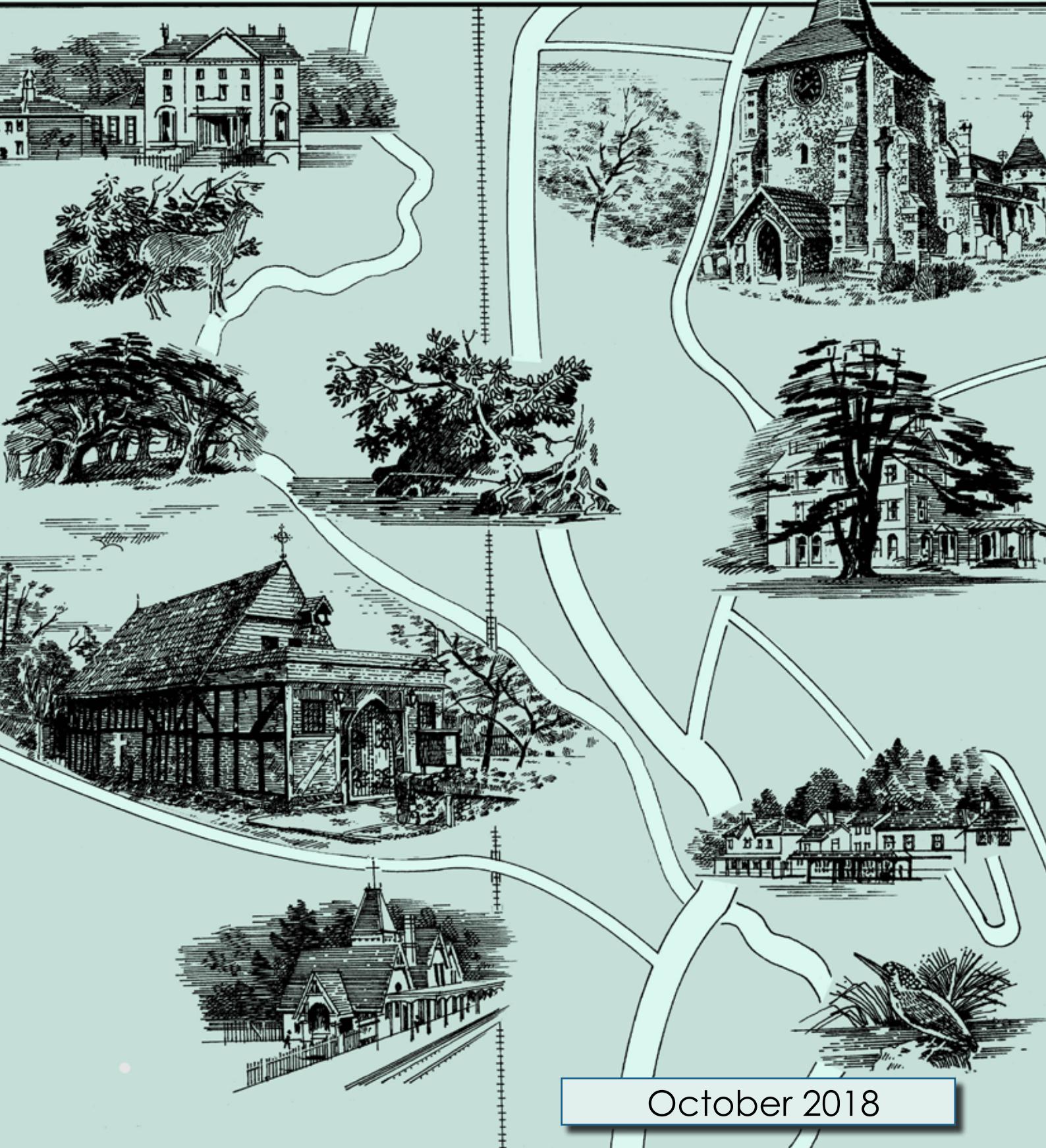


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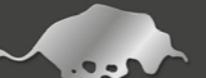
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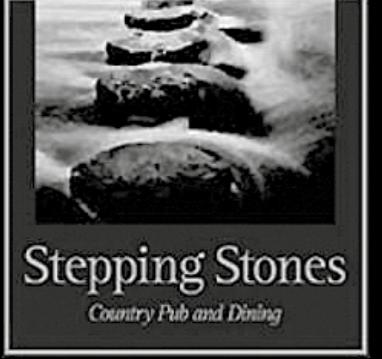
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Dear friends

How much are you worth? Now there is a question to think about!

I once read that in terms of raw materials we have 54 different elements in our body. In addition to oxygen, carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen, the others include iron, phosphorus, potassium, calcium and chlorine, to name but a few. And our value? That would seem to range from just a few pounds upwards! What is your value today if you are in salaried employment? And how much are you worth in terms of your assets?

If you are fortunate enough to be loved by someone, then your value could be even higher, so perhaps it is worth asking yourself the question, what am I worth? Because if you measure your value solely in material or financial terms you are missing out, you are worth so much more than just that.

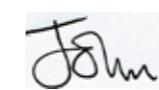
In the Bible we read about a woman named Naomi who did not feel she was worth a great deal. Her name actually meant 'pleasant' but she felt so worthless she asked others to call her 'Mara' which means bitter, because that was how she felt, bitter, worthless, a life of no value. It had not always been like that, she had been married to a loving husband and had moved to a new home in another country, and she had two sons who were also married. But suddenly everything went wrong, her husband died and in a matter of years both sons died too, and one daughter in law left and went back to her home country. In a strange land, Naomi felt broken and worthless.

There may be times when we find ourselves experiencing similar thoughts, our life is worthless, we have no value, where is God in all this pain and hurt, He seems so far away and we can begin to wonder if He likes us, or even cares for us. We like to be liked and to know we have value, to be accepted, so it is really helpful to know that God who created us, did so with a purpose for our life, and people can find their true value and worth in a relationship with Him. God gives us value, to Him none of us are ever worthless, rather we are chosen, loved, greatly valued and immensely liked! God truly likes what He has made in you, He likes the unique blend of talents, gifts and personality that He has given to make you the person He created you to be, which is simply you!

On Sunday 7th October many of us will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving in church, as we express our gratitude to God for all that He has blessed us with, especially the worth and value we find in Him. All are welcome to join us for a lively and informal Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service for all ages, starting at 11 am. Join us too for our monthly Parish Prayer Evenings, the next on 2nd October at 7.30 pm in church.

Be encouraged to know that if you were the only person in the whole world, God would still have sent His only Son Jesus so that you might truly know your real value if you ask Him. That is the value and worth that He puts on You. Naomi went on to learn that lesson for herself, and we can too.

May God's blessing enrich and encourage you.



Reverend Canon John Harkin  
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## From The Runners to South America

**M**y name is Ellie Parnham and up until March of this year I was a waitress at the Running Horses pub and so knew many of the locals there. After my time there as part of my gap year, I went to South America for 4 months, volunteering with a charity. A number of the Mickleham locals donated generously to my fundraiser for the trip and so I thought it would be appropriate for the following to be included in the magazine, as an insight into my time there for all who donated, as well as a thank you for their contribution.

Now I am safely back in the UK here is an account of my time away. From March to May I spent 2 months in rural Chile near a city called Temuco. After 7 weeks I travelled to the North of the country and across the border to a city called Tartagal in the very north of Argentina to work there from May to mid July. The projects in both countries involved working for a church and serving them in many different ways, mostly through construction but also kids and community work. I travelled alongside eight other young Christians from all over the UK and who are all a part of a Christian Organisation called 'Latin Link', with whom we travelled. The charity's focus is long and short term mission placements across the whole of South America.

The main bulk of our time in Chile was spent knocking down and reconstructing the community's church building, as well as working with the kids in the neighbouring school leading their weekly service and helping with their English lessons. Some of the kids lived at the school during the week and so it was great that we were able to entertain them in the evenings with endless games of football (which they

were significantly better at than us). In the weekly services we taught them songs and Bible verses and despite the language barrier were really able to communicate to them just how much God loves them.

As we were in the rural Chilean countryside, the Anglican church congregation was very small, only around 20 people but all very passionate about blessing their community and evangelising. The South American people are incredibly generous and hospitable and were very eager to host and feed us. They do BBQs much better than us! It is a great blessing to them to have this new building which will hopefully attract a lot of the individuals in the neighbourhood to the weekly service.

Leaving Chile was very hard as we had formed strong friendships with the people there. However we were very excited to move on to Argentina which we did in the first week of May. Tartagal is smaller than Temuco; however unlike in Chile we were right in the centre of the busiest part. The church in Tartagal is very different: loud, Pentecostal and very passionate. At least 300 meet every Sunday and most week-days in services that can last up to 3 hours!

Similarly, our time was mostly spent on a building site, this time helping lay down the foundations and the floor of the new Sunday School building. The congregation has a lot of kids so although the project was too big for us to finish, it will definitely help kick-start the construction of this new space that will be safe for the children to use.

We also visited lots of other churches in the area and meeting more of the community here, as well as visiting a feeding programme once a week and



Juaquim and Ellie in Chile

playing with the kids there. The feeding programme set up by the church hosts kids from significantly poorer backgrounds whose parents are either not present or unable to look after them properly. Some of our project fund also went towards providing clothes for the programme, this was important especially as Argentina was going into winter in June/July.

My time away was incredible. Meeting other Christians from other countries and cultures has been very inspiring and I have learnt a lot about life, not least how to live with 8 other people in a relatively small space! The donations I received from the Runners crew as well as others has meant that we were able to fund the building work in Chile and Argentina which will be long lasting and serve the communities in many ways so once again, thank you so much for your generosity. I look forward to bumping into you in the pub in the foreseeable future.

Here is the link to our weekly blog posts if you want to find out more:  
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Ellie

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## St Kilda – Islands Apart

The St. Kilda archipelago lies 112 miles west of the Scottish mainland, and 41 miles from its nearest neighbour, Benbecula, out in the Atlantic, the next stop would be Newfoundland. As far as anyone knows there has never been a St. Kilda, the name is probably a mispronunciation of an Old Norse word. Evidence of habitation has been found to stretch back for at least two thousand years.

It had always been a dream of Gerry's to visit the islands but they are so remote and so difficult to land on because of the constantly changing weather conditions and the stipulation that only small open boats may visit the slipway, that opportunities to visit are not easy for those of us who do not have our own boat. The dream became a reality at the beginning of June during a long spell of particularly settled weather. Our small expedition ship anchored in Village Bay off Hirta, the main island and there it was, almost within touching distance. The Ranger for the National Trust for Scotland was brought on board to give us a 'briefing' before we could set off in the Zodiacs to the slipway. Amongst his advice was to carry a large stick to ward off the ground nesting skuas, or bonxies as they are known locally, who are tenacious in defending their nest sites from all-comers, and an invitation to use the facilities (that should be in the singular because there is only one), but do not flush unless you have to. Three weeks without rain had left the island very short of water.

This is one of only two dozen places in the world which has dual UNESCO status for both natural and cultural significance, putting it on a par with Machu Picchu in Peru and Ayers Rock in Australia. The views from the top of the saddle above the ruined village were



A cleit above Village Bay no windows, the only light came through the door. Later whitehouses were built, named thus because they had a window and therefore more light inside. Visiting the graveyard, it becomes clear that the women kept their maiden names after marriage, and that the infant mortality rate was extremely high with most babies dying at only nine days old. It seems that they died of tetanus, thought to have been caused by the custom of rubbing the umbilical cord with gannet oil. There was a school and a kirk but today only the ghosts of the inhabitants remain.

In 1930 the last 36 inhabitants asked to be evacuated. Life was no longer sustainable. One can only admire the way in which they had clung on to their way of life despite the extreme hardships they endured. They were amongst the last communities to be exclusively Gaelic speakers and their descendants have spread across the world as far as Australia, where an area of Melbourne still bears the name of St. Kilda.

Today, there are, of course, volunteers working on Hirta and the military still maintain a presence and it is they who provide the water supply. What of the future? With dual World Heritage status, this unique and fragile environment both on the islands and in the surrounding sea is assured, it will be cherished and protected, providing material for much research into our shared history and the natural world.

Anne Weaver

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**A**s the recently elected new chairman of the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Society, I have been perusing our website and find that 'The first record of what was initially called the Mickleham and Westhumble Cottagers' Show was a meeting held on 20th March 1909 under the chairmanship of Sir Trevor Lawrence of Burford Lodge, which resulted in the first show being held in July of that year. There were 200 entries in 41 classes.' There have been gaps in putting on the show since then due to the first and second world wars, but by my calculation the most recent occasion on Saturday 1st September was the 90th main show held by the Society; and there are roughly double the number of classes and entries these days. It is pleasant to see a thriving village activity, but there can be no room for complacency.

The first job of any incoming chairman is to thank those who have gone before. In this case I must pay tribute to two stalwarts of the Society. Firstly Charlotte Daruwalla, who has been on the committee for twenty years and was secretary and latterly our treasurer for three years; and of course Judy Kinloch whom I have succeeded as chairman with thirteen years leading the Society and writing a column in the parish magazine. Although Charlotte has formally stepped away altogether, Judy will stay on to help the transition and provide wise guidance for years to come. The Committee join me in thanking them both for their huge contribution.

So on to the Show - a fine summer and a fine day led to a full show with a large number of entries and some hotly contested classes, especially in the Vegetable, Fruit and Cookery sections. The quality and quantity were much appreciated by the judges, with the cookery judge lingering long and hard at the fruit gin entries - I think he was so undecided at first that he had



to take second samples of the entries involved...

Our friend David Ireland was the VIP for the day and handed out the prizes, remarking on how the Show drew the communities of Mickleham and Westhumble together, showing off the talent and creativity which abounded. The main plaudits in the form of cups were handed out by David to Pauline Davis for both her late summer flower border and her vegetable plot and her truly stupendous leek, Richard Siberry for a fine fuchsia in a pot, Valerie Leake for a sumptuous bowl of ripe figs, Fiona Taylor for her 'Berried Treasure' in the Floral Arrangement section and her fabled (and much sampled) fruit gin, Janice Steele for a wonderful piece of embroidery of Mickleham and Westhumble which I hope will get a wider showing in the community, Vivien Murch for her dark dahlias, Carole Brough-Fuller for her fine art entries, David Kennington for cookery - mainly jams and jellies; and to the much decorated Martin Cox who was awarded both the Bronze Banksian medal (his 5th) and the Salomons Cup for most points in the whole show.

Last thoughts from my first Show - pleased that The Garden Shed members now invited to participate in the activities of the Society, let us hope we can get ever closer. We must have more children's entries and we will look at how this can be achieved. My commitment to the Society is based on my love of the outdoors and my belief that health, good produce, fun

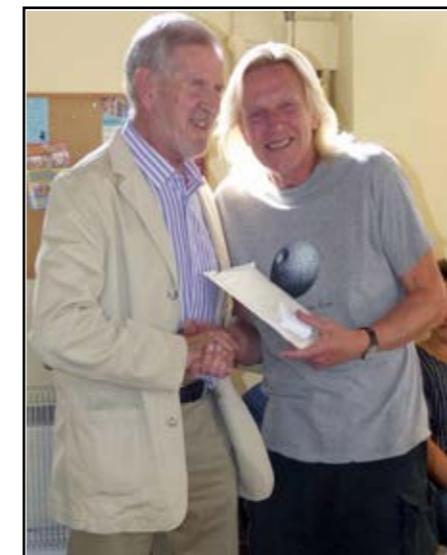


David Kennington



Page 6 from top: A splendid display of flowers; serious discussion over the longest marrow; the stupendous leek; shiny onions.  
This page from top left: David Ireland presents the trophy to Vivien Murch for her dahlias (below); Fiona Taylor and Janice Steele with the beautiful Mickleham and Westhumble Quilt; Judy Kinloch and family man the plant stall; the sumptuous figs; below: David presents the Banksian Medal to Martin Cox; one of Martin's prizewinning entries. See also pages 25,26 and 28.

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and a strong competitive streak can all be harnessed for the good of the community. I hope too that many more of you will look at our show schedule for next July and think 'I could have a go at that!'



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I hope you enjoyed the theme in September's crossword. Again it was a difficult balance to pick something that most people would know without being too obvious. I also like the possibilities of playing with General Knowledge as well as the usual cryptic wordplay. The fact that there was a theme was pointed to by 10A giving a lot of clue numbers, with the 'show' in question being 'MY FAIR LADY' and hopefully coming from the answers to those clues, with Henry HIGGINS (16D) sharing the surname of Alex 'Hurricane', the snooker player, and Jack, the author of 'The Eagle Has Landed' and being played by Rex HARRISON (20A) who also talked to the animals in the role of Dr Doolittle, which was the surname of ELIZA (6D) whose abhorrent (to him) pronunciation of ENGLISH (6A) he tried to correct with phrases like 'The rain in Spain falls mainly on the PLAIN' (27A). I hope there were enough routes into that to start the ball rolling for you, and here are some of the other clues:

### 9 Liking no soldier to be cooked in oven (4)

DEFINITION: oven

SIGNAL WORDS: 'no' = subtract the following, 'to be cooked' = anagram pointer

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'soldier' = G.I. (American slang, from 'Government Issue'), LIKING with GI subtracted is LKIN, then anagram that

ANSWER = KILN

'G.I.' is one of the abbreviations that are very commonly used in cryptic puzzles. The best ones for cluing have multiple possibilities so as well 'G.I.', 'soldier' can be 'R.E.' for Royal Engineer, and 'soldiers' can be 'men' or 'O.R.' for 'other ranks'. Looking back at this clue,

## CRYPTIC DELICACIES

it's probably a bit unfair as the letters GI are not sitting together in 'liking'. That said, it is very useful to know the most common cluing abbreviations and a good starting place is [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crossword\\_abbreviations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crossword_abbreviations)

### 17 Wizard follower arose topless - smash hit! (5)

DEFINITION: there are two: 'smash' & 'hit'

SIGNAL WORDS: 'follower' points to a word that comes after the previous word in a well-known phrase, 'topless' = remove first letter

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: There are two cryptic clues (so with the two definitions, that's a total of four clues to give one answer). Dealing with the second one first: 'arose' = SPRANG then remove its first letter. Back to the beginning and the phrase referred to was once very well known but is less so now. 'Wizard prang' combines 'Wizard' for 'ripping' or 'splendid' and 'Prang' which was RAF slang for a crash or a bombing mission, and the whole phrase was coined in the Second World War to mean 'a bombing mission that caused a lot of destruction' (search for 'wizard prang' on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and the first thing that comes up is a clip of it being used by RAF aircrew).

For a while, it entered general usage, the sort of thing that appears in the Jennings books to described schoolboy pranks involving the throwing of a lot of eggs, and even as a metaphor in politics with The Spectator in 1958 saying 'The Prime Minister was questioned about the RAF's wizard prang on the Government's defence policy'. I wonder how it is that certain things which are everyday at one time can almost completely disappear so soon after.

ANSWER = PRANG

### 26 Part of Judi Dench's diaphragm (4)

DEFINITION: diaphragm

SIGNAL WORDS: 'Part of' = role played by, and in 'Judi Dench's' the apostrophe

before the 's' is not signalling a possessive but is a shorting of 'is'.

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Role played by Judi Dench' = diaphragm

ANSWER = IRIS (defined as 'the coloured muscular diaphragm that surrounds and controls the size of the pupil in the eye' and also the role for which Judi Dench was nominated for an Oscar in 2001).

### 4 Walking out with distinction (8)

DEFINITION: There are two: 'Walking out' and 'with distinction'

ANSWER = STRIKING

This was one of my favourite clues in this puzzle – it is simple but not obvious, the whole clue looks like one phrase so you might think that the answer could be a type of walking, and the two definitions are different parts of speech, with 'walking out' leading to the present participle of the verb 'to strike' as in industrial action, and 'with distinction' leading to an adjective for 'impressive'. An added bonus that I didn't notice when setting the clue was that the word 'striding' fits in with the crossing letters in the grid. That might have been an answer if this was a straight crossword, but it should have led to a nagging doubt if you put it in and were wondering in what way the clue was cryptic. Always listen to those nags because generally a good clue should lead to that frisson you get when you realise that you have cracked it and found the only word that fits exactly with the whole clue.

### 17 Put back Q-Z to get single (8)

DEFINITION: Put back

SIGNAL WORDS: 'to get' means 'to add on'

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED: 'Q-Z' is all the letters in the alphabet after P which gives 'POST P' and then add 'single' = ONE

ANSWER = POSTPONE

As always, any responses or queries will be happily received at andrewt@andrewtatham.co.uk

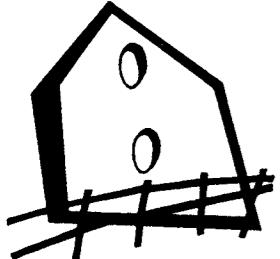
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# A HISTORY OF THE WESTHUMBLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Part 1 - Early Westhumble as we know it 1933 – 1947

When I was asked to write a history of the Westhumble Residents' Association (WRA) (originally the Westhumble Association – WA) I found it much more onerous than I had expected. I have read through all the available minutes and found that they, like most minutes, record the decisions made at committee meetings and not the stories behind those decisions. Therefore, I have had to dig deep to research the background that led to the WRA being involved in the various problems. The net result is that my discoveries have led to what amounts to a brief history of Westhumble since WW2. I have also added a few of my own recollections.

Westhumble, as we now know it, was mainly the Camilla Lacey Estate which comprised virtually all the land between the railway and Chapel Farm. In 1931 the owner Victor Freeman died and his executors found he was deeply in debt, having lost most of his fortune in the great depression. This was the end of a way of life in the 'Big House'. As an example, in 1968 an elderly lady called at Burney Cottage, my house, and asked to come in as she used to live there. It turned out that in the 1920s she was a tweenie (between floors maid) at Camilla Lacey and she regaled us with stories of the then upstairs/downstairs life. At that time, the unmarried female staff lived at Burney Cottage and the

more numerous male workers (mainly gardeners and home farm labourers) bedded down in Postern House. The maids had to rise at 5 am to clean the house, light fires etc and retired at 7 pm when the housekeeper locked them upstairs in our house to avoid any hanky panky! However, she, with a twinkle in her eye, said the lads at Postern House knew where the ladders were!

To return to our main story. In 1933 Knight, Frank and Rutley sold the estate to a Mr Dibden, but he died before completion and the estate was then split up and sold to various developers. The net result was that by 1939 all the estate roads had been constructed and

*Plan showing how the Camilla Lacey Estate was divided for auction. However the whole estate was bought by a young Property Developer, Lionel Dibden who had already developed much land around Sutton and other areas of Surrey. He and his wife were killed in one of the early passenger airline disasters in 1933.*

*Lot 1 – All the portion north of Chapel Lane, including mansion, numerous buildings and parkland. In the end the house with five acres was bought by E J Baker founder of Baker Motors Ltd who divided the mansion, naming the smaller portion Burney House. He also converted the old riding stables – latterly the garage – into a residence as Burney Cottage, and the guest house became Postern House. The remainder of Lot 1 became Camilla Park.*

*Lot 2 – That portion south of Chapel Lane, consisting of the Home Farm and all its buildings. This land plus Camilla Park was developed as a new residential estate, principally Camilla Drive, Pilgrims Way, Pilgrims Close and Burney Road.*

*Lot 3 – A brick and tiled 'Block of Superior Modern Cottages' near the Drive Entrance, all vacant. These were bought by Anne Weaver's great-uncle Ernest Fitter. Anne and Gerry live in one of these cottages today. One of the developers of Pilgrims Way was Portwell Ltd, founded by John Portwine, who with designer John Weller built the A C motor car. They converted the Home Farm buildings into dwellings, and built two thatched houses next to them for themselves.*



all services connected to each site. Pilgrims Way & Close were about 60% completed, but the remaining roads had only a scattering of houses. Plots were being sold at around £10 per ft of frontage – about £250 – £400 per plot. Completed houses in Pilgrims Way were selling at £1,350 – £1,650. These were expensive – at that time, semi-detached houses in Morden and Sutton fetched £850 - £1,000.

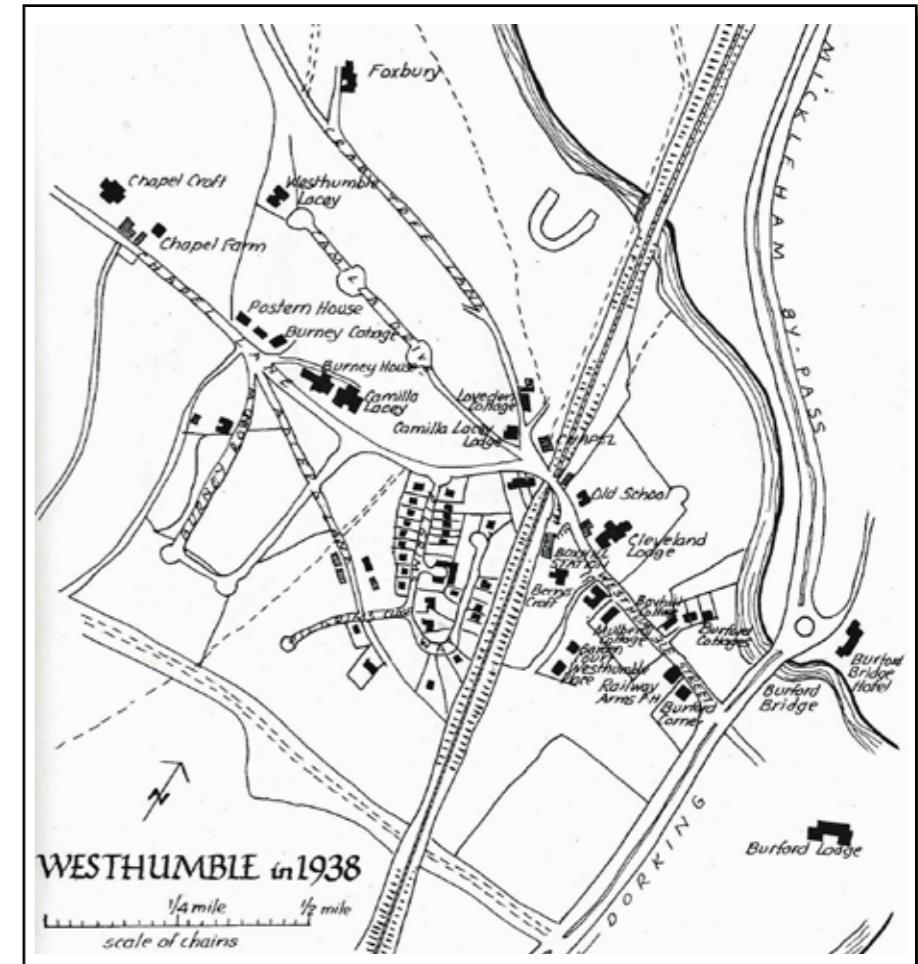
The war ended in 1945, and there was a desperate need for more houses to replace those demolished by bombing. However, the country was in the grips of severe austerity with very few cars, rationing and a lack of building materials. This led to building licences limiting new houses to 1,000 sq ft of floor space. Many of these houses in Westhumble are still standing, although most have now been extended.

The rapid growth of the community prompted several prominent residents to take action to solve problems that needed urgent solutions. Westhumble did not have a parish council and they decided to form a Westhumble Association.

The inaugural meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1945 at *The Railway Arms* – now the *Stepping Stones* Public House, with 80 residents attending. Sir James Jeans of *Cleveland Lodge* was elected president and Judge Lloyd-Jacob KC of Fredley as chairman. Rules were agreed (to include members from Fredley which at that time was considered part of Westhumble) and arrangements made to have the rules, membership cards and headed notepaper printed. Sub-committees were formed to deal with specific issues.

The WA flourished. By the end of the first year, membership had grown to 197 and at least ten committee meetings were held to deal with the many urgent matters:

- The need for a shop and sub-post office: As few cars were owned and petrol was rationed until the early 1950s all shopping had to be done via a bus or train. It was proposed to rebuild the 'blue box' (the kiosk in the station's car park opposite the entrance to the booking hall). The tenant however was not interested and after two years the matter was dropped. It was not as dire as it sounds – in the 1950s there were house deliveries including milk, groceries, meat and bread. When



we arrived in the '60s many of these services had ceased.

- Bus stop and shelter: The stop near the corner of Westhumble Street and the A24 was request only with no shelter. After much negotiation, a shelter and compulsory stop were agreed in 1947.
- NAAFI buildings in the field on the corner of Westhumble Street and the A24: These had been erected in 1943 to serve the Canadian Army billeted in Mickleham and Westhumble prior to D-Day in 1944 and were now redundant and an eyesore. The WA pressed for them to be removed.

- An open space (children's playground): As there were young families moving into the newly-constructed houses, a large plot at the very far end of Pilgrims Way was identified and could be purchased for £800. This was excessive – £400 was thought to be the value. The developer would not agree, and funds were not available. After three years the proposal failed.

- Street lighting: The only light was on the railway bridge and that was damaged. It took five years of negotiation for the

present lights to be erected.

- A village hall: There was nowhere to meet in the village except at the *Railway Arms* which was not suitable for children's parties etc. It was proposed that *Cleveland Lodge Barn* (by the bridge and now converted to a house) would be suitable. It was occupied by the YMCA whose lease expired in 1946. However, Sir James Jeans would only accept yearly tenancies and it was considered unwise to spend a considerable sum to make it suitable without a long lease. The need for a hall rumbled on for a further 20 years without an acceptable solution being found.

Sir James Jeans resigned as President at the AGM in December 1946 over the issue of the YMCA and Judge Lloyd-Jacob took his place with Mr Burrell as Chairman.

Michael Hallett

**E**ditor's note: The two maps and further information about the development of the Camilla Lacey Estate was taken from *The Manor of Wistombe in the Parish of Mickleham, a local history* by Ronald Shepherd, published in 1982 by the Westhumble Association. Now out of print.

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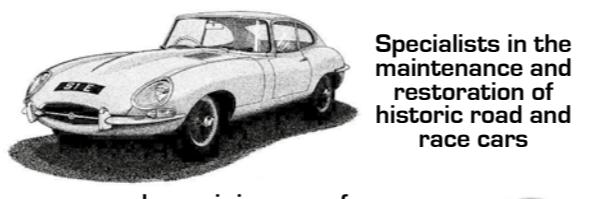


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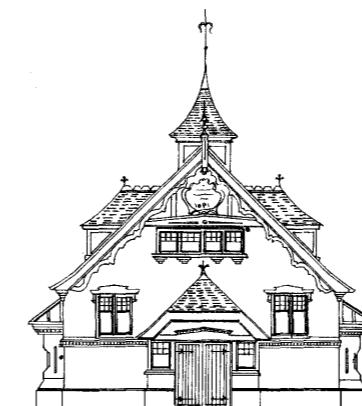


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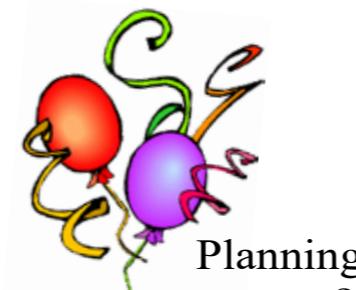


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14	SUNDAY	Trinity 20	
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		10 am	Holy Communion
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		10 am to 12 noon	Prayer Workshop in church
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**B**en and Thanh Randall (right) after their marriage at Wootton Park on 19th August. Ben, the son of Stephanie of Pilgrims Way and Peter who lives in Belgium, grew up in Westhumble.



## Mickleham Parish Council

**M**ole Valley District Council planners have outlined to Mickleham parish councillors the next step in their creation of a new Local Plan and what it could mean for the village in terms of possible new development.

The District Council is proposing to extend the village boundary to take in an additional area to the west of the village and one to the south-east of the village. The proposed new boundary can be viewed here <http://futuremolevalley.org/villages/>.

Mickleham Parish Council will now consider its response to the proposal

and is keen to hear the views of residents before it relays its views to MVDC. The plan, including maps and additional information, will be put on display in the Ranmore Room at St Michael's Church on Thursday 18th October from 3-8 pm and residents are urged to visit and send their comments in to Mole Valley.

MVDC say its intention is to work in partnership with parish councils and village associations to incorporate as far as possible their aspirations and wishes for their communities. It stresses that at this stage the proposals



are primarily for discussion purposes. Wider public consultation will take place once proposals have been agreed as part of the Preferred Options Local Plan in due course.

Trevor Haylett - Clerk

# Westhumble's Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display

## Saturday 3rd November



Please come to the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Westhumble Field, as usual, at the bottom of Adlers Lane. All from Mickleham and Westhumble and St Michael's School are most welcome, along with all your relatives and friends.

We are keeping to £5 per head (or more if you feel generous) and we would ask groups please to base their donations on this to ensure the continuation of this event. Bring as many spectators as possible – we need lots of people to blow at the bonfire to make sure it burns well this year!

So have your hats and woollies, scarves and wellies by the door and come whatever the weather.

Please remember that, as last year, our lower insurance premium means that hand-held fireworks are not covered, so PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS – we have an alternative.

Bonfire building begins on Saturday 13th October and continues as shown.

We were delighted to see some new faces to help build the bonfire last year, but a few more pairs of hands would not

go amiss, as some of the usual suspects are getting long in the tooth! Even if you can only spare a short time everyone is very welcome, including children, but do remember that a bonfire can be dangerous, even before it is lit, so please keep small children and pets under supervision.

As usual, refreshments will be provided for bonfire builders.

On 3rd November Guy Fawkes will lead the Torchlight Procession from the junction of Burney Road, Chapel Lane & Adlers Lane at 5.45 p.m.

Soup and sausages will be available from the barbecue in the field for a small donation. If you have bonfire

material (no rubbish, please) leave it near the bonfire site BUT NOT BEFORE 13th OCTOBER, as there may be cattle in the field until then.

NO GREEN YEW, SCREWS or NAILS, please: they can be dangerous to animals.

Unfortunately we have only very limited ability to collect material from around the village.

Neil Mason, Entertainments Secretary  
01306 889073

### Bonfire Building

Saturday 13th October	morning from 10 a.m.
Sunday 14th October	afternoon from 2 p.m.
Saturday 20th October	morning from 10 a.m.
Sunday 21st October	afternoon from 2 p.m.
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th October	only if rain has disrupted earlier efforts: look for notices
Finishing touches Saturday 3rd November	morning from 10 a.m.

## Kenya Health Care Outreach Programme

*Chrissie Starsmeare, a friend of Alison Wood and Fiona Taylor, is about to embark on a volunteering project. She writes:*

This is a project started in 2010 which health care staff and support workers travel to Kenya to volunteer to work for two weeks in rural community clinics alongside the local health care staff.

In parts of rural Kenya around 70% of people live below the poverty line with often limited or non-existent access to proper sanitation, clean water and healthcare.

Medical facilities are very poor with inadequate staff and equipment to treat the local population.



- The outreach clinics provide treatment for:
  - common tropical diseases including infestations and skin infections;
  - treatment of minor illnesses;
  - screening for diseases such as malaria;
  - health education including teaching of first aid;
  - dental care, family planning and sexual health advice;
  - eye screening and treatment of conditions such as cataracts.

Since the project began, over 27,000 people have received medical care, treatment and education in the clinics.

I have volunteered to work in one of these health camps for 2 weeks in November this year and am currently raising funds to buy medical equipment to take along, and to donate to the

project. If you would like to donate the link is: [www.justgiving.co/crowdfunding/chrissiestarsneare-2](http://www.justgiving.co/crowdfunding/chrissiestarsneare-2)

There are also some suggested items if anyone wishes to donate things for me to take along: used reading glasses or off-the-shelf ones, e.g from Poundland; toothbrushes/toothpaste; pens/pencils for children; flip-flops mainly children's sizes; wind-up torches; baby clothes; knickers/bras for girls in school; footballs (deflated); knitted teddies (pattern available)

Thank you very much.

## The Garden Shed Visit to Lambeth Museum, Gardens and Palace

On a very hot summer's day at the beginning of August, a group of Garden Shed participants headed up to London for our visit to Lambeth Museum.

We revived ourselves by having some refreshments at the pleasant new café connected to the Museum, re-opened recently after an 18-month revamp.

Then began our tour. It is a small museum, but full of interesting exhibits. Some of the group climbed the 130 steps to the top of the tower to take in the panoramic views of London. It was a glorious sunny day, so saw London looking its finest, with life bustling below us.

Our next visit was to Lambeth Palace



and Garden, a few minutes' walk from the Museum. We decided to visit on this day as, in the summer, they are open only on the first Friday of the month.

We were able to look around some areas of the Palace, the library was particularly interesting. The gardens were looking rather parched and dry, like all our gardens. We were provided with a map, and had a good look around. There is always a local London Charity who provides refreshments for the visiting public. What a feast it was; we found a shady area under the trees and listened to a live music band playing in the grounds. All very pleasant, and an enjoyable way to spend a Friday.

We arrived back in Leatherhead all agreeing what a success the day had been. If though rather hot and sticky!  
Susie Gowenlock



## FUNGUS FORAY at NOWER WOOD

Led by Roger Granby

Saturday 6th October 2018

10 am to 12 noon

The cost of the visit will be £10

Booking essential as there are limited places

Lunch – If it is a nice day you can take a picnic, alternatively, we could go to the Box Hill café, we can decide nearer the time.

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If you are interested in joining us contact:-

Pauline Davis 07759646353 paulinemdavis@gmail.com  
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Mon: 1-5 pm,  
Tues – Sat: 9.30 am – 5 pm  
Sun: 10 am – 4.30 pm

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## KING WILLIAM IV

With a lovely summer now behind us we look forward to autumn which means new dishes and more comforting open-fire-fayre.  
And a special thanks to the Ayton sisters, Alex, Amber, Anya & Abi - great job; well done! Sorry I kept on mixing up your names; but tell your dad there are other letters in the alphabet.  
Hope we all see you soon,

Eamonn x

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We have recently started selling Jude's Ice Creams made in a village in the South Downs with milk from Matterley Farm. They come in a wonderful range of flavours which we are serving in waffle cones from a charming ice cream cart. On a more mundane note we are having a campaign to try and deal with our litter problem. We are encouraging people to take their picnic debris home

as well as schools being given black plastic sacks and any walkers who are willing will be given a bag to litter pick as they walk the paths. We already have several people who do help in this way and it is very much appreciated.

Apart from the visual and environmental impact of rubbish the cost for the Trust to dispose of everything is enormous so people taking home their own rubbish makes a big difference to the charity.

The beginning of October sees the start of our new autumnal menu. We have some lovely new recipes to try; spiced lentil and bacon soup, Italian style sausage casserole, venison stew, roasted beetroot, walnut and soft cheese salad and of course some new cakes. We have a lovely moist toffee apple cake, a caramel soaked date loaf, homemade Chelsea buns, banana and walnut bake and of course the

## National Trust Box Hill

old favourites like Victoria sponge and carrot cake.

We hope to see you up here soon and give us a call if you want to book an afternoon tea.

Suzanne Taylor

## Box Hill Bugs

Our outdoors playgroup returns from Monday October 29th and Tuesday 30th. See page 26 for contact and booking details.

## Toadstool Tiptoe

Hunt high and low along Toadstool Tiptoe.

Navigate around our ancient woodlands whilst marvelling at our vibrant array of fungi. A self-guided trail suitable for 5+ years.

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## 10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

	Calculator% This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.
	Hot or Not Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.
	Omegle A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.
	Burn Book Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.
	Snapchat This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.
	Wishbone An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.
	Whisper An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.
	Kik Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.
	Ask.fm Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.
	Instagram Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

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## Piano Duet Recital

### Tracy Kennington and Caroline D'Cruz

for The Rebecca Dykes Foundation  
St. John's School, Old Chapel  
Wednesday 10th October at 7.30 pm

Tracy and Caroline will be performing a vibrant collection of well-known and some less-known works including pieces by Gershwin, Dvorak and Rachmanninov.

In aid of The Rebecca Dykes Foundation, set up by Rebecca's family, following her tragic death, aged 30, while working for the British Embassy in Tehran. More information can be found on: [rebeccadykesfoundation.com](http://rebeccadykesfoundation.com)  
Please come and hear us play on a beautiful piano for Rebecca.

We need to know seat numbers before the evening so please do let Tracy know if you are attending  
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Box Hill School celebrated a fantastic set of summer exam results across our final year IB, A Level and GCSE students.

Year 13 IB students achieved a fantastic 100% pass rate, with the highest score awarded of 42 points across six subjects, gained by Camilla Bee our Deputy Head girl and a boarding student.

Following on from the excellent set of IB results, the A-Level students and teachers were soon celebrating impressive grades. This year, over 40% of all grades were A\*, A, or B which was particularly pleasing given the rigour and challenge in the reformed A-Level courses.



The Rob Walker

Centenary Festival

Sunday 21st October 2018

## The Rob Walker Centenary Festival

Sunday 21st October,  
between 10 am and 4 pm

Dorking may not be the first place that comes to mind when you think of the high speed, multi-million-pound world of Grand Prix motor racing. However, during the 1950s and 60s

Dorking was also home to one of the most successful privateer motor racing teams – The Rob Walker Racing Team.

Born 100 years ago in 1917, Rob Walker was a true gentleman. Heir to the Johnnie Walker whisky fortune, he was taken to his first car race at the tender age of seven and went on to become one of the most respected characters in motor racing history. His small, private racing team was based in London Road, Dorking from the late 1940s to the early 1970s, and it was here that the

Box Hill School celebrates impressive sets of GCSE, A-Level and International Baccalaureate results

Our GCSE students equally performed exceptionally well with an 87% pass rate of A\* - C / 9-4 grades. This is not only an increase on last year, but also 20% higher than the national average. 27% of all grades were at A\* - A / 9-7.

In the context of the non-selective approach to education at Box Hill School, where we put holistic learning at the core of school life, the results across the board are exceptionally pleasing.

The hard work and determination of all students has given them the



opportunity now to move on to the exciting next phase of their education and we wish them the very best of luck!

Lily McKeown

## Dorking Museum In October

cars were developed, built and tested. Between 1958 and 1968 they beat the mighty works teams in nine Grand Prix, including three wins around the streets of Monaco.

The Centenary Festival takes place on Sunday 21st October, between 10am and 4pm, and celebrates the 60th anniversary of the team's first Grand Prix victory by Stirling Moss. Organised by the Dorking Town Partnership, this unique motorsport event will bring together up to nine historic Rob Walker racing cars for a parade lap around Dorking town centre. Renowned in the motorsport world and worth many hundreds of thousands of pounds, these cars all raced as part of the Rob Walker team. Full details at [www.dorkingtowntpartnership.co.uk/news-and-events](http://www.dorkingtowntpartnership.co.uk/news-and-events).

During the afternoon of the Festival, Rob's son, Robbie Walker, will conduct the official opening of Dorking Museum's current exhibition, Rob Walker and Dorking's Place in Motor Racing History. This exhibition is open throughout October and until January and focuses on the life of Rob Walker, his Pippbrook Garage and workshops in Dorking, and the team's motor racing triumphs and tragedies over 30 years. Exhibits include a unique collection of scale-replica models of Walker's racing



cars that featured on the BBC show Bargain Hunt programme and rare memorabilia, including a steering wheel from a Lotus 49 Formula One racing car and original copies of motor racing magazines from the period.

## BRAIN TEASER

Can you translate this diagram into words? Say what you see.



Answer on page 26

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All Hands On Deck at St Michael's Nursery



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We have been singing pirate songs and making up words to rhyme with numbers. You may know one of our firm favourites among our sea shanties: 'When I was one I played a drum the day I went to sea, I climbed aboard the pirate ship and the captain said to me...'

In a break from pirating, we also made lavender scented playdough. The nursery smelt very calm and relaxing and it definitely helped to ease the return to nursery for the adults.

Those of you who attended the Mickleham Horticultural Show in the summer will have spotted our photo montage of the children with sunflowers in various stages of growth. The flowers have been nurtured by the children after receiving seeds earlier in the year. We had a mixed bag of success – some sadly never made it, some were small but perfectly formed, and others towered over the children.

Just before the summer break we also marked our 25th anniversary, a real milestone in caring for local children, and one of which we are rightly proud. Here's to the next 25 years!

Hilary Budd



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Natalie 07790 318 653 or ask to join our closed Facebook group for Tuesday Toddles for regular updates.

Returning from Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th October

Mondays: 11am and 1.30 pm  
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**Box Hill Bugs**

Photographer Roger Davis



Entries from the school children in the Summer Show



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**BRAIN TEASER answer: Back to square one**

## Our First Day Back at School

The children were very excited to be back at school today, lots of happy faces and parents telling us how early their child had woken up and got their uniform on. The teachers have been busy over the holidays making their classrooms ready for the children and they look fantastic! Our new Year 1's (Owls) have now moved into our biggest classroom and they have enjoyed making use of the small world and craft areas as you can see in the pictures below. There is also a busy writers' table where the children are enthusiastically writing about their holidays and writing postcards to their parents. Our new Year 2 class (Woodpeckers) are getting used to a more structured day and are writing their 'Hope' balloons for what they would like to achieve this year. Our new reception children (Otters) will be starting next week, with home visits this week to get to know the children and families and to help with settling. As a

Head of school, it is so lovely to walk around the classrooms on the first day and see how excited all of the children are to be back in class learning with their friends and teachers. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for working so hard over the INSET days and holidays to get everything ready for the children. The classrooms are looking engaging, colourful and purposeful and there are a lot of admin jobs to do as well. Every staff member has contributed above and beyond to try to make the first day special for the children so thank you.

#### New reward system

We are introducing a new praise award this year called a 'Busy Bee Award' as you can see below. As a staff we have chosen 4 principles which we will be teaching the children through circle times and rewarding the children for when they are noticed.

These are:

- Be Kind
- Be Hard Working
- Be Mindful
- Be Honest

We will be awarding bee certificates during our celebration assembly along



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with singing a bee song in celebration and to say well done. The song lyrics are:

*To Be a Bee!*

*Chorus:*

*It seems to me to be a bee, is quite an honour actually,*

*It seems to me, to be a bee, is quite a responsibility.*

*Verse:*

*Take a look around the school,*

*St Michael's children being cool*

*All of us can achieve,*

*in ourselves we do believe.*

We look forward to teaching the children our new song on our first day in assembly.

Sandra Peers, Head of School

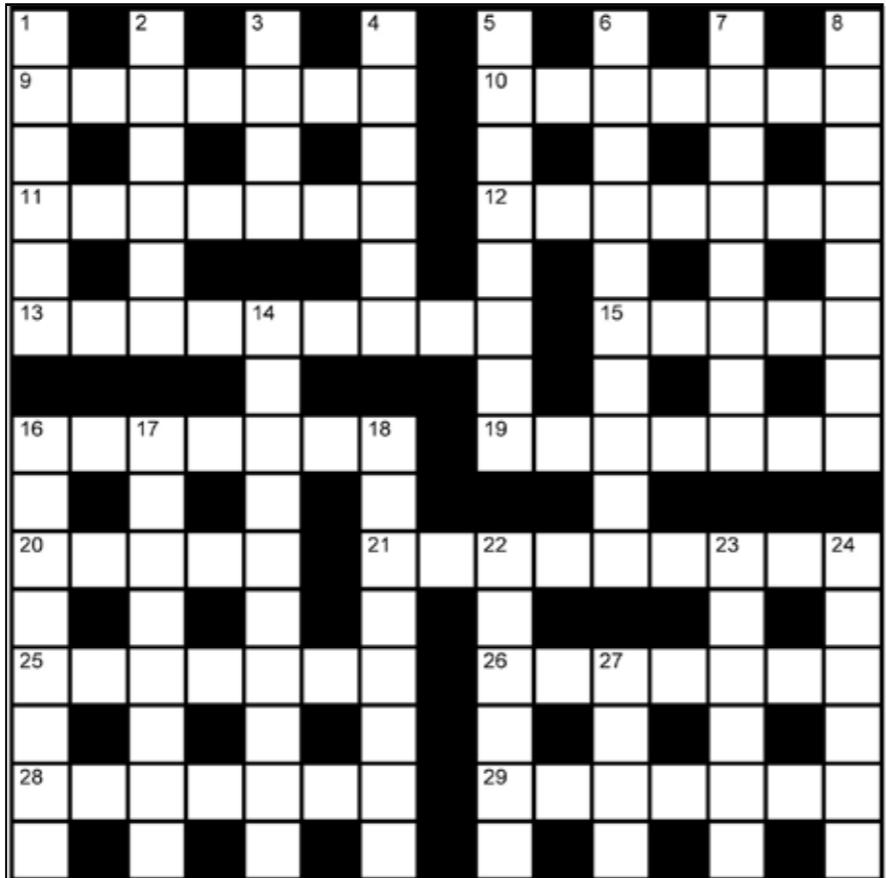
# Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 9 Sensor for a new note sound (7)
- 10 I am nuts about making waves (7)
- 11 Puzzling role for bowler (4,3)
- 12 Colour artist having a smoke outside (7)
- 13 Sausage, spirit and beer! (9)
- 15 Fondant topping for apostle's slice of luck (5)
- 16 Scoundrel, say, gets stiff (7)
- 19 Escorts chess theologians all over the place without clothes on (7)
- 20 Diet connecting 3, 15, 24 & 27 here (5)
- 21 David used this to snog his Lieutenant ravishingly (9)
- 25 Being unimaginative makes U.S. volume a loss leader (7)
- 26 More strange if returning more retiring (7)
- 28 Causes to be second after being on time (7)
- 29 Source of outbreak leads to last performance in choral work (7)

Down

- 1 Arrive clean (4,2)
- 2 Something to put the boot in, take the centre out and put on the front on Sunday (4,2)
- 3 Creep begins in 29 (4)
- 4 Junk has nothing in to stain (6)
- 5 Hose down beds before joining Elvis (8)



- 6 Spoiling fun, yet prig has gone amok (10)
- 7 Drag through the mud of foul estuary (8)
- 8 WC houses the Queen and covers first base, say (8)
- 14 Another way to save Pedro's earwigs (10)
- 16 23 8 perhaps blossoms (8)
- 17 Last length of the French measure (8)
- 18 Stay more contradictory and antsy (8)
- 22 Corrupt six-footer loudly replaces Sikh leader (6)
- 23 Hire last plane flying without wife, the silly cow (6)
- 24 Plot of the final missing book (6)
- 27 Thick heads to speak loosely or waffle (4)

## SOLUTION TO THE SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD

Across: 6 English 7 Thrum 9 Kiln 10 My Fair Lady 11 Catalyst 13 Immune 15 Chin 17 Prang 18 Slag 19 Egests 20 Harrison 23 Giant panda 26 Iris 27 Spain 28 Smidgen Down: 1 Agony aunts 2 Dismay 3 Chef 4 Striking 5 Oral 6 Eliza 8 Madonna 12 Trash 14 Misgivings 16 Higgins 17 Postpone 21 Roadie 22 Onion 24 Noah 25 Nosh  
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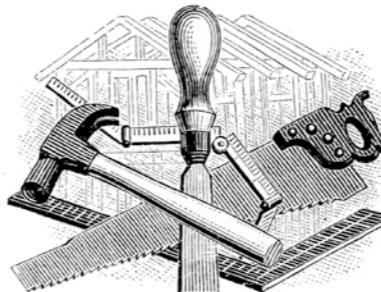
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