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Dear friends,

Do you remember in 2013 when Andy Murray first won the men's single title at Wimbledon, ending a 77-year wait for a British winner? One quote afterwards said, 'He has inspired all three of us to think no matter what, just go for your dreams and you can achieve anything, even if it is a small dream, it still matters to you. Thank you, Andy for making us proud to be British.' Another said, 'He has inspired me to do tennis, to believe in myself and to know that I can achieve many things.'

The same year the British and Irish Lions Rugby team ended a 16-year wait for a series win with a stunning second-half demolition of Australia in a pulsating decider in Sydney. Leading 19-10 at half-time, the Lions roared to victory with three scores inside 12 minutes. And of course, who could forget the wonderful successes for our competitors in many of the disciplines and sports at the 2012 Olympics.

It makes you proud to be British!

Yet in all these activities, achieving something worthwhile came at a cost, a cost that meant the individuals concerned had to dig deep through the trials and challenges they faced, they had to grit their teeth and hang on in there when others simply gave up and stopped. And that difference is what makes champions, it's what makes people winners.

Being a Christian, living a life as a follower of Jesus, can be a bit like that at times. We are proud to be a Christian because it is such a privilege to know and serve God, but to continue to grow more like Jesus, to seek to achieve something worthwhile for Him, can come at a cost, a cost that means individual Christians have to dig deep through the trials and challenges they face.

If we are willing to talk about our calling as Christians, we are going to have to face the challenges of the journey. God said to Abraham, 'You just need to go.' And to Moses, God said, 'You are going to lead my people to freedom.' In both cases, like so many other followers of God, these callings come at an individual, sacrificial cost.

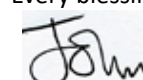
These are reminders that God uses people despite their weaknesses. God uses people mainly as they encounter trials. You see it over and over again, ordinary people like you and me can grow through adversity as we face the future, trusting in God and trusting in one another, members together of this local community where we live.

As one Biblical writer put it, 'Therefore... let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith... Consider Him ... so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.'

And when we do follow Almighty God, when we do seek to live as a disciple of Jesus, then we enjoy so many blessings, so much to give thanks for in our lives. God can inspire all of us, without exception, if we choose to let Him.

May we all be inspired to dream dreams for God this summer, and enjoy the journey of life to the full.

Every blessing.



The Reverend Canon John Harkin, Mickleham Parish Priest



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Our Prayer Workshops have been born out of a desire for us to learn more about prayer and how to mature in our prayer life with God. They take place once a term in church for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, from 10 am to 12 noon, and would seem to be becoming a wonderful opportunity to develop our prayers lives.

They have been based on information sheets which have looked at areas such

Westhumble Chapel

By the time the magazine comes out the refurbishment of our delightful Chapel at Westhumble will have been completed! The very first service to be held there was the wedding of Alex Judd and Clare Davies, and their daughter Evie's baptism, on Saturday 22nd June. We will all be able to resume our regular Sunday service pattern there, with our first service being at 11.30 am on Sunday 14th July, all are very welcome to join us.

A new toilet has been installed, with disabled access, and the previous storage area in the lobby area is now fitted with cupboards, worktops and a sink/taps so refreshments can be served as required. The whole interior has been redecorated, all wood has been treated and new lighting installed, yet we have retained some of the old light fittings so the character of the building remains. The carpet has been replaced and with one that covers the whole floorspace, including the vestry which also has

additional storage space fitted. We have kept the oldest pew, the lectern, the baptism font and the priest's stall, and purchased 50 comfortable chairs which provide a greater flexibility of layout. New outside paving stones, which match those at the other end of the Chapel, ensure that the entrance to the building is safe and attractive.

We give thanks to God for the important part the Chapel has contributed to our parish life for many years, and it is our desire to continue to enable it to be used by the local community in the twenty-first century. We are very grateful to all those who have played a part in this refurbishment, including Jason Wilson who was responsible for the work, and the late Brian Senior for the legacy he left which has made a significant contribution to the necessary expenditure.

It is our intention to have a special opening event, more details will follow in a future parish magazine.

Canon John

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Prayer Workshop

as why we should pray, the challenges of praying and how to overcome these challenges, biblical models of prayer and practical examples, tools and resources for how we should pray. There are also lists of websites and additional resources for individuals to follow up if they wish.

For our last workshop on the 8th June we considered corporate prayer, the idea of praying with other people, eg with a prayer partner, in a prayer triplet, in a small group, at the monthly parish prayer meetings and so on. There was guidance about why corporate

prayer is important and how to waive potential reluctance to pray aloud with others, as well as practical ideas to help us get started if we have not prayed with other people before, and links to resources to help us on the journey. The key to the morning was Plan to Pray, ie get ready before you meet to pray with others!

Our Autumn Term Workshop will be on Saturday 19th October, from 10 am to 12 noon; you are assured of a warm welcome in this relaxed and informal group if you care to join us.

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THE SAGA OF MICKLEHAM BROADBAND

Part 2 – FTTP Realised

Finally, after months of negotiations an accord to use a scheme had been reached. This accord required broadband speeds of as many residences of Mickleham as possible to be amalgamated, and so after many fruitful months of work this vast piece of scripture was produced.

However, much to the dread, dismay and horror of Mary, the Iron bank funding the scheme withdrew support, and thus trampled upon the very future generations who would need such infrastructure developments the most. On that day a great grey lifeless pall lowered over Mickleham and a deep sense of lifelessness was present from the peak of Box Hill to the plains of Fetcham downs.

A Mickleham Cobra meeting was convened. T'was a long night and after a number of emotional and intense rallying speeches, as well as morale boosting emails from Lord Banfield (utilising Korea's superfast network) we began scheming. We the people of Mickleham would save the next generation. We dispersed to our designated regions, Sir Rob ventured North of the A24, and I trekked further, to the Kingdom of Norbury House. Through all of our combined endeavours, including droves

of residents fearful of life without 24Mbps, funding targets were reached. And thus, it was so that the powers that be acknowledged our crusade and approved our endeavours and dream.

Four months later work began. Contractors arrived and immediately set about driving Mickleham forth into the future. Trenches were dug, cables were laid, however this proved to be too substantial a task for new recruits, as deadlines were missed. Yet another Christmas passed without the connective powers of Skype, and pre-emptively purchased Alexas went back in their boxes.

With terrestrial TV unavailable and no broadband, contact with the outside world looked bleak. Food shopping still involved trips in cars, loading and unloading trolleys – which is most notably last century. How would we all collect our Ocado online points if it continued?

A great council was called to the village hall, and after much toing and froing of debate we decided there was no option, we would have to use the only 2 Mbps available in all of Mickleham before its crash at sunrise and stay up every night sending emails until someone gave us the 24Mbps we so desperately sought.

Finally, an elite Openreach cohort, best compared to the triarii of old, would be allocated to Mickleham. Men in white vans arrived, and under the management of this blessed group of individuals it was soon discovered that sub-standard cables had been laid and that poles were rotten to the point of non-usability.

After many months of hard labour and replacing poles with the finest timber available, the beautiful, marvellous, magnificent spider web of fibre optic cables was beginning to near completion. Soon, stone age mechanical hubs could be replaced by superfast wifi routers. The fruits of so many years of ups and downs, of turmoil and trauma, were so close to being ripe.

Whilst the majority rejoiced, heating and lighting could be controlled by Hives and Alexas could finally be activated, some complained of wives missing from marital beds. We could only assume their households finally had Netflix!

And so it was, in the year of our lord 2018, this remarkable, bewitching land of Mickleham, started a new epoch in its history, as it joined just 3% of the nation's households in receiving 'fibre to the premises' (FTTP).

Kirsten Johnson and Nikolai Belousov

The Mickleham Village Hall Chairman's Report 2018



The Village Hall has had another successful year thanks to the work of my fellow trustees and to Deanna Darnell our Bookings Manager. All of the trustees have taken on specific responsibilities which facilitate the

smooth operation of all aspects of running the Hall. You would be surprised at how much work is done to keep the Hall going and in good condition.

Our Treasurer, Brian Wilcox, reports that we again generated a surplus of about £3,600 in 2018, despite undertaking major repairs to the roof, tree work and car park line marking at a total cost of almost £2,800. Whilst we are in a healthy financial position, we need to build up our reserves to cover both the replacement of equipment and major items of maintenance. An example of that is the outside painting which is needed every seven or eight years. Last time it cost £9,000.

Our bookings have held up during the year. While, over the past two years, a couple of our long-term users have retired, they have been replaced by new regular users, including a fitness group offering two sessions per week and a ballet school.

We would welcome ideas for new uses of the Hall. Do contact me if you would like to see what the Hall is like and whether it is suitable for what you have in mind. Do also have a look at our website <http://www.micklehamvillagehall.org.uk/community/mickleham-village-hall-13636/home>

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Local Memories of D-Day

The June 1994 parish magazine commemorated the 50th Anniversary of D-Day with a feature including local residents' memories of that momentous event compiled by Liz Weller. Now, 25 years further on we are including this edited version for readers who missed it the first time.

Planning for the long-awaited Second Front in western Europe began in earnest in the spring of 1943. Normandy was chosen as the target for the invasion and elaborate deception plans were devised to convince the Germans that the Pas de Calais and other parts of the European coastline were the real allied targets. Valuable lessons had been learned from the failure of the Dieppe raid in August 1942 in which the Canadian army played a major role and suffered heavy losses. New landing craft were developed, together with a 'siege train' of armoured vehicles, nicknamed 'Funnies', including amphibious tanks and others adapted for mine-clearing, bridge-laying and flame-throwing, Fundamental to the preparation for 'Operation Overlord' was the build-up of American forces in Britain, code-named 'Bolero'. From 1942 to 1944, more than 1.5 million American service personnel arrived in Britain. In addition, 5 million tons of invasion supplies, and equipment were brought across the Atlantic.

By spring of 1944, hundreds of square miles of Britain were crowded with air bases, army camps, ammunition dumps, tank parks, supply depots and repair shops. From April 1944, special trains and long lines of vehicles brought

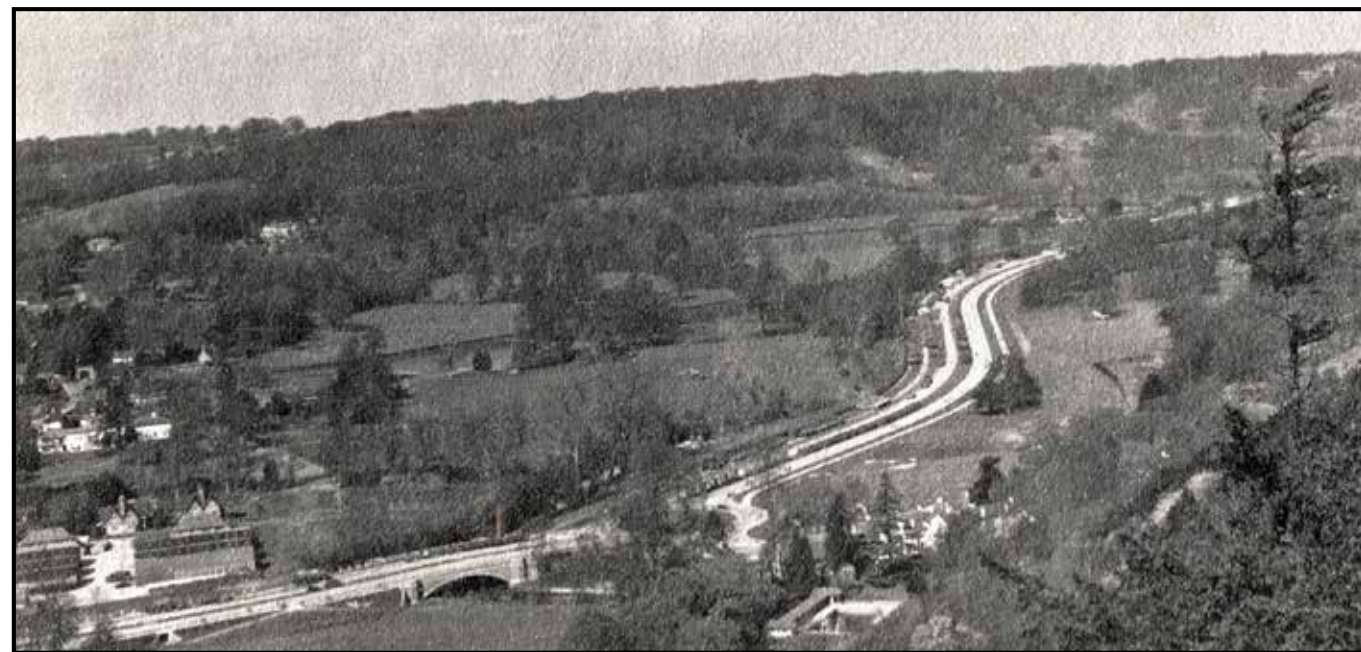
troops and equipment to the muster areas in the South, where woodland sites provided natural cover. There were many Americans and Canadians in our area. Mickleham Hall, then the home of the Gordon Clarks, was taken over by Canadians, Juniper Hall was used by the Tank Corps, the Pay Corps were accommodated at Dalewood (now Box Hill School) and Mickleham Downs (the home of Cullens, the well-known grocer family) was taken over by Sun Alliance. In Westhumble, British soldiers were occupying Burford Corner and Canadians were in The Little House. The field opposite the Stepping Stones PH was filled with NAAFI huts. Lord Beaverbrook from Cherkley Court was Churchill's Minister of Aircraft Production and along with his compatriot Lord Bennett of Juniper Hill (ex-Canadian Prime Minister) did an incredible amount to raise funds for the war effort and naturally were very much involved with the many Canadians stationed in our area. The western side of the A24 was closed to the public and was full of camouflaged vehicles and pontoon sections for the Mulberry Harbour, as was Young Street which was specially constructed by the Canadians in 1943.

At home, here in Westhumble and Mickleham, people were living as best they could, despite the threat of invasion or air attacks, struggling to survive on meager food supplies and improvising in all sorts of ways to manage.

COLIN COMPTON was living with his parents at Chapel Farm. 'I was 15 years old and cycled daily to Ashcombe School, so I saw the build-up of the parked amphibious vehicles on the west side of the dual carriageway, and its disappearance overnight a few days before D-Day. Life on the farm went on as usual. It was mixed farming then, with about 40 cows, 4 or 5 sows, 60 to 70 ducks and about 50 chickens. Mum and Dad did the daily milk round in a Ford 8 van around Westhumble, Norbury and Mickleham. We had one cowman and his two sons who were hand-milking. The sons were of military age but were exempt from service because they were needed on the farm.'

Anne Weaver's mother BILLIE FITTER, who came to Westhumble in June 1943, recalled: 'I was a nurse at Dorking General Hospital. I can remember having to nurse prisoners of war from the camp near Holmwood. The German patients were upstairs in St Mary's Ward

Photograph courtesy of John Woodcock



The A24 in 1944 showing camouflaged vehicles parked along the west carriageway of the newly-built Mickleham Bypass. Note the NAAFI huts, bottom left.

with a military policeman on guard and the British were on the ground floor.'

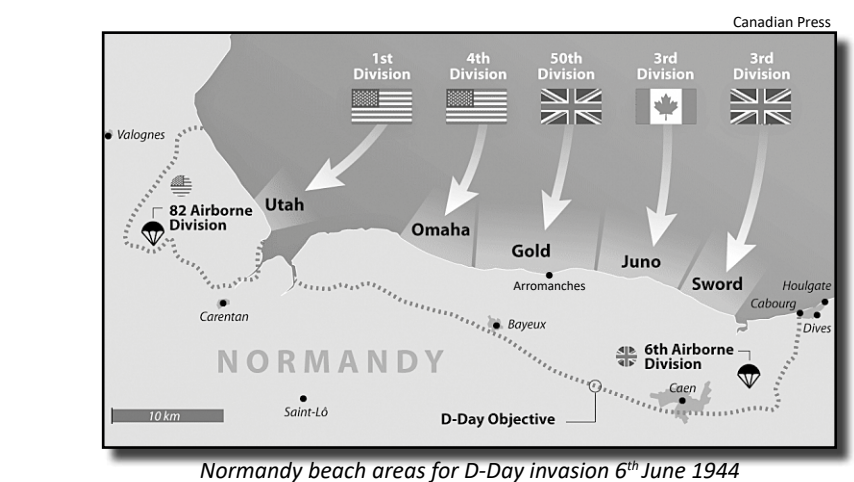
JOYCE CROSS, who was living at The King William IV pub where her father was publican, recalled: 'We were only licensed to sell beer in those days. We had one delivery per week, on a Friday, which was all gone by the weekend! On pay day, the soldiers would go off to Leatherhead in the evening returning when the pubs closed to the William IV, standing outside on the steps shouting 'We want beer' until my Dad threatened to ring their CO, which was always very effective in making them disappear!'

BRIAN WHINNEY, a resident of Pilgrims Way in 1994, had been a Principal Beach Master on Gold Beach. He related his story: 'My introduction to the job was both sudden and unexpected. I was serving as a first lieutenant in HMS Montrose based at Harwich with patrol duties along the east coast. On return from patrol early one Saturday, I was simply told to go home for the night and report the following morning to Southampton.

'I dined on arrival that Sunday night with Admiral Douglas-Pennant and Captain Farquhar, with whom I had served earlier in the war, and they told me I was to be a Principal Beach Master in 'Operation Overlord'. I was told where I was to land and the date. Disbelief and consternation overwhelmed me, especially on being entrusted with such secret information. There were only five weeks to D-Day, and I knew nothing about the job. What a prospect!

'We had been aware while on the east coast that certain operations were afoot, but could never piece together the assorted and unusual objects under tow which we escorted to the south coast. However, the nature of the job soon became apparent on being introduced to my fellow counterpart who was to have charge of the beaches to the east of mine. He was wearing a DSC and bar, having done the same job twice before in the Mediterranean. From then on, for about three months, I wore khaki but retained my naval cap. The weeks of in Southampton passed rapidly, with beaching exercises and briefing the army camp as to the nature of the whole operation.

'On D-Day minus one, I embarked



Normandy beach areas for D-Day invasion 6th June 1944

in SS Empire Arquebus. Rather unexpectedly, we were waited on at dinner that evening by uniformed stewards who offered menus (as if on a cruise!). The convoy of warships escorting landing craft sailed during the night and dropped anchor in the early hours some 4 to 5 miles off the beaches. The scene on arrival was a picture a most amazing sight – the whole anchorage was completely full.' All were waiting for the signal to move, when General Eisenhower decided to take a chance with the adverse weather conditions and the Allied Invasion of Normandy began soon after midnight on 6th June, D-Day was to have been 5th June, but severe weather conditions forced a delay to 6th June when there was thought to be a slight 'window' in the weather to attempt 'Operation Overlord' and retain the element of surprise to the Germans. Obviously the organisation of the 24-hour delay was in itself a huge feat: to hold up the arrival of thousands of vessels along with their defence by sea and also the crucial air attack of German land artilleries, all requiring unprecedented synchronisation in utmost secrecy. By the end of D-Day itself, 73,000 American and 83,000 British and Canadian had been landed by sea .

LADY AARVOLD recalled: 'In the early hours of 6th June there was a thunderous, continuous noise over Foxbury. I looked out and saw huge planes flying very low, towing gliders – it went on for three quarters of an hour. It was an amazing sight. We did not know then of course, what the objective was.'

BRIAN WHINNEY (continued): 'D-Day, 6th June, dawned in appalling sea conditions – fierce north-westerly

onshore winds with an unusual cross swell combined to present challenging conditions for the task of landing so many men, vehicles, equipment and supplies. We left the ship's side in our landing craft at 0600. The passage ashore was not lonely; flotillas of all kinds of landing craft designed to transport men, tanks, rockets and supplies were all under way, hell-bent on achieving their ETAs on the correct beaches. It was a most spectacular sight, but my most vivid memories are of the appalling noise. The landing craft guns were the chief culprits, coming through our lines, barking away, followed by landing craft rockets which let fly its banks of hundreds of lethal missiles. The background noise of the bombarding salvos was akin to the symphony of a very large orchestra.

'As we approached, it became obvious that the beach defences were not as numerous as I had been led to believe. Considerable enemy fire developed on the beaches and behind them from small arms and mortar batteries. After many near misses, we finally beached in heavy surf at 07.50, leaving us about 150 yards to run to the top of the beach, where I became aware of a group of a dozen men sitting quietly, apparently gazing out to sea – it took a few moments to realise that they were Germans who had been flushed out of their beach defence post!

'Our beach sector, Item & Jig – Gold Area, was being enfiladed from a strategic pill box which the RAF had unfortunately missed. We were consequently confined to the narrow beachhead between the high-water mark and the sand dunes, behind which in the marshes the Germans were accurately targeting us with mortar fire. It is a bit unnerving to

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see someone drop a bomb down a spout, knowing it is to be aimed in your direction! They departed shortly afterwards, but the fire from the pill box persisted. I drove along the top of the beach to a disabled tank which was providing welcome shelter for a number of our wounded. The tank was a great boon to us because it gave a narrow cone of cover from the pill box fire; without it, we would have been in much worse trouble.

'I was forced to stop clearance of beach obstacles. No landing craft could get ashore and only one tank got off our beach successfully on that first day, which succeeded in deafening the lot of us by blowing its waterproofing just before going inland to support the marine commandos.

'During the afternoon, accompanied by Colonel Cooper, I went on a recce along the beach and into Arromanches and Le Hamel. The inhabitants had been forewarned the previous day by the Resistance and every single person had departed during the night Arromanches was completely deserted and very eerie. On our way back to the beach, we heard a noise in a cottage. The colonel rapped on the door and, to our astonishment, an old lady appeared and seemed quite unconcerned. She had apparently been there all day, carrying out her household chores as usual, although the cottage backed on to the pill box which had caused us so much trouble.

'From D-Day on, for several weeks, priorities changed from hour to hour. The weather got worse again and life became fairly chaotic but was full of variety and interest. A time of light relief was 'le quatorze juillet' when the French did even more justice than usual to their annual celebration – at last they could anticipate freedom. Our colonel gave a marvellous speech in honour of the occasion, which nobody understood but everyone appreciated the general gist! 'I was in France for this momentous occasion and will never forget or regret the experience. The very size of 'Overlord' and all it stood for was unbelievable and it was a privilege to take part.'

GEOFFREY SUCKLING recalled the part he played on D-Day: 'As a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, I was appointed to LST 413 for the Normandy landings. This was one of the earlier breed of Landing Ship Tanks, being of

approximately 3,000 tons with a large tank deck capable of carrying up to 40 tanks, and an upper deck taking about 40 other sorts of vehicles. Each such upper deck vehicle was raised individually by internal lift. There were also the accompanying personnel. We were to act as a ferry between Portsmouth and the various code-named beaches. We carried just about as many sick bay attendants as crew (about 18), plus 2 doctors and a surgeon, for as soon as we had unloaded on the beach the drill was that we converted the tank deck into a giant sick bay with a surgery, able to carry back to hospital in England up to 1,000 stretcher cases from the beach-head, the medical team performing wonders on the way,

'Our landings were timed to be soon after high water (on a falling tide). We were armed only with Bofor machine guns and hand-held weapons. Each ship carried its own barrage balloon to discourage low-level enemy aircraft attacks. Our instructions were to charge our landing ship (when commanded to do so) onto the beach at full speed which was about 12 knots (15 mph), Before getting into position to do so, the ship had to be trimmed to suit the slope of the beach by using the ballast tanks. All vehicles were chained to the deck and personnel had to brace themselves hard for the actual landing. A series of sharp bumps were normally experienced before coming to an abrupt halt. Nothing could be left unsecured.

We were loaded the previous day and our flotilla waited at anchor at Spithead for further instructions. The ships responsible for the bombardment of the Normandy coast had gone ahead and an enormous fleet had assembled to follow. A channel was being swept and buoyed all the way across the English Channel to the French beaches. The weather was stormy and as unkind as our weather can be. The way across was just a mass of ships and vessels with diverse specialities and amphibians moving towards the beaches. When called for the run-in on to the beach, our flotilla had to approach in line ahead. The flotilla leader first, with the next ship moving gracefully to port before dropping the stern anchor and landing next to him, and so on. There was one important thing to get right and that was to drop the stern anchor



Geoff Suckling

when we were two cable-lengths off the beach. Too soon and you lose your anchor – too late and you have insufficient purchase to help you get off the beach again. At the same time, it was important not to foul the next ship's anchor. The noise of battle all around was very off-putting to the concentration needed for this hazardous manoeuvre. As mentioned, the weather was not good, with a cross wind.

'When our turn came for our first 'landing' instead of gracefully moving to port, the strong wind blew us back in line ahead and BANG, we rammed the ship ahead, fouling its anchor at the same time. The ship ahead went further up the beach than planned and our plans were disorientated. To say that we were not popular would be an understatement! Unfortunately, our bow doors were so badly damaged that they could not be opened so we had to return to Portsmouth with our load of eager but frustrated warriors. There, the doors had to be forcibly removed entirely and thereafter we plied to and fro across the Channel without them! We were in no danger of sinking as inside the doors (that were) there was a ramp which could still be closed fairly watertight. It just meant that we did not cut through the water as elegantly as others. We were well recognised as the only landing ship without bow doors!

In the weeks that followed, we were involved in other unusual episodes which led to the promotion of our captain and the recovery of the ship's pride. We made numerous crossings to the Normandy beaches until 21st August when the German line of retreat was finally cut off and the Battle of Normandy was over.'

Some of Geoff's unpublished photographs



For technical reasons we were unable to include photographs in the 1994 article, but fortunately his widow, Jean has kept many of Geoff's pictures. Top left: Vehicles on top decks of LSTs; Top right: An LST landing its cargo onto the beach. Below left: Stretchers of wounded filling the tank deck for the return journey. Bottom right: An LST with its bow doors open showing how the ramp closes off the bottom deck.

Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society July Village Show – Last minute tips for intending exhibitors!

Page 6 of your Schedule gives you Hints and Instructions but here is a bit of personal advice by one who has fallen into many of the fatal traps....

1 The golden rule must be to take notice of the requirements of the schedule. 5 raspberries means 5 and it's so easy, especially if you bring one extra in case of accidents, to leave it on the plate as you decide which to exhibit. Result = N/A (not according to schedule) = won't be judged, however beautiful they are!



2 If you can, avoid entering flowers or herbs with leaves that have holes or signs of insect damage. You can always remove the offending leaf or two if you need to.

3 Dimensions are crucial, both in flower arranging and the size of your courgettes as well as pots. Where these are mentioned, you must keep to them!

4 Uniformity is to be aimed at where possible, say when choosing potatoes. It always seems to me that if I only had to produce 5, rather than 6, that I would have the perfect entry. Nevertheless, we all have the same problems so 'Nil desperandum'.

5 Staging, or presentation is another factor. Although I do not grow onions, I admire the way they are tied over with raffia and staged on soft rings – very time-consuming though! Try to avoid removing too many layers of skin. This

goes for shallots too.

6 If you are unsure about your peas, you can shine a torch through the pod to see if has its full complement. Leave a little stalk on, similarly with beans.

7 Carrots go limp more quickly if you leave all the greenery on so cut back to about 3". (I often wonder why 'priced' carrots are sold that way when they don't retain their snap for as long.)

8 In the May magazine the Garden Shed article on preparing for the show mentioned bikini vases, and the use of oasis, advice worth following for flower entries.

9 Apples should always be presented rose end upwards even if they wobble a bit on their stalks!

The main thing is not to get stressed and treat it all as a bit of good fun.

Good luck!

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Cryptic Delicacies

From talking to solvers and seeing how they go about looking at clues and the pitfalls they drop into, I thought it might be an idea to reinforce some of the key points in approaching cryptic clues.

Don't forget that the secret to solving cryptic crosswords is the analytical breaking down of clues, avoiding being swayed by the surface reading. Look for the possible definition part of the clue, look for the indicators that tell you what type of clue it might be, use your internal thesaurus to think about all the different meanings of the individual words and phrases (especially those that are not in the sense being used in the surface reading of the clue). There can be a temptation to just jump into looking for letters that can be anagrammed, but there is no point doing that if there is no anagram indicator (though admittedly all sorts of unusual words can be used to suggest an anagram and some may require a bit of thought to see that they mean to mix up or muddle or explode things about). Sometimes just understanding what type of clue it is can suddenly make it very easy – for example, hidden word clues can appear very difficult

to get a handle on initially but then that little word 'in' can start a search for sequences of letters that might fit. I hope that helps (a bit!). From last month:

20 Maybe ring leader for 1, 10, 11, or 18? (7)

DEFINITION: Maybe ring

The answers to the numbered clues pointed to were SPORTS, PRINTS, DERMATITIS, PROCESS and a 'leader' that turns those words into phrases is CONTACT. 'Maybe' points to a word being an example of something, so to 'ring' is a way to 'CONTACT' someone. The key to this clue is looking below the surface of 'ring leader' – it is such an established combination that you almost view it as one word, but to solve the clue you must split it and think about its two components in isolation

ANSWER = CONTACT

It's a long time since the Contact Process has come into my consciousness, but I remembered it from O Level Chemistry – it's the method for producing sulphuric acid on an industrial scale. It was patented in 1831 by British vinegar merchant Peregrine Phillips, and a key part of it was the use of platinum as

a catalyst (since replaced by vanadium pentoxide).



13 Punch leads to this servant being in bed, doubtless first to get the chop (5,3)

DEFINITION: Punch leads to this

The first letter of 'doubtless' is D which gets the chop from 'bed' to leave BE and then you put 'Servant' = LACKEY into that.

ANSWER = BLACK EYE

5 Staff crept around in suave clothing (7)

DEFINITION: Staff

The 'clothing' of 'Suave' is its outside letters i.e. S & E and then anagram around 'CREPT' to put in the middle

ANSWER = SCEPTRE

17 Study in back bar, drinking a single unit (4,2)

DEFINITION: 'bar' = PUB, read backwards is BUP which drinks 'a single unit' = ONE

ANSWER = BONE UP

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



At the end of May we bade a sad farewell to Suzanne Taylor, the Manager of Catering and Retail at the

National Trust Box Hill Update

Box Hill Café and Served for over 30 years. She has seen and implemented huge changes up here and will be very much missed. Hal will be taking over in the middle of June. He brings with him experience in dealing with large numbers of hungry customers so hopefully will take our weekend visitor numbers in his stride.

Works continue on our water supply and drainage. Most of the work in front of the Served and café has been completed but there is still much going on behind the scenes which is making service challenging. Please bear with us if we don't have everything you would like. We are doing our best to keep things as normal as possible. With any luck everything will back to

normal by the end of July.

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Trish Manuell

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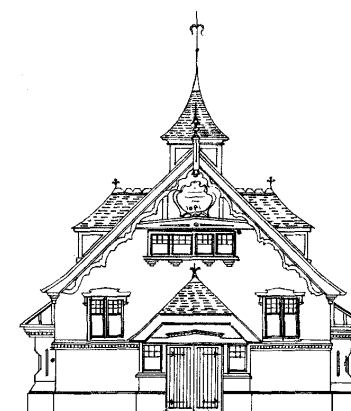


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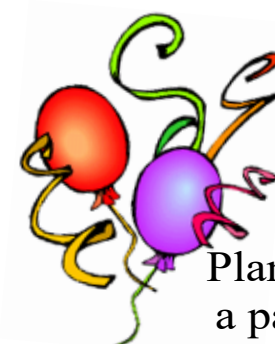


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5 Friday 11 am
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Box Hill School Flag Service in church
Village Fête and Horticultural Society
Summer Show

7 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8 am
10 am

Holy Communion
Family Service with Baptism of
Layla Charalambous

14 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8 am
10 am
11.30 am

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer at the Chapel

16 Tuesday 6.30 pm

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Men's Breakfast. Running Horses

20 Saturday 9 am

Holy Communion
Holy Communion

21 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8 am
10 am

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refreshments in the Rectory garden

22 Monday 3 pm
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27 Saturday 9 am
3pm

Holy Communion at the Chapel
Holy Communion

28 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8 am
10 am

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29 Monday 7.30 pm

August

4 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8 am
10 am

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Stephen was born in Manchester and attended Ashville College, Harrogate with which he maintained a lifelong association. He studied law at Leeds university and became an articled clerk to a firm of solicitors in Middlesex where he subsequently became a senior partner, staying with the firm for 33 years, his subject being family law. Whilst there, Stephen was invited to become a circuit judge, a great honour in those days. This was a part-time job, alongside his main employment, and involved hearing cases in courts throughout south-east England. Immediately after retirement from his firm, he was invited to become a judge at Brighton Family Court. He held this position for 12 years. It was a great joke in the family that he retired on a Friday only to start working again the next Monday!

Always involved in family law throughout his career, inevitably the cases before Stephen were very tricky, complex and heart-breaking, involving child abuse, family break-ups and adoption. It was a great tribute to him that, faced with all he had to deal with at court, away from it he was always so jolly and known for his ready wit and sense of fun. His success must have been the result of his light-hearted personality counter-balancing the



terrible situations he had to hear and pronounce judgement on in the course of his job.

Stephen loved driving and was passionate about classic cars. He was prominent in the neighbourhood in his Alvis, Humber, Triumph or Morris 8. He acquired many friends of like mind and organised what he called his 'Judicial Jaunts', meeting them at topical venues all over the country, especially his beloved Yorkshire where he and Joyce had a cottage in Swaledale. He would arrange all the accommodation, entertainment and places of interest to visit. On the home front, his organisational skills extended recently to being Hon Secretary of Westhumble Talks for four years, finding a wide range of interesting subjects and speakers.

He was a very generous man with his time. Stephen's wife, Joyce, says 'he would do anything for anybody', a sentiment with which many of his friends and neighbours would agree. He was often taking them on hospital visits or other missions. Over time, he was also involved in several charities: Chairman of the National Council for One-Parent Families, Chairman of Mediation in Divorce, Vice Chairman of St Peter's NHS Trust in Chertsey and Chairman of the Governors of Manor House School, Bookham.

Stephen will be greatly missed by his wide circle of family and friends. We send our sincere condolences to Joyce, Caroline and Elizabeth, and their four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Liz Weller



**THROUGH
THROUGH**

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Following David Ireland's award of the British Empire Medal in last year's Queen's Birthday Honours, he and Angela attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 29th May.

Wedding celebrations 60 years apart



Mark and Georgie McKellar after their wedding at St Michael's on 25th May 2019



Val and Mick Hallett after their wedding at St Martin's Church Ruislip, on 27th June 1959

Community News

Farewell to Helen and Dave Pollard who have moved from Burney Road.

Welcome to Jonathan and Kay Rawson-Cain who have moved into Burney Road (Much to the delight of Cathy Cain in Pilgrims Way) and look forward to meeting their neighbours.

Many thanks to Tony and Val Butler for making their field available for parking when Westhumble Street was closed for installation of a water main.

Congratulations and best wishes to • Georgie Kennington and Mark McKellar who were married in St Michael's on 25th May. Georgie is the younger daughter of David and Tracy Kennington of Headley Lane.

• Val and Mick Hallet of Chapel Lane who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 27th June.

Janet Gosling

With sadness we report the death, on 7th June, of Janet Gosling, widow of Tony, long-time residents of Burney Road. We send our condolences to Stuart and family.

Marathon Success

Kayleigh Brake writes...

I did it! On 28th April I successfully completed the 26.2 miles around London in a time several hours faster than I expected.

Despite not being as well trained as I had hoped, due to various illnesses and injuries leading up to the event, I thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a fantastic, well-organized run.

I felt privileged to be running for Great Ormond Street Hospital and have so far raised almost £2700. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their generous donations as well as their support during the lead up to the event. I would especially like to thank Jacob Hunter who encouraged me to get out and train, helped organize my fundraising events and also effortlessly



trekked across London to meet me at numerous points along the course, providing me with much needed encouragement on the day.

Having done one marathon... I am certainly in no hurry to run another!

Gift boxes for hospice patients

Nicky Rudolf is collecting small items to fill gift boxes for patients at Princess Alice Hospice. She would welcome anything you think they might need or that could bring them some snippets of joy. If you would like to help, please contact Nicky on nickyrudolf@hotmail.co.uk

Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group Guided Tour of Charlwood 6th June

We began our visit with lunch at the Half Moon pub where we met our guide, Brendon Sewill. The Sewill family moved to Charlwood from Reigate in the early 1930s when Brendon was three years old and he has lived there ever since. He has been involved in a number of local conservation and restoration projects and for many years was Chairman of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign, which seeks to protect the environment around Gatwick and has led successful campaigns against the building of a second airport runway.

After lunch we assembled in front of the War Memorial, commemorating 62 local men who died in WW1 and 19 in WW2. Walking through the churchyard we were surprised to hear that the Charlwood stone path is Grade II listed. St Nicholas's Church itself is Grade I listed and dates back to 1080. An enormous yew tree in the churchyard is even older; it is believed to predate the church by at least a century. A Norman window and arch survive from the original church. In the late 13th century, the Gatwyck family built a new aisle on the south side of the church to create more space and installed an impressive oak door which is still in use. The medieval wall paintings, for which the church is famous, were created at this time. Their subject matter is not for the faint-hearted: one set depicts St Margaret being swallowed by a dragon and later decapitated, a second painting shows three scholars who had been chopped up for meat before being brought back to life by St Nicholas and a third shows three young men confronted by three skeletal images as a reminder of their own mortality. In 1480, the Saunders family built a chantry chapel at the end of the south aisle, separated from it by a remarkable carved wood screen. The church originally had a thatched roof and Brendon pointed out the outline of this steeper roof, still visible on the outside of the tower.

We set off through the village and learned that Charlwood has 28 medieval hall houses, more than any other parish in Surrey. These were originally open

hall houses where the fire was in the centre of the main room, known as the hall, and the smoke went up and out through the roof. In later years many of these houses had a brick chimney added, either inside the existing structure if there was room or built outside the end wall. Following the Enclosure Act and the coming of the railway in the 1840s, many new houses were built close to what had been the village commons and the old medieval houses became hidden away behind the Victorian ones. The oldest house in Charlwood is one of The Cottages, built in 1402 and located opposite the Half Moon. Previously a single dwelling, it is now two cottages and one of several houses in the village whose age has been determined using dendrochronology.

Continuing through the village we inspected the village lock-up, known as The Cage, where prisoners were kept before being sent to trial. Although now used as a storeroom, the bars on the ceiling which prevented prisoners from escaping are still intact. As we walked down Rosemary Lane, where there is no vehicular access, and passed Tudor Cottage (built 1450) and Rosemary Cottage (built 1640) it felt as though we had left the 21st century behind. At the end of the lane (and now definitely back to reality) we spotted the bright blue metal railings of Charlwood Primary School, which Ben Tatham told us shares a bursar with St Michael's School in Mickleham. This 'new' school was built in 1913 but almost three centuries earlier in 1620 the Rector, John Bristow, had started a school for a few poor boys

Photographs: Judith Long & Ben Tatham



in a small cottage. Brendon told us that at the start of WW2 his mother, who had the position of Billeting Officer, was tasked with sorting out accommodation for several hundred children who had been evacuated from London.

We then had a quick look at Mores with its Horsham stone roof and further down Swan Lane admired the picturesque Swan Cottage. Our final stop was the Providence Chapel, completely different from anything else we had seen. This building began life in Horsham as the guardroom of barracks erected during the Napoleonic Wars. In July 1815, a month after the Battle of Waterloo, the building was bought by Joseph Flint of Charlwood and transported there on horse-drawn carts. It was rebuilt for use as a Nonconformist chapel and had a large congregation during the 19th century. However, by the time the last member of the congregation died in 2013 the building, which is Grade II* listed, needed substantial repairs and was put up for sale. Brendon, together with five others, formed the Providence Chapel Charlwood Trust to restore the building and bought it for £1. They obtained funding from several organisations but most of the restoration costs came from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It must have been an exciting day for everyone concerned when the building reopened in April this year. After a very welcome cup of tea, all that remained was to thank Brendon for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and to hope we can come back to Charlwood for a second tour. There is certainly much more to see.

Judith Long



Above: The Cage 18th century.
Left: Swan Cottage, a half-timbered open hall cottage – chimney built later – originally thatched.

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It is coming up to that time again when we lock horns with 'The Runners' in our annual cricket challenge match. We have been very narrowly defeated in the last two matches.

So the score now stands at 4:1 to them. This year will be different for sure, but we will need all the support we can muster. So please come along to Box Hill school on Tuesday 16th July at 6.30 pm. It will be a fun afternoon and as usual I will supply rolls for the teams and supporters, with Greg Ayton providing an honesty bar for refreshments. Last year was the best so far for support, so hopefully we can build on that.

Our Summer Gin Festival is underway come along and come along and collect your 'gin passport' to begin your journey.

See you soon, Eamonn Anne and team

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Big Nature Week at Juniper Hall

FSC Juniper Hall would like to say a huge thank you to all those who came along to our BioBlitz and family nature day on Saturday 25th May. Around 118 people recorded 198 different species in our biological records of plant, fungi and animal on the Juniper Hall site. This was preceded during the week with St Michael's School and Nursery who joined us to carry out their own surveys. They then spent Friday in a day of nature workshops at school.

A biological record is essentially a point on a map showing you that a certain species was found at that location on a certain date. If you see an organism you know how to identify in your garden, while out walking, or anywhere, you can create a biological record. Some people are active recorders recording on a weekly or even daily basis, some just send in casual records when they are out and about.

Each record includes:

- What was found
- Who found it
- Where it was found
- Date it was found

While the results from our survey are too small to analyse on a local scale yet, this does make it so much easier and better to do so in the future. However, it has been added to nbnatlas.org, a source of over 222 million records across the UK.

Effective nature conservation decisions depend on the availability of biological records. A biological record is a point on a map showing that a species was found there at a particular time, so these points can help to monitor species.

If a rare species is recorded in an area, then that area will (hopefully) receive some sort of protection to prevent any disturbance occurring there. The records of any species can also be compared to other locations, other species and times to monitor how their abundance and distributions are changing. For example:

- Are they increasing in numbers or decreasing?
- Are they colonising new areas or disappearing from others?

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Above: Using a field guide to identify species of invertebrates.
Right: Humane traps used in animal studies.

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INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

On Saturday 18th May, Box Hill School
hosted its annual Prize Giving and
Speech Day, one of the most important
dates in our school calendar.

The proceedings commenced with a
speech from Trevor Johnson, Chair of
the Board of Governors, who marked
this special day with an outline of the
history of the school and reference to
the celebration of the 60th Anniversary
year. He also spoke about the future
ambitions of the school such as plans
for the Creative Arts Hub.

Our guest speakers were two former
students: Jeremy Taylor, the school's
first ever Head Boy who attended
BHS from 1959-1962 and Melanie
Thorn, BHS 2005-2012, who had
been Head Girl. They spoke movingly

Garden Shed: Behind the Scenes at Hampton Court

A group from the Garden Shed
enjoyed a very interesting visit to
Hampton Court one Saturday in May.
We were taken to an area that the
general public normally never visit by
the palace's Horticultural Supervisor,
Martin Eincomb.

Tucked behind the towering architecture
of Hampton Court Building, the
greenhouses were a hive of activity. The
grounds staff were preparing to move
the plants into their new homes for the
summer. These included thousands of
bedding plants propagated over the
winter and vast rows of citrus trees.
Each one planted in a hardwood barrel,
especially made in Europe.

One greenhouse stores unusual ferns
and exotic plants. Most are moved out
for display in the summer around the
gardens. Martin explained that Queen
Mary II (1662 – 1694) had a great
passion for collecting, cultivating, and
displaying Exotick (correct 17th century
spelling) plants from all over the world.
At the time of her death her collection
numbered 2,000 species. The collection
declined during later reigns and died
out during the First World War, as the

about their time at the school and the
great preparation for life that it had
provided. The ethos of Box Hill School
remains true to its origins, as relevant
and progressive today as it was when
the school was founded in 1959.

During Speech Day and Prize Giving
over 100 pupils from Year 7 – Year 13
received prizes recognising their overall
effort and achievement in multiple
subjects across the curriculum.

In the evening, the marquee was
transformed into a Diamond Anniversary
ballroom for the biggest ever Parents'
Association Ball! A highlight of the
evening was the amazing performance
of Michael and Nika Foskett (Alumni of
the school and WDC World and British
Open Ballroom Champions) who gave
a show stopping dancing display. Lots
of money was raised for our three
worthy causes and a brilliant time was
had by all. These events were followed
by an alumni picnic on the Sunday,
well attended by former pupils keen to



see the school as it is now. All in all, a
fabulous weekend of celebrations with
participation from across the school's
community.
Lily McKeown

war effort and lack of manpower meant
relevant care and attention was not
available.

The re-introduction of tender exotics
was inspired by the restoration of
the Privy Garden in 1995 as exotics
would have been a key element of
this particular layout. Since 1987,
the Gardens and Estate team, have

been building up the collection. It was
fascinating to see these rare plants
thriving at Hampton Court.

We were very impressed by the
dedication and hard work of Martin
and his team and the scale of the
work behind the scenes to produce
the wonderful display for the public to
enjoy in the palace gardens.



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As I write this our final term of the year has begun, and it is already bursting with activities: mark making in the sand, dress designing, using recycled goods to make models, and continuing to use our fine motor skills chopping fruit and vegetables. I think we will all need to find some inner balance when the term ends.

For spring our activities were focused around growth, and as the children's beans are all starting to sprout (with lots of watering and nurturing at home) we decided that this year's end of term show should be 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are already in the middle of learning our songs and perfecting our story-telling skills.

We have also begun practising for our annual sports day, and in keeping

It's all a balancing act

with our summer balance theme the children are developing their physical competence skills using flowerpot stilts and obstacle courses. Balance, postural control and symmetry all help children develop the basic skills for any future physical activity, and helps them to grow in strength, develop new skills and gain confidence.

From physical balance, to balance in our time. Summer term is always one of reflection. We have watched with excitement as eighteen new youngsters settled in and found their way in our nursery. We have seen them grow and develop new skills and make new friends. We have seen their parents and careers grow in confidence too, as they find a new way of balancing morning routines and independent children. At the end of the term sadly we say goodbye to those we have had the privilege of watching grow over the past couple of years move on to start their new journey at school. The balance of familiar tips into a world of unknown, yet we have the confidence to trust that the foundations we have laid at St Michael's Community Nursery

stand them in good stead for an easy transition into their new learning environment.

We will also be saying farewell to one of our practitioners, Bev. She will be remembered by many of our past children and parents as super fun-loving, very caring and the best story-reader ever. Bev is following a long-term dream job and joining the midwifery team at The Royal Surrey County Hospital. We are very sad to lose her but, wish her the very best in her new job.

And finally, we start to make the preparations to welcome a new group of children starting their education adventure in September. It's a cycle that we have become very familiar with now, and every year we work to balance the needs of our families, staff and community to ensure an enriched experience is had by all.

Whatever your stage, we wish you all a treasured summer making memories with your family and friends, and we look forward to sharing with you our new terms activities in September.

Hilary Budd



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RUN FOR LIFE Muddy Run in Guildford Saturday 27th July

Gill Wilson writes ... Cancer is such a killer disease and affects all of us one way or another. The Bathurst and Wilson families want to do something to raise money to support research while having some fun. Isabel and I with our children are joining together to raise as much money as possible by taking part in the Muddy Run in Guildford.

We would really appreciate any donations through our justgiving pages as follows:

Isabel, Georgina and Henry: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/isabels-race-for-life-1811>

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Summer Term Fun

They say time flies when you are having fun and we can hardly believe we are into our family's final term at St Michael's.

Each year, some of the fundraising efforts of the Friends of St Michael's are put towards subsidising school trips for every year group. As a small school we don't enjoy the economies of scale that others do but we are determined that all our pupils can enjoy the benefits of school trips. These include helping to reinforce what the children have been learning in the classroom from a different perspective, confidence building, personal and social development, and of course the fun aspects of an educational visit and a break from routine.

Our Year 2 pupils had a fantastic day at Chessington Zoo, learning about different animal habitats. Year 1 headed off to Chertsey Toy Museum to discover toys from the past: how they worked, what they were made of and how toys have changed over time. Our youngest Reception children had a sunny day at

Fishers Farm meeting a range of animals and finding out how the farm operates.

Thanks to our friends at Juniper Hall, the children also enjoyed an entire week of learning more about the world around us as part of 'Big Nature Week'. Each class had a day of nature-based activities and learning at Juniper Hall, before the team visited us at school for a full day of nature workshops for the whole school.

Coming up we have our first ever 'Great St Michael's Bake Off'. The aroma of delicious cakes and biscuits will be wafting through the village as our bakers young and old compete for a prize. Thanks to our Governors who are taking on roles as Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood to judge!

We are delighted to support the village fête and will be manning several stands including the BBQ. The children will be doing some country dancing and singing – this is always a popular event for our families. We are also looking forward to meeting some of the new families at the event who will be



joining the school in September.

Finally, we are tantalisingly close to hitting our target for our Sound Clouds project and hope that with a final push we may be able to get them installed this summer. Through a sponsored scoot and 'bob-a-job'- type scheme the children have raised enough to buy two of their own clouds which is brilliant. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in this ambitious project.

Debbie Turner
Retiring Co-Chair,
The Friends of St Michael's



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Solution to the June crossword

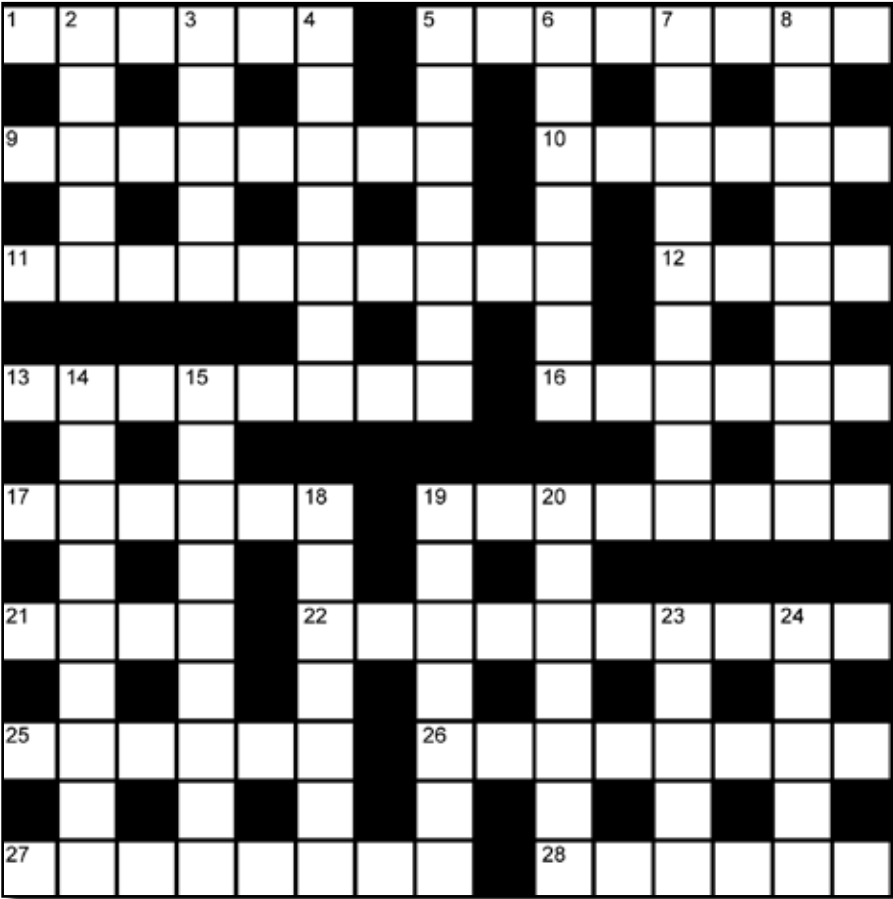
Across: 1 Sports, 5 Stopcock, 9 Parasite, 10 Prints, 11 Dermatitis, 12 Kids, 13 Black eye, 16 Sleazy, 17 Bone up, 19 Ancestry, 21 Jack, 22 Out on a limb, 25 Divide, 26 Spacious, 27 Jettison, 28 Tossed

Down: 2 Phase, 3 Realm, 4 Spittle, 5 Sceptre, 6 Opposes, 7 Chickpeas, 8 Cote d'Azur, 14 Look-alike, 15 Checklist, 18 Process, 19 Artisan, 20 Contact, 23 Lairs, 24 Mauve

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1 Butterflies maybe result when computing firm caught in kinky sex (6)
- 5 Airhead schmuck happening to be someone known for their hits (8)
- 9 I cry after turning on heel to find dream car (8)
- 10 In fright, start to shiver to the backside with skinhead's touch (6)
- 11 Fancy creeps on fancier pairs going out to the strain of a fruit sounding like them (10)
- 12 Breastwork is what a lord likes for starters (4)
- 13 Problems with cramp in orgies as Oscar leaves for things he said (8)
- 16 Limited pen, limited pen (6)
- 17 Model of car perhaps goes back in to a make of car (6)
- 19 Very cautious about boy being cleaner (8)
- 21 Point-to-point story is about Nijinsky's nose (4)
- 22 Keen sniper out to get those behind bars (10)
- 25 Confuses the bar maid (6)
- 26 Fallon beginning to be charged for brushing constituent (8)
- 27 Being down on one knee having puff or taking in air (8)
- 28 Prepare base to avoid attention (3,3)



Down

- 2 When being explicit I would briefly state this (5)
- 3 Richard has a face for rock (5)
- 4 Sadly, I am late – rare tree has gone into disorder (7)
- 5 Account for money in graves? (7)
- 6 Shoots sitting targets (7)
- 7 Endless 8 dance for eccentric (9)
- 8 Nudist drinks ale, getting drunk and fat? (9)
- 14 Free to rip loose and make a killing (9)
- 15 March is silly person's September but without starting to set coal ablaze (5,4)
- 18 Strangely mislaid a new dog's nose and I mislaid a bat and a cat? (7)
- 19 I have talk about something with needles (7)
- 20 Neutral is free from entering as topless double (7)
- 23 Somebody who could be guilty before 11, 12, 21, or 18 (5)
- 24 Show nothing after staff exit begins (5)

Andrew Tatham

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Two views of the 1,000-year-old yew tree in Charlwood churchyard. A few years ago it was set alight by youths smoking in it, thus the damage seen in the picture on the right.



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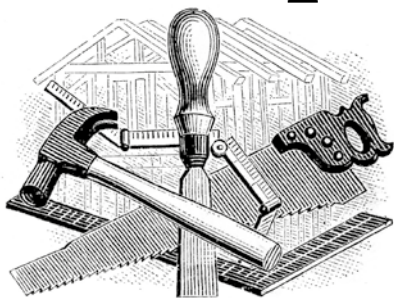
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