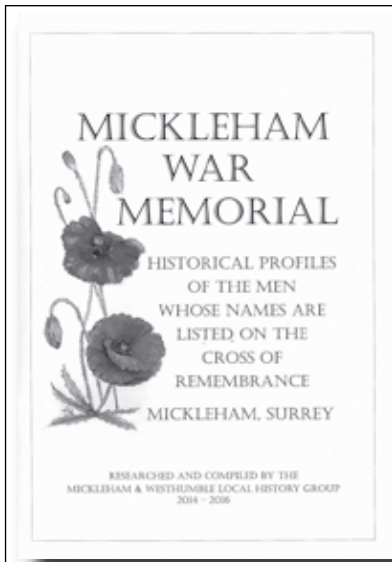


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May Hardwicke   Stephanie Randall   Rose and Stan Spence  
Anne Vaughan   Elizabeth Watson   Judy and Brian Wilcox

This year we are sending our Christmas greetings through the parish magazine and giving the money saved on cards and postage to charity.

# Mickleham War Memorial



**L**ike most of us, I have walked past many war memorials simply absorbing the sheer number of individuals listed, without really stopping to think of the men behind the inscribed names. On Remembrance Sunday, standing in the autumn sunlight and listening to Jack Richardson read out the names of the dead, they have really been no more than a list. But the Mickleham War Memorial project by the Mickleham and Westhumble Local History Group has now brought all those names to life. The project explores the stories behind each of the names listed on the memorial in St Michael's Churchyard, eleven from the Great War and another eleven for the Second World War. For each one there is a list of personal details, their military record, circumstances of their death, facts about their lives and those of their descendants and for most of them, a photograph. This has clearly involved a huge amount of work and all those involved deserve to be congratulated on their perseverance and attention to detail.

For those who died in the Great War, many of the occupations listed seem to come from a different age – gamekeepers and grooms from Norbury Park, labourers, gardeners and footmen. Most of them would probably have been in the same job since completing a perfunctory schooling more than a decade before. But their last addresses are all too familiar – Railway Cottages on Swanworth Lane, Byttom Hill, Chalkpit Cottages.

Those who died in the Second World War were in many ways quite different to their Great War forebears and much closer to our own time. The average age of the eleven servicemen is significantly younger - typically 23 or 24 - and several of those listed had studied at university and were enlisted as officers. And while most of the First World War casualties were from Mickleham, almost all the dead from the Second came from Westhumble – two from Burford Lodge, two more from Hollies and Woodbury in Pilgrim's Way, one from Loveden Cottage and two from Pilgrims Close. It does not take much imagination to picture the young families, who could only have moved into their newly built houses a few years earlier, seeing their sons off at the station for the last time...

The circumstances of each man's death are described. Many of those who fell in the first war have no grave – Private William Collins and Private Oliver Snelling, missing at Arras, Private Edward Clarke missing at Ypres. In the Second World War, the circumstances are much better known, but no less tragic. Dunkirk, El Alemein, Italy, Lancasters and Wellingtons shot down over Germany.

What comes across is the terrible sense of loss - Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Grissell from Norbury Park, who was killed in 1917, leaving four children under nine, and Lieutenant Peter Odhams of the Fleet Air Arm, whose Fairey Swordfish crashed on a training exercise in Scotland a few months before his first daughter Jacqueline was born, (and whose brother and brother-in-law – both flying officers in the RAF, were also killed). And yet, in a similar way to Andrew Tatham's Group Photograph project, what also comes through is a sense of life carrying on. Many of the children and siblings of the fallen went on to have long, and in some cases fascinating lives, and their stories are also told here.

I am not a regular churchgoer but I do try to attend the Remembrance Day service at St Michael's, as much as anything to express my gratitude to those who fell, that I have been able to live my whole life in peace. This year, as Jack's replacement reads out the list of the fallen, thanks to this remarkable book, I will now know the story behind each name.

Chris Budleigh

**C**opies of the War Memorial Booklet are now available for viewing in St Michael's Church – not to be taken away. Other copies have been given to participating families and M&WLHG members have been sent digital copies. The booklet may also be viewed on our website [www.surreycommunity.info/mwlocalhistorygroup/](http://www.surreycommunity.info/mwlocalhistorygroup/) There may be a limited number of booklets available for sale. If you are interested, please contact Sue Tatham 01306 882547 [sue@thetathams.co.uk](mailto:sue@thetathams.co.uk)

## Raising funds to help injured ex-servicemen



**T**he Jubilee Sailing Trust enables disabled veterans embark on a voyage of a life time. My name is Emma, I am 17 and I am looking to raise £3000

to become a sailing buddy to injured ex-service men and women sailing around New Zealand in August 2017.

In order to raise the money I plan to do the 3 Peaks challenge with friends. This involves climbing the 3 highest peaks in the UK in 24hrs, we will be doing it in the Easter holidays, climbing Ben Nevis, then Scafell Pike, and lastly Snowdon.



PLEASE HELP ME TO HELP THEM!  
I have a JustGiving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Morley3>. Thank you.

# October Westhumble Talk – Waterloo

The season of Westhumble Talks got off to a cracking start with an excellent talk on the 'Battle of Waterloo' by Rupert Matthews, 'the History Man', who has written many books on such diverse subjects as Ancient Greece and the Paranormal.

Rupert started off by saying that as far as numbers go Waterloo was quite a small battle, but it was significant because it brought to an end a series of wars lasting twenty-two years.

Before the French Revolution Europe had been made up of many small feudal states little changed from medieval times. Most individuals enjoyed very little personal freedom. Their lives were dictated by their lord and/or the Church. The rise of Napoleon brought turbulent times and his invading armies caused great devastation. However, he also introduced a new code of governing, which gave the people more freedom and justice and they began to prosper. Following Napoleon's defeat in 1814 and his exile on Elba, these freedoms were abolished and the old order re-established. It is not any wonder then that when Napoleon escaped from exile the following year, the French people (including the army) welcomed him with open arms as he marched northward with the conquest of Northern Europe and the isolation of Britain in his sights.

I am not going to attempt to replicate Rupert's very clear and often humorous account of the battle. But, it is worth mentioning several factors which influenced the outcome. First of all, the weather. Days of heavy rain had turned the roads to deep mud which slowed down Napoleon's advance, especially that of the artillery with their heavy guns. In addition, Wellington chose to place his troops behind a ridge south of Waterloo, which prevented Napoleon discovering the strength of his forces. Finally, the British troops were trained soldiers whose firing time far surpassed that of most of Napoleon's forces and whose discipline and dogged determination enabled them to hold on until the much-delayed Prussian reinforcements finally arrived. Afterwards Wellington was heard to remark that the battle was 'the nearest-run thing you ever saw in your life'.

This time Napoleon was exiled to St Helena, a remote mid-Atlantic island, where he could cause no more mischief. He died six years later.



*'Scotland Forever!' Lady Butler 1881  
Depicting the start of the cavalry charge of the Royal Scots Greys at the Battle of Waterloo*

Rupert concluded by suggesting that many of the economic problems in today's Europe can be traced back to the decisions made by European leaders after Waterloo. The countries of Northern Europe where the industrial revolution was beginning recognised that allowing individual freedom and justice was bringing prosperity, so they adopted many of the changes initiated by Napoleon. However, the leaders of Southern Europe reverted to the old system of rule by the aristocracy and the Church, thus leading to the financial woes of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece now.

A most interesting talk. Many thanks to Barry and Elizabeth Moughton for their hospitality.

Sue Tatham

The next Westhumble Talk: *Women at War* by Jim Barnes, Aviation Historian  
Wednesday 18th January 8 p.m. at Burney Cottage

If you would like to come, please book with Stephen Lloyd [shlloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:shlloyd@btinternet.com) or 01306 883482.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group  
Guided Tour of St Michael's  
Church – Encore  
Sunday 22nd January at 3 p.m.

As several people were unable to come to the tour last September we have decided to repeat it in January. Please make a note of the date now as there will be no January magazine to remind you. As before Sue Tatham will start with a presentation showing how the church building has changed over the years. This will be followed by looking at specific items within the

church. The tour should last about an hour-and-a-half and will be followed by tea and cake.

The event is free for history group members, but non-members are welcome to come upon payment of £3. for non-members. To reserve a place, or for further information, please contact Judith Long: [judith.long2@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.long2@btinternet.com) or 01372 375206.



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# Mickleham and Westhumble 'The holly bears the crown'



Although images of festive holly on Christmas cards was a Victorian invention, holly has long been associated with the winter solstice and given symbolic significance. It was a pagan custom to bring holly boughs into the house to ward off evil spirits and to increase fertility; in Norse mythology it was associated with thunder so was planted close to home to prevent lightning strikes. The ancient Romans included it in their Saturnalian festivities, the Druids thought holly leaves offered protection, and it became part of our Christian tradition with the 'crown of thorns' (the sharp leaves) representing Jesus on the cross and the berries his drops of blood.

Holly has an important ecological role to play. (Was it Alan Bennett who said ecology was called 'Nature' when he was at school or have I made it up?) The berries are an important source of food not only for berry-eating birds but other animals. Deer and ponies in the New Forest used to be fed on wilted holly leaves. Protection and shelter are another key role. I have read that mistle thrushes congregate in flocks near berried trees but gradually peel away in singles or pairs to feast individually;

they have even been known to set up guard around particular trees. In 1999 redwings were reported to be falling out of trees on to the concrete beneath – their crops were stuffed with fermenting berries!

Hollies will grow almost anywhere as long as the ground is not water-logged. They are a familiar sight in our woodlands where in winter their glossy green leaves and bright red berries (on some) lend sparkle and cheer to what can be a bare and dreary scene when skies are overcast. They also make excellent garden plants having a large range of forms and varieties to use in many different ways. Buying holly plants, however, should come with a word of caution. It is very difficult to tell but crucial to know if a plant you are buying is male or female as this will determine whether or not it will bear berries. Hollies are 'dioecious', two separate plants – one male and one female – are needed for pollination and therefore to produce seed. (ie berries!)

Many hollies will make an outstanding tree. Before buying, you do need to check how tall they can grow and whether you will get berries. There

are many misleading names: 'Golden Queen' is male, 'Golden King' is female, while 'Silver Milkboy' is actually a milkmaid! If you are buying numerous plants for a hedgerow, then you will probably get a good mix. A Tapestry Hedge consists of one plain, one pearl so to speak – a sequence of green followed by variegated. For a topiary specimen, whether in a pot or in the ground, you do need to know what you want. There are hollies with all kinds of variegated leaves from gold or silver edges to those that are splashed with colour; there is more variety in leaf form, some being quite smooth and spineless while the cultivar Ferox, often called hedgehog holly, is very prickly. Furthermore, there are hollies with yellow berries – a nice contrast to the red – and the reds also vary in intensity! So lots to choose from, but well worth a bit of thought and effort to decide. And if you are thinking of making a Christmas wreath, look out for some of the variegated leaves to add extra interest.

Judy Kinloch

## The New Year at the Leatherhead Institute

Just to let you know some of the things that will be happening in the Leatherhead Institute over the next three months:

- Tea and Talks on the 10th February will be about John Betjeman
- a special extra in the programme is on 3rd March when Martin Hunka will give a re-telling of Homer's Odyssey

- Peter Humphries' short and long 'walks' are on the first and second Wednesdays of the month

- Rosanna Hadley has planned some very interesting visits

- the Art/ History lectures in February are being given by Georgia O'Keefe and Paul Pickering .

For full information of subjects, times and dates please pick up the newsletter from the Institute, go onto the website - lca2@btconnect.com - or phone the administrator, Sarah, on 01372 360508 between 9.30 - 12.30 and she will tell you anything you would like to know.

Frances Presley



Mickleham Choral Society's

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# Mickleham's Three Farriers

Thomas Tidy, Frederick Patrick and  
Frederick Guyatt

## Secondly - The Patrick Family



In 1891, Frederick Patrick was living as a lodger in Flint Cottage, aged 29, occupation blacksmith. As young Tom Tidy had died, probably unexpectedly, in 1888 and Tom's father (born 1818) was already more than 70, someone was needed to run the forge if it was to be kept going. The fact that old Thomas Tidy was reported to be blind in the 1891 census, and may have been losing his sight for some time, it would also have made it essential to employ someone. This he did, and he was able to stay in his home until his death in 1895 when the forge, the house and the contents were all put up for sale by White & Sons, an old-established Dorking agent.

By 1901, Frederick is listed on the census as living at the forge with his wife and family (see photo above). He is said to be 40, a blacksmith/farrier and employer, born in Emsworth, Hants. His wife Elizabeth, aged 30, came from South Hayling. By this time they had three children, Frederick Felix (4), Mabel (2) and Olive Mary (6 months), all born in Mickleham. Elizabeth's young brother Ernest Farmer, (10) is also living with them as well as a

blacksmith's assistant, Edwin Harryhy (17), born in Llanhennock in Wales. Business must have been good enough to keep the two men occupied but no racing trainers are listed on the census.

By the time of the next census, in 1911, the family are still at the forge but with the addition of Ruth Gladys (8), Iris Kathleen (3) and Charles Farmer, Elizabeth's father (69), also from South Hayling. He is said to be married, not a widower, so it is likely he is visiting his daughter and grandchildren. All the children except Kathleen are listed in the Admissions Register of the National Schools in the village. The Register lists birth dates, admission dates and leaving dates and sometimes the standard they have reached. Surprisingly I found all the three eldest children left on the same day, 29th November 1905. This was a bit of a mystery, given their ages, until I turned to the School Log of that day written by Robert Mortimore, the Headmaster. He writes firstly that the Patrick family were absent but later in the day receives a 'note from Mr Patrick to the Mistress (his wife) saying that 'Miss Miller (a pupil teacher) had marked his child's face and he had taken them away'. 'Miss Miller denies having done so, and I can obtain no proof that the Patrick child spoke the truth. He has before accused Miss Miller and his statements were then untrue. He appears 'bitter' against the teacher for some fancy or another.' By 4th December, Mr Mortimore writes that 'Patrick has had a week to get over his bad temper. As he says he has taken the children away I have removed their names from the Register and reported the case to the School Attendance Officer for him to deal with'. This accounts for their removal on the same day. The outcome is brief: on 6th January 1906, the log reads 'Re-admitted Frederick, Mabel and Mary'.

*Left: Frederick Patrick and his wife Elizabeth with Frederick, Mabel, Olive (called Mary) and Ruth Gladys, taken about 1904. With kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths. Above: Mickleham Hall farmyard at the top end of Swanworth Lane.*

At some time early in the 20th century, in addition to running the forge, Frederick leased Mickleham Hall Farm and ran a dairy. *The Dorking Advertiser* of 25th November 1910 contains a long and convoluted account of the theft by one Charles Orchard (an employee) of a pound and a half of butter, valued at two shillings. This butter, suspected as being one of a number of thefts, was marked with two brass rivets to identify it and PC Grey, our local policeman, was called in to investigate. Later that day he apprehended Charles and found the marked butter in a basket that he was taking home, although Charles claimed all it contained was a bottle of milk. There was then some argument about the freshness of the butter, described at one point as 'blue mouldy', and only fit for pigs, which Charles Orchard claimed meant that it could not be called stealing ... and so on. The Chairman decided on leniency and bound him over in the sum of £10. We have a faded photograph of the farm showing what is now a little way down Swanworth Lane looking towards the church, much more open than now, with cows in a farmyard, which was sent to us by Patrick's granddaughter, Hazel Griffiths.

This was in November 1910, but less than a year later in September 1911, Frederick was 'quitting' and White & Sons were holding an auction of his Live and Dead Farming Stock, which included nine Jersey and Shorthorn cows, a fat barren cow, a yearling heifer, a Welsh cob mare with filly, breeding sows, poultry and a huge number of farm and dairy implements as well as hay, saddlery and all sorts, including a

Grayson's 18 ft refrigerator. Frederick's address is given as the West Australian Forge, as it was also called on Thomas Tidy's auction in 1895, – still a mystery. We do not know the reason for the 1910 sale but we presume Frederick still owned the forge at this time. He had lived in the village with his family for more than 20 years. It is likely that he was already ill as our next record is of his death aged 50 on 9th November 1911, probate to Elizabeth, widow, with

effects of £1,119 7s 9d. He was buried in the churchyard on 13th November but although we know where the grave was there is no evidence of it on the ground now. Elizabeth must have stayed in the village at least until the end of July 1912 when Ruth Gladys left school at the end of term. Perhaps they returned to her family in Hampshire. By way of a postscript, Mrs Griffiths tells us that Iris Kathleen, her mother's youngest sister, who was only three

at the time of her father's death, was brought up by another family and that they never knew the reason for this. It seems likely that she was sent away because of Frederick's illness, Elizabeth having four other children to look after, and settled permanently into her new home.

Research by Judith Long and  
Judy Kinloch

## Mickleham's Concert for Remembrance Day

On a misty cold evening a goodly number gathered in St Michael's Church for a concert hosted by Mickleham Choral Society.

It opened with *The Last Post*, always an evocative reminder of sacrifice and the gathering of the Souls of the departed, played sensitively by Julian Hornby.

The music opened with Emily Heuvel and an ensemble singing that great Wesley favourite *Lead me Lord* followed by a monologue *The wind on the Downs* read by Martin Cox.

The main work was Hadyn's *Little Organ Mass* accompanied by the Vaughn Ensemble and Jan Assersohn organ. Soprano Anna Leon sang the *Benetictus* most beautifully. The choir's performance This main work of the concert was a great triumph and very moving.

The concert continued with two soloists, Ursula Perks on piano playing *L'isle Joyeuse* by Debussy and Clare Kennington on violin playing the Romance from *The Gadfly* by Shostakovich.

The ensemble sang *I Drew my Ship* followed by Anna Leon singing *Love's Philosophy*.

Next the choir sang *Love on my Heart Fell*; it was a true expression of love.

Martin then gave a tragicomedy version of *The Convalescent*. This was followed by the choir's rousing rendition of *I can tell the World* and finally the concert ended with *My true Love* by Ian Assersohn.

As always the concert was faultless thanks to the conductor Juliet Hornby.

John Lloyd Williams



On the weekends when John and I are in our flat in Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth we often see some poor terrified soul inching their way down the 110 metre Spinnaker Tower

## Abseiling or Jumping Off a Tower for Charity

raising money for charity. So when Mickleham's magnificent resident fundraiser Will Dennis was boasting about his achievements on his bicycle, I challenged him to make the jump and abseil down the Tower. He very emphatically said 'No' but eventually everyone has their price and for a wager of £1,000 to be donated to charity he has risen (or lowered) himself to the challenge. Not only that but his son has decided to join him and make it a family affair. Annie? This exciting event will take place on Sunday 2nd April 2017 at the new time of 3 p.m.

This is all for charity and our target is to at least match my initial £1,000

wager. Will and I have chosen four local charities Princess Alice Hospice, Leatherhead Start (formerly Night Hostel), Kids for Kids (a Dorking charity set up for children in Darfur) and the Meeting Room (ex Pit stop). We want to raise a really large amount for these charities so give generously:

- Princess Alice and Kid for Kids on [www.virginmoneygiving.com/WillDennis](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/WillDennis)
- Leatherhead Start and The Meeting Room by cheque to either Will or me.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Last month we failed to give credit to Judith Long for her article about the tour of St Michael's Church. Apologies to Judith.

A belated welcome to Catherine Ramsden and Chris Wise, who with Imogen, Alasdair and Finlay have moved to Camilla Drive from Mid-Holmwood.

Welcome to Peter and Miranda Masters who have moved to Burney Road from Battersea; and to

- Caroline and Heinz Holsten and their children Léna (11) and Victor (9) who have moved to Fredley Park from Haslemere.

Commiserations to the Jobson family and Paul Willis whose homes in Ranmore Common Road were badly damaged by fire recently. We hope they will be able to move back in before too long.

Farewell to Wendy Roberts who has moved to West Sussex. Wendy grew up in Mickleham, and although she lived in Leatherhead for many years she maintained links with the village. In recent years she has been a very active member of our church community. We will miss her and wish her much happiness in her new home.

Congratulations to Mark and Sherree Rowbotham on the birth of their first grandchild, Ophelia Bunny Rose Howe (Fifi) born on 21st September to daughter Buntly and her partner Tom Howe.



## Ray Wilson

Ray Wilson of Burney Road sadly passed away at the end of October after a short illness. His funeral is due to take place after this magazine goes to the printer. A full obituary including his family life and his illustrious career in the Metropolitan Police will appear in the next edition in the New Year.

At a purely local level Ray was always assiduous in keeping the magazine well informed of comings (including new babies) and goings in Burney Road

and further afield; he distributed bags round Westhumble to the people who delivered the magazine in each road for many years; and he delivered in Burney Road until last month. He was a valuable member of the Horticultural Society Committee for a long time.

He was a delightful man with a wry sense of humour. Known by many, he will be sadly missed. We send deepest sympathy to his family.



## Pop-up Pub



at the **Westhumble Chapel**

**Saturday 17th December from 5 to 10 p.m.**

Good beer and wine as well as a non-alcoholic choice.

Sausage rolls and other nibbles may also make an appearance. Once again, the bar will be run by Pop-up landlord Duncan Irvine ably assisted by Gerry Weaver.

Do come along and bring your friends. It is a chance to meet with neighbours, catch up with the people you have not seen since the last Pop-up, and make new friends.

**A Date for Your New Diary: Westhumble Residents' Association AGM**

**Tuesday 14th March 8 p.m. at The Stepping Stones**

There will be important issues on the agenda. Please make the effort to come.

## Box Hill Dames

We are looking for ladies interested in becoming founding members of a new group – the Box Hill Dames. The purpose of the group will be friendship, fun, socialising, networking, helping the community, learning new things and being inspired by others.

We will be an independent ladies group – run by the members, for the members. This will enable us to do the things the members want to do, rather than within the constraints of traditional women's groups. We are delighted that the host venue for the new group will be Box Hill School, Old London Road, Mickleham.

Founding members will be invited to put themselves forwards as Officers and Committee Members (Coordinators) of the Club – but this will be on a volunteer basis and is not a prerequisite for joining.

The aim is for the club to formally start in January 2017 (subject to sufficient founding members and having all formalities in place). Monthly meetings will be held from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on a Tuesday evening. Other activities will take place at appropriate times – as arranged. There is no age restriction – all are welcome.

If you are interested in being a part of this new and exciting ladies group, please email Laura at [boxhilldames@gmail.com](mailto:boxhilldames@gmail.com). There will be a welcome/ planning meeting at Box Hill School in December to bring everyone interested together; share ideas for the group; and get excited about what lies ahead for ladies looking to be a part of something special.

We will be continuing to welcome new members and develop the group in 2017, so do please get in touch at any time. [boxhilldames@gmail.com](mailto:boxhilldames@gmail.com)

Laura Wade



# The Young Person's Guide to the Choir

In any choir, there are four voice parts: soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

**The Sopranos** are the ones who sing the highest. Because of this they think they rule the world. They have longer hair, fancier jewellery, and swishier skirts than anyone else and they consider themselves insulted if they are not allowed going at least to a high F in every movement of any given piece. When they reach the high notes, they hold them for at least half again as long as the composer and/or conductor requires and then complain that their throats are killing them and that the composer and conductor are sadists. Sopranos have varied attitudes toward the other sections of the choir, though they consider all of them inferior. Altos are to sopranos rather like second violins to first violins – nice to harmonize with, but not really necessary.

All sopranos have a secret feeling that the altos could drop out and the piece would sound essentially the same and they do not understand why anybody would sing in that range in the first place – it is so boring. Tenors, on the other hand, can be very nice to have around; besides their flirtation possibilities (it is a well known fact that sopranos never flirt with basses), sopranos like to sing duets with tenors because all tenors are doing is working very hard to sing in a low-to-medium soprano range, while the sopranos are up there in the stratosphere showing off. To sopranos, basses are the scum of the earth – they sing too damn loud, are useless to tune because they are down in that low, low range – and there has to be something wrong with anyone who sings in the F clef, anyway.

**The altos** are the salt of the earth – in their opinion, at least. Altos are unassuming people who would wear jeans to concerts if they were allowed to. Altos are in a unique position in

the choir in that they are unable to complain about having to sing very high or very low and they know that all the other sections think their parts are pitifully easy. But the altos know otherwise. They know that while

the sopranos are screeching away on a high A, they are being forced to sing elaborate passages full of sharps and flats and tricks of rhythm and nobody is noticing because the sopranos are singing too loud (and the basses usually are too). Altos get a deep, secret pleasure out of conspiring together to tune the sopranos flat (or sharp).

Altos have an innate distrust of tenors, because the tenors are singing almost the same range and think they sound better. They like the basses, and enjoy singing duets with them – the basses sound just like a rumble anyway, and it is the only time the altos can really be heard. Altos' other complaint is that there are always too many of them and so they never get to sing really loud.

**The tenors** are spoiled. That is all there is to it. For one thing, there are never enough of them and choir directors would rather sell their souls than let a halfway decent tenor quit, while they are always ready to unload a few altos at half price. And then, for some reason, the few tenors are always really good – it is one of those annoying facts of life. So it is no wonder that tenors always get swollen heads – after all, who else can make sopranos swoon (and occasionally altos –or other tenors)? The one thing that can make tenors insecure is the accusation (usually by the basses) that anyone singing that high could not possibly be a real man. In their usual perverse fashion, the tenors never acknowledge this, but just complain louder about the composer being a sadist and making them sing so damn high. Tenors have a love – hate relationship with the conductor, too, because the conductor is always telling them to sing louder because there are so few of them. No conductor in recorded history has ever asked for less tenor in a *forte* passage. Tenors feel threatened in some way by all other

sections – the sopranos because they can hit those so incredibly high notes; the altos because they have no trouble singing notes the tenors kill themselves for; and the basses because, although they cannot sing anything above an E, they sing it loud enough to drown the tenors out. Of course, the tenors would rather die than admit any of this. It is a little-known fact that tenors move their eyebrows more than anyone else while singing.

**The basses** sing the lowest of anybody. This basically explains everything. They are stolid, dependable people, and have more facial hair than anybody else (I wonder why?). The basses feel perpetually unappreciated, but they have a deep conviction that they are actually the most important part (a view endorsed by musicologists, but certainly not by sopranos or tenors), despite the fact that they have the most boring part of anybody and often sing the same note (or in endless fifths) for an entire page. They compensate for this by singing as loudly as they can get away with – most basses are tuba players at heart. Basses are the only section that can regularly complain how low their part is, and they make horrible faces when trying to hit very low notes. Basses are charitable people, but their charity does not extend so far as tenors, whom they consider effete poseurs. Basses hate tuning the tenors more than anything else. Basses like altos – except when they have duets and the altos get the good part. As for the sopranos, they are simply in an alternate universe which the basses do not understand at all. They can not imagine why anybody would ever want to sing that high and sound that bad when they make mistakes. When a bass makes a mistake, the other three parts will cover him and he can continue on his merry way, knowing that sometime, somehow, he will end up at the root of the chord.

But it is all a load of tosh anyway, as the fundamentally most important person in any church choir is of course, the Organist!

Anon

# Bonfire and Fireworks: Soup, Sausages, Mulled Wine and Beer

Despite Friday's heavy rain, Saturday 5th November promised fair for Westhumble's Bonfire and Fireworks, so at 5.45 pm, a happy band of torch bearing families followed the Wild family's hapless guy down Adlers Lane, trundled to his certain fate in the Wellers' wheelbarrow.

Guy duly seated on his 'high chair', Chris Budleigh thrust his flaming torch into the heart of the tepee of saplings and greenery and, much to our relief, flames immediately took hold to produce what some have described as the best bonfire they can remember. Last year's had been loath to burn, but this fire had obviously learned from its predecessor's shortcomings! Nor was the guy slow in succumbing, but for quite a long time after he had fallen from his perch, the stark skeleton of the fire was clearly silhouetted against roaring flames, sending showers of high speed sparks into the now cooling evening air. I was glad of my lined trousers as the temperature dropped while we waited for the fire to come crashing down, but when at last it fell, it seemed quite sedate!

At first, the number of spectators seemed down on last year, with plenty of room to move, but lots of relatively late arrivals swelled the crowd to a recent record of around 450. Fortunately the fire remained a lively spectacle whilst Neil Mason and Gerry Weaver awaited the newcomers still coming through the gates, before igniting the first of many splendiferous rockets and aerial bursts. True to form, there were several outbreaks of rapturous applause at the supposed end of the display, only for the sky to light up with yet another shower of crackling and whistling pyrotechnics. When at last the darkness settled, all around people could be heard declaring that this had been the best bonfire for a long time with a perfect set of fireworks to match – an astounding display for so small a village!

Throughout the evening, Lucy Mason and Anne Weaver and their families had slaved over a hot barbecue to produce steaming soup and over 300 hot dogs, whilst Duncan Irvine and friends offered beer, mulled wine and soft drinks. Our thanks to all of them for excellent fare.

As this was the first time for the pop-up pub at the bonfire, it was difficult to predict how much beer was needed, so apologies that it ran out before all thirsts had been quenched!

We must also extend thanks to all who gave their time and considerable effort in building the bonfire, particularly Neil who has been the lynch pin of both bonfire and fireworks over many years (he has not told me how many); and Mike Weller, Chris B and John Neal the main pyrotechnic experts. There were other regular supporting members of the cast including Ben Tatham, Stephanie Randall and Rob and Emma Machin (apologies if I have missed some of you); but I must end with an early plea for yet more new volunteers next year, as the more pairs of hands we have, the quicker the end result and it really is high time that some of the more senior 'crew' were able to take a back seat and enjoy the fruits of some fresh, enthusiastic and more youthful effort. It really is most rewarding to watch the results of your labours going up in a blaze of glory – come and give it a try next time!

Building the bonfire is a very worthwhile project which brings the village together on Guy Fawkes Night and there will be a valuable opportunity to practice some of the necessary skills on an equally worthy community building project, when as part of the refurbishment and improvement programme at the Chapel of Ease, it is planned to organize a working party on two or three weekends in the new year to clear some of the outside space, to improve the overall appearance and allow the pop-up pubs and the afternoon teas to spill out into the fresh air. Working party dates will be posted on the notice-board at the chapel and we will circulate a plea for help after Christmas, so please, please consider lending a hand in increasing the flexibility of the chapel to serve as a focal point for more Westhumble social functions.

Mike Giles

Many thanks to Mike too for all his hard work. Ed



Top: bonfire builders putting the finishing touches; above: Guy and his 'parents'; below: fireworks; bottom: the moon showing through the clouds.

Photographers Ben Tatham and Chris Budleigh



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## KING WILLIAM IV

Hello all

Our friends' and neighbours' fireworks again went with a bang: everyone had their sparklers and many of the village children came along to share the fun. It was a chilly night, but it was dry.

That Sunday (6th Nov) also saw a leaving party for our lovely Alice- she has been with me from the month after I bought the pub, and we wish her well.

Malcolm and Sue again tested our grey matter with the first of our winter quizzes, thanks to both, the next one is the first Monday in February make sure you book early as we had to turn away many booking for the one just completed. Two courses/entry to quiz and prizes- £15 per person. We are fully booked for Christmas Day, but hope to see all our friends and neighbours during the December festivities.

See you soon. Eamonn

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# Christmas Bird Quiz

*This quiz, set by the late Ken Kilburn, first appeared in the December 1992 magazine.*

Each line gives the clues to a word beginning with a different letter of the alphabet, though the answers are not in alphabetical order. The first 24 lines clue bird names, while the answers to 25 and 26 are seasonal rather than ornithological.

Christmas cards show him – a most welcome sight  
He was shot, though by this one – a dire toxophilite  
Red comical nose, three just sounds out of breath  
It's said that this night bird foretold Caesar's death  
Some Women (Royal Navy) were called by this name  
The sixth made Keats's heart ache – an ecstatic strain  
My next one sounds fearful, with a sharp triple cry  
A king of the birds, eight – he reigns in the sky  
Sacred bird of the pharoahs, it was often embalmed  
Garden nestboxes house him and keep him unharmed  
Ruddy or sweetheart – a quacker! – 's eleven  
Engaging the thermals twelve soars up to heaven  
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# INSPIRATIONAL

## Box Hill School

The past month has seen lots of travelling for some Box Hill School students. During half term, twenty six Year 10 and Year 11 pupils travelled to Dubai and Abu Dhabi on a ten day football tour. The two teams played a total of eight matches against local clubs, schools and football academies and managed to convincingly win six of the games. Training between matches took place at Dubai Sports City, on their full size indoor 3g football pitch, regularly used by English premier league teams during their pre-season programme. The group were fortunate enough to visit some amazing locations whilst in the UAE including the Burj Khalifa, Dubai Mall, Wild Wadi Waterpark, Wadi Adventure White Water Rafting Centre, Ferrari World and the Yas Marina F1 Circuit. The group were also educated

in the traditions of the Arabic culture, with a visit and lunch at the Sheikh Mohammed Cultural Centre, a traditional nomadic evening meal in the desert and a visit to a traditional souk.

A further 12 students made their way to Prague, the fourth most technological city in the world. Due to its strategic location the country has become a net exporter of technological and digital related products. The group had a packed three days visiting all the wonders that the magnificent city had to offer, from the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Astronomical clock to Wenceslas Square. A tour around the Kozel Brewery and the Skoda factory did not disappoint and it highlighted how technologically advanced each of these industries has become. The students had a wonderful time and did the school proud with the enthusiasm they demonstrated and the manner in which they presented themselves.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

We would like to welcome everyone from the village to join us for this year's winter production 'Grimm Tales: pray you tread softly.' For the first time at Box Hill School, we are putting on a promenade performance with the audience immersed in the action of the tales and led from story to story by mysterious guides. The show is a blend of well-known stories and devised action. Each play is performed in a different style and theatre space: Rapunzel is underscored with live music composed and arranged by one of our current parents, the story of Red Cap is told with narration and mime, Iron Hans is performed in the round whilst the audience watch from amongst the trees which surround Hansel and Gretel's home. There will be 3 show nights from the 7th-9th December, starting at 7 p.m. Please purchase tickets at the school reception or reserve them from collection on the night by phoning 01372 373382. Tickets: Adults £10 Concessions £5.

## Mickleham Parish Council

Councillors from Mickleham Parish Council attended the opening of the new playground at the Children's Recreation Ground and added their congratulations to the organisers and fundraisers for their efforts in bringing the project to fruition. The Recreation Ground continues to be the focus for attention from MPC and it has been decided to improve the footpath that runs from the junction with Dell Close to the junction with School Lane. A contract has now been agreed with a surfacing company. Meanwhile a working group is continuing to explore the options for providing sports equipment for older children at the Recreation Ground.

Efforts to improve broadband speeds in Mickleham continue and Councillor

Will Dennis has been in discussions with BT about providing the village with Superfast broadband. It was mentioned that it would cost £7,000 – a considerable reduction on the previous estimate of £26,000 – and Mr Dennis asked if that could be turned into a firm quote. Mr Dennis cautioned however that if the BT proposal were accepted it would disqualify the village from the Surrey County Council funding. That might come through in the next few months and while the situation is far from clear, it is hoped that the persistent efforts of residents like Mary Flint has put Mickleham near the top of the SCC's action list.

Councillor Dennis is also looking at the Parish Council's programme for dealing

with an emergency whether that be flooding or a serious road accident or other incident. It is intended that forward planning and a list of people to contact in the event of such an incident will be updated. If anyone can contribute to this project they should contact Will Dennis.

The Parish Council has lent its support to efforts to make it compulsory for cyclists travelling along the A24 to use the cycle paths. Mole Valley District Councillor Duncan Irvine told the November meeting of the Parish Council that he would take up the matter with MP Paul Beresford and the MP for Epsom and Ewell, Chris Grayling, who is also the Transport Secretary. Trevor Haylett



Back in the summer, when the weather was gorgeous (remember?)

## Book Club outing to Standen

the Book Club went on an outing to Standen in West Sussex, a National Trust Arts and Crafts house with Morris & Co. interiors. Arrival was timed for a tour of the garden, then an adjournment for lunch. Afterwards there was a visit to the house and kitchens and we just had to sample the locally made brew. It was hard work but someone had to do it.

We will be taking a break from discussing the latest 'good read' and enjoy a Christmas lunch in December, but will resume in January. If you would like to join us, we meet on a Tuesday evening – dates are a little flexible. Get in touch with Bernie Bailey on 01306 4741310 or [bpbailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bpbailey@yahoo.co.uk)

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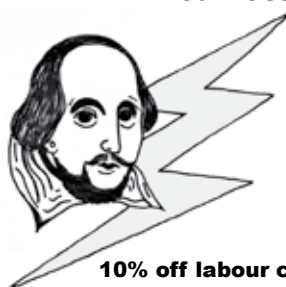
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Christmas is so very much more delightful when you can share it with little children. The excitement at St. Michael's is certainly building. We are looking forward to hearing stories about 'The Elf on the Shelf'; a rather clever toy that some parents are using to achieve the pre-Christmas behaviour they would like. The Elf, that sits on a shelf is the eyes and ears for Father Christmas! When you read this article the Nursery will already have had a visit from Father Christmas at our Christmas fair. Our Gingerbread House makes a rather wonderful grotto on the day of the fair and Father Christmas is kept very busy checking that he has the all the details of this years most popular gifts.

We have started to practice our Nativity play, this year the birth of baby Jesus



from the perspective of Maurice the Mule. No lobsters but there is a spider together with the traditional nativity Characters. I rather like this version of the Christmas story as it also has chickens in the stable, and I am sure Penguin our matriarch chicken likes to be represented.

Our chickens have recently been entertained by the assembly of the forest school area fence, and also by the dads working parties, Although as they are not laying at the moment, the dads



had to make do with just bacon butty rewards, rather than bacon and egg.

The photos show our industrious dads making the new forest school area safe; cutting brambles, eye height branches and removing the inevitable churn up of broken blue pottery and glass. They also excavated a pit filled with concrete and tarmac that had yellow lines painted on it, not sure where that came from. We are really looking forward to the new year and new adventures in the area.

Hilary Budd



## A record year for Juniper Hall

As 2016 comes to an end it really does seem a like a cliché to say that it has indeed flown by! However, the team at Juniper Hall have had an amazing year in 2016 and I just want to update and share with you some of the successes over the last twelve months.

As I wrote in previous years, we have seen some major curriculum changes following the changes brought in by this and the previous government. As such, there was a real threat to fieldwork and schools engaging in activities that were not confined to a classroom. However, through a lot of hard work we have not only avoided this but indeed we have had a record number of visitors in 2016 and looks set to repeat in 2017. In 2014 we had 13,596 visitor nights and in 2016 we have increased this to 18,124 visitor nights. We are also seeing a high demand for day fieldwork which is also fantastic. Altogether the more we can engage with students from the local area and beyond means

we can deliver our message of bringing environmental understanding to all.

This year we also had an inspection of our education provision as part of the Quality Badge Plus (in association with the Council for Learning outside the Classroom). This includes inspectors from within our organisation and who also work for Ofsted. In eight key areas we are assessed we achieved a score of 'Outstanding' in three of these and 'Very Good' in the other five. This is the best the centre has done and we now have a goal to work towards further improvement for when we are next inspected in 2018.

Having a large number of visitors does mean we can reinvest in the buildings and grounds around the site. At the start of this year we renovated the Royal Oak Room into a new comfortable sitting room. We installed twelve solar panels this summer which will reduce the amount of electricity we use and hopefully will feed back into the grid.

Overall this is a great scheme that will reduce our carbon emissions produced by the centre. This winter we will be moving the old library into the new one in the Coach House, moving the office, creating a new classroom and introduce a new drawing room. We will keep you posted on how we get on.

There has been many staff who have changed this year. Jason Lock, our regional Educational Team Leader left us to start a new life in the Yorkshire Dales. Jason's replacement is Simon Waller who has been a geography teacher in Horsham and we look forward to really moving on with him on board. We recently also had the newest member of the Juniper Hall when my little girl Verity was born in October. Amy is being a fantastic mum and Martha is very much enjoying being the big sister!

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all and sharing our progress as we enter 2017.

Simon Ward, Head of Centre



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# Our values: so important



Alexander and Amy

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At the beginning of this term, we discussed and reviewed the Christian

values which we think are important to us and how we live. Malcolm, parents and children have taken part in discussion to decide on our top six values which we will run over a half-term, giving us more time to think about them and put them into practice. Our six values are: Friendship, Thankfulness, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance and Hope.

We will be discussing one of these values each half-term in collective worship through Bible stories and devoting time in lessons to

study each value in more detail.

It is important that we recognise and celebrate when children show these qualities and so we will be presenting a weekly values leaf which will be presented in collective worship on Tuesdays and their leaf will also be displayed in the entrance hall where we have our values display. Children can be nominated by a member of the class, a member of staff or a parent.

From our values, we have created our own set of Golden Rules which we encourage the children and staff to follow. They are displayed prominently in every classroom.

Over the past few issues of the magazine, we have gained different views of stakeholders in the school. This month, perhaps the most important ones, our pupils give their opinion on what make St Michael's special.



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## Our Golden Rules

- We are kind
- We try our best
- We listen and join in
- We take care of each other and God's World
- We are honest and trustworthy

• *I like St Michael's because it is a friendly school where everyone knows each other. At playtimes and lunchtimes we all play together and if we feel lonely we have a buddy stop where we can sit and someone will come and see if we are okay. We do lots of good learning and it is fun when we are in class. We have lots of things to help us with our learning and our teachers are friendly and will help us when we are stuck.*

Alexander Woodpeckers Class (Year 2)

• *I like St Michael's because we do a lot with the church. I enjoy Malcolm's assembly on a Monday and every month we walk to church for an assembly. We have fun workshops at different times of the year where we make things to take home. There are a lot of clubs after school like tennis, multi-skills and French. Also, there are lunchtime clubs like gardening club and singing.*

Amy, Woodpeckers Class (Year 2)

Jeremy Smith

## Christingle Workshop

St Michael's School, Sunday 4th December

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# Cryptic Crossword



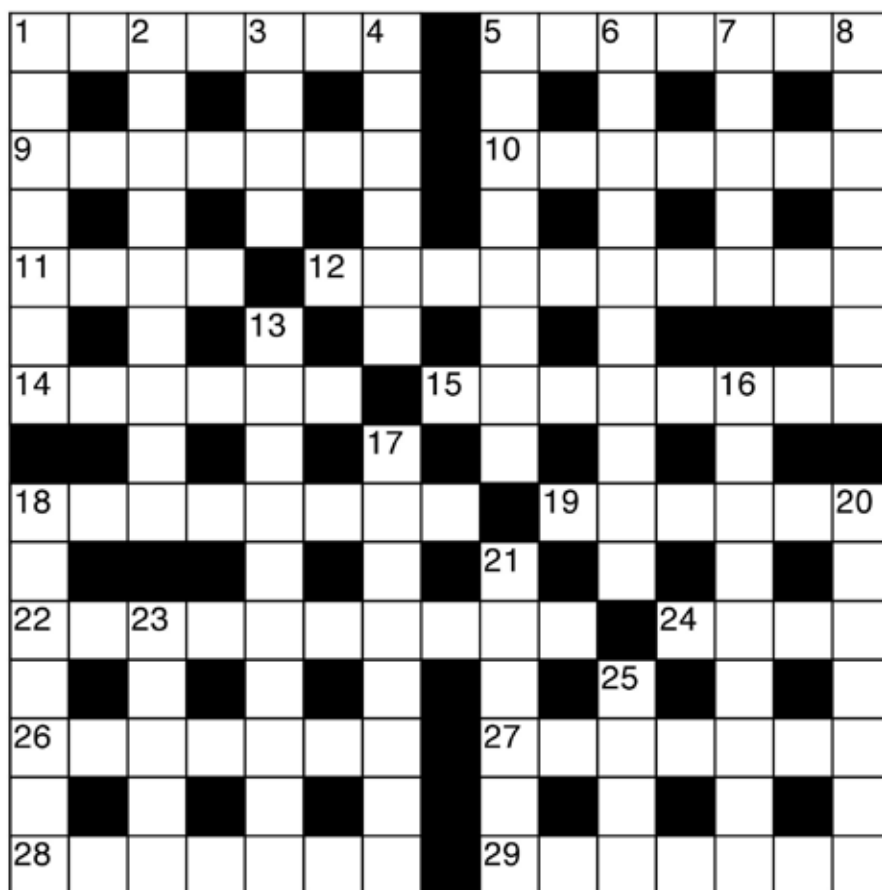
## Across

- 1 Eulogy left out reference to what was on fire (4,3)
- 5 A bit reminiscent of Santa Claus' mother? (7)
- 9 Spherical 10 in domed room (7)
- 10 Press review of a recital perhaps? (7)
- 11 First mate - male or a female? (4)
- 12 Plant you are ordered to site in a pot (10)
- 14 Face and heart of singleton without magic (6)
- 15 State of being familiar with "Only Fools and Horses"! (8)
- 18 Do the ironing, or rather less of it (8)
- 19 Gracious! Whatever be "After Eight"? (6)
- 22 Express surprise at number of insects available for birds (10)
- 24 Sign invisible to some in lycra? (4)



*Spooky  
Hallowe'en  
visitors in  
Chapel Lane*

Photographer Liz Weller



- 26 Sort of copper, one to get on with that is? (7)
- 27 Out late pet? Artists are rarely seen without one on their arm! (7)
- 28 Sounds like classes are getting smaller (7)
- 29 Put your clothes back on as compensation (7)

## Down

- 1 Part of rigging - where my radar may be fitted? (7)
- 2 How one may feel after too much of the garlic sauce (9)
- 3 Little bits of wool in textiles (4)
- 4 How a US soldier might address a senior officer asking for a key (1,5)
- 5 Nine rags in knots for old ladies (8)
- 6 Where teacher sat around to look at jumpers on Boxing Day? (2,3,5)

- 7 Endless lunch in Utah with a rough diamond (5)
- 8 Lift made Eve late (7)
- 13 Another word for copper - also played by Peter Sellers (10)
- 16 Greek philosopher immortalized in Cockney rhyming slang for a container (9)
- 17 Them as creeps out of prison (8)
- 18 Medical order that replaced LSD? (7)
- 20 Geordie expresses relief to young relatives (7)
- 21 Post-prandial consequence of too much cooked sprout? (6)
- 23 Tours round scene of military defeats (5)
- 25 To some extent using one on Box Hill has led to injuries (4)

## SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Fireworks 5 Chasm 8 Slapdash 9 Intent 11 Eiderdown  
12 Adder 13 Ward 15 Tinkers 18 Freight 20 Warn  
23 Elvis 24 Shrubbery 26 Circus 27 Cinerama 28 Sheba  
29 Bagatelle

### Down

- 1 Faster 2 Rwanda 3 Wader 4 Respond 5 Container  
6 Aberdeen 7 Mattress 10 Gnat 14 Angostura  
16 Offences 17 Perverse 19 Test 20 Warming 21 Retail  
22 Gyrate 25 Bleat

RR-M

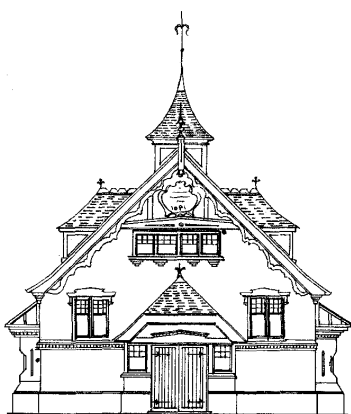
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

<b>4 Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	8 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Christingle Workshop at St Michael's School Christingle Service in church NOTE LATER TIME.
5 Monday	7 p.m.	St Michael's School Governing Body meets
10 Saturday	2 to 4 p.m.	Christmas Café in Westhumble Chapel
<b>11 Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer in the CHAPEL
13 Tuesday	1.45 p.m.	St Michael's School Nativity at the school
14 Wednesday	1.45 p.m.	St Michael's School Nativity at the school
16 Friday	8 p.m.	Choral Society's Christmas Carol Party. Village hall
17 Saturday	5 to 10 p.m.	Pop-up pub at the Chapel
<b>18 Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
20 Tuesday	6 p.m.	Carols at the Westhumble Chapel ruins
21 Wednesday	1.30 p.m.	St Michael's School end of term service in church
23 Friday		Carol singing around the pubs (see page 3)
<b>24 Saturday CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	4 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	NATIVITY PROCESSION (Westhumble Field) MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
<b>25 Sunday CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) in the CHAPEL Family Service

## JANUARY

<b>1 Sunday The Naming and Circumcision of Christ</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Morning Service for New Year's Day
<b>8 Sunday The Baptism of Christ</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer at the CHAPEL
<b><i>Deadline for copy for February Parish Magazine</i></b>		
9 Monday	9.15 a.m.	St Michael's School Assembly in church
10 Tuesday	10 a.m.	Building Committee meets
12 Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
<b>15 Sunday 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion
16 Monday	8 p.m.	PCC meets
18 Wednesday	8 p.m.	Westhumble Talks
19 Thursday	8 p.m.	Bible Study Group meets
21 Saturday	10 a.m. 9 a.m.	Village Hall Committee meets Men's Breakfasts at The Running Horses
<b>22 Sunday 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) in the CHAPEL Holy Communion Guided Tour of St Michael's Encore
23 Monday	3 p.m.	Tea@3 at Mary Flint's
26 Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study Group meets
28 Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast at The Running Horses
<b>29 Sunday Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Morning Service



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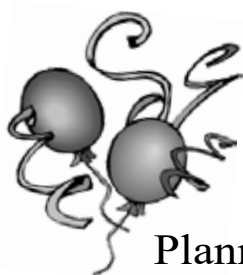
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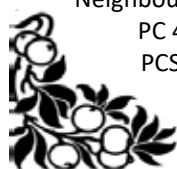
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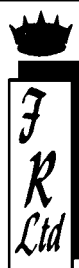
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