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Dear friends

God is good!

A few weeks before Malcolm's last Sunday, a certain John Harkin rang me to talk about his daughter Katie's wedding in February 2018. After we had talked through some of the details, because John and I had never spoken before, nor met, we shared something of our stories of life and ministry.

As John was telling me about the very happy time he and the family had had in Mickleham, and that he would be coming up to retirement in 2018, a thought sprang unbidden into my mind – I wonder if he would ever consider returning to Mickleham?

Before I said a word, John somewhat hesitantly told me about a thought that had sprung unbidden into his mind – he told me that he and Sue had been spending their prayer times waiting on the Lord to give them some indication of where He was calling them next, and that they had had a strong prompting to explore a return to Mickleham. Imagine our mutual surprise and joy!

As you will know, following a period of consultation, meetings and prayerful reflection, I was able to offer John the post as Mickleham's Parish Priest, an offer subsequently endorsed by Bishop Andrew.

I know that we are all looking forward to welcoming John and Sue back to St Michael's at the licensing service at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd April 2018. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to be there, to celebrate this new ministry, both at the service itself and the refreshments afterwards.

I am really looking forward to serving you alongside John as he and Ian and I grow together in our discipleship.

May I wish you joy this Eastertide.

Kindest regards,

Graham

Photographer Ben Tatham



Box Hill on Sunday 18th March

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Get Well Soon

Sue Tatham has just come home from hospital at the time of writing, recuperating from a planned, but major, operation. She is reported to be making good progress and we wish her well in her recovery. She was working until the last minute before her departure for hospital getting this magazine into shape so that her co-editor had the minimum of effort in getting it ready for print. There cannot be a moment when Sue is not thinking about the magazine and what needs to be done to keep it on the road, and, you will no



doubt agree, flourishing. She goes well beyond the call of duty in her devotion to the magazine, and by association, the community it serves; and we are all extremely grateful to her.

Thank you, and get well soon, Sue.

Ed

The Mission to Seafarers this year's knitting charity

Last year, through the kindness and skills of many of you we were able to send over than 40 baby blankets to Sands, and thereby support many families struggling to come to terms with neonatal death.

This year we are supporting the Mission to Seafarers by knitting hats, scarves, gloves and balaclavas which can be sent to the many mission centres in seaports around the world. Should a seaman (or woman) need a new hat etc., they will find a box from which to take one, free of charge, in each mission building. The Mission does a wonderful job in supporting seafarers emotionally and practically by offering for example, employment advice, emotional support and in some cases, a place of safety following an accident.

The knitwear can be of any colour but must be suitable for an adult and scarves should not be more than ten inches wide and five feet long. I have some simple hat, glove and balaclava patterns from the Mission, should you wish to use one or you can 'do your own thing'. If you are unable to knit but would like to help, please team up with a friend and buy some wool to be knitted on your behalf.

Once again I will be sending your knitting in batches, and have been given a number of freepost labels for that purpose. Please drop your items off to me at home, or bring them to church. If you would like further information about the work of this charity, there are leaflets and DVDs at the back of church, so please help yourselves.

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Mothering Sunday Craft Morning

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Many families from St Michael's School joined in with the creative morning in the school hall on Mothering Sunday. There were all sorts of crafts to choose from; bead bracelets, button frames, figures to decorate, stones to draw, colourful kebabs and more. The morning passed swiftly and bags packed with art ready to give to mums were taken home. These special mornings take place three times a year: at Harvest, Christmas and today. The families are invited to St Michael's Church afterwards for a special Mothering Sunday service. Older and younger siblings of children at the school are also welcome, tea

and coffee are available and there is a small of suggested donation of £2 per child to help to cover the costs. Our thanks go to all of the volunteers from the community, who helped to ensure each activity ran smoothly. Also to the church who help to cover the costs. Do come along and join us for the next morning of making.

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Mickleham & Westhumble Local History Group

Time Gentlemen, Please: The Story of Dorking Pubs

On February 16th, following the AGM of the M&WLHG, we were treated to a very entertaining talk by David Langford about the history of Dorking pubs. David, together with Jim Docking, thoroughly researched the subject (requiring the enjoyable task of visiting the surviving pubs) for an exhibition at the Dorking Museum last year and published a book on the subject. Working out when and where the various hostelries were located turned out to be quite a challenge. Pubs and beerhouses would sometimes have their names changed and it was not uncommon for landlords to take the name of a pub with them when they moved to a different establishment. Some streets were also renamed. For example, East Street became High St, Back Lane became Church St and Church Lane is now North St. In the 1930s the Post Office added to the confusion by renumbering both South St and the High St.

David explained that the records from the 1892 Dorking Petty Sessions were an invaluable resource. These documents contain detailed information about each of the licensed premises in the area, including the names of both owner and licensee, whether tied to a brewery, distance from the nearest licensed house and the accommodation available. The type of clientele was also recorded, such as tradesmen, working men or 'respectable class of people'!

We learned about the major factors influencing the growth and decline of the pubs, namely the town market and trading, transport and travel and, perhaps the most significant, the Licensing Acts. In the late 16th and early 17th centuries pubs such as the Queen's Arms, the Chequers and the Bell opened near the old market hall which was close to Pump Corner where one of the town's main wells was located. More licensed premises opened as the market expanded along the High St and the services they provided were not just confined to drinking. Trading such as corn pitching took place where buyers could purchase corn more cheaply than at the market.



Ernest Arthur, grandfather of Clare McMillan of Westcott, outside the Railway Arms - now the Stepping Stones

Following the construction of the turnpike road in the mid-18th century and the resulting improvements in road travel, several coaching inns were established, the Bull's Head on South St and the White Horse on the High St being notable examples. With the coming of the railway a century later and the growing popularity of Box Hill, more licensed premises opened, including the Railway Arms in Westhumble (now the Stepping Stones).

In 1830 the Beerhouse Act reduced restrictions and taxes on the brewing and sale of beer. The government wanted to encourage people to drink beer rather than spirits to reduce public drunkenness. Consequently, the number of beerhouses increased significantly. By the end of the 19th century there were 46 licensed premises in the parish of Dorking. However, the influence of the temperance movement and the 1904 Licensing Act resulted in the closure of some. The 1904 Act gave magistrates the power to refuse to renew a pub's licence if they felt there were too many similar premises in the area.

David then told us about the history of some of the individual pubs and inns. We were intrigued to hear that the Rose and Crown on West St (where Christique is now located) had an underground passage leading from the cellar to a brothel across the street. In contrast, the Wheatsheaf on the High

Street (now home to the Quilt Room) had a large cock fighting pit in the cellar. The inn was also, reputedly, home to the largest hog in the land. After the hog and its keeper disappeared, the landlord reared a replacement hog. On the death of this second one, the landlord had it stuffed and put on display where it became quite an attraction.

The Red Lion, also on the High St, was built on the site formerly occupied by one of the town's oldest inns, the Cardinal's Hat, and has now been replaced by the rather less attractive building housing Oxfam and Vision Express. The Red Lion was one of the most important inns in Dorking. Court sessions were held there, and election results announced on the steps. In 1830 magistrates even read the Riot Act to an angry mob of starving labourers. On a less serious note, a demonstration of one of the first vacuum cleaners took place at the inn and a *Daily Express* correspondent attracted a crowd of about fifty people when he installed a television in his room in 1936.

At the end of the talk we were pleased to hear that David and Jim plan to extend their research to cover more of the pubs outside Dorking, including the Running Horses and William IV in Mickleham, and we very much look forward to the publication of their second book.

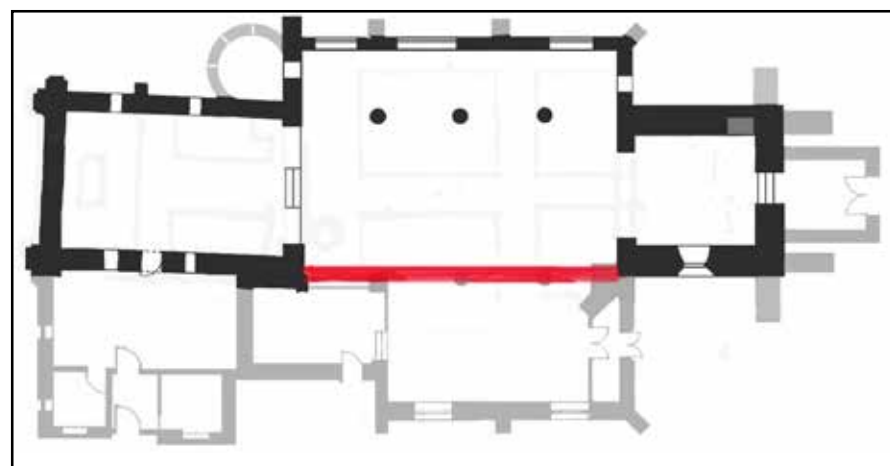
Judith Long

The Norman Church Of Weeping Chancels and Lepers' Squints

Second in a series of occasional articles on the history of Mickleham Church

My first article dealt with the church that was recorded in the 1086 Domesday Book. This has been described as having a flint tower and a straight nave and chancel, probably timber-built, about half the length of the present one. We also speculated that it could have been built originally, as early as 970 AD but that the nave may have been destroyed and re-built following various Viking invasions. Archaeological data suggests that it might have been built on a previous high-status Roman site. This time we will look at the 11th century Norman church.

Local historian Ronnie Shepperd records that c 1140 is given as the date for the tower (incorporating the lower portion of the Saxon structure including the window mentioned in the last article) and nave with a south aisle. The chancel was added later, c 1180. Later building work revealed that rude arches formed the heart of the lower walls. These 18-to-24-inch diameter arches varied in height and were formed of rough, untooled Reigate stones 6 x 7 inches square and 5 feet long, placed on their ends. The tops of the arches were roughly made. The remainder of the wall was built with rounded flint stones



Plan of the 1180 church superimposed on the footprint of today's church

and rubble, heavily plastered on the inside. The springing of the arches was about four feet from the paving of the church and all above that was solid flint. In typical Norman (Romanesque) style the rounded arches between the nave and the south aisle were supported by round pillars. These were made of rock chalk, possibly taken from the mine in Westhumble. This gives us the picture of a simple unpretentious building with a large tower.

One feature of Mickleham Church is that the chancel was not built in line

with the nave. This is occasionally found in ancient churches and is sometimes called a weeping chancel. In Victorian times it was thought to represent the dying Christ's head falling to his shoulder and was more often found in a cruciform (built in the shape of a cross) churches of this period. Ecclesiastical architects do not recognise this explanation.

One must then ask what other reason might there be for this misalignment in churches of a certain age. It is possible that it was merely a builder's miscalculation when the chancel was added to the nave. Another possible, and in my opinion more plausible, explanation is that during the >>>



Current photograph showing the off-centre chancel with its original 12th century arch.



One of the original lancet windows. Note the thickness of the wall. The stained glass is a Victorian addition.

>>> years between finishing the nave and starting the chancel there was a change in how to measure due east, which the altar should face. There is a theory that in medieval times east was determined by the position of the sunrise on the church's patronal feast day. A poem written in 1823 by Wordsworth supports this view.

Our churches, invariably perhaps, stand east and west, but why is by few persons exactly known; nor that the degree of deviation from due east often noticeable in the ancient ones was determined, in each particular case, by the point in the horizon at which the sun rose upon the day of the saint to whom the church was dedicated.

Subsequent studies have questioned the scientific basis for this theory. Much more sound is the suggestion that the calculations were done using a magnetic compass. This had been invented in the 11th century by the Chinese and studies suggest that it may have arrived in western Europe as early as the late 12th century. This subject continues to be studied by church scholars.

Present day calculations show that St Michael's realigned chancel does indeed face close to due east.

Despite extensive rebuilding in Victorian times several original features of the Norman church can be seen today. The four lancet windows in the side-walls of the chancel date from this time as does the chancel arch. This arch shows a double chevron bead and dogtooth ornament resembling the style of a chapel arch in the castle at Caen, built by William the Conqueror. Originally the arch was much lower but was raised



Left: The squint from the inside; Right: Outside view of west end of church showing position of the squint.

in the 19th century so that those seated in the gallery which was being added could see into the chancel.

Being able to see the 'raising of the host' was vital in the Roman Rite of Mass when the consecrated elements of bread and wine are raised and shown to the people during the celebration of the Eucharist.

This necessity brings us to another original feature: the small window in the west wall of the south aisle. Often referred to as leper's squints or hagioscopes, these small windows were built with inside walls angled so that those looking through could see

the altar and thus the raising of the host. From the inside of the church our squint appears far too high to serve this purpose, but outside one can see that the ground level reaches part-way up the wall (and may have been even higher in the 12th century) so that the squint was easily accessible.

The church described here remained essentially unchanged, but for a few additions eg windows, doors, porch, steeple etc, until the early 16th century when what we now know as the Norbury Chapel was built on the north side. That will be the subject of the next article.

Sue Tatham



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It is proposed that the first annual Classic Sports Car road race in Surrey will be held on the Sunday following the annual cycle race through the area.

The local part of the course will be predominantly through the villages of Mickleham, Box Hill and Westhumble and taking in three laps around Dorking town centre before heading off to London for a final sprint down the Embankment to the finish line opposite County Hall.

Concerns were raised by local residents regarding the possibility of damage to the structure of the Westhumble railway bridge from various old and heavy cars thundering over it. However, this concern has now been addressed.

The route of the race will be in the uphill direction through the village. It has been calculated that taking a racing line when approaching the bridge and maintaining a take-off speed of just over 121.7 mph, will allow all cars to cross the bridge without the wheels actually making contact with the road surface. In this case there should be no impact on the bridge whatsoever. It has also been agreed to limit speeds through the villages to 150 mph thus allowing the predicted thousands of spectators to take photographs.

There will be various covered pit lanes established throughout the course which will also add interest for the spectators. The local ones will be outside The Running Horses and The Stepping Stones public houses. This will have the added advantage of allowing the drivers to stop off for a quick one at The Steps en route and to conduct essential maintenance on their automobiles; this could also prove



A Bentley in the Mille Miglia

particularly useful before negotiating the Westhumble Bridge.

It was hoped to run the race in a similar style to the Mille Miglia in Italy and leave all roads open to the public throughout the race. However, due to the possibility of damage to the, in some cases, priceless cars, it was decided to close the roads for one hour to allow all the competitors to pass through unhindered.

Although provisional approval for the race has been granted, there are still some minor issues to be resolved before a definite date can be set. If discussions cannot be concluded in time for this year's race to go ahead, an alternative race date has been proposed of 1st April 2019.

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Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society Spring Show Plant Sale AGM

We are looking forward to welcoming lots our members on the morning of 14th April. If you are entering, please leave time to arrange your entries. If not, just come along anyway to view the show, meet friends, buy plants (to replace those lost in the cold and the snow?) and enjoy homemade coffee and cakes. And someone has to win the free tickets to the Hampton Court Show!

Some important announcements are to be made at the AGM so we very much hope members will attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Judith Kinloch

14th April 2018 Schedule

A. Cut Flowers	12 Flowering shrub - 3 stems, same variety	D. Cookery
1 Narcissus, including daffodils - single head, 3 stems	13 Vase of decorative foliage	23 A Simnel cake
2 Narcissus, including daffodils - multi-head, 3 stems	14 Vase of mixed garden flowers	E. Flower Arranging
3 Miniature narcissus-3 stems, same variety	B. Pot plants	24 'Spring Sunshine' - a small arrangement
4 Miniature narcissus-5 stems, mixed varieties	15 Foliage plant in a pot	25 'April Showers' - not more than 15" width, accessories may be used
5 Tulips - 3 stems, same variety	16 Pot or pan of bulbs	F. Photography
6 Tulips - 5 stems, mixed varieties	17 Flowering plant in a pot (other than bulbs)	26 'Remembering Winter'
7 Any other bulb - 3 stems, same variety	C. Produce	27 'A Flower Carpet'
8 Small vase of primulas	18 Three seedlings for planting out - vegetables or flowers, in one tray	G. Children's Classes-please state age (under 16)
9 Wallflowers - 3 stems	19 Tomato seedling - named variety	28 Photography: 'Remembering Winter'
10 Pansies - 5 blooms floating on water	20 Three sticks rhubarb	29 Photography: 'A Flower Carpet'
11 1 camellia bloom shown in a glass	21 A spring vegetable - please display on a dinner plate or similar	30 A spring flower arrangement: 'April Showers'
	22 Three leeks	31 A miniature scarecrow.

All entries to be brought to Mickleham Village Hall between 9 a.m. and 9.45 a.m.

The Plant Sale starts at 10.30 a.m. and the AGM at 11.15 a.m.

Entry forms to the Show Secretary, Mrs Angela Gilchrist, Ashleigh Grange, off Chapel Lane, Westhumble by Thursday 12th April. Please leave in the mail box at the end of the lane opposite Chapel Farm or email ar.gilchrist@btinternet.com by 8 p.m. at the latest.

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Sing Along Mamma Mia!
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The view from Michigan: relearning to appreciate the English countryside



I am not quite sure how it happened, but in recent years I have been attempting to build an academic career. During 2013-2016, I was kept busy working on a PhD at the University of Sussex. Because of declines in honey bee and wild bee numbers, government incentives encourage farmers to put flowers back into the countryside, and I was trying to work out whether these schemes were actually making a difference. This led to four busy summers wandering around the Sussex and Hampshire countryside counting bees along hedgerows, ditches, woodland edges and in flowery grasslands. Tough work, but someone had to do it. Once I completed my PhD I knew I wanted to keep working on bees, and I accepted a job doing just that at Michigan State University in the United States. This was quite an exciting move as I had not even visited the country before landing there on 29th January 2017.

Michigan is an interesting state; it is found in the centre of the Great Lakes region and so is surrounded by some 20% of the world's fresh water. It was extensively affected by glaciers during the last Ice Age, and much of the state is pancake flat as a result. The lakes have a moderating effect on the temperature, and a large blueberry and cherry industry has developed along Lake Michigan. In the east, the sandy-loamy soils support intensive agriculture, mostly maize and soybean but also pickling cucumber. This was a surprise to me as pickled cucumbers are

not exactly a prominent crop in the UK, but they love them over here.

As it turns out, Michigan is the second largest producer of blueberries and the largest producer of pickling cucumber in the US, and I was hired to work on projects focusing on these two crops. The US government pumps a lot of cash into agricultural research, a situation markedly different to that found in the UK, though almost all insect related funding here goes into finding new ways to kill pests!

My main research project was focusing on maintaining sustainable pollination and pest control in pickling cucumber. These cucumbers are grown in large fields over a 50- to 55-day period from planting to harvest. The agricultural landscape is evenly more intensively farmed than Cambridgeshire. Designed on a grid system, fields are tilled to within inches of the roads. The only patches of flowers can be found in drainage ditches, or on the edge of the small woodland blocks that can be found here and there. This lack of flowers means that there are very few native bees in these landscapes, and so farmers are almost completely dependent on rented honey bee hives.

Cucumbers have separate male and female flowers. On the morning they open, a bee must transfer sufficient pollen from one flower to another or no fruit will form. Beekeepers will bring hives of honey bees to cucumber fields where the foraging bees will visit and



Left: Beehives in a field and right: on a wagon

pollinate the flowers. It is a stressful life being an American honey bee – the beekeeping industry here is like nowhere else on Earth. Over 80% of all commercial hives (around two million) are trucked thousands of miles across the continent to California for almond bloom in February. From here, they are taken east and north to pollinate melon, apple, cherry, blueberry, cranberry and other crops before arriving at cucumber fields. After being locked up in a truck for days they are released into a landscape with few flowers. They must try to scratch a living from whatever weeds are available, and often end the season in poor shape as a result.

There are positive steps being taken to make sure that wild and managed bees will have a better time of it in the future. Federal funds support the creation of supplemental flower patches for bees to forage on, and my research will help farmer and beekeepers make more sustainable decisions. If nothing else, then my time here has certainly impressed upon me how lucky you all are to live in the beautiful Surrey Hills. Whilst things could certainly be improved, the UK countryside is, on the whole, a much friendlier place for bees than in many other parts of the world.

Thomas Wood

Thomas is the son of Alison and Mike Wood and grew up in Mickleham.

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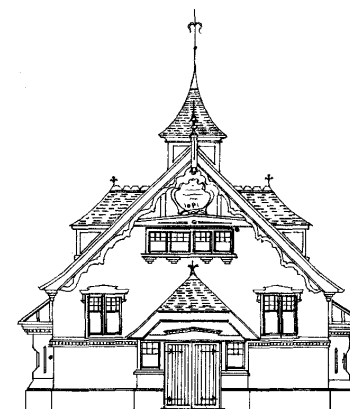


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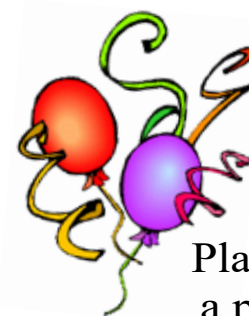
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8	SUNDAY 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Morning Prayer WESTHUMBLE CHAPEL
12	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study
14	Saturday	from 9.45 a.m.	Spring Show & Hort Soc AGM
15	SUNDAY 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church
19	Thursday	11 a.m.	Bible Study
21	Saturday	9 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
22	SUNDAY 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Chapel Holy Communion Licensing of John Harkin
23	Monday	7.30 p.m.	
28	Saturday	9 a.m.	Women's Breakfast
29	SUNDAY 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 3 p.m.	Holy Communion (Order 2) Holy Communion Tea@3 at Old House, Mickleham
30	Monday	3 p.m.	

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or speed to be unacceptable, preferably by ringing 101, if the nuisance is ongoing, or after the event by e-mailing <12011@surrey.pnn.police.uk>, or via their web-site https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/

The afternoon's event has been logged as an anti-social behaviour incident and it is also suggested that, for this event, or others in the future, we each inform the Environmental Health department at MVDC on 01306 885001 during office hours, or 01372 376533 out of hours.

This is not a new problem, but with fine weekends and spring evenings in prospect (it is to be hoped), it is unlikely to improve unless we make a concerted effort to complain every time we notice a clear infringement of speed limits and/or noise levels. The offenders show a total disregard for regulation and seem to be cocking a snook at the enforcing authorities. Residents may be surprised to hear that, at present, local police do not have the equipment to measure exhaust noise levels.

The Garden Shed

The fruit tree pruning course with Alex Valsecchi took place in February. It proved to be a great hit with everyone. Theory first, then Liz and John Absalom kindly allowed the participants to practice their new skills on the fruit trees on their property at Chapel Farm. How brave!

Ray Broughton was our speaker later in February - Gardening Month by Month. Ray achieved many qualifications including a distinction in the National Diploma in Horticulture and has been teaching a wide range of Horticultural subjects for more than 35 years. The audience were very impressed with his knowledge, and how he shared so many

practical tips for each gardening month. Here are just a few.

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We highly recommend that you join



us for his further talk on Pests and Diseases on 21st May. You will not be disappointed.

Susie Gowenlock

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Birch Tree Folk Choir is coming to Dorking

A new kind of choir is arriving in Dorking this April. Run by trained singer and psychotherapist Emily Heuvel, Birch Tree Folk Choir uses folk music to reconnect with a sense of self, body, and community; while simultaneously working to realign the nervous system and reduce stress, anxiety, depression, and more.

Emily writes:

In my work as a counsellor I see a lot of people who feel disconnected in one way or another. It was important to me to use folk music in this choir, because I think it offers a unique way of getting back in touch with who we are and where we have come from. Particularly when the music means something to you – if it has come out of your community, or is from where your

parents or grandparents are from – folk music invites you to take up your place in a line of people who have sung these songs before you; a line that stretches back as far as people do. Alongside this reconnection with heritage, singing is also a wonderful way to get back in touch with your body.

I am really interested in working with breath and the voice to realign the nervous system. So many health and mental health issues stem from the fact that our bodies are not designed to cope with the continuous stress that our modern lives often present. We have evolved to respond to short bursts of intense stress, like being chased by a predator, and our inbuilt response mechanisms centre around prioritising survival. When we are under stress our

body directs energy to the muscles in the limbs so that we can run away, and deprioritises things like cognitive thinking, the immune system, and digestion. Birch Tree Folk Choir uses specific breathing and singing exercises and techniques to work to realign the nervous system, allowing the body a chance to heal the physical and psychological impact of this ongoing stress.

Birch Tree Folk Choir will run every Monday during term time from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at The Ascombe School, Dorking, beginning Monday 23rd April. For more information, to join the mailing list and to book your place visit www.birchtreechoir.com. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and spread the word to friends and family. It would be wonderful to see lots of you there!

Mickleham Parish Council

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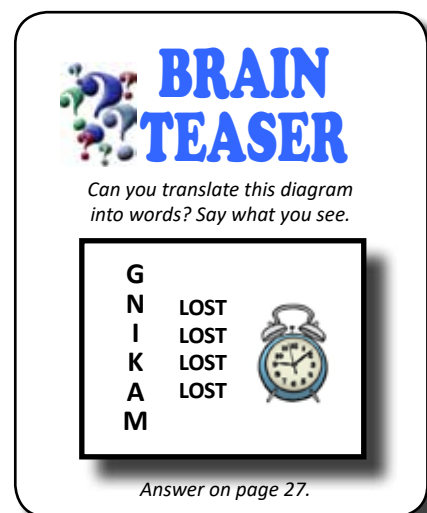
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All views welcome – please send them to the Parish Council email address at trevor.haylett9@gmail.com.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation which will come into force on 25 May 2018, those residents who are currently on the Parish Council's email list must give their approval for us to continue to 'process your data' and provide you with emails and other information in other ways.

Emails will be going out in April asking residents to respond with a 'Yes' to continue to be on the Parish Council's database and to continue to receive emails. If residents do not respond they will be removed from the database.

Trevor Haylett



Down a Dark Path

Firstly I must start with an apology. In my previous article, I gave you some guidelines and then almost immediately contradicted a couple of them in the accompanying crossword! The fact is that I wrote the article before compiling the puzzle and along the way, the words steered me onto their own dark path. The thing is that if the rules were too strict, it would not end up being cryptic – and it is the flexibility and ambiguity of the English language that makes it fun. I try to avoid putting very obscure things in but every now and then I cannot resist when it ends up making the clue read so well (and I am not an experienced enough setter to know how to recreate that magic another way). Whatever, here is another selection of deconstructed clues that I hope bring enlightenment to my warped way of thinking (and if you have any particular queries you would like me to cover in future articles, please email them to me at andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk).

Finite? Absurd! Endless split ends look the most stylish (8):
DEFINITION: 'the most stylish'
SIGNAL WORDS: 'Absurd' = 'make an anagram', 'ends' = 'take the last letters of the preceding words' (note that in this instance 'endless' is being acted on by the signal word rather than being a signal word itself)
CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'FINITE absurd' = NIFTIE, 'endless split ends' = ST
ANSWER = NIFTIEST

No issue to loan papers - brilliant! (8):
DEFINITION: 'brilliant'
SIGNAL WORDS: none really except 'to' = 'join onto'
CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'no issue'

= SP (which should be known by those of you who are family historians – it is written next to a name to indicate the person did not have children, from the Latin *sine prole*), 'loan' = LEND, 'papers' = ID (as in identity)

ANSWER = SPLENDID

Take off end of estate insignia from best ripe tomatoes (6):
DEFINITION: 'insignia' (unusually it is a middle word, the reason being that this is a three-part clue with the definition part being sandwiched between two separate cryptic parts)

SIGNAL WORDS: 'end of' = 'use last letter of following word', 'from' = 'the word is hidden in the sequence of letters in the following word'

1st CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'take off' = STRIP, 'end of estate' = E
2nd CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'from best ripe tomatoes' = STRIPE
ANSWER = STRIPE

Shirley Williams, a Remainder, one hears - it's a sign! (8):
DEFINITION: 'a sign'
SIGNAL WORDS: 'one hears' = 'something that sounds like the previous word or phrase'
CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Shirley Williams' = SW (following the convention for referring to people by their initials), 'a Remainder' = 'a sticker' which sounds like A STIKA
ANSWER = SWASTIKA

An old fop often followed by cheese (8):
DEFINITION: 'An old fop'
SIGNAL WORDS: 'often followed by' = 'the word is the first part of a phrase ending in the following word'
SOLVING HINT: If I could not think of another word for 'fop' I would stick



Macaroni

it in a thesaurus and see what came up. www.thefreedictionary.com is particularly good – and also has a facility where you can put in some letters and find words or phrases that begin or end with those letters (mind you, there are a lot of cheeses out there in addition to dishes like 'macaroni cheese'). Obviously there is satisfaction in getting the answer on your own but there is no dishonour in getting help and part of the fun is in learning new things.

ANSWER = MACARONI

And here is a macaroni! Thanks to David Kennington for sending this picture to me which just goes to show that whatever the oddities of fashion today, they are still rather left in the shade by our 18th century forebears (though whether this chap was the forebear of anybody is another matter – maybe like a peacock he just might have attracted a mate but the energy spent in looking that splendid probably meant he ended up s.p.).

Andrew Tatham



As you will know, we were hoping that the fibre broadband would be commissioned early in the New Year. That was not to be, but the Openreach engineers are still working very hard, thanks to the good offices of our colleague Kirsten Johnson. We confidently expect it will be ready by

Broadband Progress Report

June, which is the contract date, and we are hoping for earlier than that. The current holdup relates to a wayleave (for those of you who are not property lawyers this is the grant of a right to build e.g. a road across someone else's land) which Openreach need from Surrey County Council in order to dig a trench for a cable in Norbury Park. Once

this legal issue is resolved, the trench dug, and the cable laid, we are looking at finishing off all the various telegraph poles and cables which you will have seen going up around the village over the last few months. Please bear with us - it has been a frustrating time, but work continues.

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Happy Easter!

I do hope we now start to get a good run of weather. All the snow in February and the rain in March was pretty miserable. The King William loves the sun so fingers crossed for a glorious Spring.

My head chef Edgar and I will be rejigging the menus to replace some of the winter comfort food with lighter dishes, so if you have not been in for a bit do come in to see what he has come up with.

This will be my 6th year as the owner of the King William IV and my trusty right hand man Tony has been with me since the beginning. Tony has recently celebrated his 60th (he looks older I know!) not a tooth in his head but with a great engine - a real asset. Barry our gardener is busy reseeding and pruning so the gardens are blooming.

See you soon, Eamonn and Anne

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Parish Magazine Annual Report 2017

At the end of January, we published the first edition of the full-colour Mickleham Parish Magazine which was received with great enthusiasm. Much to everyone's surprise our new printers were able to do the job for marginally less than we had been paying for black and white copies. Our advertising revenue is more than enough to cover printing, supplies and computer software expenses. From the surplus we made a donation towards the cost of the tree work at the Westhumble Chapel. We continue to maintain a healthy surplus to replace equipment or buy software as needed. Again, this year the MPM group 'Christmas card' raised £100 which was given to the Community Nursery.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the production and distribution of the magazine over the past year. In August we lost one of our longest-serving contributors. Richard Robert-Miller's sudden death was a

great shock. During his 24 years as Chairman of Mickleham Parish Council he regularly submitted reports and for the last 18 years he had compiled the magazine's cryptic crosswords. We miss him very much. Fortunately, with a bit of maternal arm-twisting, Andrew Tatham stepped into the breach and so the very popular puzzle will continue.

At the end of the year we made some operational changes:

EDITORIAL TEAM:

- Headed by co-editors Sue Tatham and Charlotte Daruwalla with Stephanie Randall as proof-reader

- Editorial panel: Judy Kinloch, Liz Weller, Jenny Hudlass and Fiona Roberts-Miller, joined in early 2018 by Frances Presley

- Photographer: Ben Tatham

ADMINISTRATION:

- Fiona Roberts-Miller is now looking after the magazine finances, advertising and mailing list.

DISTRIBUTION TEAM:

- Judith Cobby is now overseeing the distribution and preparing the lists and labels for the bags

- Mary Venning continues to take delivery of the mags from the printers and prepare the bags for distribution

- Rustom Daruwalla takes the bags to Westhumble deliverers

- Fiona Rowland and David Kennington distribute the bags for Mickleham

- Linda Boyle continues to post mags to the mailing list subscribers.

In November, our Parish Priest Malcolm Raby retired. He took a great interest in the magazine, having himself published magazines in previous parishes. He holds the record for submitting his copy on or before the deadline. We miss his support and wise counsel and wish him and Sue all the best in their retirement.

Sue Tatham Editor

Looking into the Future

You will have observed that a major part of the magazine content is historical - either a record of the history of the area or reports of events which have taken place locally in the weeks before publication. We would very much like to expand the range to balance this by including information about readers' current activities. For example, this

month we have a very interesting article on page 13 from Thomas Wood about his work in Michigan - many thanks to him. We have commissioned one or two other pieces which we hope will appear in forthcoming magazines. Please think about whether you or someone you know could contribute an article in future and let the editor know.



It has been a challenging month for all of us with the freezing weather and snow but the signs of spring are now with us. It is still light in late afternoon and daffodils are beginning to make a show but even so it is hard to believe we have already reached the Easter Weekend and the start of school holidays.

Easter plans have been underway for a while so weather permitting (or not!) it will be a great time to take the family out for a walk up here. There is a children's trail based around the

Easter on Box Hill

Little People of Box Hill and afterwards there will be a chance to buy Old Bux's beard (spun green candyfloss) as well as ice creams and a café favourite, hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows. Always optimistic, we will be sending our chef, Carlo, out to the BBQ to serve up our tasty burgers served with special relishes made in the Box Hill Café kitchens by Heidi.

The new Spring Menu has been discussed, sampled, tweaked and put on sale in the café where it has now been going strong for a few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has popped up to try the new dishes and stop and chat with us. There are still some ideas

Lent Lunches

Another very successful season of Lent lunches has come to an end. Many thanks to Liz Absalom, Mary Banfield, Jenny Hudlass, Julia Siberry and Alison Wood, who have provided delicious food and warm hospitality. Thanks also to all those who have come along. Tea at 3 resumes normal service on 30th April - all are welcome.

we will be bringing out over April but do let us know if there is anything you think we should be providing.

With the lighter evening we have changed our opening times. Bacon and sausage sandwiches, toast and teacakes are available from 9 a.m. and we will be serving tea and cake up until 5 p.m. Lunch will also be available for a bit longer so our delicious soups and hot dishes will be served until 3 p.m.

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Round Square



As part of Box Hill School's annual celebration and fundraising for Round Square, the worldwide network of schools, of which Box Hill School is a founder member we took the opportunity to talk to Sandy Watt, who sadly left Box Hill School last year, to take up a position within the Round Square Organisation as Regional Support Manager for Europe and the Mediterranean.

Sandy began her association with Box Hill School as Head of her own school 'New Lodge' in Dorking, which became an important prep school feeder to Box Hill School. It was here that Sandy first became aware of Round Square and her enthusiasm meant she ensured all of her year 6 students had the opportunity to go on an international trip in preparation for their entry to a senior Round Square school such as Box Hill School.

Founded in 1966, by the educationalist Kurt Hahn the 180 schools in the Round Square network all subscribe to the 6 pillars or IDEALS of Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service. These IDEALS are weaved into the everyday life of member schools including Box Hill School. The one aspect of Round Square life that encompasses all of these six is the Round Square International Service expedition or project, known as RSIS.

Sandy joined Box Hill School in 2010 initially as a Compliance Officer. She became involved in all the Round Square aspects of Box Hill School life and went on her first Round Square expedition to Cambodia in 2013, for the 2-week adult training course. An

eye opener to the risk assessments and the skills needed to run your own Round Square service project, it was on this trip that Sandy worked with other trainee leaders to build the White Dove Weaving Centre for the local women of Takao. Her first taste of what a significant difference Round Square service projects can make to a vulnerable part of our world.

Box Hill School, has historically sent pupils on Service Projects around the world including India, Peru and Uganda to name a few, run by members of staff such as Sandy. More recently the school has developed a unique relationship with the village of Philippolis in South Africa.

Round Square first visited this area in 2003 to build a nursery and digital learning centre in the township of Bergmanshoote, a project that Sandy was involved in. When the formal Round Square commitment to the area ended in 2006, Box Hill School pledged to send a team of students from years 10 to year 13 each year to support the local community. This trip has run every summer since 2006 (apart from 2 years), which has seen students build classrooms, make refurbishments to village houses and the local village church and build an adult learning centre.

When we asked Sandy what her particular memories of the Round Square trips have been she mentioned 'driving the truck, helping to corral a white rhino, walking with cheetahs and visiting the Tiger Sanctuary. The best memory is the same on every trip and that is seeing every child travelling on

their own personal journey, physically yes, but also spiritually, becoming stronger and more confident young person.'

On Tuesday March 27th Box Hill School hosted its annual fundraising day featuring the hugely popular Auction of Promises, the historic staff and student walk up Box Hill and a live music night featured performances from both students and teachers in aid of the Philippolis project, our Round Square charity.

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Emma Bushnell

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Spring is a great time for our learning schedule, as at this time of year we have a number of festivals which we can weave into our curriculum.

Firstly we looked at Holi, a Hindu festival that marks the arrival of spring and which is known widely as the 'Festival of Colour'. Holi is an ancient celebration which draws on the legend of Radha and Krishna. Krishna loved Radha, but felt self-conscious about how different their skin colours were. So on the advice of his mother, he went and painted her face so it was the same colour as his. Today Holi is often celebrated in this tradition, by using chalk paint to colour faces during the celebrations. Exploring Holi gave us lots of opportunities to play with and explore colours, and the ever-popular Elmer the elephant featured heavily in our activities.

To mark Mothering Sunday, the Committee organised a much-welcome pamper night. Not just pampering, but an important fundraising event too, our mums, grandmothers, carers and staff enjoyed an evening of treatments and chat at our neighbours, Juniper Hall. Choosing between an Indian head massage, Thai foot treatment, facial and hot stone massage was a tricky decision. Luckily Dorking's own artisan gin maker, the Gin Kitchen, was also on

A spring in our step at St. Michaels Community Nursery!



hand to help the evening go even more smoothly.

In the nursery meanwhile, the children created a still life pastel drawing for a Mothering Sunday gift, and a few of our forest schoolers also made willow hearts. Always made with much love and thought by the children, and received with great pleasure by our mums.

A recent excitement has been three brave baby bunnies that can often be seen nibbling the grass just outside the nursery. Often spotted by the first to arrive in the morning, only to hop off once the noise level increases. Following this interest and with the release of the Peter Rabbit movie, we have been creating our own Peter Rabbit stories. We will shortly be planting our own veggies too. Let us hope those brave bunnies find



alternative accommodation soon!

Before the term draws to a close, we will of course be spending time understanding and celebrating Easter. There will be lots of egg-cellent crafts and activities, and with our brood of chickens now settled in and laying well we are hoping to use some of our own supplies too!

Debbie Turner

Free Theatre Tickets

Can you offer a room to one of the professional actors appearing in the new Leatherhead Theatre Rep Season? (See page 28).

The company is offering to cover expenses of £50 per week and two complimentary tickets to each of the

three shows. Plus you will gain insider knowledge from your lodger!

William is looking for somewhere to stay from Monday April 9th to Sunday May 6th. He is playing Jim, the PM in Yes, Prime Minister, Mr Craven in The Secret Garden, and Reece in Alan Ayckbourn's

Communicating Doors. He will be working at the theatre most days and nights so is looking for somewhere not too far away to just lay his head.

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activities in April:

Easter holidays family fun

Dorking Museum Quiz Night

Spring exhibition Walks and tours

The Suffrage Story

The Friends of St Michael's School – 2018 update

This academic year started off as busy as the last one finished for St Michael's school and the Friends of St Michael's. The school welcomed Paula Bliss as new Executive Head and Sandra Peers as Head of School, and both have brought lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm with them! The Friends has also had a change of personnel with new Co-Chairs and a supportive committee without whom we could not carry on our fundraising work.

The Friends hit the ground running in the Autumn term with a glow disco in November. With the hall decorated with glow in the dark paint, finger torches for the children and some amazing moves on the dancefloor, a great time was had by all!

The run up to Christmas saw the excitement around the school reach fever pitch, and the Friends ran two very popular activities in this term. Firstly a Christingle craft shop followed by a family service at the church and secondly, what is fast turning into a St Michael's tradition, the *Night Before Christmas* storytelling evening. At dusk, children return to the school in their pyjamas to find it magically transformed into a spectacle of light and decorations. They make their way round the classrooms, listening to a Christmas tale in each one. While the

children were enjoying their story time, parents and carers were able to catch up over mulled wine and nibbles in the hall, accompanied by some beautiful Christmas carols around the piano.

We also offered Christmas trees for sale again this year. This is a great fundraising activity for the Friends and we were very grateful for the support of local residents who also purchased from us.

In Spring term, the Friends helped the children prepare and cook pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday, while Mothering Sunday was celebrated with an afternoon tea before a school assembly, as well as a craft session and service at the church.

A quiz night held before the Easter break saw parents, teachers and friends pit their wits against each other – always a fun night which brings out everyone's competitive side!

In the summer term, we will be focussing our attention on the most important fundraiser of the year – our Summer Fête. Taking place on Saturday 12th May, this year we will have a Pimms stall, gourmet BBQ, and lots of traditional fun and games for all the family. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Debbie Turner



Professional Repertory Theatre Returns To Leatherhead!

Seasonal rep will return to The Leatherhead Theatre after almost 30 years, with a series of three plays presented by professional theatre company Hordern Ciani. This exciting new initiative will be brought to the area by the team behind the hugely successful Swanage Rep. The brand new season will see the company of nine actors perform across all three shows, rehearsing one play during the day whilst performing another at night. The Leatherhead season will feature

Yes, Prime Minister, the stage version of the smash hit TV series by the original writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, *The Secret Garden*, a brand new musical adaptation by Dave Simpson based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and *Communicating Doors* by hugely popular playwright Alan Ayckbourn.

The Leatherhead Theatre is a 500 seater, Grade II listed building which originally opened as The Thorndike, a purpose-built rep theatre in 1969, named after Dame Sybil Thorndike. However, the last



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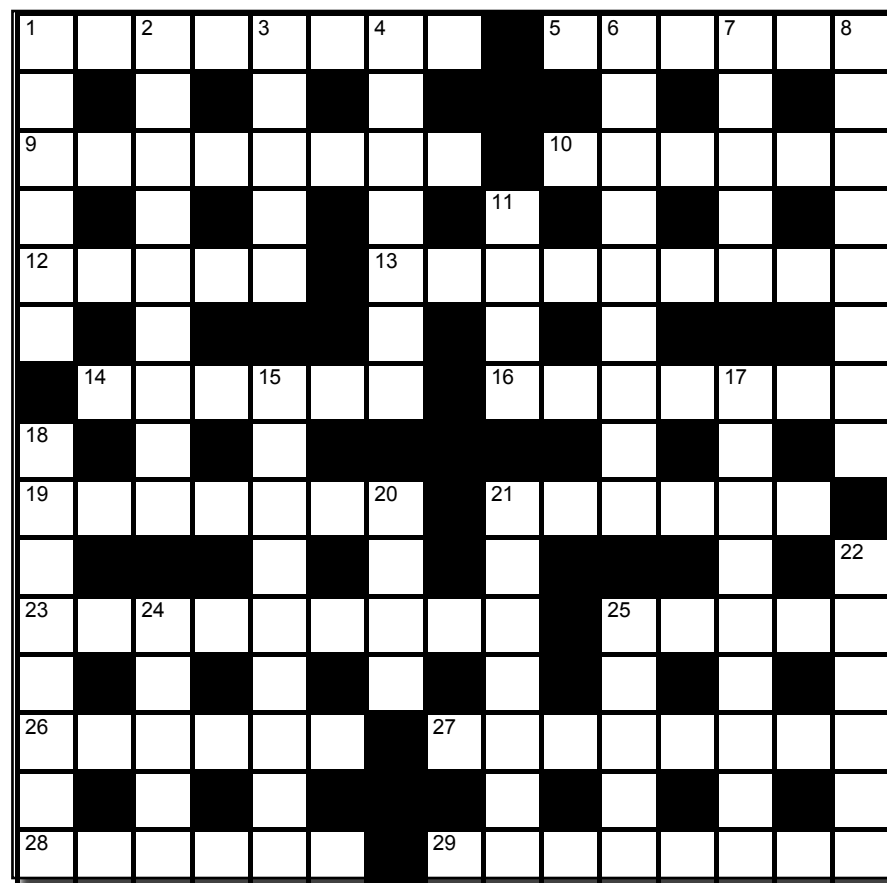
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Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 1 Most yummy becomes the opposite when the start of tea is midevening (8)
- 5 Yes, German knocks the bow off boats and then trips (6)
- 9 Rough sleepers can be alone in the world (8)
- 10 Dawn is a radiant light circling round John Major's foot (6)
- 12 Sample endless rum punches (5)
- 13 Donald Trump's No. 1 fan? (9)
- 14 Wandered from the highway without me (6)
- 16 Surrealist photographer intended, when announced, to reveal: clothes! (7)
- 19 Songs are uncool, the trust says right at the beginning (7)
- 21 "Stay" in another sense (6)
- 23 Caught odd part of kit in a combo (5,4)
- 25 Roughly start to manhandle inside the bloody river (5)
- 26 The loser at Bannockburn was the first one to have a lightbulb moment? (6)
- 27 Record label can free Billy Ocean (8)
- 28 Torture haunts Panama (6)



- 29 They predict the future by taking friends to catch Blur in concert (8)

Down

- 1 Penal reform in half of mountainous country (6)
- 2 Sauna puts more atoms into motion (5,4)
- 3 Python finally tells lies about unemployed (5)
- 4 Postpone census pending internal investigation (7)
- 6 Fawning lout Diana revolved around (9)
- 7 I moan about mother-in-law of Ruth (5)

- 8 A run on the pound can do this, say, but it's not enough (8)
- 11 An old Moroccan backroom (4)
- 15 Most inane insane state (9)
- 17 Tsetse flies circling - am I standing up to rough figures? (9)
- 18 The second tier of celebrities are swells (8)
- 20 Dress up in camelhair as a matter of course (4)
- 21 Wild traumas in tiger land (7)
- 22 This clue holds the cards? (6)
- 24 Put straight, for starters, after liein gets naughty (5)
- 25 Hitler's war machine enveloped a mass of people (5)

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- Down:** 1 Camera 2 Calamari 3 Weirdo 4 Stinging nettles 5 Confetti 6 Stripe 7 Swastika 15 Air-to-air 16 Arsonist 17 Splendid 19 Cygnet 21 Voyage 22 Pieces

Andrew Tatham



In the grip of the second round of the beast from the east, with snow outside at the time of writing, it seemed appropriate to have a reminder of a lovely summer day in 2017. The garden at Woolbeding (NT) was a riot of colour.

Perhaps spring will have come by the time the magazine drops through letterboxes.



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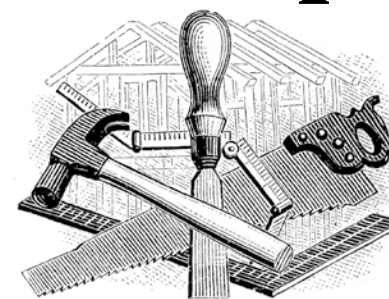
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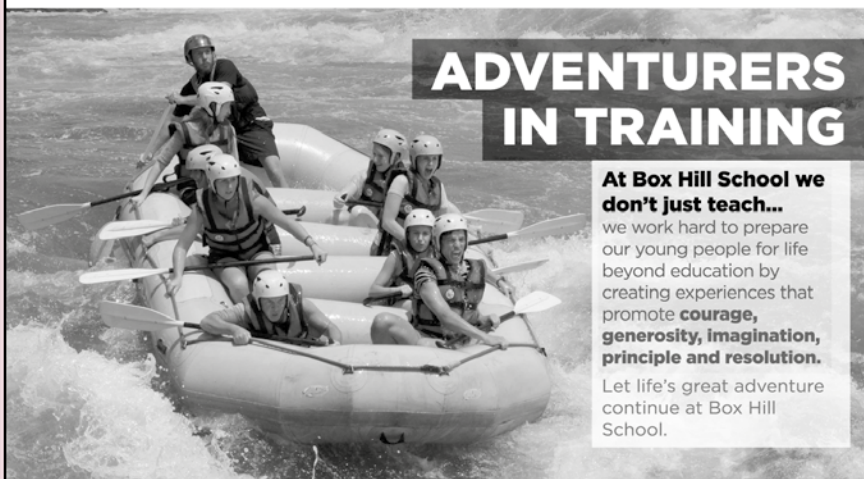
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