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Dear friends

I find the change of seasons can sometimes be a little disconcerting particularly the end of summer, the start of autumn and the approaching end of another year. For some this year has sadly brought the loss of loved ones and close friends. For all of us the pandemic has made this a very strange year and perversely as lockdown restrictions have been eased so the level of uncertainty seems to have increased.

Those of us fortunate to have remained healthy and with a garden to relax in may look back on the few months of lockdown as a time of certainty and calm. The sun shone, we could not travel so we did not worry about that, the air became clearer, the sky bluer, noise levels dropped and we could hear the birds sing. We had a glimpse of a very different world in which people helped one another, it felt safe and for some the priorities in life began to change. Now as pubs and restaurants have reopened, some have travelled overseas again, many have visited the coast and countryside during the hot weather, children have returned to school, furlough is ending and unemployment is rising it all feels far from safe. The old pre-Covid certainties have gone, that period of peace and quiet during the lockdown is over and now new uncertainties have taken hold. That may sound rather negative but some of us may be looking towards autumn and winter with a little trepidation.

The broader political situation does not help. Society appears to have lost any sense of a middle ground. Politics are based on being for or against things rather than promoting the common good. The economic divide will only be made worse by recession, 'Black Lives Matter' has degenerated into war on the streets and Brexit will soon rear its head again. These events and others seem to be further dividing society and adding to the uncertainty.

Christians believe that certainty in both this life and the next can only come through Jesus Christ and that it is by living close to Him and according to His example that we are able to deal with the uncertainties in our lives. By coincidence there are two saints celebrated in the Church calendar for October who perhaps represent the ultimate in prayerful devotion to Christ. They are Francis of Assisi and Teresa of Avila both of whom spent much of their lives in religious orders. Teresa was a Carmelite nun and she reminds me of my aunt who was also a Carmelite nun for over 70 years. A lovely, devoted, rather unworldly lady with no doubts about her faith who lived a life of uncomplicated purpose and great certainty focused entirely on Christ. Not many of us will wish to follow the example of Francis, Teresa or indeed my Aunt Joyce but we can still walk with Christ and in doing so the uncertainties we are facing in life may seem less important and far less worrying.

John Banfield  
Canon of the Diocese of Cypress ad the Gulf  
Former St Michael's Churchwarden

As this edition goes to print restrictions on gatherings have been tightened. Please check the status of any events mentioned here before you set out in case they have been postponed or cancelled.

## St Michael's Church in October

Please see the centre pages for information about services in St Michael's and the times it will be open for private prayer.

There will be a Harvest Festival Service on 4th October, when harvest gifts will be welcomed. Sadly there will be no Harvest Supper. Harvest gifts will be welcome. Please bring gifts to the church where they will be stored for 72 hours to avoid contamination before onward delivery. For this reason, non-perishables are essential.



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## St Michael's Soups

Now that autumn is at hand, we hope your thoughts may be turning to warming fare. All the 27 recipes are tried and tested and delicious, and favourites of the contributors. The booklet would make an attractive 'stocking filler' if you are looking ahead to Christmas. It costs a mere £5 and all of the proceeds of sale will go to Allsaints, the printing costs having been met by the parish magazine.

If you would like a cookbook (or two or three!) please contact either Sue Tatham (email [sue@thetathams.co.uk](mailto:sue@thetathams.co.uk) or call 01306 882547) or Alison Wood (email [alison.wood29@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.wood29@btinternet.com) or call 01372 376443) and we shall be pleased to deliver and collect payment.

## Do you have an article in you?

We need your articles.

Normally the magazine includes reports of events in Mickleham and Westhumble, but while the pandemic continues there is less news to report. You will have observed that we have plundered magazines from earlier years on a couple of occasions. As the magazine has been going for 36 years in similar format to that which you see today there is plenty of material which many

of you will not have read before. However, that is not the purpose of the magazine and it would be wonderful to be able to fill it (or as near as possible) with original material. Many of you must have interesting stories to tell, time you have spent working overseas, for example, unusual jobs you have done here, trips you have enjoyed either at home or abroad, sports you have played, well or less well. The list is endless.

An example - an interesting character - you can see in Frances Presley's article below. The more local the content, the better, but not essential.

Illustrations are easy - photographs in jpeg format are ideal, sent as a separate file from the article. Please search your mind and think what you could write for a future magazine.

Please send your contributions to [editor@micklehammag.co.uk](mailto:editor@micklehammag.co.uk)

## Aunty Gladys

My Aunty Gladys was what we used to call, 'a Maiden Aunt'. She was my father's sister, born in 1900 and, according to my mother, had the most beautiful red/golden hair. Apparently, she also had a suitor of whom her mother totally disapproved - so he was sent packing. I imagine that is why she stayed a spinster all her life, and it was because of her that I now play croquet.

Aunty G, as she was always known, had the kindest of hearts and when she came to stay she would always go out of her way to help, but was always humming which drove my mother mad. She always took me to a London theatre, and during a visit to *Salad Days*, she started to beat time to the music with her hand held high in the air. I tried to disappear into the floor. She lived alone all her life and I can still remember her address - 152 Whitby Road, Ipswich. She never forgot our

birthdays, and for about 50 years was Secretary at the Ipswich Boys Grammar School. When she retired, I believe that three people were needed to do her job.

In time she had to leave her flat as she was unable to look after herself, and my father asked the 'Association of Distressed Gentlefolk' to fund the home she went to - do they still exist? I may need them one day.

When she died, she left everything to my niece as 'she is the only feminist in the family!' My sister and I, and our respective spouses, drove to Ipswich for the service in the parish church and we had discussed on the way that there would probably be very few people present apart from ourselves in the church. Far from it - when we walked through the gate, we found eight strong youngsters from the Boys Brigade waiting to carry in the coffin

and the church was completely full, luckily a friend of hers had reserved our seats. Unfortunately, the vicar, who knew her well, was away on holiday, but the locum had certainly done his homework. He began by saying 'I expect you are all waiting for Gladys to come in trotting, (she never walked) with her large handbag slung over her shoulder and humming': everyone roared with laughter.

After the service, a friend asked us back for a cup of tea, 'before your long drive home'. As we were chatting over tea and buns, she mentioned that she had just been to Bulgaria by coach, it was still behind the Iron Curtain at the time. I knew that my aunt used to go on many coach holidays and I asked if they had ever gone together. The answer was immediate, 'Oh no my dear, playing croquet with her was quite enough'!

Frances Presley



## Continuing the moth theme started in July...

This giant was seen in Westhumble recently. Rachel von Bertele, who found it, sent the photo to the county moth recorder who said:

'Yes, it is indeed Convolvulus Hawk. It's an immigrant species and usually not very common. I haven't heard of any others in Surrey this year.'

How exciting. What else will turn up? Keep your eyes peeled.



## Leatherhead Community Association Administrator

The Leatherhead Community Association is recruiting a Part-time Administrator to replace the current member of staff, who is moving away from the area. If you are interested, details may be downloaded from the LCA's website.

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## To Our Dear Friends in Mickleham and Westhumble

Katie and I have been working our way round the village trying to give you this news face to face, but we cannot get round to everybody. So, before the gossip columns start filling up, we thought it would be a good thing for us to be honest and open about what has been going on in the Cox household over the last year and, in particular, during lockdown.

A year ago, Katie tried to find my driving licence in my study, as we were going to Spain a couple of days later and we needed the licence to hire a car. Instead of finding the licence she found a considerable quantity of women's clothing hidden under my desk. This was very distressing for Katie and it was not until August that she had the right moment to confront me with the words 'we need to talk'. She told me what she had found, and I knew in a flash that the biggest secret of my entire life had been rumbled. Without hesitation I admitted to Katie that I am, and always have been, transgender, a girl in the wrong body; a condition known as 'Gender Dysphoria'.

I have known this since my very first day at school, aged five, I suppose because it was the first day of my life when I was told that boys did one thing and girls did another, boys wore shorts and girls wore skirts. I did not understand. To cut an exceedingly long story short, this awareness became my secret which I have kept for 63 years. It has never gone away for a single waking moment. Gender Dysphoria, however, plays a double game. It tells you that

you are in the wrong body, but also tells you to stop it, deny it, be a man, stop being stupid. That internal dialogue is constant and incredibly painful and causes many transgender people to self-harm or take their lives. It is a dark place.

But I met Katie in 1982 and fell hopelessly in love with her at very first sight and determined to marry her and be the very best husband and father on the planet, discarding any thoughts of my dysphoria, (which of course was not possible) and I have done pretty well, good career, lovely home, great friends and the most wonderful children and grandchildren. My greatest fear was that if anyone ever discovered my secret, I would lose absolutely everything, I never thought anyone would understand, I thought I was alone, I had never been able to share my pain. But when you work these thoughts through your head on your own, they become complex and threatening. Now I was 'outed', to use a ghastly word, my fears boiled over. Before Christmas, I had to go have counselling and take anti-anxiety and anti-depressant medication and I thought that was it. To cut another exceedingly long story short, my guardian angel, my darling Katie, has been amazingly kind and supportive of me. We are not splitting up! My GP, counsellors and new friends have brought me back to life. Our dear children have embraced me and given me new strength. Lockdown has been good for us to come to terms with this and for Katie and me to grow our new



relationship, which I have to say has become even more wonderful than it was before. I now present in life in my true gender as Francesca, a lovely name chosen by Katie, it means 'free', although says she didn't know that when she chose it! I have just begun my hormone treatment which will help me balance my mental and emotional state.

If you would like to know more about our journey, we have done a video diary on YouTube. Just log into YouTube and search for 'Francesca's Journey'. We are also determined to help other people who may be questioning and so we are always here to chat.

Please do not judge me, please be kind if you can. If you loved or liked Martin, Martin is still here, Martin is still Martin, but a lot happier, Francesca has emerged, Francesca sleeps through the night, Francesca's blood pressure has normalised and Francesca has quit smoking. The most important thing is that Katie and I are on this journey together and we are a team! It's amazing!

Francesca Cox



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# What was happening 20 years ago?

Because of the Covid-19 regulations we have few activity reports and news of coming events to include in this month's magazine. Instead we thought readers might be interested in what was happening in the parish twenty years ago. Here are some of the articles and news from the October 2000 MPM. At that time, we could not include photographs, but as we were compiling a photographic history of the parish as a millennium project, there are pictures we can now use for this review.

## News in Brief

**THE SUMMER CONCERT** *Family Favourites 2000* organised by John Batt with its autumn encore both (held in Box Hill School) raised more than £7,000 for St Michael's Church.

**DROP-IN SOUP LUNCHES** Mary Huggins was holding a series of drop-in soup lunches on Fridays to raise money to buy Millennium Bibles for the young people of the parish.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT PREPARATIONS** Juliet Hornby and Barbara Steadman-Allen were starting orchestral rehearsals for young musicians (Grade 3 and above) for the Christmas concert in church.

**THE WESTHUMBLE BONFIRE** was being built and Neil Mason was collecting funds for the fireworks (£5.50 per person).

**NORBURY PARK FENCE** Surrey County Council's proposal for a decorative metal fence along the access road to Norbury Park House was being hotly debated.

### MICKLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

- had applied to the SCC for a *Mickleham Village – Please drive carefully* sign. SCC proposed the usual sign 'which for sheer size alone is totally out of keeping, and due to the lack of a site (we seem to have been here before) could only place it at the bottom of Headley Lane which excluded part of the village. We are speaking to them again.'

- reported that the playground scheme was accepted in principle; the position and scale are still being debated. Planning permission must be obtained and St Michael's School is to be consulted about their use of the ground in term time.

- residents were asked to take a look at their boundaries and check whether any overhanging bushes, trees etc are blocking footpaths and pavements.

From left: we can identify Liz Weller, Ben Tatham, John Neal, Jamie Mason and Neil Mason. If you know who has their back to the camera, and who is the child in red trousers, you could let us know.

**WESTHUMBLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** Proposals for two types of improvement to Westhumble Station had been received: actual and promised. The actual variety included improvements to the upside platform and buildings, reboarding the canopy and retiling the roof.

In the promised category were: surveillance cameras to reduce vandalism, computerised arrivals/departures board and the possible reopening of the waiting room. Completion during 2000 proposed.

**JUNIPER HALL** The Butterfly Garden Weekend at the Centre was very successful indeed. Thanks to its garden theme, it attracted about a thousand visitors despite the cool weather. As a result enough money has been raised to employ architects to prepare preliminary plans for a proposed development project.

During the weekend around 18 species of butterfly, and the caterpillars of Mullein and Knot-grass moths, were found.

**ST MICHAEL'S C of E FIRST SCHOOL** The academic year had started in the newly-refurbished building. During the summer break the right hand gable was added with additional space for the reception class and toilets for the reception class on the ground floor

plus a staff room on the first floor. Despite being told that a staff room was unnecessary for this size of school, the governors and parents went ahead and raised the £43,000 to complete the work. The ground floor was re-arranged and the folding partition was removed, enlarging the classroom which was also to serve as the school hall. The reception class outdoor play area was added at the same time.

**THE CULTURED PEARLS** had enjoyed another successful trip, this time to Kew Gardens. The day started with a ride on the Kew Explorer, an electric train around the vast acreage with the driver pointing out all the salient points on the way.

Plans were being made for a trip via the channel tunnel to Rheims and *Cité Europe*, for some sightseeing and Christmas shopping.

**FILMING** The BBC came to Mickleham to film scenes for *The Cazalet Chronicles*, a period drama with Joanna Lumley in the leading role. They filmed at Box Hill School and a wedding was filmed in the church. Fees paid by the BBC benefitted Box Hill School, the village hall and the church. The village shop and *The Running Horses* benefitted as well, no doubt.



## Community Personnel in 2000

Priest in charge  
Barbara Steadman-Allen  
Churchwardens  
John Banfield & Marianne Sunter  
Parish Administrator  
Rose Spence  
Box Hill Head Warden  
Peter Creasey  
Box Hill School Headmaster  
Rodney Atwood  
Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre  
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The Stepping Stones  
Roger & Sharon Norminton  
Westhumble Residents Association  
Chairman Jim Poole

## 'BEAST' in Mickleham



'There's a man riding a pig down the road,' said Daphne as I came out of my front door on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. 'I know,' I said. 'And he's got no clothes on – the man, not the pig!' she replied. Well, that I did not know, so of course I hurried round to *The Running Horses* to find half the village there and, indeed, a naked man riding a very handsome pink with black spots lady pig (the man was quite handsome too!). Pearson Television were filming an episode of the second series of the BBC1 comedy 'Beast'. We had all had the letter telling us that it was happening – Mickleham is really getting on the television map these days – but were not aware of the particular excitement that this piece of film was going to provoke. Several further takes ensued and then the pig was taken away for a rest, the actor [Alexander Armstrong] donned a flesh coloured G-string and a pair of wellington boots and ran down the Old London Road a few

more times. More takes ensued when the pig had rested and the excitement was over.

In the afternoon I found myself at a cat show in the village hall. Now before all you cat lovers wonder why you did not know about it – this was more for 'Beast'. Cages with beautiful cats were lined up either side of the hall and actors pretending to be villagers (some wearing the sort of hats that are never seen in Mickleham) were milling around as owners and visitors. There was a stall selling cat food and toys; lights and cameras were everywhere.

The producers made donations to the nursery school, the village hall and the recreation ground and we shall have the pleasure, in January 2001 probably, of once more seeing our beautiful village on television. We have been told that the cat show appears in episode three and the pig in episode five.

Mary Huggins

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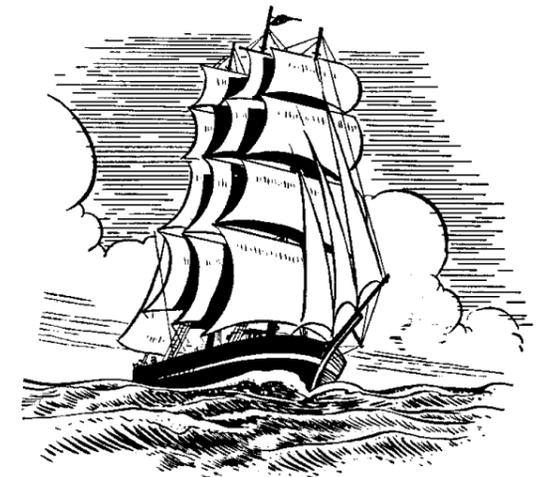
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Also from the October 2000 MPM

## Canada to England The Hard Way



When I saw the Tall Ships sail into the port of Liverpool at the tender age of three, little did I imagine that one day that would be me. On the morning of the July Village Concert I was not doing last minute practice, but standing at Heathrow airport waiting for a flight to Halifax, Nova Scotia with the other 22 members of my crew from the London Sailing Project. We were about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime, sailing across the Atlantic in the Tall Ships 2000 race.

After an all too brief visit in Halifax, we were sailing for the start line, in our 68ft Oyster, on a clear Monday morning, with a definite sense of apprehension in the air. We crossed the line forty-five seconds after the gun, a fantastic start, and headed south east as fast as the wind would take us. This was a tactical move that the powers that be on the boat had made after looking at the weather forecast. The first few days were hot and calm with only moderate winds. This was not what we expected from the Atlantic, especially since we were so close to Sable Island where the book *A Perfect Storm* was written. The first few days were like this as we travelled further south. As we turned the corner around the first waypoint and began to head north the weather came. The winds and waves grew and so did our speed. In five days

we covered 1,200 miles. We experienced forty-knot gusts and waves that topped thirty feet. This was a week of the most exhilarating sailing I think anyone could have. We were now past the halfway mark and the weather eased. As we finally neared the Western Approaches the wind settled and was from the right direction for us to set our spinnakers and really fly. We stormed towards the Isles of Scilly and the finish line. By this time the fleet, which had spread out during the passage began to bunch and we were second in class. With the wind dropping, and none forecast, we clung on to the weather front we were under, pushing the boat as hard as we could as we charged along the south coast. On the last day, Esprit, our arch rival, was only ten miles ahead, when three days ago she was 200 miles ahead. For the last 30 hours few of us slept. We crossed the line at five in the morning, 17 days after we had left Canada. Esprit crossed 40 minutes after us – we had beaten them! We drank champagne and watched the sun rise.

After the race had finished we had two weeks before we were due in Amsterdam. We visited the ports of Le Havre, Brugge, Breskens, Schevenigen

and IJmuiden. The parade of sail into Amsterdam was the most spectacular sight I have ever seen. Several hundred race boats from three separate races and twice again that number of spectator boats sailed up the North Sea Canal for four days of partying in Amsterdam.

At this point I must thank all the people both in and out of the village who supported me on my bike ride or kindly gave me money and/or supported the trip in other ways. Without your help the London Sailing Project would not have been able to enter the race. If anyone would like to know more about the race or the London Sailing Project, a charity that takes boys from all backgrounds sailing, please let me know.

Steve Banfield  
[Now Commander Steven Banfield MBE RN]

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Note: Pétanque is still allowed as an 'organised sport' after the maximum of 6 people rule came into force on 14th September

## Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society's Village Show 2000

*Five tomatoes and two courgettes...*

Early on the morning of 16th September I was wandering around a very drippy garden looking for 'prize' specimens for the annual village show. We had had over three inches of rain in the past 24 hours and I was thankful that I had not entered any flowers. In a fit of optimism I had, however, chosen three produce classes and needed twelve raspberries, six tomatoes and three courgettes. The entire crop of raspberries half-filled a small bowl, so there was not going to be much scope for uniform size and ripeness there. I managed to find five good tomatoes, but the sixth would have to be a bit smaller and less ripe. But the three courgettes... I could not possibly enter two tiddlers and a marrow. Resisting the temptation to nip down to Waitrose, I decided to abandon that class altogether.

Andrew was still putting the finishing touches on his entries, fruit scones (mark II) were in the oven. He had taken over the kitchen completely on Friday, baking two cakes, chocolate chip cookies and a gingerbread person. Occasionally I was allowed to sample something. At one point I found him ironing a dress – for his scarecrow.

At the Hall it was clear that, in spite of the torrential rain on Friday, a large number of people had managed to find flowers and produce from their gardens and many of the classes were well filled. The lovely flowers, fruit and veg confirmed the fact that we have many very talented gardeners in the area. Vi Bullen's voluptuous blackberries were very impressive, as were Mary Dennis' onions. (Fellow Archers fans will be aware of the passion that prize onions can generate.) There were classes for novices in each section, and most had attracted at least one newcomer, a most welcome feature. I hope they have been inspired to continue to enter in later years. The novice prize was won by Sarah Blake who has lived here only 18 months and has only just started growing vegetables.

The entries in the cookery classes looked as mouth-watering as ever. The most popular class, with nine entries, was for a chocolate courgette cake. I am told that the judge was surprised by

the range of tastes he encountered even though all had used the same recipe. (Andrew had baked one of these, but I did not get to sample it as he gave it away at the end of the show. As an afterthought, he arranged for me to have a slice of the one that won first prize.) As usual there was a wide range of jams, marmalade and chutney – it is encouraging to know that there are so many who still make their own. Long may it continue. The domestic picture was completed by two baskets of eggs – one of lovely brown eggs laid by hens, the other by ducks.

The children had not entered in quite such large numbers as usual but their sweets, scarecrows, computer generated images and animals made out of vegetables were very impressive. Anna-Maria Darnell's cup-winning Millennium Bug made from a corn cob was charming.

Competition in the photography classes was strong – there were more classes than usual to allow for 'Millennium' pictures. It is fascinating to see the wide variety of interpretation of the classes for example, buildings or Mickleham and Westhumble at work. The judge was asked to choose the two best photographs in the show. In the 'Places & Things' category he chose Kate Cox's very atmospheric landscape, and for the 'People' category, Jenny Hudlass's photograph of two young girls, surrounded by bluebells and intent upon their work.

Throughout the afternoon a three-piece band provided suitably rustic music for the occasion. As this was the first big show of the century (and to the unpedantic, the Millennium) a special effort had been made to involve as many village groups as possible. Besides the Horticultural Society's plant stall, there was the church's tombola, St Michael's Community Nursery cake stall, a Friends of Box Hill stall and the Beekeepers sold honey. As usual Mo Chisman and Linda Boyle, assisted this year by Vi Bullen, sold teas and cakes in aid of the Village Hall.

The parish magazine provided a competition where people were asked to identify 30 photographs from our Millennium Project (see page 10). This generated a lot of interest and several



*Ann Sankey; Christopher Wood*

competitors spent more than half an hour mulling over their answers. Many people commented that the pictures made them realise that they needed to spend more time getting to know the parish. The festivities finished with cups and prizes being presented by our Priest-in-Charge, Barbara Steadman-Allen. She provided us with some additional food-for-thought and concluded a look through the generation of change with 'The grandfather had a farm, the son has a garden and the grandson has a tin opener'.

Helping to clear up after the show brought home to me just how much work is involved in this one-day event and how many people it takes to make it a success. Many thanks to Ann Sankey and all her committee. It was a great day! Thanks also to the many people who took the trouble enter the various classes, for without you there would be no show.

Sue Tatham



*Linda Boyle serves tea to Vi Bullen*



*Frank and Kate Warren in conversation with Rustom and Charlotte Daruwalla*

### Cup winners at the Village Show 2000:

*The Paynter Cup*, for 'A May Garden' - Vi Bullen

*The Aitken Cup*, for 'Food from your Garden' - jointly, Liz Sheehan and Bryan Maynard

*The Ellman Cup*, for the most outstanding exhibit in Flower Section - Mary Dennis

*The Robson Cup*, for the most outstanding entry in Vegetable Section - Alan Edwards

*The Schreiber Cup*, for the most outstanding entry in Fruit Section - Vi Bullen

*The Gordon-Clark Cup*, for the most outstanding Floral Arrangement - Julia Gilchrist

*The Taylor Cup*, for the greatest number of points in the Cookery Section - Mary Dennis

*The Colwell Cup*, for the greatest number of points in the Arts and Craft Section - Kate Cox

*The Heygate cup*, for the most outstanding entry by child under 9 years - Anna-Maria Darnell

*The Wilkinson Cup*, for the most outstanding entry by child over 8 years - Julia Gilchrist

*Certificate* for the most points by a novice - Sarah Blake

*Bronze Banksian Medal*, the most number of points in the horticultural classes - Kate Warren

*The Salomons Cup*, for the highest number of points in the whole show - Mary Dennis

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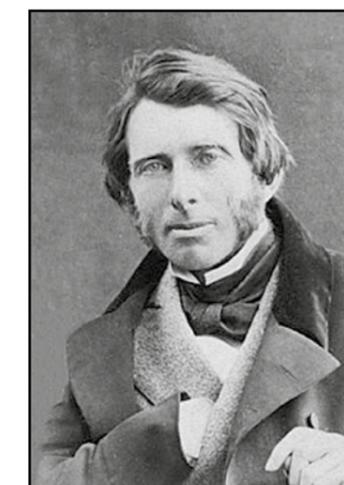
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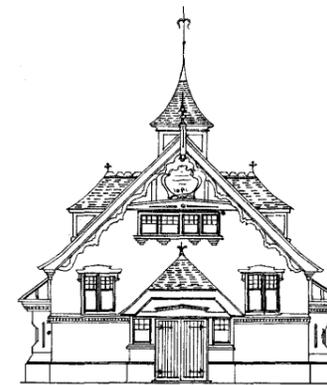


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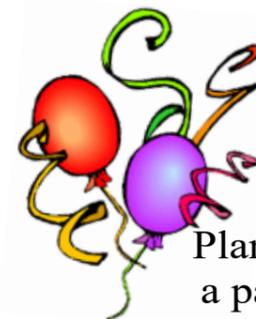


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## Peter Bunn



Peter and Deborah Bunn have moved to Devon after living in Westhumble for over thirty years. Peter has been on the committee of the Westhumble Residents Association (WRA) for much of that time and has also served as Chairman. The WRA would have liked to have shown our appreciation for what

Peter did for the community by having a gathering to make a presentation to him. However we have to obey the Covid rules - so instead David Allbeury (current Chairman of the WRA) and I presented Peter with a picture, card and bottle of champagne as a small gesture of thanks. The picture (shown with Peter, me, the card and the bottle in the photograph!) was painted by Pauline Allbeury a local artist and wife of David. It is of a picturesque lamp post at St Martin's Church, Dorking and reflects another of Peter's interests as he has been a church warden and a member, with Deborah, of the choir at St Martin's Church for many years. Peter has promised to write an article for the November Parish Magazine about his and Deborah's memories of living in Westhumble. Ben Tatham

## Community News

A warm welcome to Hannah Baker and Jorick Albers who have moved to Burney Road from Holland. Hannah saw the magazine and wrote to give us her details. It would be great if more people would tell us about their community news.

Farewell to Deborrah and Peter Bunn who are moving from Pilgrims Way to Devon.

## Pauline Clark

We are sorry to hear the news that Pauline Clark, long time resident of Mickleham, passed away on 31st August, aged 90. She was a pillar of Mickleham Choral Society. We hope to include an obituary in a subsequent issue. We send deepest sympathy to her family.

## Childminder Wanted

I have just started working in Mickleham and am looking for a childminder to take my 7-year-old son to school in Great Bookham at 8.30 am and collect him at 3 pm and look after him for 1.5 hours, ensuring he completes his homework.

Please contact Claire via email [cmm9@hotmail.com](mailto:cmm9@hotmail.com)

## What can you see?



Our chief photographer saw something unusual here so he took this picture.

What can you see? The best suggestion, with a suitable caption, wins the contest. No prize, just the glory of seeing your name in print.

Send your idea and a caption to [editor@micklehammag.co.uk](mailto:editor@micklehammag.co.uk)

## Mickleham Village Hall

Mickleham Village Hall re-opened for certain types of activity on Friday 4th September. These bookings are classified as 'organised indoor and outdoor sports, physical activity and exercise classes' which are allowed with over six participants even when the new Covid 19 regulations come into force on Monday 14th September.

A one way system has been signposted and notices have been put up to show how to keep the Hall safe. Three hand sanitisers have been installed.

If you would like to make a booking, please consult the latest Government rules on what sort of activity is allowed. Then have a look at the Village Hall website to see the 'Special Conditions of hire during Covid 19' and the 'MVH guidelines for keeping the Hall Covid 19 secure'. If you then think that you can comply with all that, please contact Deanna on 07790 941601 to check what times are available and make a booking.

Ben Tatham  
Chairman



# MCC's Annual Dexter Kibble Memorial Match

On Sunday 23rd August we experienced a festival of cricket, all in support of London's Air Ambulance and in memory of Dexter Kibble. The sun was out and the spectators (including Dexter's Mum Anita) flocked to the ground, staying in Covid bubbles and greatly missing the usual lavish tea, but offering vocal support. So many people wanted to play that we ended up with 14-a-side, including three girls.

Chris Presley won the toss and chose to bat. Dexter's Destroyers (an amalgam of the Dexter Kibble Memorial XI and the Dennis Destroyers) wore fantastic new pink and blue caps embroidered with tortoises (long story, rated 18 at least) as they walked out to field with young, old, and very old fielders. Charlie Richards and Kevin Walker strode out to face the Destroyers' mighty opening pair of Dougie Hastings and Tom Mercer. Charlie led an opening stand of 60 playing some wonderful attacking cricket. He hit 4 fours and 3 sixes, including a huge six over long on and a sumptuous cover drive for four, and was finally bowled for 47 by Joe Murtagh. Kevin chipped in with 17 and Chris Presley with 11. Then the wickets started to tumble. Alex Cama (3/6), Joe Murtagh (2/19), Nick Dennis (2/7) and Julian Mercer (2/7) did the damage, and MCC were reeling at 116/11. Fortunately for MCC Pank Patel (18\*) and his daughter Farah (1\*, making her debut for MCC) stepped up and delivered 26 much needed unbeaten runs for the last wicket, not unassisted

by Will Dennis's 'bowling'.

Two notable cricket shots were witnessed in the innings; Ali Pritchett's version of the Dilscoop (now renamed the Ali scoop) and the Pank all-fall-down windmill pull, channelling the great Rohan Kanhai. Katie Mercer and Eliza Dennis were the pick of the fielders, stopping several certain fours with their ankles, and putting to shame the men. There was also Will Dennis's wicket-keeping, including a number of dives that scored 10 for artistic impression and 0 for effectiveness, but he did take one catch (thanks to Will Perks sportingly walking).

Dexter's Destroyers needed 143. MCC opened the bowling with rising Saffer stars Luke and Alex Paes, whom openers Alex Cama (20) and Joe Murtagh (12) played cautiously. Early on we could see there would be a challenger to Will Perks as fielding supremo, with Farah storming around the covers (just as for the Destroyers, the top fielder was female). Michel Nguedam (3/25) and Charlie Richards (2/14) then engineered a collapse, and at 45/4 and 96/6 the Destroyers were struggling. However a chanceless 50\* by Charlie Pountney, ably supported by Adam Short (18), Dougie Hastings (16) and Dave Dennis (exact score subject of dispute with scorer, but several big hits) brought



the Destroyers close to victory. Julian Mercer (10\*) and Will Dennis (4\*) - combined ages 130 - piloted the Destroyers to victory at a run a ball, off the bowling of Alex and Luke - combined ages 28!

Match fees were donated to London's Air Ambulance and, with the pitch rental being kindly sponsored by Caroline Mercer, we raised a total of in excess of £250. Thanks all, and we look forward to the tea at this fixture next year.

Will Dennis



## Help wanted from local non-cyclists

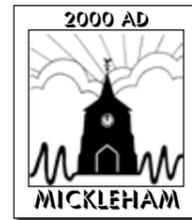
I am an A-Level Geography student in Dorking and am just starting the coursework involved as part of the A-level. The basis of my coursework is the barriers to sustainable transport in the Dorking area, with particular focus on cycling as

I am a keen cyclist myself. I would like to conduct a survey as to why people living in Mickleham & Westhumble do not currently cycle, which I would normally complete in person. However, due to covid-19 this is now going to be a confidential online survey (see link below). This is new for me, so please

let me know via the editor, Sue Tatham [editor@micklehammag.co.uk](mailto:editor@micklehammag.co.uk) if you experience any issues with the survey. I will do my best to sort it out. Thank you!

Thomas Harrington

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## THE CHILDRENS RECREATION GROUND

has become a popular spot for dog owners to meet and exercise their dogs off the lead. The result has been a considerable increase in dog fouling where children are clearly expecting to play and this concerned councillors at their September meeting. Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs on a lead while they are in the field, and if needs be clear up after their dogs. There is plenty of accessible countryside close at hand for dogs to roam freely. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated by the children/ grandchildren of the community!

A VACANCY exists for the part-time position of Clerk to the Parish Council after Trevor Haylett, who has been in the post for the last five years, announced that he wished to stand down. It is an interesting position supporting and advising councillors and organising council meetings. The

# Mickleham Parish Council

clerk also manages the parish council website.

A flexible attitude is needed as well as determination, administrative experience and IT, organisational and inter-personal skills. A knowledge of local government at all levels would help. The successful candidate can expect to work an average of 26 hours a month, mostly flexible working and working from home but with six scheduled meetings a year (presently via Zoom). The salary is to be decided. Applications, including CVs, should be sent to the Clerk at [clerkatmpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkatmpc@gmail.com)

HUGE THANKS is owed to Kirsten Johnson and her team of volunteers who have done so much to keep the community litter-free in the face of the extraordinary number of day-tippers who have visited the area since the lifting of lockdown. The group go out every Monday and cover Mickleham, Westhumble as well as parts of the A24 and the rubbish is then put in

bags at the Village Hall for collection. Their efforts need to be continually highlighted but there is recognition that they cannot carry on indefinitely with their work.

A REPORT on the SurreyLive website suggesting that new noise monitoring devices will be used to track the noise from motorbikes and vehicles in and around Mickleham is not quite what it seems. Although the devices are available they will only be brought into an area if sufficient 'need' is evidenced. Individuals in the community are therefore asked to keep diaries of when they detect vehicles and bikes making excessive noise. The positive development is that there appears to be a recognition among all the agencies that there is a significant problem in this area. Surrey County Council is to talk to the owners of Rykas Café to see if barriers can be employed more effectively to prevent bikers from using the car park there after hours.

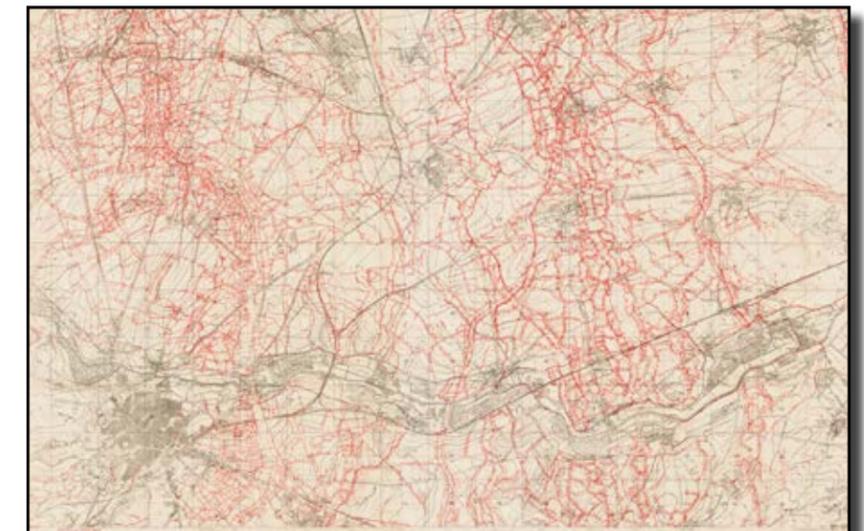
Trevor Haylett  
Clerk

## How Many Miles of Trenches on This Map?

My new book *I Shall Not Be Away Long* is coming out on 11th November and in the lead-up to its launch, as well as taking orders to know how many to print, I am running competitions to win copies. The first one is based on this map which shows an area of 6.25 miles by 10 miles to the north and east of the city of Arras in France. By the time it was drawn in May 1918, the opposing sides had been digging in this area for over 3 years and 7 months. I have digitised all these red lines of the trenches and that has enabled me to work out how many miles of trenches there are on this map. To be in with a chance of winning a copy of my book all you have to do is send in your estimate of what that number is. Closest number sent in by 7th October wins.

For further details, see [www.groupphoto.co.uk/competitions](http://www.groupphoto.co.uk/competitions) To find out about the book, see [www.ishallnotbeawaylong.co.uk](http://www.ishallnotbeawaylong.co.uk)

Andrew Tatham



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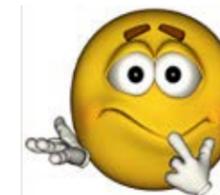
We have had a fabulous period here these last two months – never been so busy. So heartening to see the amount of support we have received from the village and beyond. Thank you.

For those yet to attend we can inform that we have had a canvas canopy fitted over our top patio area – creating an ‘inside-outside’ vibe with heaters, lighting etc – it has been getting great reactions and is very covid suitable - so you can remain snugly and dry in the autumn whilst still being outside. We remain unsure about opening inside just yet, especially with the rise in covid cases - however we may consider 2 x tables of six people, and keep these well ventilated using the French doors, etc – so if you would prefer inside please phone and ask and we shall see what we can do for you.

Once again thanks so much for your continued support, Eamonn

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## Cryptic Delicacies



I did something a bit different with the central theme clue to last month's puzzle in that it was another puzzle within the puzzle, the phrase being made up from other answers but I did not tell you which words were from which clues (except for 23 = THE, because I am unbelievably kind).

The clue was:

**Some answers (including 23 twice) (3,5,5,3,5,4,3,4,3) give the most well-known example of this gnawing animal. (7)**

The phrase was THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG, and I hoped that there were enough gettable clues to give some of those words and that they would jog a memory of that famous phrase that uses every letter of the alphabet and thus give the answer to this clue: PANGRAM (gnawing = PANG, animal = RAM).

Here are some of the other clues, with definitions underlined:

**1 A non-conformist makes half of himself disappear in water (4)**

**AQUA**

A + 'non-conformist' = QUA(ker)  
(second half gets disappeared).

**7 Preposterous duchess makes sound that is ROCK! (8)**

**SILICATE**

'Preposterous' = silly, 'duchess' = Kate (of Cambridge), and say those together gets you a type of rock that forms about 90% of the Earth's crust rather than the music that one plays much to the annoyance of one's father.

**14 Scalping can end up with a load of very fine black hair (5)**

**SABLE**

'can' = IS ABLE, which you then scalp (i.e. remove its top).

**21 Trot after this for whirling trick (3)**

**FOX**

Put 'FOX' after 'Trot' and you get a dance (i.e. 'whirling'), and FOX is also a synonym for trick.

**22 Bewildered by commercial featuring central complex puzzle (6)**

**AMAZED**

'complex puzzle' = MAZE which is placed centrally within 'commercial' = AD. An example of clue that I thought was fairly straightforward when I wrote it but later realised was open to confusing interpretations: 'central'

could be pointing to something within 'complex', and 'complex' could be an anagram indicator, as could 'puzzle'. All a happy/unhappy accident, depending on your point of view.

**27 Song sounded like Foghorn Leghorn in the company of Jumbo (7)**

**AIRCREW**

'Song' = AIR, 'Foghorn Leghorn' is a rooster and when he made his early morning sound, he CREW.

**29 Little sound made when working out leads to record (4)**

**PEEP**

'working out' = P.E. 'record' = E.P. (for Extended Play – i.e. a pop single with 4 or 5 tracks on it – something that will be meaningless to those under a certain age, and also meaningless to those above a certain age like the aforementioned father).

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



## Parish Magazine Annual Report 2019

There have been only a few changes for the magazine and its staff since last year's report. Printing costs increased slightly but we were able to keep advertising rates unchanged for the second year running and still raise enough revenue for extras. This year the MPM group 'Christmas card' raised £200 which was divided equally between St Michael's School and the Community Nursery.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the production and distribution of the magazine over the past year. Frances Presley has taken over the Mickleham bag distribution from Fiona Rowland who has returned to full-time teaching. Many thanks

to Fiona for her help. The current magazine editorial and distribution team:

**EDITORIAL TEAM:**

- Headed by co-editors Sue Tatham and Charlotte Daruwalla with Stephanie Randall as proof-reader
- Editorial panel: Judy Kinloch, Liz Weller, Frances Presley, Fiona Roberts-Miller and Ben Tatham
- Photographer: Ben Tatham

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**DISTRIBUTION TEAM:**

- Judith Cobby oversees the distribution and prepares 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.
- Ann Freckleton takes the bags to Westhumble deliverers.
- Frances Presley and David Kennington distribute the bags for Mickleham.
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Many thanks to the whole team, without whom the magazine would not reach you.

We continue to seek new people who would like to become involved in copy-editing the magazine. Unless we find someone the long-time future of the magazine cannot be guaranteed.

Sue Tatham, Editor

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## INSPIRATIONAL Box Hill School

We are back! It has been great to welcome our students and staff back to the Box Hill School campus. On Tuesday 1st September we held our New Starters day, when all new students are invited in to further familiarise themselves with the grounds and facilities and to meet their new tutors, teachers and classmates. This aims to help them be more comfortable when the whole school returns the day after. There was a palpable buzz of excitement on the Wednesday as we opened to all of our students. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and obvious pleasure of being back. Students have enjoyed being with friends and have been busy getting back to classroom learning. They

have been signing up to their activities for this academic year with plenty to choose from including, biking, high ropes and mainstream sports such as football, netball, rugby and hockey.

There have been many significant changes to the way the school operates on campus to comply with government guidelines and to create a Covid-secure environment. A great deal of work has taken place throughout the summer to ensure that we are able to continue to inspire and progress the learning



Our new Year 7 cohort settling in well on their first day!

of the young people in our care while keeping everyone safe. Students have impressed us with their ability to adapt to the changes, follow instructions and get on with the 'new normal' in school.

All in all a super start to the new term!

Lily McKeown

## The Friends of Juniper Hall

Because of current restrictions on large group meetings, Mavis Peart, Chairman of the Friends of Box Hill sent her annual report and other AGM papers by email. She explained that the purpose of the report is to reflect on our activities and to record how we have fulfilled our main objective of raising money to support the Centre. This year's activities were curtailed by the building work on the Hall and then the lockdown. There was no charitable expenditure in 2019, but we agreed commitments to spend £10,000 on the refurbishment of the Centre and £4,000 to contribute to a raised pond.

As usual Head of Centre Simon Ward

gave us an update on what has been happening at the Centre:

'Last time I wrote to you I informed you that we were going through a challenging period. This is still the case, but we are starting to get back to some normality. Over the summer we have opened our doors on Booking.Com to allow anybody to book an en-suite room in the main house and enjoy breakfast with us. We were not sure how it would work but we have had bookings every week and hope this will continue at weekends, at least until the October half-term.

'We also ran our Real Family Holidays in August. We had about 15 families



stay over a two-week period and it was great that they could enjoy the local nature. The biggest news is that the government have said that schools can do trips this autumn which means next week we start to welcome schools back for day visits. We are nowhere near capacity at this point, but the number of bookings is increasing, and we are being very hopeful that we can have a good end to the year.'

Suzy Hughes

## Volunteers Wanted at Juniper Hall



Before the latest covid-19 restrictions we had been planning a socially distanced coffee and volunteering morning in order to recruit more volunteers to help with our groundwork. It doesn't look like we will be able to do this. If you would like to find out about being a volunteer, please contact me here at Juniper Hall.

Jeremy Breeveld, Grounds & Estate Officer Field Studies Council (FSC)  
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By the time this October magazine arrives through your letterbox, all of our new children should have at least completed their settling in sessions at nursery. The mornings will have that distinctive autumnal chill, and the shops will have started to fill with pumpkins. The new season brings changes to the nursery too. We have some new residents. Our lovely new pond area was not being fully utilised, we have been waiting for critters to arrive and I am assured they gradually will, but while we wait for that added interest, we have introduced five little goldfish. They have been an instant hit, the children enjoying spotting, counting and singing to them. We just need to hope that our pond will support both fish and frogs, time will tell. Somewhat more sadly, news that Lisa, one of our very long standing

practitioners will be leaving us. Lisa has been our resident Snow White for 16 years. Many children have had unique experiences meeting the various baby rescue animals, most notably deer and a fox cub that Lisa has brought into nursery while they needed constant care in their early rescue days. Ultimately, travelling to nursery from the other side of Petworth, particularly in the winter and with new ventures closer to home, Lisa has made, what we have to devastatingly agree, a sensible choice. Lisa's passion for the natural world has been a driver for our now well established Forest School and she will be greatly missed by our children, both past and present and by her



colleagues. We all wish her well, and she has promised that she will continue to bring in her baby rescues!

Hilary Budd

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Answer on page 26

**Bonfires**

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## Solution to the September crossword

Across: 9 Quick 10 Vandalise 11 Auditor 12 Rhyming 13 Jumps 15 Bus 16 Boa 17 Tie 19 Blazing 20 Elf 23 The 24 Dog 25 Essex 27 Aircrew 29 Pangram 32 Electrode 33 Brown

Down: 1 Aqua 2 Wisdom 3 Skit 4 Over 5 Undressing 6 Lazy 7 Silicate 8 Reagan 13 Jot 14 Sable 15 Bear down on 6 Bugle 18 Eateries 21 Fox 22 Amazed 26 Sorrow 28 Rats 29 Peep 30 Nibs 31 Mane

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## Dorking Museum



Although the Museum remains closed, some activities are available. Walking in Dorking: walks must be booked

in advance. Walks to Betchworth Castle (far right) and elsewhere are planned. The Museum Archives may be accessed by giving advance notice. Please consult [dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk) for details.

The other image reminds us of spooky Hallowe'en events which would normally be taking place this month but are sadly off the menu.



## Transitioning from lockdown to school



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In some ways our return to school this year was very similar to previous years with lots of excited children ready to come back to St Michael's or join us for the first time.

However, given the current climate there are, of course, some aspects which are very different. In particular we need to help our year 1 and year 2 pupils returning to school after lockdown to manage the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on their personal, social,

emotional and academic development.

We know that our children will not simply pick up the curriculum at exactly the same point at which they left it when school closed. For that reason, over the past few weeks, the staff at St Michael's have been working extremely hard on a 'recovery curriculum' to support the children's transition back into school life.

Set out by mental health expert Professor Barry Carpenter, the recovery

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curriculum was developed as a response to the losses that all children will have experienced in different ways during this time. The common thread for all children is the possible loss of routine, structure, friendship, opportunity and freedom.

Professor Carpenter's approach has five 'levers'. These levers focus on a variety of areas, including relationships and community. Some of the key aspects we will be working with the children in the coming weeks and months include restoring relationships with friends, teachers and supporting adults; understanding how our children got on during home learning and engaging with our families as the children return to school; understanding the different styles of learning children may have developed during school closure; and helping our children to become confident learners at school.

We know that a return to school for some children may prove to be challenging and they may have anxieties about returning. We are confident that the approach we have put in place will help our children transition back into life at St Michael's and help them to be happy, feel safe and be able to be engaged in their learning.

We can of course incorporate these levers as useful additional tools to settle in our new reception children, to whom we extend a warm St Michael's welcome. We look forward to getting to know our new families over the coming months and seeing the school return to its usual busy self.

And finally, congratulations to Sandra Peers, who welcomed baby Summer in August. Mum, Dad and baby and doing well and we look forward to meeting Summer soon!

Nicola Cleather, Head of School

## THE 5 LEVERS OF RECOVERY

### LEVER 1: RELATIONSHIPS

We will not necessarily expect our children to return joyfully. Many of the relationships that were thriving, such as with friends, teachers, supporting adults may need to be invested in and restored. We will plan for this to happen, not assume that it will.

### LEVER 2: COMMUNITY

We will recognise that your child's curriculum will have been based at home for a long time. We will listen to what has happened in this time, understand the needs of our community and engage them in the transitioning of learning back into school.

### LEVER 3: TRANSPARENT CURRICULUM

Our children may well feel they have lost time with their learning at school and we want to show them that we understand this and that we will help them to become confident learners at school.

### LEVER 4: METACOGNITION

In different environments, children will have been learning in different ways and may have developed different styles of learning. It is vital that we acknowledge this.

### LEVER 5: SPACE - TO BE, TO REDISCOVER SELF, AND TO FIND THEIR VOICE ON LEARNING IN THIS ISSUE

It is only natural that we all work at an incredible pace to make sure this group of learners are not disadvantaged against their peers, providing opportunity and exploration alongside the intensity of our expectations.

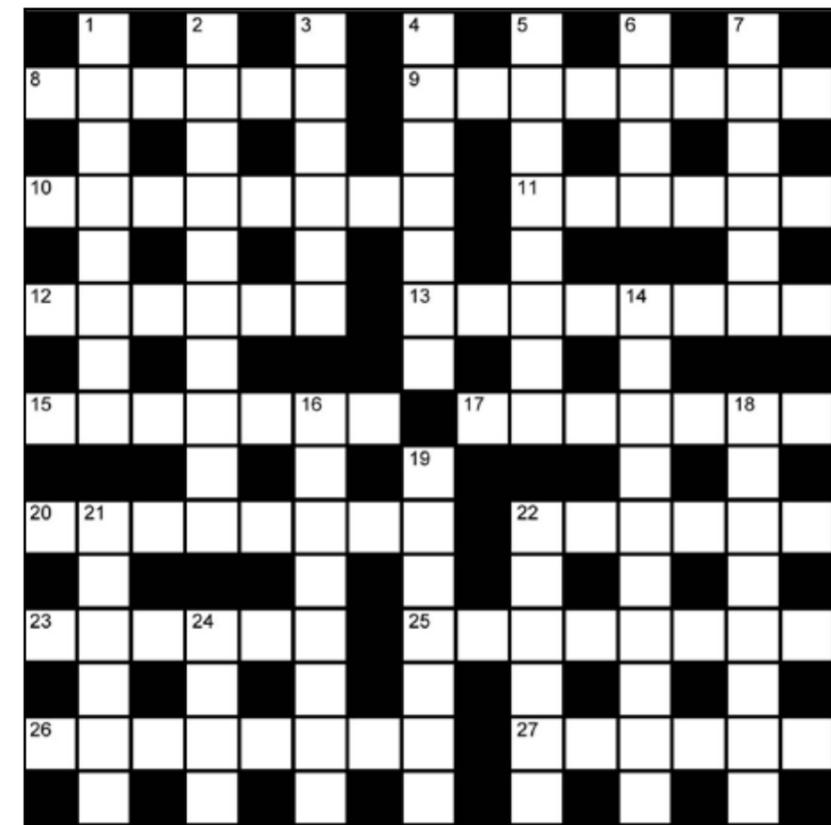
# Cryptic Crossword



## 'Brands & Models'

### Across

- 8 Cnut maybe is heard to be after gold frock (6)
- 9 Large dog barking at a snail (8)
- 10 In a panic, notices a floater! (8)
- 11 Alternatively, wind can sound dignified (6)
- 12 Got with the cycling revolution in the poor part of town (6)
- 13 Kit's partner has snog with Burmese leader for new beginning (8)
- 15 Subject of arch brand of top and bottom (7)
- 17 Endlessly put forward argument to Rex to ring lively model (7)
- 20 Nearby noise came from all sides (6,2)
- 22 Old designer brand of top and bottom (6)
- 23 Powers brand of top and bottom (6)
- 25 Did shark swim to bite collector in the ear? (4,4)
- 26 Umpire mistake leads to awful skin case for consultant (8)
- 27 Heard joint is dull - bar is lacking (6)



### Down

- 1 Rest after Bar 3 is rewritten (8)
- 2 Set 'crooked rat' curse on those who tell (10)
- 3 I like being in the absence of shade (6)
- 4 Tom could be backing jerks to make plans for success (7)
- 5 Insult a British leader for messing up the city where his great-grandfather was murdered (8)
- 6 Bust a gut to accommodate male model (4)
- 7 The Black Forest is more likely than SE London to contain this young fellow (6)
- 14 Mistakenly drive on red and get squashed (10)
- 16 Randy pet is racing round telling you how you are wrong about it (8)
- 18 Children made to wear scarlet are put out again (8)
- 19 Mistakenly hint all workers live here (7)
- 21 Hardy companion to hardy shrub (6)
- 22 Airman oddly finds a place to park his boat model (6)
- 24 You run away from trio (4)

View of the Zig Zag from Box Hill on 2nd September, made luscious green by the rain

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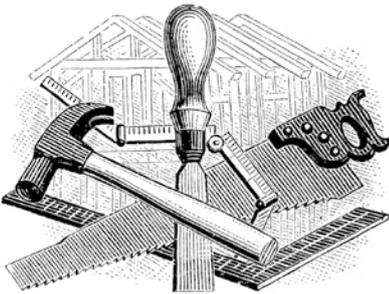
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