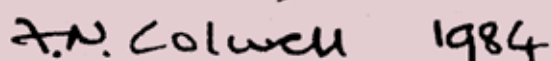


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Dear friends

Easter is the most significant occasion in the Christian calendar, as believers remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ; without this central tenet, the Christian faith would have no foundation. However, the celebration of Easter is marked in many varied ways around the world:

Easter is the biggest festival of the Greek Orthodox Church and on the holiday island of Corfu, the strangest event takes place at noon on Easter Eve Saturday. As soon as the church bells toll the local people hurl giant water-filled earthenware pots from balconies, to great cheering from those gathered at a safe distance below.

The Spanish celebrate Semana Santa (Holy Week) with equal passion and gusto, especially in the southern province of Andalusia. Penance processions featuring floats adorned with religious statues are carried through the streets for hours on end by privileged bearers. The penitents follow, many walking barefoot or with feet shackled and faces covered by hoods so that their identities are known only to God.

In the hamlet of Hungerford in the New Forest National Park of Hampshire, a two-week Hocktide festival begins with the sounding of a horn from the town hall steps. Commoners gather to elect two ceremonial tutti-men who, accompanied by an Orangeman and a group of tutti women, roam the market town giving oranges to local women in return for a kiss. (In centuries past, many homes were less than hygienic and so began the tradition of carrying a long pole (the tutti) with a fragrant bouquet of flowers on top.)

Underlying these and other ways of marking Easter lie many significant questions; did Jesus, this itinerant preacher executed 2000 years ago in the Middle East, actually come back from death? If so, what if any significance has this for me in the 21st century?

The Age of Enlightenment, an intellectual and philosophical movement that dominated the world of ideas in Europe throughout the 17th to 19th centuries, has shaped much of our current world view. In the 1880s Friedrich Nietzsche declared that 'God is dead,' and for many other intellectual and social commentators there was an expectation that by the end of the 20th century the world would have come to the end of its 'religious phase.' Yet, today a church meets in Russia's Museum of Religion and Atheism, the former centre of atheism. Nearly half of the United States' population attend worship on a regular basis while revival is sweeping through Latin America and Christianity grows behind China's iron curtain. Latest statistics show that Christianity is the largest religion in the world today with an estimated 2.4 billion followers, with massive exponential growth in countries such as Africa where by 2060, it is estimated that six of the countries with the top ten largest Christian populations will be found, an increase from three in 2015.

All are welcome to join us in church during Holy Week as we mark the significance of Easter by a number of services in church, the details of which are on the Calendar of Event pages in the middle of this magazine. During the week these will be relatively short in length and of a more reflective nature, before the celebration and joy of sharing together on Easter Sunday.

Muhammad died, and was buried. His faithful followers take pilgrimages to visit his remains, the same is true of Buddha and other religious leaders. But it is not true of Jesus. You cannot visit His remains, you can only visit His empty grave, because He is not there. He Arose!

And that is why we celebrate Easter! Every blessing and Happy Easter.

John

The Reverend Canon John Harkin, Mickleham Parish Priest



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Monday 27th April

Host: Jo Brown,

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Bible Study Groups

Thursday mornings: At Abbotts Cottage, London Road, Mickleham
11am till 12.30pm

If you would like to join this friendly group for coffee and chat followed by an hour studying a Bible passage, please contact Alison Wood on 01372 376443 or email alison.wood29@btinternet.com

Monday evenings: At the Westhumble Chapel 7.45 pm till 9 pm.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Amanda Wadsworth at aewadsworth@hotmail.com for further information.



The discussions are always lively and you will be made very welcome. Do not worry if you cannot commit to attending every week, just come along when you can.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation for an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Sarah Blake on churchwardens@micklehamchurch.org.uk or 07736 235709

Alpha Course starting 20th April



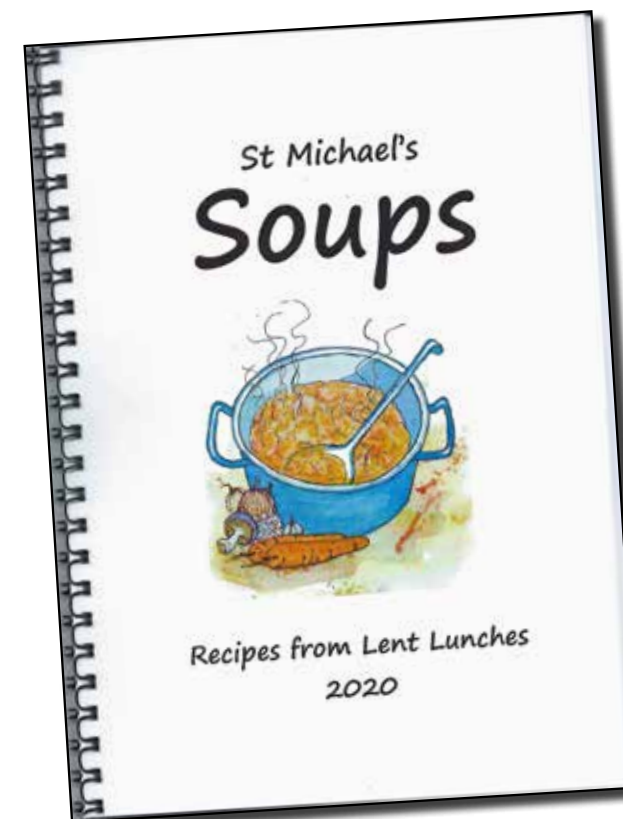
It was in the mid-nineties that we first hosted an Alpha Course here in Mickleham, and for 2020 we would like to offer another opportunity for people to join these meetings, which have been used greatly by God all over the world for decades! Literally millions of people have tried Alpha and it has been translated into 112 different

languages. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith and provides opportunity for anyone to have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view, whatever their background or context. The evening sessions will follow a similar format starting with a meal at 7 pm, followed by a short DVD presentation exploring a different aspect people may have about the Christian faith and then a time for discussion, before finishing at 9 pm. The series includes interviews with public figures such as world renowned scientist Francis Collins of the Human Genome Project and adventurer and author Bear Grylls. Thanks to the hospitality of Liz and John Absalom our meetings will be held in Chapel Farm in Westhumble as set out on the left.

All are evening meetings from 7 pm to 9 pm, with the exception of the Saturday which will be from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to join this Alpha Course, please contact Canon John and Sue on harkin12@btinternet.com

Alpha Course Dates and Discussion Themes

Monday 20 th April	Is there more to life than this?
Monday 27 th April	Who is Jesus?
Monday 4 th May	Why die Jesus die?
Monday 11 th May	How can I have faith?
Monday 18 th May	How and why should I pray?
Saturday 23 rd May	Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do?
	How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
Tuesday 26 th May	How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Monday 1 st June	Why and how should I read the Bible?
Monday 8 th June	How does God guide us?
Monday 15 th June	Why and how should I tell others?



Lent Lunches Soup Cookbook

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Over the past few years a wide variety of delicious homemade soups have been served at Lent Lunches organised and hosted by members of St Michael's Church. The lunches have been opportunities for people to get together and enjoy good food and company, and the soup-makers have often been asked for their recipes.

All of the 29 recipes in the book are tried and tested, and made regularly by the contributors. Some of the soups included here are definitely at the luxury end of the spectrum, others are for every day, and there are even a few recipes for 'emergency' soups from store cupboard ingredients, for those occasions when unexpected guests arrive or you just haven't had time to go to the shops.

Mickleham Parish Magazine has sponsored this little book by so all proceeds will go to support the work of All Saints Coffee Shop, a social enterprise initiative created by the Leatherhead Youth Project to provide a route to work for youngsters of Mole Valley and the surrounding area.

We hope that you will buy this book and feel inspired try out some (or all) of the recipes and share with us in the joy of soup!

Copies are £5, but if you would like to add a donation to this very worthwhile project, it would be most welcome. Books are available in church or can be ordered from: • Alison Wood 01372 376443 admin@micklehamchurch.org.uk • Sue Tatham 01036 882547 sue@thetatham.co.uk

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

The Parish Church is open during daylight hours should anyone wish a quiet and reflective environment for space and prayer at this time of global concern. We have a team of volunteers available to offer telephone

support and prayer for any who are concerned or distressed, in addition to offering practical support. If you would like someone from the church to contact you, or you would like to offer practical help to support others,

please contact Canon John and Sue at the Rectory Telephone 01372 378335 or email harkin12@btinternet.com Updates are available at www.micklehamchurch.org.uk 'Latest News'

We are living in uncertain times

As I write the WHO has declared the Covid-19 outbreak a pandemic, and local elections and major sporting events, including the London Marathon have been postponed. Panic buying of hand gels, tinned food, other staples, and, bizarrely, loo paper (for a respiratory infection?!) has cleared supermarket shelves. Vulnerable people are being advised to self-isolate. Events are moving so quickly that anything we print here will be old news by the time the magazine comes out. (I can now understand that when we look through parish magazines from the 1940s there is little mention of world events.) This crisis on top of the recent floods where many people have become homeless, makes one wonder

how best to prepare for what might be coming round the corner.

Both the Mickleham Parish Council and the Westhumble Residents Association are preparing emergency plans to safeguard our community. On the Surrey Prepared website there is also helpful information for individuals, including the following:

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Trouble Upstairs



There's been a bit of trouble in the organ chamber of late. The f2 pipe on the swell horn stop has been sounding a quarter of a tone flat. Persistently. As the tuners are not due back till the summer, your intrepid organist decided to get up there and sort it out.

Unfortunately, although the organist is slim – svelte even! – with an enviable 40-40-40 figure, the instrument contains no spaces larger than 30-30-30. In the old days, that would not have been a problem: you would simply have sent up the smallest choirboy, after they had finished doing the chimneys. But parents are a bit iffy about that sort of thing nowadays, and anyway we haven't got a smallest choirboy – or any other size for that matter. So it was all down to yours truly, and in I went.

To get into the organ, you have to navigate a passage between two rows of pedal pipes: one so narrow it would give an experienced caver pause for thought. It takes a hernia and several torn ligaments just to get inside this passage. But I did and, bravely, I decided to go on. At the end you come to an abyss, leaping across which, if you are lucky, you find yourself clinging for dear life to an even narrower ladder: with room for one foot at a time, and so boxed-in there is no way to swing the other foot onto the step above. Still, I persevered. Several minutes later I had managed to negotiate my way to the top, where a low beam waits to scalp you as you pass underneath and rows of metal projections either side carve grooves in the flesh of unwary intruders as they try to go up, and then suspend them by any loose clothing as they try to come back down. I still have the scars, and my pullover is like it was before they knitted it.

Eventually I made it onto the wooden landing that runs between the Great and Swell organs. Beneath it are the bellows, on top of which lie massive ingots that must be uranium alloyed with heavier metals. I have to say that the whole instrument is absolutely beautiful inside. Polished wooden walkways between immaculately neat rows of pipes. Brightly lit too – you don't get that inside many organs! It is

all craftsmanship of the highest order. When this work was carried out, St Michael's got a real gem, even if you look at it as nothing more than a piece of furniture! But of course it's far more than that. It's full of wonderful pipes that gladden the senses and the soul – and go out of tune!

By twisting and turning my body into contortions any pupating caterpillar would have been proud of, I managed to open the door to the swell box and find the offending pipe. I may tell you now that I had a helper to press the key. No one but an idiot (I mean an even bigger one!) would get up there without making sure that someone saw him come down again, or at least knew to push food through the gaps if he didn't. Now a reed pipe has three bits to it: an inverted conical resonator; a stock holding the reed against a hollow tube, with a spring clip to keep it in place; and a boot into which the reed assembly fits. You retune it either by adjusting a flap at the top of the resonator – that's the easy way – or by moving the slide up and down. As the pipes were lodged well below the narrow walkway, the slide was nicely out of reach so I tried the flap. It was as wide open as it would go, and closing it merely flattened the note even more. I lifted out the pipe with a view to adjusting the slide.

The boot promptly fell off – and came to rest, even further out of reach, amidst a forest of pipes.

But your intrepid explorer does not have two degrees in maths for nothing. I remembered a nature programme (Attenborough, probably) in which there was this chimpanzee (or was it maybe that chimpanzee, or, even, some other chimpanzee?) faced with the

problem of retrieving a piece of fruit. Anyway, whichever chimpanzee it was picked up a stick and carefully nudged the prize closer to him. And what one fool can do. . .

Using the rest of the pipe as a stick (be they howls of anguish that I hear from our organ builder?) I too prodded around until the missing boot had got to where, with almost infinite difficulty, I fished it out by hand.

It took about ten minutes of musical torture and demonic squawks to get the pipe sounding the right note. That's if you blew it hard enough. And by then the sound came out as a plaintive whine. I put it back. But not all the uranium in the world could exert enough pressure to make it speak in its proper place. No so much as a squeak. I took it out again and somehow got it downstairs, and out into the body of the church to examine it in greater comfort.

After several minutes more I gave it up. So, once more inside, past the decapitating beam and the flaying projections, and the enforced physiotherapy, I put it back in its socket. At least all this work had shut it up, which was an improvement on its previous state.

As I made my way back down, I resolved to eat more salads. I am keeping that resolve. I never knew they could be so nice! Now, to almost every meal I add a large helping of my favourite salad – it's a special sort, called potato salad. I am sure the weight will soon be dropping off!

David Fishwick

(Look out for the next issue, when I try to re-wire the organ! You will be pleased to know the pipe is now all right, in spite of the abuse it suffered.)





Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Spring Show – Plant Sale

with coffee/tea and homemade cakes

at Mickleham Village Hall

25th April 2020 from 10.30 am to 12 noon

AGM 11.15 am

includes members' draw for £50 garden voucher

Show Schedule

A. Cut Flowers

- 1 Narcissus, including daffodils - single head, 3 stems
- 2 Narcissus, including daffodils - multi-head, 3 stems
- 3 Miniature narcissus, 3 stems, same variety
- 4 Miniature narcissus, 5 stems, mixed varieties
- 5 Tulips - 3 stems, same variety
- 6 Tulips - 5 stems, mixed varieties
- 7 Any other bulb - 3 stems, same variety
- 8 Small vase of primulas
- 9 Wallflowers - 3 stems
- 10 Pansies - 3 blooms floating in water
- 11 1 camellia blossom in a glass

B. Pot plants

- 12 Flowering shrub - 3 stems, same variety
- 13 Vase of decorative foliage
- 14 Vase of mixed garden flowers
- 15 Foliage plant in a pot
- 16 Pot or pan of bulbs
- 17 Flowering plant in a pot (other than bulbs)
- 18 Three seedlings for planting in vegetable flowers in one tray
- 19 From seedling - named variety
- 20 Three different rhubarb
- 21 A spring vegetable - please display on a dinner plate or similar
- 22 Three leeks

D. Cookery

- 23 A Dundee Cake

E. Flower Arranging

- 24 'Spring Sunshine' - a small jug of spring flowers
- 25 'Winter's Ever' - not more than 12" width, accessories may be used

F. Photography

- 26 'Wild Spring'
- 27 'Wild Spring'
- 28 Photography: 'Wild Spring'
- 29 Flower arranging: 'Spring Sunshine' - a small jug of spring flowers
- 30 Cooking: Three Decorated Cupcakes

G. Children's Classes - please state age (under 16)

- 28 Photography: 'Wild Spring'
- 29 Flower arranging: 'Spring Sunshine' - a small jug of spring flowers
- 30 Cooking: Three Decorated Cupcakes

All entries to be brought to Mickleham Village Hall between 9am and 9.45am

Entry forms to the Show Secretary, Mrs Angela Gilchrist, Ashleigh Grange, off Chapel Lane, Westhumble by Thursday 23rd April. Please leave in the mailbox at the end of the lane opposite Chapel Farm or email ar.gilchrist@btinternet.com by 8pm at the latest.

ENTRY FORM	Section	Class Nos	Section	Class Nos
Contact details	A		E	
Name	B		F	
Address	C		G + age	
Phone	D			

Top Tips from Rosa Perpetua

1. Do read the schedule carefully so you fulfil the requirements, eg. 3 stems, same variety daffs, mixed tulips.
2. Check flowers and leaves for any insect damage. If you can remove them unobtrusively, do so.
3. Look at the dimensions where given, eg 15" for E 25.

4. Choose suitable vases to display your flowering exhibits.

The aim should be to
ENJOY the occasion,
meet friends, buy plants and
WIN the draw (£50 voucher).



Advance Warning: Drone Post

The PC has been given notice that the Post Office intends to trial Drone Delivery within the RH5 postcode area, over a two-week period starting 1st June. The properties affected will be notified shortly. This is clearly the way of things to come.

For this period, all letter post, ie not parcels, will be delivered by drones. We are told that the way it works is that 'Mother Drones' will be positioned at central locations, yet to be determined, but perhaps the church, Fredley or specific road junctions. These will be served by 6-8 'Delivery Drones' which will pick up post for specific addresses via robotic arms, and deliver to your front door. The Post Office has access to your location by virtue of tracing mobile phone locations. We have queried the proposals for anyone without such a device, but it seems that for extended absence, a freephone line with your password (to be allocated) will link to the remote control centre (at Stockley Park, where the football VAR people reside) on which you can register your

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The Post Office sees this as a big step in terms of its carbon footprint and reducing congestion. It will also mean a return to the morning deliveries of the past. It is hoped that simultaneous post pick-up may be possible in the future.

It is emphasized that this is a trial, and that errors are inevitable. There will be a dedicated telephone line to report any such issues. Any accident to

property or people should be reported: the drones are fitted with alarms and sensors, but please be aware of low flying drones in the immediate vicinity of your house within the relevant 15-minute period.

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Some may argue we have enough drones in the village already (!), but we hope you will give this trial the time and patience it deserves for the long-term benefit of all. Drones will be demonstrated in flight over the church and immediate surroundings, in order to show their modest size and noise level, on Wednesday 1st April, for those interested. I shall be in the churchyard at 10.30 am and look forward to seeing you there. Otherwise please contact me or telephone 01042 02020.

David Ireland



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This year's Charity Pub Quiz aims to raise funds to be split equally between St Michael's School and the Mickleham Children's Playground Association. It will be the first fundraising event for the playground since 2017 and will hopefully provide funds for ongoing and future maintenance needs.

So, it's time to plan your team (max of 4 per team), get the date in the diary and buy your tickets. Tickets cost £10 per person with every penny raised being split between the two charities. There will be prizes for the winning team. Tickets are available in advance

from the pub or by calling Heather Bourne on 07967 812 103 or emailing bourneheather@hotmail.com. We hope to see as many of you as possible! This promises to be a great fun evening, in aid of two very worthy children's causes and a chance to pit your wits against Mickleham's finest!

Mole Valley Ramblers Spring Walks Festival 2020

Friday 24th April – Sunday 3rd May

Help us to mark the 40th anniversary of our walking group by joining us to witness first-hand the spectacular arrival of spring in our sublime local countryside. Surrey is blessed with miles of footpaths, bewitching woodland and divine scenery. The Mole Valley Area is particularly fortunate to be located in the heart of this glorious countryside. Recapture your passion for adventure and fun by accompanying this welcoming and sociable group on one of their free guided walks. This agreeable, friendly and healthy leisure pursuit is open to anyone and with just a few basic items like sensible clothing, footwear plus a snack and

some water you can get started. The walks are graded as leisurely, moderate or strenuous so you are guaranteed to find a walk to suit you.

We have created an exciting 10-day programme of 35 walks. On each day there is to be a selection of three or four different routes differing in length between 3 and 15 miles. The walks also vary in difficulty so there should be something to satisfy everyone from the most experienced walker to the complete novice. There is no need to pre-book just check the website to establish the starting time and location and turn up. On arrival, one of our team of experienced and knowledgeable

volunteer walk leaders will greet you and take your details before introducing you to the rest of the walkers.

A few of the walks will include a stop at a pub, café or even a music venue; others will simply have a drink and or a picnic break. We are planning a walk/rail combination, a night-time hike, a nature trail, a 'follow the mole' trail, a riverside walk and much more. There is even a 100-mile challenge for the more energetic amongst us.

Please visit the Mole Valley Ramblers Association website for details.
<http://www.molevalleyramblers.org.uk/festival>



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Leith Hill Musical Festival A Way Forward

The annual Leith Hill Musical Festival will take place on 16th, 17th and 18th April in Dorking Halls. It was founded in 1905 with composer Ralph Vaughan Williams as its conductor for nearly 50 years. It has been following more or less the same traditional pattern to this day. With the arrival three years ago of our new Festival Conductor, Jonathan Willcocks (son of famous composer, David), it was time to re-consider the format. Several areas prompted the need for change, a major one being to make the Festival more appealing to the conductors and members of the 12 choirs taking part (one being Mickleham). The 12 choirs are divided into three Divisions, each made up of four choirs, which meet to compete in the mornings of their appointed Festival day, and then to amalgamate in the afternoons to rehearse and finally perform in the evening concerts.

Until this year, all the music was chosen by the Festival's Music Committee, except for one short piece chosen by the individual conductors which was only performed in competition during the morning. This meant that the conductors had to teach all the music in preparation for the morning

competitions, but they then had to hand over to the Festival Conductor to conduct the three combined choirs performing the main works at the actual evening concerts. Jonathan came up with a proposal to give more involvement and fulfilment to the 12 conductors by giving them the opportunity to choose three short pieces which will form a 20-minute recital by each choir in the morning competitions. At the evening concerts, as before the choirs will combine to perform the main works selected by the Music Committee, accompanied by professional soloists and orchestra with Jonathan conducting. Under the new format, each choir will also perform one of their 'own-choice' pieces, conducted by their own conductor and accompanied by their own pianist. Jonathan has put a lot of time, thought and energy into coming up with this and various other plans to forge a way forward to achieve our Festival's continued development and success. As a long-standing member of Mickleham Choral Society and participant of the Leith Hill Musical Festival, I am delighted that Jonathan has taken up the gauntlet to create a new format of

Our current Spring exhibition:
How do we look at Dorking?
The Town and its Landscapes
over 150 years.

Outside the Museum, one of the exhibition's special images is displayed in the external bay window. *Leith Hill* by Heather Ackroyd and Dan Harvey captures the subtle tones and hues of a temporary living artwork created by the artists for the 2018 Surrey Hills Arts programme. An aerial image of Leith Hill was imprinted into seedling grass through photographic photosynthesis pioneered by British visual artists Ackroyd & Harvey. With their studio base in Dorking, they have won numerous awards and are internationally acclaimed for creating multi-disciplinary works that intersect art, activism, architecture, biology, ecology and history.



Leith Hill Musical Festival

Thursday 16th April
Buckland & Betchworth, Beare Green & Newdigate,
Horsley, Leatherhead choirs
A Sea Symphony Vaughan Williams

Friday April 17th
Capel, Epsom, Oxshott, Shalford choirs
Mass in C Minor Mozart

Saturday 18th April
Bookham, Dorking, Holmbury St. Mary, Mickleham choirs
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radical change to cement the future success and prosperity of LHMF.

We in Mickleham Choral would be delighted to have your support at our Festival Day on **Saturday, 18th April** in Dorking Halls, either to cheer us on in the competitions during the morning (drop in at any time between 9.15am and 1pm) or at the evening concert. Full details of timings, repertoires and how to buy concert tickets can be found on Leith Hill Musical Festival's website, www.lhmf.org.uk.

See you there! Liz Weller

Meanwhile, all over Dorking, needles and chisels are already hard at work preparing the Museum's Autumn exhibition celebrating the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. There will be displays of locally found 17th century shoes and replicas made by a local saddler and the kinds of tools that Dorking shoemaker William Mullins would have used in his trade. Museum volunteers are recreating 17th century costumes, including adult garments and dressing up clothes for children. The great team from the Dorking Men's Shed are also working with the exhibition team to make a cross section model of the Mayflower and its contents. They have done a huge amount of research into the speculative dimensions of the ship and mocked up a model. It is fantastic working with them! David Burton

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Worms, ashes and bones: excavations at Cocks Farm Abinger 1877-2019

Following the AGM of the M&WLHG on 21st February, members were treated to a fascinating talk by Emma Corke about the archaeological excavations at Cocks Farm in Abinger. The site lies hidden from view just north of the A25 Guildford Road. In 1875 Emma's great-great-grandfather, Thomas Henry Farrer, bought Cocks Farm where he planned to have a large kitchen garden made for his new house Abinger Hall. While the gardeners were digging up the ground for the garden, they unearthed part of a Roman villa. Unfortunately, the Farrers were away and by the time they returned most of the remains had been broken up. In 1877 Thomas Farrer continued the excavations and some of the walls in the villa were found. The Builder magazine published a plan of these findings in 1878. Farrer also invited Charles Darwin to the site because he knew of Darwin's interest in the effect of earthworms on ancient buildings. The Farrer and Darwin families were closely connected as Thomas Farrer had recently married Charles Darwin's niece. A few years later Farrer's daughter Ida married Darwin's son Horace. Darwin asked for two trenches to be dug on the site and conducted a number of experiments on worm casts. He also drew a section through the site which caused confusion during more recent excavations because it did not conform to modern archaeological practices.

The next significant event at the site occurred more than a century later when a tree blew over in 1990 and revealed a tessellated floor beneath the roots. After some of the tree was removed the stump and roots fell back into place and covered up the floor! Later in the 1990s the Surrey Archaeological Society began further excavations, hoping to learn more about the extent of the villa and to assist English Heritage in designating the site as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The team was also hoping to pinpoint the location of Darwin's original section but this was found by Emma more than a decade later. A hypocaust

system was discovered, thought to have heated rooms used as a bathhouse. As excavations continued a variety of Roman artefacts and building materials were found, including pieces of tile, tesserae and pottery.

During the last decade investigations have extended to the area surrounding the villa, aided by modern scientific techniques. A rare Roman lime kiln for burning chalk was found to the east of the villa. Radiocarbon dating of charcoal at the bottom of the pit confirmed it dates from the Roman period. Magnetometry, which is particularly useful for identifying buried features containing burnt material, has located numerous ditches (most likely built as a defence against animals) and pits. These have provided evidence that the land was occupied centuries before the Roman era. Many of the pits date back to the Iron Age and the larger ones are thought to have been used for grain storage. Some contained ritual offerings or were cremation pits. Quern stones, used for grinding grain, potin (metal alloy) coins and pottery were found in several of them. One unusual pit was closed with a slab of Horsham stone and contained pig and cattle jawbones.

Pieces of Bronze Age and Neolithic pottery were also found.

There are a large number of postholes on the site and we learned how information can be obtained from their size and spacing. Several sets of postholes about 2m apart show the position of fencelines whereas closely spaced holes in rectangular patterns indicate where buildings once stood, in this case probably for agricultural use. Emma also believes there was a Roman vineyard. There are a series of shallow trenches with postholes where the soil is of better quality than in the surrounding area. The dimensions match those in descriptions of Roman vineyards.

One final curious discovery caught our attention. Several bovid skeletons were found buried in individual graves, each with its head bent backwards and legs crossed. They were all aged between three and nine months. This was not part of some strange Iron Age ritual as radiocarbon dating of the bones indicated they could not be more than about 350 years old. It is now thought they died from rinderpest (cattle plague), a viral disease which has only recently been eradicated. Judith Long

Photographs: Emma Corke



Above left: Work in progress on site. Right top: Pig and cattle jaw bones deposited in an Iron Age grain storage pit. Right bottom: Quern deposited in an Iron Age pit.



The Museum will be holding the latest of its popular family activities from 9th-11th and 16th-18th April. The Dorking Cockerel is a very special bird! Join us at the Museum for a Easter hunt that reveals the name of a famous person who was very fond of Dorking Cockerels. Looking high and looking low, finding chicks and unscrambling letters – it is all part of the fun! When you have discovered the famous name there will be a special Easter treat for you. Families are invited to drop in on those dates any time.

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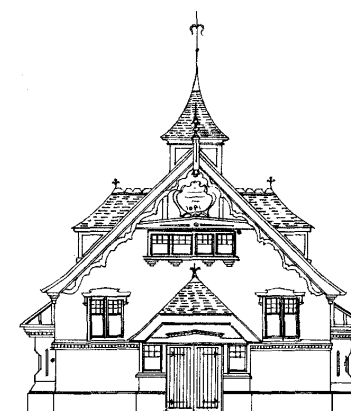
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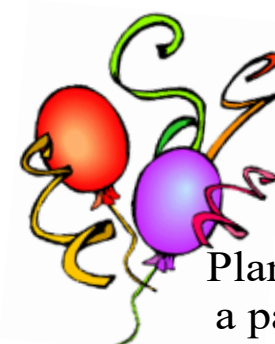


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3 Friday	1.30 pm	St Michael's Infant School End of Term Service in church
5 PALM SUNDAY	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Service

Deadline for copy for the May parish magazine

6 MONDAY – 9 THURSDAY HOLY WEEK

	7 pm	30-minute Reflective Service in church
	10 GOOD FRIDAY 2 pm	Good Friday Service in church
	11 Saturday 7 pm	30-minute Reflective Service in church
	12 EASTER DAY 8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Easter Family Communion Service
	11.30 am	No Service in Westhumble Chapel
13 Monday		Easter Bank Holiday
15 Wednesday	10.30 am	LHG's visit to Holloway Sanatorium
18 Saturday	9 am	Men's breakfast at the Running Horses
	7.30 pm	Mickleham Choral's day at the LHM LHMF Concert at Dorking Halls

19 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8 am	Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
20 Monday	7 pm	Alpha Course starts at Chapel Farm
25 Saturday	9.30 am	Woman's Breakfast at Denbies
	10.30 am	Horticultural Society's Spring Show and AGM in the village hall

26 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8 am	Holy Communion at the Chapel
	10 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church
27 Monday	3 pm	Tea @3 at Mickleham Lodge
28 Tuesday	7.30 pm	Garden Shed talk on Container Planting, Stepping Stones PH

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Lt-Col Hon Charles Guy Cubitt, who was
the youngest of the six sons of the 2nd
Baron Ashcombe.

One of Hugh's early recollections was
when on a family visit to Denbies to
see his grandparents 'Mr Dobinson the
Estate Carpenter whose workshop was
off the stable yard made us boys superb
wooden rifles'. Hugh made a decision
early in life to pursue a career in the
Royal Navy rather than the Army as his
father and uncles had done or the RAF
where his cousin Harry was serving.
He used to say that the reason for his
decision was because 'you don't need
Latin for Dartmouth' but there was
probably more to it. After Dartmouth
he completed his training at the Royal
Naval College, Greenwich and then he
was commissioned Midshipman in the
last few months of the Second World
War and posted to the Far East where
he 'dashed about in destroyers' and saw
action as a Lieutenant in the Korean
War 1949-51.

Hugh was appointed Flag Lieutenant
to Admiral Sir Cyril Douglas-Pennant,
Head of the Naval Element, British
Joint Services Mission at the Pentagon
Washington in 1952 and then to the
Commander-In-Chief Nore (Thames
Estuary) in 1953 before he retired from

Sir Hugh Guy Cubitt, CBE, JP, DL 1928 – 2020

the Navy in 1954. He qualified first as a
Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent
and then as a Chartered Surveyor (FRICS)
working with Rogers Chapman and
Thomas in London before he joined his
father's firm Cubitt and West as a partner.

In 1958 Hugh married Linda Ishbel
Campbell, daughter of the Hon
Angus Campbell, and they settled in
Westhumble in 1960. They have a son
Jonathan and two daughters Joanna
and Victoria.

Hugh served on many notable boards
and committees, including the National
Westminster Bank, English Heritage,
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training. Hugh often forgot to consult
the two "wingers" in his rush to justice.
But as he was always right in fact, law
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When the Dorking, Reigate and Oxted
benches were amalgamated in 1993
Hugh emerged as the new Bench
Chairman. It was largely due to Hugh's
personal skills that by the end of the
third year of his tenure the cohesion of
the new bench was established.

In 1977, he was awarded a CBE and in
1978 he was appointed Deputy (Lord)
Lieutenant (DL) for Greater London.

Hugh's tireless work as Chairman of The
Housing Corporation was recognised
with a knighthood in 1983. The Housing
Corporation was the non-departmental

public body that funded new affordable
housing and regulated housing
associations in England, established by
the Housing Act 1964. Hugh was also
High Sheriff of Surrey in 1983.

Hugh and Linda took a great interest
in St Barnabas Church even though it
should be pointed out that the Cubitt
family had passed the church over
to the Church Commissioners in the
1960s. A copy of the St Martin's Church
Magazine in 1970 lists 'Mr H Cubitt' as
Churchwarden at St Barnabas Rammore.

Hugh said that he had inherited the post
of PCC Treasurer from his father and
when Miss Fisher, the Schoolmistress,
retired he also took on the duties of the
PCC Secretary. He deftly steered the PCC
and the church through what might be
described as some 'interesting years'
until he decided to retire from the PCC
in 2012.

At PCC meetings Hugh was often apt
to remark 'I don't think so' after
some proposals from members but he
could be persuaded by a well reasoned
argument, eventually.

In 1997 Hugh and Linda visited the
battlefields and cemeteries of the First
World War to find out and understand
more about 'the uncles he never knew'
(Harry, Alick and William Hugh who are
commemorated in the Cubitt Chapel).
Hugh wrote a very moving article for
the St Barnabas newsletter which is
now included in the history leaflets in
the church.

'Who's Who' lists Hugh's recreations as:
country sports, travel, photography but
he also painted in oils and had a great
interest in and knowledge of music. He
was, for many years, a trustee of the
Royal Academy of Music.

He will be greatly missed by us all. Please
note the Service of Thanksgiving and
Interment of Ashes planned for April 20th
has now been postponed.

Dick Gover, former churchwarden,
with additional research
by Margaret Maynard

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the March St Barnabas Newsletter.

We send our sincere condolences to Linda and all the Cubitt family at this sad time.

WILL WRITING SERVICE



If you are over 50 and live in the Mole Valley area, you can use Age Concern Mole Valley's Will Writing Service.

Once a month local solicitors, Meaby & Co (formerly Hart Scales & Hodges) are taking appointments for Will Writing at the Age Concern Mole Valley offices in Dorking. A donation of £100 can be given to Age Concern Mole Valley for the service. (A solicitor would normally charge over £250 per Will plus VAT).

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Looking for part-time or full-time work?

Box Hill NT is recruiting café and server helpers to replace those who have gone off to university.

CLOSED



MONSTER

Answer on page 26

Rose Pruning Workshop



On a wet, blustery Sunday morning, a group of Garden Shed enthusiasts participated in a rose pruning workshop in a Westhumble garden. It was led by Will Burrige, a gardener at Polesden Lacy. While we sheltered from the rain under a gazebo, Will provided lots of practical information including how to identify the different varieties of roses and the care of our secateurs to prevent spreading disease. During his demonstration of the simple steps

of pruning we were intrigued to hear that we should just cut straight across, rather than on a slant as this creates a greater surface area for water loss. After a break for a hot drink and cake, the rain miraculously ceased. We were then let loose in the garden to practise our new skills, patiently guided by Will. The Garden Shed warmly thanks Viv and David Murch for hosting the workshop and allowing us to practice on their prized collection of roses.



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Mickleham Village Hall AGM

Saturday 23rd May

10am – In the hall

The Sink Hole at the Village Hall

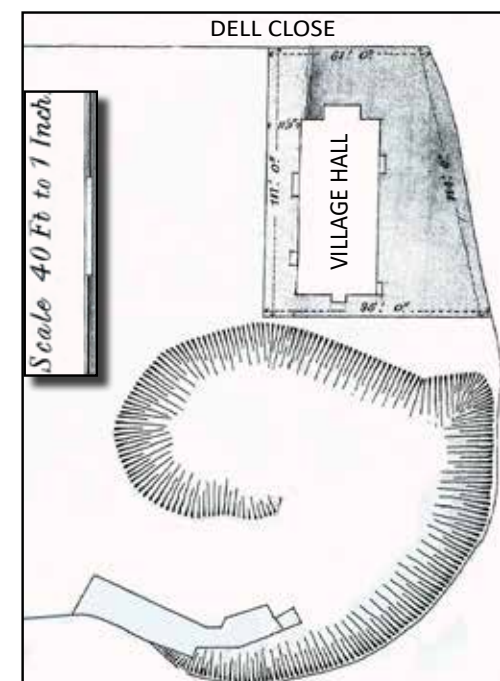
On 7th January a nursery-child's mother, standing on the grass near the entrance to the nursery at the back of the village hall sank into the ground. Fortunately, she was uninjured. The hole was about 750mm deep. The village hall maintenance team of Tony Butler, David Kennington and myself did some exploratory digging and decided that as there had been a filled-in open cast flint mine in that area, we needed to carry out further investigations. It was known that the pit was used as a village rubbish dump until 1970 when

the District Council ordered that the dumping should cease and that the pit be filled in. In 2010 the car park was extended, and the nursery playground was constructed. Since that time there had been no problems until this recent incident.

On 17th February during half term, a Ground Penetrating Radar survey was carried out of the site including the playground. Various areas were investigated as the result of that survey but no other voids were found. On 19th February we employed a contractor

to excavate the hole – some rotten timber, an old tyre and other rubbish was found. The hole was then back filled with rubble and soil. We took advantage of the presence of the contractor and his equipment to place and compact road planings into parts of the car park where it had sunk or been eroded. Finally, on 29th February we levelled the back filled hole with some topsoil, replaced the turf and levelled the area with some more topsoil.

Ben Tatham
Chairman MVH



Clockwise from top left: 1902 plan of the village hall site, showing the extent of the open cast flint mine; the original sink hole; the Ground Penetrating Radar survey of the site; the completed work; the sink hole after being excavated.

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Visit to Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water

10.30 am Wednesday 15th April

This former mental asylum for the middle classes was founded by wealthy Victorian philanthropist Thomas Holloway. Pevsner described the building as 'the summit of High Victorian design'. Now Grade I listed and meticulously restored in the 1990s, the building is rarely open to the public. Booking essential.

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Now should be the start of our busy season. Lots of walkers, people enjoying our gardens and the best view in Surrey. BBQs, jazz and other events.

We really need a good Summer.

The last year has been the most challenging for the business since I took over. As the Willy is heavily reliant on the weather the constant storms and rains have had a negative impact on us. Now, with coronavirus further challenges are expected. We will continue keep calm and carry on. As an independent freehouse we are, as always, grateful to our locals for their ongoing support.

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Cryptic Delicacies

I realise that most readers of the Parish Magazine won't be Trekkies (and neither am I), but people over a certain age will have found STAR TREK difficult to avoid in the era when there were only three TV channels. Indeed there is so much of it that has become part of general culture that I thought I had a chance of connecting with some of the detail without completely losing everyone. Hopefully there were enough other clues and interlocking pieces to lead you to the answers even if STAR TREK knowledge was not at your mental fingertips. The other clues that referred to it yielded SCOTTY who used to BEAM up Captain KIRK. BONES was the doctor on the ENTERPRISE (who used to say lines in the vein of 'I'm a doctor, Jim, not a ...' but never quite what was in that clue). The show was the creation of GENE Rodenberry, and also featured the people of VULCAN (with their pointy ears) including the very logical Spock (though in the puzzle a swapping of letters led to SPORK, a futuristic piece of cutlery somehow the original series

failed to predict). The other connected clue was a bit of an anomaly in that it did not refer to the original series: DATA was a character in Star Trek: The Next Generation. And the keen eyed amongst you might have noticed that I managed to boldly go and split an infinitive in clue 6 DOWN.

21 With no trouble, bottom of boat sounds like work of a prophet? (7) EZEKIEL

With no trouble = easy, bottom of boat = keel, said together sounds like EZEKIEL

9 Strangely unusual stuff in former container of 21 half in California (7) EXOTICA

Former = EX, 21 (as above) was Ezekiel which is contained in the Old Testament (OT – note that New Testament is NT, and often the word 'book' in clues can point to NT or OT), half 'In' = I, California's post code abbreviation is CA.

20 An important sequence of blue material on the radio (4) GENE

Blue material = jean (i.e. denim), when said on the radio sounds like GENE



26 Ran about with thing with teeth (7) OVERSAW

about = OVER (as in 'concerning': 'I argued with him over/about his methods'), thing with teeth = SAW, and 'ran' is being used as in 'supervised an operation'

28 Birds are the thing written about by half-cut blokes (5) KITES

The thing = IT, half-cut = half removed, so bloKES becomes KES and that is written about IT

19 Look over six-foot being around head of pygmies (7) INSPECT

Six foot being = INSECT, head of Pygmies = P

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



Festhumble '20
27th June
At the Stepping Stones pub



The Festhumble committee are delighted to announce that our local festival of music will go ahead for its second year.

Our 2019 event was a tremendous success, raising well over £1,000 for LeatherHEAD START, who help to

improve the lives of the homeless. It was a great fun day for the whole family and we are already working behind the scenes to ensure that this year's event will be just as entertaining and enjoyable for all, with live music, food and fun activities.

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School



During February half term break, 24 students and three staff jetted off to the slopes of Norway for the annual school ski trip. This was the first trip to Norway for Box Hill and it promised to be a good week away. It did not disappoint despite some testing conditions with heavy snowfall throughout the week. The 'powder hounds' were happy with some amazing fresh powder to play in. Students were in ski school for five days, with five hours of skiing each day and all students on the trip made

brilliant progress, whether they were beginners, or the more advanced. The evenings were spent socialising, with tobogganing and film nights as well as a session of night skiing. A fantastic time was had by all and we are looking forward to next year's ski trip already.

Sport Relief Week

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

As I write, Box Hill School are participating in 'The Big 1230 Mile Challenge' to celebrate and support

Sport Relief. The challenge equates with the distance covered driving from Box Hill School to Salem School, in Germany AND back. This is the school which Kurt Hahn established and is also a founding Round Square School. All students during their PE lessons will run, cycle, jog, row or walk to contribute to the 1230 miles to help raise money. Staff are also getting involved! Check back in next month for an update on how much money we raised and how the challenge went!

Lily McKeown



Mickleham Parish Council

At its March meeting the Parish Council received a detailed report from Box Hill School regarding its plans for dealing with the Coronavirus threat and councillors thought it useful to share with residents.

The School has a comprehensive risk assessment and management action plan and the management committee meets every week to review. The boarders are regarded as low risk because they all live on site and are not allowed out at weekends.

Nobody went home at half-term and staff and students alike have to report any travel plans and receive authorisation. All travel plans for Easter have to be reported so the School knows where everyone is if situations change in different countries.

Government advice is that pupils will only have to self-isolate after the Easter

holidays if they have been to high-risk countries or are showing symptoms. Box Hill School is going further than this and is encouraging all boarders to stay over during the holiday period.

Moreover, if any choose to go home to China, Taiwan, South Korea or Italy they won't be allowed back into school. If they go to countries like Spain they will be allowed back but if those countries are re-classified as high-risk they won't be allowed back. This applies to pupils and staff.

Residents are reminded to sign up for the petition aimed at tackling the curse of speeding vehicles and motorcycles through the village. The take-up has been disappointing so far and needs a boost. More than one person per household can sign. To access it go to: <http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/DAAENS2019/>

Another arm of the campaign is the formation of a SpeedWatch group of volunteers and by the time this edition is published the group will have been out in Mickleham monitoring vehicles and recording data.

At the last Parish Council Meeting, the problem of parked cars near Box Hill School and the difficulties in exiting Dell Close were addressed and chairman David Ireland read out a letter from headmaster Cory Lowde in which he revealed the results of a survey he had undertaken. It showed that on average only 29% of cars parked on the road near the school entrance were school cars and the conclusion was that it was a shared problem, part owned by the village/school/Running Horses pub/church. The Parish Council noted the results and will now undertake their own survey.

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Easter is almost here and the adults at nursery are hoping for cleaner puddles for April shower puddle jumping! Easter is always an exciting time for young children: chocolate egg hunts, the Easter bunny and spending time with loved ones. At nursery we also tell the children the Easter story, we like to visit the church to look at the carving of the Last Supper and we celebrate new life. This Easter we will again be incubating some fertile

eggs. Our children love watching the chickens and their behaviour! There are so many learning opportunities involved with caring for our chickens. One is currently poorly so has been recuperating at Hilary's house, the children have noticed that Elsa is not there and are interested in her health updates. We have had recent discussions as to whether chickens can be classified as birds, particularly following our dinosaur theme... any of you who keep chickens will know that a broody chicken is very like a Velociraptor! Our children are curious to know if chickens are birds then, why they don't fly like the birds in the sky and perch in the trees? They learn about life cycles (regular readers will recall the 'foxy' demise of our last batch) and how to be gentle and care for things smaller than themselves. Anxious children find the chickens particularly calming, as they can feed them and focus on caring for others. Each day a child is the 'Star'. One of the perks of

being the star is collecting the eggs just before the nursery session ends and taking them home. This provides more learning opportunities, as they bake cakes, enjoy scrambled eggs and so on.

This term, children have also enjoyed learning about our stick insects who live in a tank inside the nursery. We took them out recently to clear out the tank and give them some new privet twigs with fresh leaves to eat. The children were amazed at how camouflaged the stick insects were and they learned the importance of not squealing too loudly in case they scare them! We read some stick insect facts in a flip book and then the children who wanted to hold them took turns. Stick insects are surprisingly fast when they move which surprised some of the children who held them!

We also have a new pond which holds all sorts of possibilities about exploring new life in aquatic animals, watch this space for our new life updates.

Natacha Fricker



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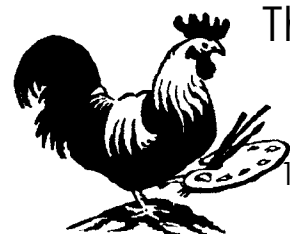
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BRAIN TEASER answer: Green-eyed Monster

Solution to the March crossword

Across: 1 Debatable 6 Scrub 9 Exotica 10 Trade-in 11 Scotty 12 Proteins 14 Data 15 Overweight 18 Paintbrush 20 Gene 23 Suspects 24 Duvets 26 Oversaw 27 Itchier 28 Kites 29 Rekindled.

Down: 1 Dressed up 2 Blow out 3 Thirty 4 Beam 5 Enterprise 6 Star Trek 7 Reeking 8 Bones 13 Ivory tower 16 Treasured 17 Atheists 19 Inspect 21 Ezekiel 22 Vulcan 23 Spork 25 Kirk.



The Dorking Group of Artists Spring Exhibition

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10 am -

5 pm (closes at 4 pm

on Sunday)

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Going Green

While writing this, the first signs of Spring are starting to make a tentative appearance. A few brave daffodils are out, and the early blossom trees are in full bloom. Following the recent heavy rain and flooding, the changing season is a welcome relief.

In the last year, there has been an increased awareness of the damage humans are doing to the planet. Global warming has been linked to the increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events, whether that is flooding in the UK or the worst bushfires in Australia's history.

Greta Thunberg has led the charge for young people globally to protest about the way the planet is being treated. At St Michael's Infant School our pupils have been doing their own awareness raising with posters appearing around school highlighting the need to look after planet Earth.

We have been thinking about what we can do to help minimise our impact on the environment.

As you may know from previous editions, the Friends of St Michael's run a weekly hot chocolate café throughout the colder months. This year we have started to encourage parents to bring reusable travel cups. This is alongside the compostable take away cups we already use.

The Government's 'School Food Plan' gives all infant children a free lunch. In Surrey, ours are provided by Twelve15, the council catering team. To reduce food waste (and to help increase the chance of a full tummy!), the school have given the children the chance to pre-select which of the three meals on offer they would like. This has certainly been a hit with my children.

Mrs Stewart has been helping the children engage with nature. To protect it, you need to understand and care for it. In Autumn, there was a guided walk around some of the footpaths surrounding school. Children were encouraged to identify different trees using their leaves. With the change of season, the children have recently



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been looking at the buds on branches to identify them again.

With the ground starting to warm up, the vegetable plots have been turned over and planting has commenced. Garlic and potatoes have been planted to enjoy later in the year. I am not sure we could reduce the food miles anymore!

This term we are raising funds to improve the stock of library books. Our annual quiz had the highest turnout to date and was as competitive as ever! I'm sure some of the teams will be trying to reclaim the glory at the Pub Quiz which we are having in conjunction with Mickleham Children's playground on the 19th May in the King William IV. See page 9 for more details. Amy Rieley



Cryptic Crossword



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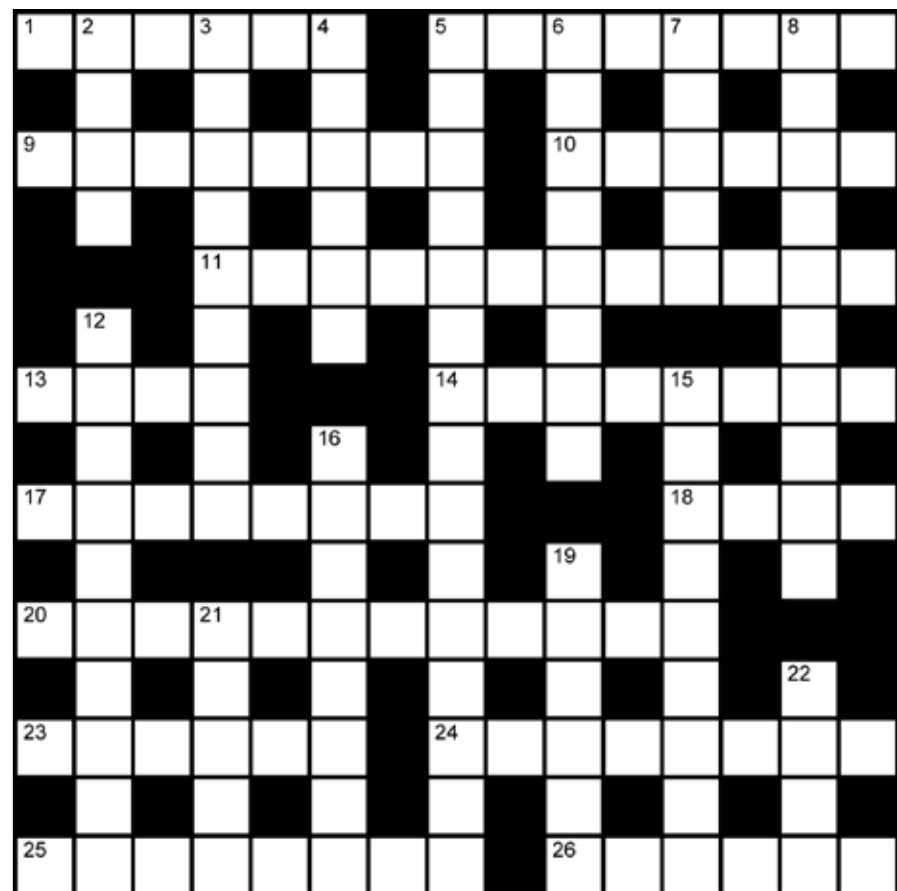
- 1 See 5 Down
- 5 Angrily obsess about empty thing that causes cancer (8)
- 9 If ever I vow to rebuild, get a survey (8)
- 10 Nancy's article hidden in butts for performers of personal services (6)
- 11 At sea, key to true aim is to go steady (4,4,4)
- 13 Boxer, given his first name initially was a place in Africa (4)
- 14 Superior perhaps has Christian symbol for keen beginner in way of exercise (8)
- 17 Makes funky anorak go with jumper (8)
- 18 See the back of American leader in front – it's really uninspiring (4)
- 20 Deceptive of us to spy in garden entrance and hedging (12)
- 23 See 5 Down
- 24 Taunt liar about not having a way to run away (4,4)
- 25 Throw off balance with kinky teen lust (8)
- 26 Some begin German lessons to get a bit of oomph (6)

DOWN

- 2 Gush about feature of graveyard (4)
- 3 Tart going around work with ugly necklace (9)
- 4 Thank you - to eat most of rice with edge of knife is not straightforward! (6)
- 5/1/22/23 Absurd way idle bloke sings filth to a hero is a good song for these times (6,4,2,3,6,4,2,4)
- 6 Sounds like insect seen in France with what it uses to structure shelters (8)
- 7 Pole has heard hair style makes impact that sounds wet (5)
- 8 Rice is in sight, connected with value of 5/1/22/23 (10)
- 12 'Twist' is an example of wind up and then a drop-in (10)
- 15 Groan about tempestuous aunt being a 26 beast (9)
- 16 Stuff Reg! It's the arrangement that's least courteous (8)
- 19 Arrange 'Grease is the Word' before getting original source of oomph for 'Greased Lightnin' (3,3)
- 21 Not even some French island can give you a glimpse of happiness (5)
- 22 See 5

Andrew Tatham

Answers to the MARCH crossword are on page 26



Excavation of the sink hole at the village hall supervised by Tony Butler and David Kennington



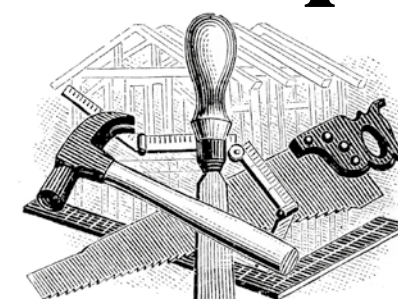
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