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Dear friends

Christmas and the New Year are drawing ever closer, and I imagine many of us are looking forward to the future with a variety of emotions and expectations. However, whatever the future holds God cares about us and loves us, and His promise is that He will always be with every single person. The word 'Emmanuel' literally means 'God with us' and we can be reassured this Christmas that God Himself, incarnate in human flesh, born as a baby in a manger scene, loves each one of us personally as a precious, special and unique person.

I read once of a man named Paul who received a car from his brother for Christmas. As he came out of his office on Christmas Eve a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car mister?" he asked. Paul nodded "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean he gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." he hesitated. Of course Paul knew what he was going to wish for, he was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what he said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels. "I wish" the boy went on "that I could be a brother like that." Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, "Would you like to take a ride?" he asked. "Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride the boy turned with his eyes aglow and said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?" Paul smiled, knowing the lad wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big car. But Paul was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked. He ran up the steps, and then came back slowly, carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car. "There she is, Sammy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a penny. And some day I'm going to give you one just like it... then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been telling you about." Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of the car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside them and the three of them began a memorable ride. That Christmas Eve Paul learned what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give..."

What can you give to other people this Christmas and New Year? Your time perhaps? Or possibly sharing of your skills and abilities? Each Christmas brings a reassurance to us all, no matter what our background or standing that God cares for us and loves us. Over a third of the world's population of 7+ billion people are Christians and will be celebrating like us here in Mickleham and Westhumble, the joy of this momentous and wonderful occasion.

May I encourage you too as you look forward to this amazing season, to draw closer to God through His Son Jesus Christ, to experience all the good things that He wants to give to you and in turn, to give to other people as you yourself would like to receive. Indeed, could this be one of your New Year's Resolution for 2019?

Sue and I thank you very much for welcoming us back into the parish, and assure you of our support and prayers for the future together.

We wish you all a very happy, holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

John

Reverend Canon John Harkin
Parish Priest



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MICKLEHYMNS 3

Sunday 3rd February 2019
4 pm - St Michael's Church

In February 2008 the first Micklehymns raised money for the church piano fund and many people said how much they had enjoyed the evening and asked when would there be another. In March 2012 Micklehymns 2 raised money for the organ fund. Well, now the church porch needs attention, so we are having Micklehymns 3.

Do come and join in Mickleham's own 'Songs of Praise' with hymns chosen by your neighbours who will explain their choice. It will be fun and there will be tea and CAKE in the interval. Tickets £5 from Jo Brown 01372 375015

Children's Christmas Workshop

Sunday 2nd December
St Michael's School – 9.45 am

followed by

The Christingle Service

St Michael's Church – 11 am



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 16th December
St Michael's Church 6.30 pm

Conducted by Juliet Hornby with a guest organist.

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Friday 21st December

Everyone welcome!

7.15 pm Stepping Stones
8 pm The Running Horses
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Prayer Workshop

On Saturday 20th October sixteen people came together in church for a morning Prayer Workshop to consider different questions relating to prayer. Here is what a few of them subsequently wrote:

'There was loads of information on offer, but the main topics were: 'Why we should pray,' 'The difficulties of praying,' 'Different types of prayer' and 'How should we pray?' In each case, Canon John introduced the basics of the topic and talked about different approaches, then offered some tips on things he has found useful. This was followed by a time for guided reflection and discussion. With such a lot to get to grips with, many of us would have been quite happy to spend the rest of the day there talking about what we had learned and hearing what worked for others. We all know that prayer is a very important part of our life as Christians and in developing our relationship with God, but many of us feel that we are not being very disciplined or effective. It was great to have some practical tips

to take away and try out - to find what works for us, and what does not! Some of us might only be taking baby steps at the moment, but better that than no steps at all, and hopefully we can all learn from each other as we go along. We went home with a bundle of notes and a sense of purpose, so we owe John and Sue a big 'thank you' for pulling it all together, leading so patiently and, of course, providing coffee and biscuits! Definitely more of the same please - if once a term can we do half a day?'

Caroline and Vickie
'Thank you John for our first Prayer Workshop. Your four pages are so full that they will keep me going for ages. I am looking up each reference, slowly one by one. One a day is enough woven into my quiet time, and it's not every day either.'

Jennifer
We should never underestimate the power of prayer. In the Bible we read that "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16) and Jesus Himself said "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as

a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).

It would seem wise that for Christians in the parish to grow in our understanding and practice of prayer we should meet more often, so starting in 2019 we shall hold a Prayer Workshop once a term, with the next one being on Saturday 23rd March. Do please email me and Sue to let us know if you will be coming, so that we can seek to be as effective in planning our time together as possible.

We also host a monthly Parish Prayer Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in church; the dates for the Spring Term are 8th January (please note this is the second Tuesday of the month), 5th February, 5th March and 2nd April. You are very welcome to join us.

Canon John



Warmest Christmas wishes and a happy & healthy New Year to all our local friends



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Canon John & Sue Harkin, Stephanie Randall,
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Amy, Simon, Martha & Verity Ward,
Frank Warren, Sue & Ben Tatham, Elizabeth Watson,
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The Crib Service Christmas Eve at 4 pm



Preparations are under way for our annual Crib Service but we still need battalions of angels, flocks of shepherds and a camel train of wise men. Children and adults alike are welcome to come suitably dressed so seek out your old tea towels and dressing gowns and join us. Please remember it will be the middle of winter, so dress warmly.

We will be starting our procession at 4 pm on Christmas Eve at the junction of Adlers Lane, Burney Road and Chapel Lane and will process to the Westhumble Bonfire Field where the

children will form a tableau to depict the story of Jesus' birth in that humble stable in Bethlehem.

If you have not been before, make this the year you join us to experience something truly delightful. The Crib Service is not just for children; everybody is welcome to join us. There will be some short readings by the children, some carols and the opportunity to remember what Christmas is all about – not turkey, mince pies and an endless list of things to do, but the birth of an innocent baby whose parents must have felt joy and fear in equal measure. Following the service, which will last



no more than 40 minutes there will be refreshments and the opportunity to exchange greetings with all your friends and neighbours.

If your child would like to take a leading role as one of the main characters in the tableau or as a reader, please contact either Anne Weaver or Vickie Leney as soon as you can. We look forward to seeing you all on Christmas Eve

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The Spike

Local History Group visit to the Guildford Workhouse

We associate workhouses with bowls of gruel, *Oliver Twist* and Charles Dickens. Provision for the poor was not a matter of which we can be proud. The origins of the 'Old Poor Law' date from the 15th century, with the decline of the monasteries. Charity was gradually replaced by a land tax levied at parish level. The Poor Law Act that we recall from school history lessons came about in 1601. Nearly all workhouses were built to a design by Scott and Moffat, few remain, but there is an intact one in Tavistock. The workhouse in Guildford was built in 1838 as a result of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834. It housed the, 'forgotten classes of Victorian England: the poor, the infirm, the ill and the destitute'. On old town maps, the workhouse would be found in Union Street, although the name was later 'updated' when the workhouse was demolished. Guildford's Union Street was re-named Warren Road in about 1966.

The Spike you can see today is a purpose-built Casual Ward erected

in 1906 to separate the 'undesirable' vagrants from the routine of the actual workhouse. Each cell measured 2.4m x 1.4m (8' by 4.6') and had a simple bed frame. There was no sanitary provision, merely a bucket. There was a room with one, maybe two enamelled tubs, but the same bath water was shared multiple times. Considering the skin diseases, sores, infection, lice and worse ... well, it hardly bears thinking about.

To occupy a 'cell' for the night a homeless person (mostly men, although there were a few women) was expected to pay and if he could not pay, he had to work. The illustration shows one of four grids each measuring about 90 cm by 60 cm (3'x 2'). The expectation was to crush about 100 kg of rock into pieces small enough to pass through the small slots, about the size of a matchbox. It was dusty, back-breaking work conducted in a space with barely enough room to swing a sledgehammer. Supper was broth, bread and maybe some cheese.

So why, I hear you say, is it called The



Spike? It relates to another task for the homeless. Ships had sails and sails need rope, lots of rope. Old ropes could be re-sold if the hemp was broken down into strands, which was done using a pointed tool, known as a spike. Hence the expression, *money for old rope*. For more information go to www.guildfordspike.co.uk. How fortunate we are to have modern plumbing, sprung mattresses and families that love us. Have a lovely Christmas.

Stephanie Randall

Save the date in your 2019 Diary

The Village Fête will be combined with the Horticultural Society Summer Show and will take place on Saturday 6th July 2019.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

History of the Norbury Chapel

Readers who find themselves in St Michael's over the Christmas season may find it interesting to learn more about the side chapel on the north side of the nave.

The first two parts of this series on the history of Mickleham Church dealt with the first church, built by the Saxons, and the 11th century church built after the Norman Conquest. Although there were additions of a porch, steeple and various windows in the ensuing years, the next major change to the footprint was the building of a mortuary chapel onto the northern wall of the building. William Wyddowson (surname spelt in various ways), Lord of the Manor of Fredley and a patron of Mickleham Church, built the mortuary chapel a few years before his death in 1514. It is constructed of rock chalk and firestone. The chalk probably came from the chalk mine in Westhumble, now the Bat Caves. The stones were arranged in a chequerboard pattern, very unusual in this part of the country. Not only is this pattern visible on the outside of the building, it can also be seen from the north aisle, which was only built in the late 18th century with an archway giving access to the chapel.

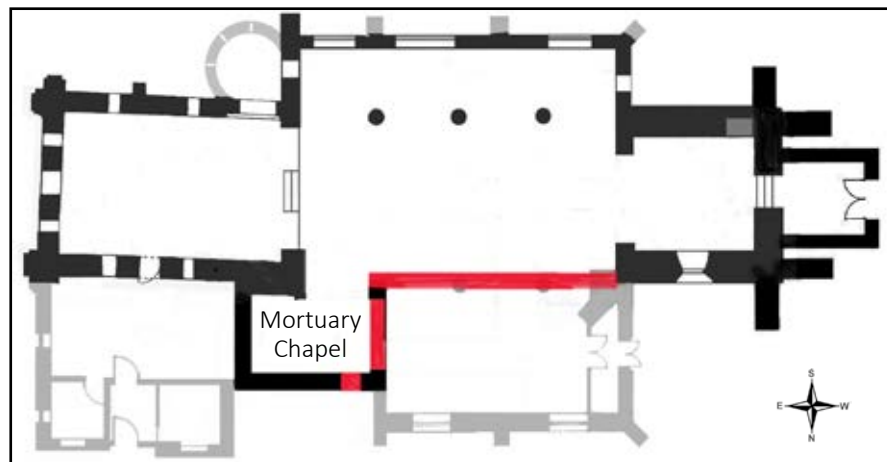
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View from the north aisle of the patterned stonework on the chapel wall above the arch.

The altar tomb was placed against the north wall; the niche in the wall above contained two kneeling brass figures with scrolls written in Latin issuing from their mouths. Several of the brasses have been lost, probably stolen quite some time ago. Under the figures are the words:

Here lyeth the body of William Wyddolkson, citizen and mercer of London, and of the parish church of Mekyllham late Patron, and here also lyeth ye body of Johne hys wife, which dessecyd the XXVII day of Septe'br the Vth yere of king Hary the 8th on whoos soullys God have mercy. Ame



Plan of the church in 1514 showing the new chapel. At this time it had three outside walls, with access only from the nave. Some of the historic accounts refer to the presence of a hagiascope or squint to enable worshippers in the chapel to see the lifting of the host during the mass.

Sometime around 1541 Thomas Stidolph of Norbury bought a part of the Fredley property which probably included the rights to the chapel. Since 1326 there had been a private chapel in Norbury House, but with the dissolution of the monasteries in 1541, Reigate Priory, which provided the priest for this chapel, ceased to function. The family then used Wyddowson's chapel which became known as the Norbury Pew.

When Leopold Salomon bought Norbury Park in 1890, and the estate was no longer entailed he was able to give permission to open up the chapel with an arch into a new north aisle, formed by extending the north wall by three meters.

Over the years many embellishments, windows and memorial have been added to the chapel. In the next part of this series we will look at many of the artefacts in the Norbury Chapel.

Sue Tatham



View of church showing Norbury Chapel entitled 'Mickleham Church, Surrey c.1796 by Joseph Mallord William Turner, Thomas Girtin'. Part of the Turner bequest held by the Tate.

To the Green Fields Beyond...*

Photographs: Chris Budleigh



London is obviously a big city, but just how big? Where does it start and where does it end? I thought an interesting way of finding out would be to walk from one side to the other, starting at the closest 'rural' site this side of the city and finishing when I got to the first greenery on the other side.

Which was how, just before 8 o'clock one bright, crisp morning in July, I found myself in my walking boots at Ashted station. To the south west, Ashted Common and beyond that open countryside. To the north east, an endless expanse of built environment. Or maybe not quite endless...

So, up Woodfield Lane against the flow of schoolchildren and commuters, along the A24 though Epsom and into the suburban sprawl of south west London. Ewell and Cheam do not seem to have changed much, but plenty of new buildings have appeared in Merton since Jan and I lived in nearby Wimbledon. Tooting was where I had my first bedsit in London and many of the things I remember are still there – greengrocers spilling out onto the pavement and interesting curry houses, but now there's a sheen of comfortable Asian prosperity.

Balham has become seriously gentrified, with blocks of smart flats, coffee bars, gyms, and supermarkets geared to city workers in a hurry. Gentrification takes a breather around Clapham, at least on the A24 side of the Common, with grand Victorian houses looking in need of a lick of paint. Everything changes again at the Elephant and Castle, the eastern end of a massive building site stretching

away to Battersea Power Station. At first glance there does not seem to have been much planning over the style of high rise buildings going up, but maybe everything will come together when it's all finished. Maybe.

The City now starts south of the river in Southwark, loomed over by The Shard – occupying the site of the rather ugly office block where I worked at in my Price Waterhouse days. Not a great loss to architecture... Over London Bridge and through the throng of the City of London at lunchtime – seemingly everyone on the pavement at once. North up King William Street, into Bishopsgate and on past Liverpool Street Station as the architecture switches from modern glass and steel to the bohemian Victoriana of Shoreditch. Then a right turn through Hackney to Victoria Park. The last time I was in this part of London was the Anti-Nazi League 'Rock against Racism' demo in 1977. Seems to have worked – I did not encounter a single Nazi anywhere in Hackney, but now there are plenty of tapas bars, Japanese, Brazilian and Vietnamese restaurants, and endless places to get a good cup of coffee.

Beyond Hackney stretches the Olympic Park where I followed a cycle path along the north edge of the site, with the Olympic Stadium and various other concrete structures looming in the distance. Not a soul around and no sound but wind in the long grass, like something out of a dystopian JG Ballard novel. All very strange. So it was something of a relief to get to the everyday normality of Leyton, with

its rows of Victorian terraces, pubs and kebab shops. Leyton blurs into Leytonstone and beyond this, the rather classier suburb of Wanstead with very substantial three-storey villas lining the main road. Then across the North Circular and the M11 and into what Iain Sinclair describes as the 'edgelands' – rows of nondescript, semi-detached houses interspersed with car repair shops, fast food outlets, tyre dealers and rows of pylons.

And then a sign saying 'Chigwell, Welcome to Essex'. In the 1990s there was a sit com about life in Chigwell called 'Birds of a Feather' and things do not seem to have changed much since then – gated McMansions, wine bars and lots and lots of bling. I walked through to the north side of the village and turned right down a small lane. On one side, a row of Chigwell's finest executive homes, on the other, rolling Essex countryside as far as the eye could see. So this must be where London ends. 5.17 pm. 32.5 miles. I turned and walked back to the tube station...

Chris Budleigh

*Apologies to the Royal Tank Regiment for the use of their unofficial motto for the title of this piece; 'From mud, through blood to the green fields beyond.' Not quite Flanders, but sort of fitted for this article.

When asked 'Where Next?' Chris became enigmatic: 'This was actually a practice for a much longer walk I did a few weeks later. To be the subject of another article...'

Something to look forward to. Ed.



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Newfoundland - pronounced with the emphasis on the first syllable rather than the second, and forget the 'd'! 'Newfunland'. I was given that lesson on how to say the word by my cousins on a visit not long after I discovered that I am part of a much larger family than I had always been led to believe (long story).

We had been asked by my cousins to travel up the west side of the Province to the most beautiful National Park of Gros Morne. It is not unlike the coast of Norway and I had my first sight of two large moose and also a herd of caribou. We stayed in a B&B called Tickle Inn at Cape Onion, both those names were enough to make me curious and they did not disappoint. Cape Onion is on about the most northerly point of Newfoundland facing straight to Labrador, and it is also close to L'Anse aux Meadows which is a village showing the settlement where the Vikings first landed about 1,000 years ago. Those Vikings got everywhere, according to the recent magazine article by Anne Weaver they seem to have been on St Kilda 1,000 years before that.

Also nearby is the town of St Anthony where Dr Wilfred Grenfell set up his Mission in the late nineteenth century which provided some of the earliest permanent medical services in Labrador and northern Newfoundland.

This summer I was lucky enough to go to St John's, the capital, and explore the city with its deep natural harbour and very narrow entrance keeping the icebergs out, not to mention U-Boats which lurked outside during WW2. Attractive clapboard-type houses painted in bright colours line the steep maze of streets. St John's is overlooked by the National Historic Site of Signal Hill where the first transatlantic wireless transmission was received by Marconi in December 1901.

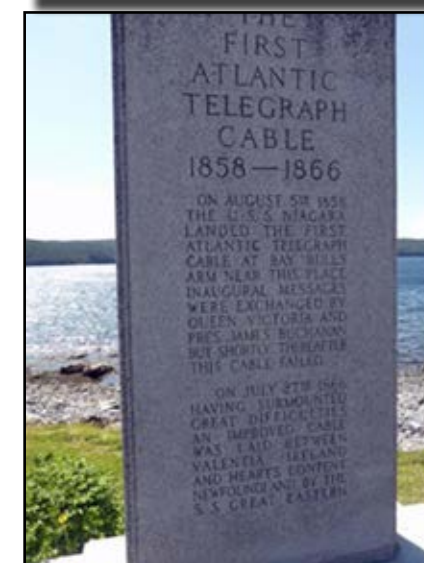
We drove three hours north to the Bonavista Peninsula and stayed for

two days near to where John Cabot is reputed to have landed on 24th June 1497, thereby discovering America - it is said that he was really looking for another route to China! His statue stands gazing over Bonavista Bay.

Nearby is Elliston which has a most fascinating museum and art gallery, where the hardships and tragedies the sealers had to endure at the turn of the 20th century are vividly brought to life. Sealing was their livelihood and in 1914 over 250 men were lost trying to fulfil the orders of their employers. There is a very poignant statue of a father and son and a monument listing all those who were lost in the disaster, ensuring they were never forgotten.

Who could resist driving along a beautiful coast road, through a village called Heart's Delight, to get to Heart's Content. Here in July 1866, after nine years and several unsuccessful attempts, the first permanent telegraph cable connecting Europe and North America was hauled ashore having been pulled across the Atlantic by the SS Great Eastern, the largest steamship afloat at the time. This little Newfoundland town leapt into the history books and remained a global communications hub for more than a century. Maybe next time you 'phone a friend' you should think back to the first messages that were sent using Morse code, and be suitably amazed at how it has now developed into your smart phone.

Before I came home I was lucky enough to be taken to see 'Come from Away' in Toronto, which is the locals' way of asking where you come from. This amazing musical was written to show how Gander, a small Canadian town, when the 9/11 terror attacks in New York forced 38 planes to land there, welcomed nearly 6,700 people of every colour and creed, from babies to pensioners, and so almost doubling its population. It is coming to London in the New Year - GO!



From the top: A street in St John's;
The lighthouse at Bonavista point; Spot
where the cable was first hauled ashore.

I have just been scratching the surface of a most beautiful part of the world, but I think that you can probably understand why I needed another holiday when I got home.

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Cryptic Delicacies

JET for 'spew'

ANSWER = JEST

This was one of my favourite clues because synonyms for very different words led to the same theme and the subtraction indicator fitted in too. Word play like that has a kind of beauty even if the resulting surface reading is completely disgusting.

26 Phone home, the film reel before is 'Speed'! (6)

DEFINITION: 'Speed'

'Phone home, the film' is **ET** (if I had been really mean I could have just said 'the film' but I realise my extra clue may have added to the confusion), then 'reel' = **ROCK** before.

ANSWER = ROCKET

27 Make angry ape's genitals limp by cutting out apple's pips (4,6)

DEFINITION: 'pips'

Anagram of 'apes **GENITALS LIMP**' without the letters of 'apples'

ANSWER = TIME SIGNAL

Another of my favourites because not only was it very silly and rude but the definition word was very short and leading to a much longer answer that was on a very different theme to the

way it was used in the clue.

28 Mole could be top nuisance on Centre Court (4)

DEFINITION: 'Mole could be' (where Mole is the SI unit of substance)

Centre coUrt is put onto **NIT** for 'top' or head 'nuisance'

ANSWER = UNIT

17 Liner could be one to limit access, so sails out awkwardly (8)

DEFINITION: 'Liner could be' (where 'Liner' is as in 'eye liner')

Anagram of 'liMIT aCCESs o' with **SAILS** removed

ANSWER = COSMETIC

18 A member since 1908, we hear, floats about and away (3,5)

DEFINITION: 'A member since 1908'

'Floats' = buoys which sounds like **BOYS**, 'about' = **C** (as in 'circa'), 'away' = **OUT**

ANSWER = BOY SCOUT

Yes, they were founded by Robert Baden Powell 100 years ago.

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

In last month's crossword the connected clues pointed to by 20D were **DICTIONARY** (9A, anagram of ROAD IN CITY), **DINING TABLES** (10A, anagram of 'BEGIN AND LIST'), and **ROCKET** (26A, explanation below), all of which can have **LEAVES** (if 'rocket' is a vegetable), i.e. another word for 'goes'. Can you tell I am a fan of *Only Connect*? Glad to see it's back on BBC2 to brighten dark Monday evenings.

Here are some of the other clues:

14 Brussels negotiator starting without direction - such an ineffectual man (6)

DEFINITION: 'an ineffectual man'

'Brussels' can be a shorthand way of referring to the EU, Negotiator starting is **N**, **SUCH** without S for South as the direction leaves **UCH**

ANSWER = EUNUCH

16 Gag when half-cut, so found in spew (4)

DEFINITION: 'Gag'

'So' when half cut is **S**, then put that in

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Mickleham Choral Society One Shot Remembrance Concert Sunday 11th November 2018

On Sunday evening we were treated to an emotional and uplifting production at St Michael's Church.

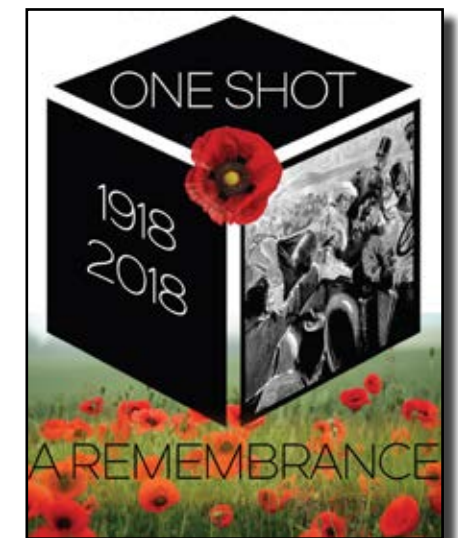
With Juliet Hornby conducting the choir and Judith Flint on piano, Martin Cox, who had created the complementary narrative, expertly narrated the concert, describing how One Shot (the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand) altered the destiny of so many millions of families across the world. It is a solemn reminder of how quickly conflict can occur and how disastrous its effects are on all society. The concert offered first hand archival stories, read by people from the community, to provide an insight into the hardships endured by everyone. These included a recollection of how a padre had ministered to soldiers in the field, eventually being killed by a shell himself; letters home; and a letter from a soldier which, he wrote poignantly,

would only be read by his wife in the event of his death.

The choir began with an inspiring version of *Abide With Me*. The church was packed (190 tickets sold, not to mention the choir) but the audience were silent as we heard about the sacrifice of those at home and in the trenches. There was a powerful sense of respect by everyone, because even today many families will be able to tell the stories of distant family relatives that suffered during those four long years.

It is noteworthy to realise that Britain only finished paying off the remainder of the debt from WW1 five or so years ago.

We were entertained by the diversity of the choir as they sang 'Travelling', *Ozymandius* and *The Tide Rises* from Bullard's *Travelling Tales*. *Keep The Home Fires Burning* was one of the



highlights for me and with Mike Gibb as bass soloist. I could see a number of people visibly moved by their rendition. Remembrance is a very personal time for everyone. I know it has been part of my life since I was a Cub Scout, carrying the flag at my local Remembrance Day Parade.

The evening ended with a moving Last Post, rendered by Patrick O'Neill, a pupil at St John's, Leatherhead and as the lights faded, the Union Jack was lowered... it was a moment to pause for reflection and gratitude.

Andrew McNaughton

Surrey County Council Consultation

As you may be aware, Surrey County Council is facilitating a programme of engagement and consultation on changes to services in five areas: Children's Centres, concessionary fares on Surrey buses, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Libraries and Cultural Services and Community Recycling Centres. The Surrey County Council website has a link to all the consultations (www.surreycc.gov.uk/consultations) and where appropriate more detail that supports the principles behind proposed changes.

One of the areas where SCC will need to make some difficult decisions and changes is to Community Recycling Centres (CRCs).

This is to let you know about the consultation regarding proposed changes to our community recycling centre (CRC) service, which are summarised below:

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Your views will be taken into account when the final plans are agreed by Surrey County Council early in 2019.



The Rob Walker Centenary Festival parade of historic racing cars around Dorking in October attracted a lot of attention and visitors to the town and was widely considered a great success. Certainly, more people now know who Rob Walker was and how the Dorking area figured in his success in the 1950s and 1960s. The Museum's Rob Walker exhibition remains open until January and focuses on the life of Rob Walker, his Pippbrook Garage and workshops in Dorking, and the team's motor racing triumphs and tragedies over 30 years.

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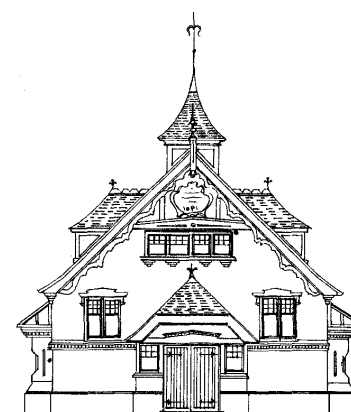
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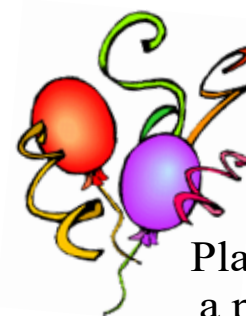


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| 2 | SUNDAY | 1st Sunday of Advent | Christingle | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | 9.45am - 10.45 am | | Christingle Workshop at St. Michael's School |
| 4 | Tuesday | | 11 am | | Christingle Family Service |
| 8 | Saturday | | 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm | | Parish Prayer Meeting in church |
| | | | 10.30 am | | Christmas Wreath & Table Decoration Workshop Mickleham Village Hall |
| 9 | SUNDAY | 2nd Sunday of Advent | | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | | 11.30 am | Morning Prayer at the Chapel |
| 16 | SUNDAY | 3rd Sunday of Advent | | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | | 6.30 pm | Carols by Candlelight Service |
| 18 | Tuesday | | 6 pm | | Carol singing in the Chapel ruins, Westhumble |
| 21 | Friday | | 7.15 pm | | Carol Singing in the pubs |
| 23 | SUNDAY | 4th Sunday of Advent | | 8 am | Holy Communion at the Chapel |
| | | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |
| 24 | MONDAY | CHRISTMAS EVE | | 4 pm | Crib Service in 'Bonfire Field' in Westhumble |
| | | | | 11.30 pm | Midnight Communion |
| 25 | TUESDAY | CHRISTMAS DAY | | 10 am | Family Christmas Day Communion |
| 27 | Thursday | | 1 pm | | Wedding in church |
| 30 | SUNDAY | 1st Sunday of Christmas | | 10 am | Holy Communion |



January 2019

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| 6 | SUNDAY | The Epiphany | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | 10 am | Family Service |
| 7 | Monday | | 7.30 pm | PCC meeting in the Ranmore Room |
| 8 | Tuesday | | 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm | Parish Prayer Meeting in church |
| 13 | SUNDAY | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | 11.30 am | Morning Prayer at the Chapel |
| 20 | SUNDAY | 3rd Sunday of Epiphany | 8 am | Holy Communion |
| | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |
| 27 | SUNDAY | 4th Sunday of Epiphany | 8 am | Holy Communion at the Chapel |
| | | | 10 am | Holy Communion |

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After the procession along Adlers Lane led by the Guy, he was hoisted onto the bonfire, the torch was applied and the flames took hold very quickly. Sparks flew across the field and the crowd had to move well back. A light covering of ash in the village next day was the result!

There was a long queue for soup and hot dogs while the bonfire warmed the whole area, then the firework display started. What a display it was! It seems to get better, and louder, each year.

For many years our Guys have been made by local families, but sadly this year there were no volunteers to do it. Into the breach stepped Mike Weller and the result was a very fine Guy. Perhaps Mike has long harboured a secret desire to have a go; and Liz may have been delighted to see those jeans and shirt and tie go up in flames. The observant will have spotted Guy's burning skeleton slipping off his perch long after the start. Please, families, think about making next year's Guy.

Thanks and congratulations to all who contributed to the success of the party: to all the bonfire builders; to Lucy Mason and Anne & Gerry Weaver who provided the refreshments; and to Neil Mason, helped by Rob Machin, for the brilliant firework display. Special thanks to Neil for providing the tractor and the refreshments for the builders.



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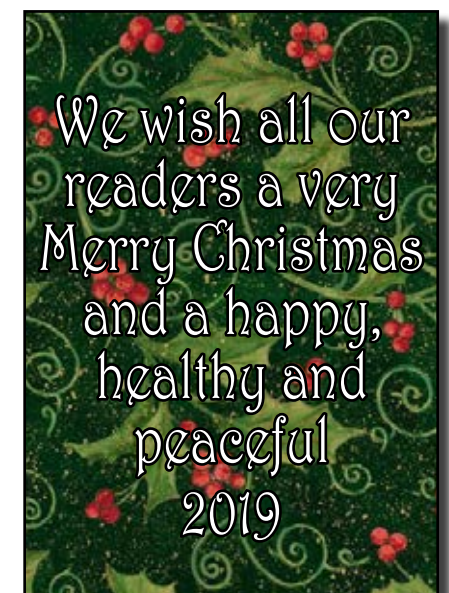
Congratulations to Peter & Miranda Masters of Burney Road on the birth of their son George, and to Alex Bell and Rosita Gibbons whose son Leonardo (Leo) also arrived recently. Alex and Rosita have moved to Burney Road from Godalming.

Miranda and Rosita met at the antenatal clinic and discovered they lived very

near to each other. The new babies, both the first in their families, made a public appearance at the Macmillan Coffee Morning recently.

Congratulations also and to Gerry and Anne Weaver of Chapel Lane on the arrival of their first grandson, Baxter. He was born to son Daniel and his wife Lucy in Bedford on Tuesday, October 16th.

Please let us know if you have any community news such as new neighbours, neighbours leaving, new babies, celebrations etc, do let the editor know at editor@micklehammag.co.uk NB Please check that the parties involved are happy to have their details in the magazine. Please note we don't include house names.





The eulogy at Kate's funeral was read by David Hanson, a long-time family friend:

It is a privilege to be presenting this tribute, which has been written by Frank and other members of the family.

Kathleen Joyce Scott, as she was christened, has been familiarly addressed as Kathleen by her mother, Katie by her sister, nieces and school friends and Kate by her husband and friends in Dorking and Mickleham. She was born on the 22nd January 1943 in Nelson Hospital, Merton Park. Her father, a bespoke tailor and outfitter, had premises opposite Wimbledon town hall and the family lived in Dorset Road, Merton Park. Later they moved to West Wimbledon, near the Kingston bypass.

Katie had a happy childhood. Her sister remembers she was a very good reader and at the age of about six, before you were allowed to join, taking Katie to the local library to ask if she could join. The librarian gave Katie a book to read as a test, which she did perfectly having already read it at home! She was immediately made a member. Also remembered are Sunday afternoons with their mother playing the piano and the two sisters spending hours dancing to the music. Happy times indeed.

Not only in the home though, for soon after the war Katie's family acquired a car and this brought them to picnics in the Surrey countryside at places like Box Hill and for family holidays usually at the seaside but topped by one memorable tour of Scotland to visit Scottish relatives.

Katie attended Wimbledon High School and after A levels decided to train as a secretary. She previously had helped in her father's shop and briefly worked at Harrods in Haberdashery.

Kathleen Joyce Warren 1943 – 2018

She first met Frank at a youth club at Christ Church in West Wimbledon and friendships formed then lasted until now. (This was the when, where and how I met Frank and Katie). Several of the members of the Pioneers, as the club was known, met at a Golden Wedding lunch on Brockham Green the week before her heart attack. She married Frank on 7th November 1964, so next week they would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

On marriage she worked in London, then Chessington near their maisonette in West Ewell. On moving to Dorking she became a legal secretary, eventually working for both a solicitor in Horley and for White & Sons, estate agents in Dorking. In 1981 Katie and Frank moved to Pilgrim's Way in Westhumble, where they have lived for 37 years. Perhaps we detect the pull of the Surrey countryside from those childhood picnics?

So much for history; but what sort of a person was she? To Frank she was patient, tolerant and forgiving. The flood of warm condolence cards that we have sent tells us much about her wonderful character as we saw her. To us she was variously:

A cheerful and kind neighbour
A sweet person with a gentle way and a mischievous twinkle
Calm, gracious, beautiful and incredibly kind

Had a knowledge and love of plants which was prodigious

Always generous with her gentle encouragement and praise for others, but modest in her own success

A dear friend leaving memories of fun at the Bridge table

(I did not write any of these but my personal echo is of the second, 'A sweet person with a gentle way and a mischievous twinkle')

In the family Katie's nieces also remember what a good cook she was. At family reunions she would arrive with a delicious pudding, setting a tradition in the family, especially with her chocolate cream layer pud!

For many years she played tennis at Dorking Tennis Club, badminton with friends, and bridge at Dorking Bridge

Club. She belonged to the RHS, the Alpine Garden Society, the Hardy Plant Society and our local horticultural society, where she regularly won prizes.

She willingly shared plants with friends and neighbours, so her sister and several others saying her plants in their gardens will be her memorial. Katie lived out her faith in her contributions to our community. Here in Mickleham she was on the flower rota, the church cleaning rota, and organised the planting of many bulbs under the beech trees at the edge of the churchyard.

This brought to Frank's mind the emperor Augustus, who spoke of Rome: 'si monumentum requiris, circumspice', 'if you want my memorial, look around'. As you may know this was centuries later inscribed on Christopher Wren's tomb in St. Paul's cathedral.

Now, further centuries on, as you walk through this churchyard, look at the plants, think of Kate, or Katie, and recall those words, 'if you want her memorial, look around you.'

Frank Warren writes ...

I wish to thank all who have sent cards and letters following our untimely loss of Kate. I have been overwhelmed by the response of so many friends and neighbours, especially those who have cooked and baked such welcome meals. Thank you all so very much.

Editor's note:

Kate Warren was a tremendous help to me especially in my early years of producing the parish magazine. I began editing it in 1984 and our first typist was Sayda Cole. The following year when I bought my first computer, Sayda decided she would like a different role and Kate became our typist. Luckily the Sinclair QL had a very user-friendly word processing program (very like today's 'Word') which Kate quickly learned. When people started asking to advertise, Kate helped with that too. She continued preparing the text for me to use for many years, retiring only when most contributors were sending their information and articles to me as digital copies. *continued >>>*

It was only in 2004 that we started having the magazine printed professionally. Before that a team ran-off the pages on a copy printer at Juniper Hall and teams of collators took turns putting the magazines together. Kate organised one of these collating teams, assisted by Frank who managed the fierce electric stapler. Throughout all these years dear Kate gave unstintingly of her time toiling away in the background in

her own self-effacing manner. I shall miss her very much. Sue Tatham

Charlotte Daruwalla writes:

When I bought my first hellebore plant, Kate noticed it in my garden and advised me on the best time to remove the old foliage to show the flowers off to advantage. I have since increased the collection of my favourite flowers and will continue to think of

The Garden Shed Wildlife in Your Garden

The Garden Shed was treated to a very interesting talk on Wildlife in your Garden this month. Our guest speaker, Tom Forward works as the Educational Coordinator at Bore Place in Kent (www.boreplace.org). His particular interest is teaching children to connect with, and learn about sustainability, an important topic for the future generations.

We were initially quizzed on bird sounds. The first was a cuckoo and not surprisingly we all recognized this distinct bird! We then went on to learn about the bird population, and what they feed on. Climate change has dramatically changed bird life in the UK. We are increasingly seeing birds staying here for winter due to the warmer climate. Apart from using feeders in our gardens, we can support these birds by planting some trees with berries. Not only does this provide a valuable food source but also adds colour in the winter.

Did you know that there are 15 million gardens in the UK? Our gardens have an important function from a wildlife perspective due to intensive farming and clearing of land for agriculture and industry. We can provide sanctuary in our gardens for insects and wildlife. Dare to be messy. Create an area for a wood pile. Make a mound for collected cut grass. Grass snakes love the warmth and will lay their eggs which will incubate in the excess heat. Grow native species. Go walking and collect seeds from the hedgerows that can be scattered in the garden. Grow plants that attract insects and pollinators, try the white *Buddleia* which is less invasive and a haven for our butterflies. Leave ivy in your garden, this is an ideal home and feeding place for a new colonies of Ivy Bee which now inhabit our country.

Wasps are often regarded as a pests, and what function do they provide apart from stinging us? We learnt that they help to break down all the rotten

Kate whenever I trim off the leaves. She introduced me to the annual *Cerinth* (Honeywort), which, like hellebores, has a very dark flower, and I grow them each year. They can be a bit wilful, self seeding freely not necessarily where you want them, but they are so pretty that you cannot take against them. I am sure many others have similar memories of her. Many thanks, rest in peace, Kate.



Ivy bee

food lying on the ground. They also eat the predators attacking our plants.

We discussed the important topic of our bee population. The UK is home to an incredible 275 species of bee. Thankfully there has been a surge of public awareness regarding the huge decline of honey bees, and how much we rely on these pollinators. RHS now produce a label to be put on plants for sale which have not been treated with pesticides. They may not look as perfect, but we all agreed which plant we would buy. Tom is passionate about this subject, as is he very concerned about the shifting baseline syndrome - each generation is seeing and hearing less wildlife. Recently we have even had some common plant names removed from the English dictionary. Children growing up in this world of mobiles and laptops are much less connected to our British wildlife and land.

Susie Gowenlock



Our first two events for 2019

Sunday 20th January 10 am and 2 pm

Willow Weaving with Nicki Rowling at Mickleham Village Hall

Make either a Zarzo Flower Basket or a Living Willow Harlequin Tree

Booking essential - Cost £40 each

Sunday 10th February 11am - 1pm

Rose Pruning Course with Alex Valsecchi

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See the website for more details – <https://www.surreycommunity.info/mwhs/the-garden-shed/events/>

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One more quiz to come in December so do phone for specific date & to book a table at this popular event.

We hope to see you for a glass of mulled wine at the fantastic Carols singalong: Fri 21st December at 8.45pm. Or at some point over the Festive break.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2019

Eamonn & Anne x

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Ash Dieback in Norbury Park

One of my roles on the Parish Council is to sit on the Norbury Park Community Forum Group, an SWT committee that includes interest groups from the local neighbourhood whose residents are among those who use and enjoy the park for leisure purposes. (There are many of these, as Surrey Wildlife Trust's application for a camping/glamping site showed, with more than 200 letters of representation opposing the application. It is currently withdrawn.)

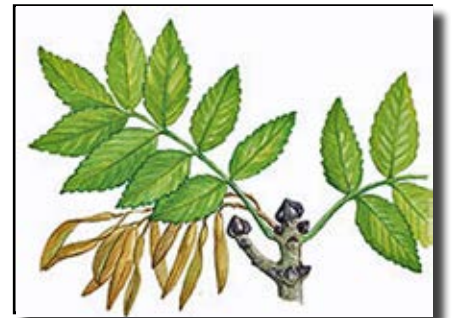
In the middle of October, the group was sent a letter outlining the Trust's plans for woodland operations in Norbury Park this winter in order to deal with the prevalence of ash dieback. This disease (Chalara) was first identified in 2012 and has spread rapidly. It is now present in all English counties and, as the trees die, is creating a health and safety risk to people, dogs and horses in woodland areas. There is no known remedy.

All ash trees are likely to be affected with only 1-5% considered likely to have a degree of tolerance and the ability to regenerate. These will be

older trees and points to the fact that their identification is important. Symptoms of infected trees include leaf loss, dead branches in the crown and diamond-shaped lesions on branches and trunks of trees. Saplings can die in one season, older trees take longer to succumb but can drop branches without warning during this process. Trees also become more susceptible to honey fungus which is capable of destroying root systems which adds to the risk of sudden tree failure.

Surrey Wildlife Trust plans to remove all ash trees within a 30-metre zone each side of Rights of Way, permissive paths, car parks and verges. They propose this margin in order to allow for the domino effect of trees falling on to each other. They have chosen to use forestry machinery which will undoubtedly impact on the landscape but which they consider is the safest and most efficient way of carrying out the works; the use of chainsaw operators is thought to be too risky.

SWT will need a felling licence from the Forestry Commission and will have



Identifying ash

to be given the go-ahead by Natural England. They have consulted bat, badger, dormice, bird and other groups, which does not mean that they can be protected but that some mitigation measures might be required to be put in place.

A decision such as this is bound to create controversy, whether about the necessity for such wholesale felling or the methods to be employed. What is certain is that the landscape of Norbury Park is going to suffer a sea change.

At the time of writing, the Forestry Commission is inviting views; see the Mickleham Parish Council website for links to FC maps showing areas to be affected and the SWT application for a felling licence.

Judy Kinloch



National Trust Box Hill

The last months have raced by. The weather has kept visitors coming because despite the cooler days there has been plenty of sunshine. The massed ranks of runners and cyclists for the Ballbuster event was an exciting start to November. That same evening

we were open for families to come up and watch the Brockham Fireworks at the perfect viewing point. It was great fun and even the rush for cars at the end to get out of the car park was carried out with patience and humour thanks to the organisation of our great rangers and volunteers

As it is getting colder now and mornings and evenings are dark we thought this was the perfect time for a little indulgence. The Café are putting on their Winter Warmer, a special little feast for one. There will be a seasonal sandwich; cranberry and brie or maybe a warm 'pigs in blanket' sandwich, our special festive brownie, a mince pie and clotted cream and a cup of tea or coffee to go with it. It is really for one but if you are feeling generous you could always share. It will be available Monday to Friday all day. No booking required. We have two special wreath-making

days during December that will have exclusive use of the Café. A day creating your own wonderful Christmas decoration with everything provided. You will be greeted with a welcoming hot drink and homemade biscuit and after some hard creative work there will be a delicious warming lunch and if anyone flags later on there will be a cup of tea with something indulgent. All the details can be found on the National Trust Website.

Do not forget we have some lovely Christmas decorations in the shop as well as cards and gifts.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support which means so much to us. See you in the New Year.

Suzanne Taylor, Retail and Catering
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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

We will remember

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On Friday 9th November, Box Hill School began a weekend of commemoration for all those in the armed forces and civilians who lost their lives as a result of conflicts around the world and to say 'thank you' to the generations who lived through them.

In the morning, the whole school gathered in the Sports Centre for a Remembrance Assembly, where Headmaster Cory Lowde gave a moving and poignant speech. For the school it

is especially pertinent to reflect on the global nature of conflict with some 35 nationalities represented in the school's student body. The Last Post and a 2-minute silence then followed at 11 am.

The History department created a stunning Box Hill Field of Remembrance display, designed in the shape of the school logo and which had been created from crosses made by students and staff. In the afternoon, year group assemblies gathered to pause for

reflection, remembrance and thanks. These concluded with listening to the Last Post and a reading of the poem In Flanders Field.

On Sunday 11th November, the school's boarding community participated in the Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church in Mickleham. Following this, the entire congregation were invited to Box Hill School for refreshments.

Lest We Forget.

Lily McKeown

Mickleham Choral Society's CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER MICKLEHAM VILLAGE HALL 8 p.m.

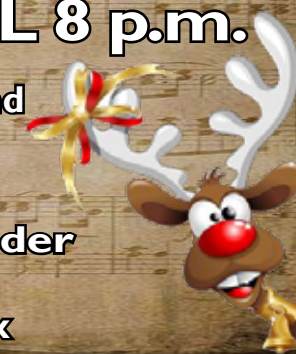
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It is here again – the term of all things Christmassy! By the time you read this our annual Christmas fair will have taken place. In previous years it has helped us all get in the spirit and I am sure this year will be no exception. As well as being one of our key fundraising activities, it provides a wonderful morning to enjoy the many stalls, BBQ, cakes and crafts on offer. A visit to see Father Christmas in his grotto will no doubt be as popular as ever and this year we expect the man in red to arrive on a tractor thanks to one of the nursery's parents.

We are busy practising our Christmas production too, which this year is the *Sleepy Shepherd*, the tale of a lovable shepherd who just cannot keep awake. Aside from Christmas we have looked at other autumnal festivals. First up was Halloween which meant the children got the chance to enjoy playing with slime! We discussed bonfire night and enjoyed some marshmallows as we talked about Guy Fawkes. Then came Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights which honours the victory of good over evil and brightness over darkness. One of the most famous legends associated



'Tis the season to be jolly

with Diwali tells the story of how Prince Rama returned from exile with his wife, Sita, to his kingdom, after overcoming the 10-headed demon Ravana with the help of Hanuman, the monkey god, and his army of monkeys. People were so delighted that they lit the couple's return with rows of lights (Diva lamps). To mark this, the children played with washable clay and made their own clay Diva lamps to take home and light.

We also marked Remembrance Sunday, particularly important this year with the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. We visited Mickleham Church with the children and talked to them about Remembrance in an age appropriate way, before leaving our own poppy memorial.

As our thoughts turn to the new year, we must say a heartfelt 'thank you' from all the children, parents, staff and committee at St Michael's for the wonderful donation we received as a result of the Village Party held in the summer at Juniper Hall. We were presented with a cheque for £3,500 from this event. This amount of money truly is huge for the nursery and will make a discernible difference to us as we plan our budgets and activities for 2019.

Without the continued support of the village, the nursery would struggle to exist, so we would like to end this year by extending our thanks to you for your support, and to wish you and families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Debbie Turner

Photographs: the Nursery



Clockwise from top: children toasting marshmallows under careful supervision; and enjoying them; making a Diva lamp; learning about Remembrance.





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BRAIN TEASER answer: Deep in thought

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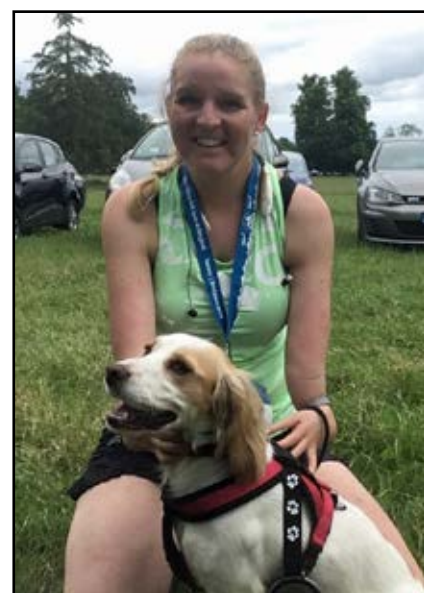
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London Marathon Bid

In April next year I will be taking part in the London marathon. I have chosen to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital, the hospital that provided me with life saving major surgery when I was only a few hours old. To find out more about why I have chosen this charity and what my fundraising will go towards please take a look at my JustGiving page - any donations will be very gratefully received. Even if you do not wish to donate, if you see Willow and I out training on Box Hill, running through the village, or in the Runners post badminton on a Wednesday night, any words of encouragement will be very much appreciated as we have a long training schedule ahead of us!

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Christmas Magic



The Headteacher of the school in Devakottai reading the letters from our Year 2 children

Christmas is fast approaching and at St Michael's we try to make it a magical and exciting time for the children, staff and parents. The many events are thought out carefully with everyone having a different role to play.

The Christmas nativity play is a highlight in all of our calendars. The staff spend hours carefully choosing a play and Mrs Long (our very faithful school friend) adapts the script to make sure it fits perfectly with our ethos and our budding actors. Mrs Leney carefully designs the stunning backdrops, the moment the children come into the hall and see them is truly one of wonder. This year Miss Reynolds will be directing with help from the class teachers! The children love it and the buzz in the atmosphere is contagious. The delight everyone shares makes the effort truly worthwhile. This year is sure to be a hit!

Each year at school we have an advent charity. The advent calendar is always carefully designed by Mrs Leney and it is always a real treat on the eye.

regardless of diagnosis and are there for as long as a family needs us'. At St Michael's the children are encouraged to earn pennies for the charity calendar by doing little jobs at home, this could be helping with the dishes, helping to cook supper or even washing the car.

Alternate years we support a charity which is very special to us. This is the Kathryn's Mercy Home school in Devakottai, India. For eight years we have supported a young girl called Martina. Our donation enabled Martina to go to school and gain an education in a safe and supportive environment. Martina did very well in her end of school assessment and at 17 years old has moved on to further education. We are now supporting another young girl called Ilakiya.

Alongside the advent charity each year we also support the Samaritan's Purse's Shoebox Appeal. By supporting different charities we hope that the children will gain a sense of compassion, care and kindness towards others

At St Michael's we believe in giving back to the community and each year we choose a charity to support. This year we have decided to support the local charity The Rainbow Trust, which has one of its centres in Leatherhead. This charity provides 'bespoke support for families who have a child with a serious illness. We offer the whole family support,



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around the world. This, after all, is such an important part of the Christmas celebration and underpins our school's values.

The last week of term before Christmas is busy, full of fun and joyful for everyone. We have a Christmas lunch is a popular day with staff and children alike. The roast lunch is traditional with the children pulling crackers, sharing jokes and wearing their Christmas cracker hats. The hall is warm and friendly with jingle bells playing, the Christmas tree glistening and laughter and chatter all around. We hope Mr FC might also be good enough to visit us this year again.

The final farewell before we break up from school is the Christmas church service. This service seems to make everyone fall into the Christmas spirit, the mix of traditional carols and the children's offerings of the nativity story create a perfectly traditional time, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. We hope our joy in Christmas and our many celebrations reinforce our beliefs as a Christian school. We look forward to sharing all of these celebrations with you and our wider St Michael's school community.

Anna Fox

Christmas Carolling in the Westhumble Chapel Ruins

Tuesday 18th December 6 p.m.



Followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Chapel Farm, where the ponies and donkeys will be waiting to greet you. Do come along.

Please come prepared for the outdoors with a torch to read words, warm clothing and boots.

If the weather is bad we meet at the farm to sing indoors before refreshments.

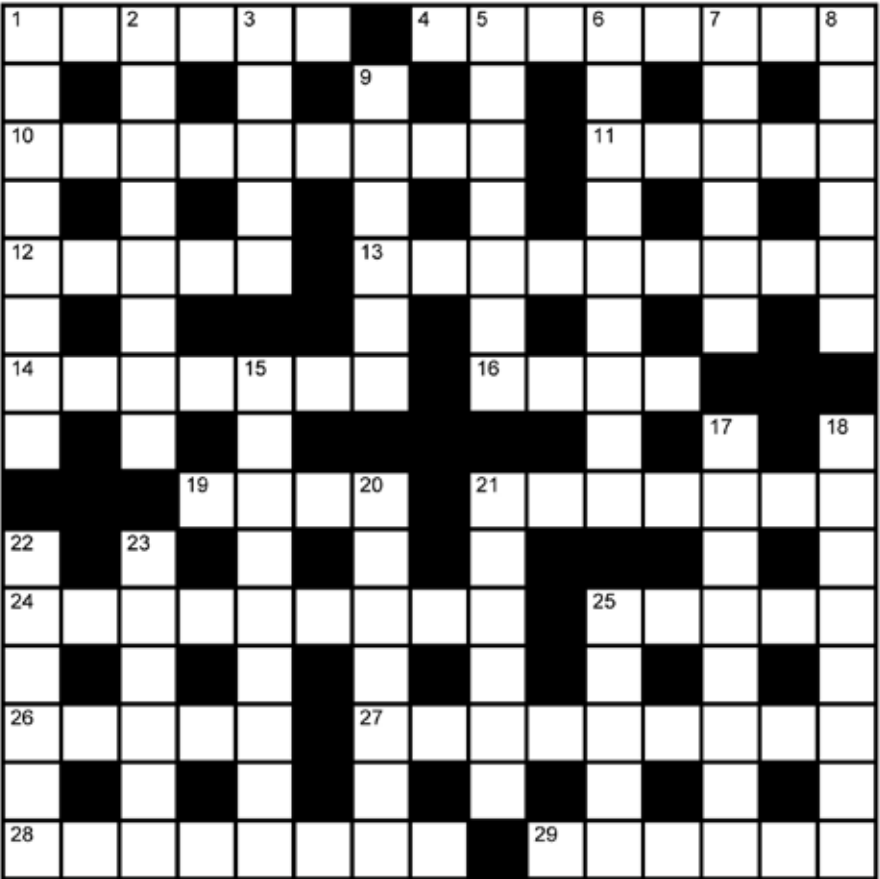
There will be a collection for the Gambian Horse and Donkey Trust,

www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk. Further information from Liz Absalom 07801 791123.

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1 Counting your chickens before they've hatched may be revolutionary after counting little insects' heads (6)
- 4/21D Strange Christmas tradition containing 3, 13, 22, and 29 (3,5,6)
- 10 To back 100 men with debts is disreputable (9)
- 11 Decimal is this frequently? (5)
- 12 Lord Yarmouth begins before time (5)
- 13 A feeling of comfort can elapse, unfortunately (9)
- 14 Subjugate elves - an exotic deviation! (7)
- 16 Free, except for goalie's pleasure (4)
- 19 With stress, the heart of good sympathising is love (4)
- 21 Home for a stud or a bloke out to lunch - it's not OK to finish there (7)
- 24 Type of exercise that involves dancing with a bear on ice endlessly (9)
- 25 4 points for 19 at Second Level North (5)
- 26 Evening opening is after midday - who doesn't know that? (2,3)
- 27 Sheep aims to run around and create stress (9)
- 28 Change of elements concerning law suit (8)
- 29 Clink a drink container or jug (6)



Down

- 1 Moved fast to preserve excrement for the audience (8)
- 2 Business is odd to see, tried tennis return for diversion (8)
- 3 Prince makes a camp exit (Baker usually accompanies him with item spotted in pudding) (5)
- 5 She's often after air, so she's off outside at last (7)
- 6 In a mess, so grovels to sweep under the carpet (5,4)
- 7 Balls that danced about ten times before last stretch (6)
- 8 Daisy chain needed for 19? (6)
- 9 To reward sounds like a cover-up (6)
- 15 Hated the result of another British Rail disaster (9)
- 17 e.g. Australian: marsupial that is two-thirds wasted (8)
- 18 Sounds like a long time on the throne, darling creature! (8)
- 20 Ice-cold individual allowed on late in the game by FA (7)
- 21 See 4 Across
- 22 Pick up bizarre stranger who eschews stripey tank tops (6)
- 23 Before midday, Cupid might be following secretary to temple (6)
- 25 Comic actor or comic character appears before opera overture (5)



Bountiful holly berries in Betchworth. Will they still be there by Christmas, or will the redwings, fieldfares and other birds gobble them all before then?

SOLUTION TO THE NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

Across: 8 Soya 9 Dictionary 10/19 Dining tables 11 Emeralds 12 Molasses 14 Eunuch 16 Jest 17 Chaos 18 Bath 21 Puppy fat 23 Parakeet 26 Rocket 27 Time signal 28 Unit
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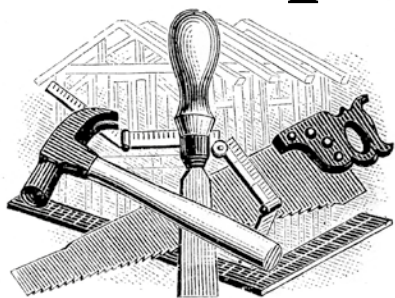
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