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**Sunday Services**

Full details of these and any other services are set out in the Church Calendar for the month,
which is shown on page 5

The Church has a number of Home Groups which meet regularly during the week at various locations.
Details from Catherine McBride  Tel: 01483 421267

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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals contact
Hambledon and Busbridge Church Office
Tel No: 01483 421267 (Mon – Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm)

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contact the Church Wardens

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Hello Everyone

It’s mid-November, as I write this, and the battle of the Christmas TV adverts has begun and I can’t even begin to imagine how much they cost to produce.

Which one gets the thumbs up from you? Are you pleased to see that behind every great man there is a highly competent, supremely efficient and multi-tasking woman, as M&S’s Mrs Claus takes to the skies in her helicopter, or are you rooting for Aldi’s Kevin the Carrot? This being Hambledon you’re probably more likely to be cheering on the plucky little robin battling all kinds of trials and tribulations to make it home for a Waitrose mince pie; or maybe you’re a fan of bouncing Boxers!

I must admit I’m rather taken by Sainsbury’s animated offering of the stressed and over-worked dad, wondering what to give his family for Christmas. Eventually, realisation gradually dawns as he sings, “The greatest gift I can give is me.”

I wonder if the film makers were aware of just how incredibly and profoundly true that is.

On one level, it’s an important reminder – perhaps particularly for us here in affluent Surrey – that Christmas is not all about how much ‘stuff’ we can afford to give one another (although I’m not sure that’s the message Sainsburys were aiming at!). At any time of year, the most precious things we can give our spouses, our children and our friends is our time and our love. The greatest gift we can give them is ourselves.

On another level, this is also the incredible and profound message which is the truth at the heart of Christmas itself. That first Christmas, God said, “The greatest gift I can give is me.” And so, “The Word became flesh and lived among us.” (John 1.14)

The ‘big story’ of the Bible is of a relationship gone wrong and the lengths to which the injured party was willing to go to forgive and offer reconciliation. To a human race that had effectively rejected him, God knew the greatest gift he could give was himself. Only he, in person – in the form of a human baby – could bridge the great gulf between us. To a world that was hurting and lost, God knew the greatest gift he could give was himself. Only in person could he do what was necessary to bring that forgiveness and reconciliation. Only in person could he show us just how much he loved us.

And still loves us. Many people still hurt; many people still feel lost. Even for those whose lives are good and everything is going well, there can be a sense of something missing. To all of us, whatever our circumstances, God still says, “The greatest gift I can give is me.” Every Christmas is a reminder of that.

God bless you this Christmas,

Catherine McBride
Associate Vicar, Hambledon and Busbridge

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**ST PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON**

ARE YOU A VESTRY KEY-HOLDER?

The vestry refurbishment work at St Peter's church is now close to completion. As a final item, we shall be renewing the worn lock of the main vestry entrance door.

To ensure that, if you are a current key-holder, you receive a new key for the new lock, we need to know who you are.

Also, there is now an insurance requirement for a register of church key-holders to be maintained.

As a first step, **if you have a key to the vestry door**, please will you kindly advise:

Jenny Henderson : 01428-682624 by 15 January 2017

Thank you!

Catherine McBride
Elizabeth Cooke
Alan Harvey
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*Come and join the Choir:* If you would like to be part of the choir, do please contact: Alan Harvey on 01483 423264, or alan.harvey@bhcgodalming.org
The village has been saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Sue Blackman’s sister Petrea and of Ray Blackman, the brother of Ginge. Both Petrea and Ray were brought up in Hambledon and were well-known to many of the older residents. We extend the loving sympathy of Hambledon friends and neighbours to both their families and particularly to Sue and Ginge, both of whom have been kind enough to write appreciations of Petrea and Ray.

On a happier note, a recent email has arrived from Joan Hardy’s nephew in Ross-on-Wye where Joan is now living. He reports that, following a bit of a low period, Joan now has her sense of humour back and seems to be well settled. She is coping well with her new surroundings – and is even beginning to understand the Forest of Dean accent.

We are delighted to hear that Peter Shaw, who regularly preaches for us at St Peter’s, will be installed as a Lay Canon of Guildford Cathedral at the 6pm evensong on Sunday 11 December. This recognises his distinguished service to the Church and the community. Peter has also been appointed Chair of the Guildford Cathedral Council. All of which is another example of the contribution which Busbridge and Hambledon willingly make to the wider Diocese.

Raymond George Blackman MBE

Ray sadly passed away peacefully on Sunday 6 November after a few years of ill health. He was born in Hambledon in his grandfather’s house at 25 Potters Hill on 11 June 1944 and lived in the village for all his younger years.

He attended Hambledon Village School until 11 and then went on to study at Northmean Technical School for Boys in Guildford.

On leaving school he took up an engineering apprenticeship with RFD in Godalming and advanced to a design draughtsman/engineer when he joined their sister company, GQ Parachute Co, in Woking.

At GQ he designed and had tested many types of special parachutes and harnesses for both personnel and equipment requirements. This involved high level drops and descents for RAF, army and industry uses. He travelled worldwide as GQ’s Sales & Marketing Director and was well known throughout the industry as an expert in parachute designs. It was with GQ that Raymond, on 14 June 1996, was awarded the MBE for Services to Industry for his work and designs on parachutes: a proud moment for him and also for all the family.

Petrea Wright (nee Pearson)

Petrea, sister of Sue Blackman, Lesley Thomas and brother, Paul Pearson, passed peacefully away on Saturday 5 November after a battle with cancer. She was 65.

Petrea moved to Hambledon at the young age of seven with her sisters and brother and her parents, David and Mary Pearson, who at that time were the landlords at the Merry Harriers.

Petrea grew up in Hambledon and went first to Hambledon Village School and then later on to Rodborough Secondary School. When she was nearly 16 she left Hambledon to live in Mitcham with her parents.

She leaves behind her husband Colin, her daughter Nicola, her son Stuart and all her grand children. She will be sorely missed by all the family and close friends, some who still live in and around Hambledon.

Arthur Blackman (Brother)

Sue Blackman (Sister)
Wise up for Winter

Hambledon Parish Council has an emergency plan procedure in place in the event of harsh winter weather bringing disruption to the village. But there are also measures that you can put in place at home, as Stewart Payne describes.

There are many simple precautions people can take to make sure that they can cope with cuts to power supplies and phone lines, problems that have affected Hambledon in the past and usually caused by high winds or heavy snow.

If power fails, so too do those household phones that cannot function without electricity. As a safeguard, make sure you have a stand-by phone that does not need a power supply. The Parish Council has a small supply of these: if you require one, please leave your details at the Village Shop.

Mobile phone lines can also fail during severe weather. It is worth remembering that the public phone box outside the Village Shop does not require electricity and will continue to work unless overhead lines have been brought down. Operator, reverse charge and 999 calls are free but you will need to use a bank card for all other calls.

Keep torches handy and make sure that you have a supply of batteries. A battery-operator radio will come in useful for listening to local radio bulletins. Tune into BBC Surrey on 104.6FM or Eagle Radio on 96.4 FM.

The village web site will also carry up-dates at www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk.

Please keep an eye on your neighbours, particularly those living alone or who are infirm, especially during cold spells and weather-related disruption.

If conditions are severe, the Emergency Plan volunteers will do their best to assist with individual issues as well as deal with general problems around the village such as fallen branches; snow blocking roads, paths and drives; and maintaining contact with external agencies.

USEFUL NUMBERS AND WEBSITES. The following should be kept handy throughout the winter months

* Scottish and Southern Electricity (power cuts and emergencies): 0800 072 7282. Also visit www.ssepdl.co.uk/powertrack for advice and information on specific power failures.
* National power cut helpline: 105.
* National gas helpline: 0800 111 999.
* Flooding: 0345 988 1188.
* Latest travel news: www.twitter.com/SurreyTravel
* South West Trains: www.southwesttrains.co.uk for live rail travel up-dates.
* Surrey County Council (for on-line up-dates and advice): www.surreycc.gov.uk/winter
* Waverley Borough Council: visit their website at www.waverley.gov.uk for up-dates on local services, including refuse collections. Or ring the switchboard on 01483 523333 during office hours and 02392 242161 for out-of-hours emergencies. Up-dates can be found at www.twitter.com/waverleybc.
* Emergency Services: 999 in an emergency and 101 for non-emergencies.

IN THE VILLAGE the Hambledon emergency team volunteer co-ordinators are Stewart Payne on 07831 393561 and Mike Parry on 07765 242740, assisted by Tim Coleman on 07838 763767 and Nick Watson on 07770 553686. In the event of severe disruption the volunteers will endeavour to be out and about in the village in four-wheel drive vehicles, centred on the Village Shop.
What’s happening . . . . in and around the village

Hambletots!
We are a friendly, local baby and toddler group who meet on Wednesday mornings in Hambledon Village Hall from 10–11.30 am

Hambletots is running on the 7th, 14th, and 21st then in New Year
We have toys for all ages, a baby area and we organise a craft activity for the older children. Mums, dads and carers with children are welcome along, even if they can’t make every week.
The cost is £1 for each child under a year and £2 for each child over a year.
Come and meet other local parents, carers and children over a cup of tea or coffee.
please call Anthea Edwards 01428 684369 for more information

Saturday 3 December is our Charity Quiz in Busbridge Village Hall. Alan Betts, Quizmaster, and Dudley Hilton scoring. Thanks to all who bought tickets and to those to making delicious desserts. Raffle proceeds go to our 2016 charity The Meath Epilepsy Charity. We’re looking forward to a great evening, so do join us with partners and friends, to make up tables. All welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

Our 2017 programme starts 5 January, when Nigel Lewis-Baker MBE, Chair of the Topic of Cancer, talks about the vital and ground-breaking research into immunotherapy done at the University of Surrey. It’s one of only three places in the country undertaking this innovative research. The Topic of Cancer charity raises awareness of this research and funds for its development. We are happy to have it our 2017 charity. Come to welcome the New Year with us! Men also welcome as its of interest to all.

For more: Janet Harvey 01483-423264, or Kate Kaye -415296

Godalming Choral Society
Sunday 11 December, 7.30pm
The Great Hall, Charterhouse, GU7 2DX

Orff: Carmina Burana
Handel: Messiah Choruses and some Seasonal Carols

Conductor: Michael Veazey
Tenor: Rob Forbes
Soprano: Hannah Kirk
Baritone: Trevor Alexander

Tickets: £15 (Students £8) from Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming; or Guildford Tourist Office, 155 High Street, Guildford tel: 01483 444333; or Godalming Choral Society Ticket Office tel: 07505 203468,
**Hambledon Village Christmas Dance**

Saturday 10 December 2016
8pm til midnight
Hambledon Village Hall
Bar – Buffet – Raffle and Live music from Toxic Sausage
Tickets only
£12.50

from Tim Coleman 01428 683283,
The Merry Harriers, or the Village Shop
Proceeds to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and Hambledon Community Pavilion

**Prime Time**

**Tuesday 13th December**
2.30pm - 4.00pm
@ Busbridge Church

A traditional seasonal celebration followed by mulled wine and mince pies
We need to know you’re coming (for catering purposes) so please fill out form or contact Penny Naylor at church office → busbridge@hambledonchurch.org

We would like to come to Christmas Carol Service on 13 December
Names __________________________
Address __________________________
Phone __________________________
Email __________________________

☐ Transport Required
☐ Transport offered for ___ persons
Please RSVP or return form by 9 Dec.
Prime Time Carol Service, Church Office,
Brighton Road, Godalming, GU7 1QA.
Ph: 01403 421207 Email: penny.naylor@bhcogdalm.org

**Carols in the Pub, 15 December, 7.30 pm, at The Merry Harriers**

see more on page 25

**The Clockhouse Cinema**
Chapel Lane Milford GU8 5EZ

Friday 16 December, 7.30 start,
doors open at 6.45, Licensed Bar
Tickets £5 – please call
01483 420668
Charity No: 1059045

**Brooklyn**
A British Canadian Irish Romantic Drama
Screenplay by Nick Hornby
**Coffee Morning**

Tuesday 20 December, 11am in the Church Room
and the third Tuesday each month
All welcome – do come
For more information and help with transport call Jacqui Rook 01428 684390

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**WAGs**

Wednesday **14 December**, 2 Church Lane (Millers), at **12.30 pm**
Car parking available. We look forward to seeing you
Any queries phone Cynthia 01428 684362

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**Hambledon Heritage Society**

**2017 Annual General Meeting** Village Hall, Wednesday **22 March, 8pm** (doors open 7.30)

**HAMBLEDON’S LINKS TO TSARIST RUSSIA**

Peter Cross gives an illustrated talk on the history of Bryony Hill, a famous landmark home in Hambledon.

Learn how “Muir and Mirrieles”, a Scottish Partnership became a household name in Moscow and the association with Hambledon and Bryony Hill – Architectural heritage, famous people, social, political and economic connections – An evening of intrigue, history, education and fun!

Referralsments • Light snacks • Raffle • No charge but donations appreciated

_Hambledon’s heritage needs your continuing support_  If you would you like to know more about the Heritage Society or are interested in joining the Heritage Committee, contact Julie Steele, 01428 682853
The excitement is building as we organise festive events, make plans to decorate the Shop and take delivery of our Christmas stock.

Christmas should be a time of peace and goodwill, something which is easy to forget when you’re pushing your way through the crowds to buy those last minute stocking fillers. We promise you a very different experience at Hambledon Village Shop: stress-free, joy-filled retail therapy. We can provide everything from turkey and stuffing to cheese and chutney, locally-made cakes and puddings, a great selection of wines and spirits, food gifts, local crafts and many more things besides. How many of them can you spot in the rhymes to the right? I counted over 40!

We’ve included an order form inside this magazine. If there’s anything else you’d like, just let us know.

Have A Merry Local Christmas

We’re proud to offer something a little bit different and at the same time support local artisans. Many of the products we sell are made within a few miles of the village by small producers which means you won’t find them in the supermarkets or on the high street. We don’t choose them just because they’re local but because they are great quality, great tasting and offer great value. Come and find out for yourself why we think they deserve a place on our shelves.

AmazonLocalCollect & GiftCards at Post Office
Don’t forget to post your letters to Santa in our extra special post box and if you’re ordering lots of goodies online, we can take delivery of them for you when you use the Local Collect service. The Post Office also offers the One4All gift cards in a lovely range of festive designs – aimed at both the young and young at heart. They can be redeemed online or at hundreds of high street stores including John Lewis, Toys R Us and Pizza Express.

Join in the Fun Festivities
Come and enjoy authentic Breton crepes made by our very own gallant Gallic volunteer Jean-Louis on Saturday 17 December, 12 noon - 1pm.

Then, on Christmas eve at midday join us for mulled wine, mince pies and a festive singalong with a specially-formed Shop choir.

Other Celebrations
Earlier this month we surprised Michelle Abbott to celebrate her 10th Anniversary at the Shop. Philip Underwood, who recruited her in 2006, said how invaluable her contribution has been in the past decade – a sentiment which everyone agreed and applauded.

We celebrated with an amazing cake made by the very talented Molly at the Crumby Bakery. [see page 24]

Volunteering Opportunities Available
Making friends, working in a vibrant environment and contributing to village life – just three great reasons to volunteer at the Shop.

At Hambledon Village Shop volunteers make a real difference. There are many ways to volunteer so we will definitely have something to suit you. Make it a resolution this New Year to join the team! Get in touch at: shopvolunteers@hambledonsurrey.co.uk

A HUGE THANK YOU! to all who have contributed to the Shop in some way this year; either as a customer or by being on the team that keeps the Shop up and running. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Healthy New Year.

Christmas at The Shop

Tree decorations
Village celebrations
Cards to be written
Warm socks & mittens
kindling and logs
Mistletoe and snogs
Turkey and stuffing
Up Hydon’s Ball puffing
Hambledon honey
So sweet and yummy
Gifts that need wrapping
Brandy snaps snapping
Mummy Makes Fudge
Boxing Day trudge
Christmas bells ringing
Join in the singing
Naughty and nice
Cinnamon and spice
Chiddingfold jam
Fruit marzipan
Chestnuts for roasting
Marshmallows toasting
Eggs & smoked salmon
Honey baked gammon
Fruit of the vine
Mixed case of wine
Biscuits in tins
Silent Pool Gin
Last Christmas posting
Canapes for hosting
Local roast coffee
Nifty biscotti
Midnight snackers
Mom’s Crackers
Hot Ruby Murray
The Art of Curry
Freshly baked pastry
Butty and flaky
Cake and mince pies
Breton surprise!
Chutney and cheese
Bright lights on trees
Pudding and sherry
Drink and be merry
Choccies and bubbly
Luverly jubly
Cellar Christmas Appeal 2016

It is nearly Christmas and we at The Cellar again hope to be able to brighten the lives of those of our customers who need emotional and practical support at this time of year. Along with the social activities we have planned, we would love to help these people enjoy some of the more special things that we often take for granted.

For many years our Christmas Appeal has enabled us to put together more than 40 Christmas parcels for different individuals and families. These have been made up of various items according to people’s particular needs and age.

We would be most grateful for donations of Waitrose or Sainsbury’s gift vouchers, cash, and also toys or festive gifts and seasonal foods.

The financial climate we have all been experiencing through recent years has meant that we have continued to welcome new customers in need of comfort. This trend is not going to suddenly disappear in the coming months and we would love to be able to extend our gifts as far as possible. These special Christmas parcels of seasonal food and gifts are extra to the food parcels that we distribute throughout the year.

We truly value your ongoing support and would be grateful for whatever you feel you can spare. Please, bring or send donations of any of the above gifts by Friday 16 December to:
The Cellar Café, Crown Court Godalming, GU7 1DY

We express our grateful thanks to you in anticipation.

Debbie Portsmouth and The Cellar Team


Christmas wreaths

With fresh foliage and natural decorations are being created again this year by Cellar friends. They are made on a 20 cm oasis base and can also be used as table decorations.

You can order one to be delivered to your home on the date of your choice for only £15.

Contact The Cellar or jackybeale@hotmail.com 01483 423768

‘He had a hop-on part in a David Attenborough Special’
On Saturday 12 November, 38 ladies sat down at West Surrey Golf Course to a delicious full English breakfast. When we had finished we were given a very enlightening talk by the former Bishop of Chester, Michael Baughen. He was born in 1930, in Kent, and when he was 9 when war broke out. He went and worked in a bank when he left school, and was drafted into the Royal Signals for his National Service. His talk was about his life from his early age to the time he was asked to become a Bishop in 1982 for the Chester Diocese. His diocese was exceptional large and he spent a lot of his ministry time visiting his parishioners with his wife. He also told us about his sittings and involvement in the House of Lords. His shared experiences were an eye-opener to us all.

The next date for our Ladies breakfast is on Saturday 4 February 1917 at the West Surrey Golf Club. Details to follow.

Hambledon Heritage Society goes digital

Timothy Cross updates us on pioneering work on the Village Album, and asks any photographers whose work appears in them to get in touch very soon, before the end of the year.

The digitisation of the Hambledon Village Album, originally compiled by Mary Parker, is planned for the coming year, and will be displayed on the village website. If any of the photos in the album belong to you, please contact me by 31 December at timothy.cross@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk. A copy of the album is available to borrow from the Chairman, Julie Steele. Timothy Cross

New membership scheme launched at quiz night

Thank you to everyone who supported our quiz night in Chiddingfold Village Hall on 28th October and especially Neil Denyer, our quiz master. The competition between the eight teams was hot! But we were sustained by some very good fish and chips. Overall, the evening raised some £1,200. At the quiz we launched our new membership scheme. The aim is to raise awareness of what we do, give patients a sense of involvement and enable us to keep you informed about our activities and events.

It’s open to all users of the Surgery. And it’s free! Please show your support by joining The Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery. Application forms can be downloaded from our website, or pick one up in either of the Surgeries: friendsofchiddsurgery.org

Finally, thank you all for your support in 2016. We wish you a happy Christmas and all the best for 2017. Simon Inchbald, Chairman, tel 01428 683391 email: fcs@chidders.co.uk web http://friendsofchiddsurgery.org

‘And it shall come to pass, Great Caesar, you shall have a salad named after you’
And home to roost

Ross’s second piece from Hambledon, of the wonderful send-off from Hydestile neighbours, of walking to the village shop (and no doubt the pub also)

So here are G.W.J. and me, at last in the rather nice village of Hambledon! Surrounded by rather nice houses, rather nice cars, and lovely people! A 15 minute walk takes us to the village shop, 35 minutes of gossip and chatting and then 15 minutes back to realise that you forgot to get what you went for!

We did not realise how noisy it was getting, when we were at Hydestile Crossroads, and to think that the actor Keiron Moore, who lived in the farmhouse opposite, used to learn his lines while sitting in the front garden. Over the last few years the traffic on Salt Lane woke us up at 5.30am. Goodness knows what it will be like if the proposed development at Dunsfold Aerodrome goes ahead.

And here in the Workhouse? (where some say that I should have been thrown years ago), well it is so quiet that it’s taking us a bit of time to get used to it. You wait until I get my old triumph speed twin out.

A book thought lost was found in the move. In the early 90s Jan and I used to drive down to a village called Broadwindsor in the hill country of West Dorset to visit Ivan and Carol. Ivan was Jan’s cousin. During one of the visits I found myself in the White Lion (strange thing for me to do) talking to an elderly farmer called Leonard Studley, and during the course of the conversation he mentioned that he had just finished writing a book, and would I like to purchase a copy? I did. Would you like to read a book about the country, written by a farmer? He was hard working and deeply religious. The book covers many years of a Dorset village, and if you can still acquire a copy, do it. It is called “My Story” by Leonard Studley. ISBN: 0 9514849 07. Creeds, the printers, Broadoak, Bridport DT6 5NL. Sadly he passed away in 1997, so unlike me you won’t be able to get a signed copy, full of half forgotten country lore and tradition. Get a copy!

I have been taking photos around our village for 30 odd years, and in January will start putting a picture into the magazine each month. I will call it “Past Times”.

But before that, we think that it is only fair to print a photo of the Hydestile Crossroads …. “Farewell for Ross and Jan party”. Sadly the only person missing is Sally Marks, she took the photo.

Now, the last of John Castle’s takes on classic bikes. If you don’t get the joke, it is because he is riding an Aerial Arrow. Geddit?

A merry Christmas to all from Ross and good wife Jan

P.S. Wassail at the White Hart, Witley is on 6 January.

P.P.S. Mic Coleman’s birthday is on 23 December – send a card.
Due to the serious nature of the climb, this walk was a little shorter than usual, and we were all somewhat tired at the end. It was a beautiful day and we started at Graffham to walk to the top of the South Downs and join the South Downs Way.

Reaching the top took about an hour from the parking, and once up there we saw and appreciated the work of the Graffham Downs Trust, and the Murray Downland Trust areas of land, that led on to Heyshott. The latter is one of the top spots for butterflies such as the Duke of Burgundy and the Purple Emperor.

The Graffham section is now being developed with the use of Badger Faced sheep, brought in from Yorkshire. We were also able to see many varieties of Wax-cap fungi in one of the fields.

After a steep descent we made for the White Horse pub in Graffham and enjoyed a lunch that was slightly different from the usual.

The view was worth the climb

Through forest areas atop the South Downs, to worthwhile views, sheep, fungi and butterflies

Enjoying the view

Coffee in the trees

Next Walk: Tuesday 13 December
Meet at Village Hall at 9 am, then Elstead Pub Lunch and Christmas Party.
Further Details
from Derek Miller tel: 01428 684362

How you can help the Village Hall

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from weekly shop to annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for Hambledon Village Hall through ‘Easyfundraising’?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Waitrose, Boden, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury’s and it won’t cost you a penny extra!

A large amount of charities (eg PTAs) and other good causes are signed up to Easyfundraising. While not itself a charity, but a profit-making organisation, it makes money through payments by those retailers which support it. Their website states that they don’t take any financial information from people using them to shop, as all transactions will be with the retailer not Easyfundraising. They also state that they will not sell on any user’s information.

There are no extra charges when you shop via Easyfundraising and Hambledon Village Hall would be extremely grateful for your donations.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Ruth Canham, at: mail@ruthcanham.co.uk
New Opera House: in a magical setting

Grange Park Opera moves to West Horsley Place: Here they give details of links for a ballot for free tickets to the 2017 festival, programme and photos

Grange Park Opera is building a new opera house within striking distance of our parish. They go on to offer free tickets to the 2017 festival.

“Tell us your favourite opera and be included in the ballot taking place at end of December, to win free tickets. By entering, you can be invited to tours of the house and garden. www.grangeparkopera.co.uk/ballot

“In less than two decades, Grange Park Opera established itself as one of Europe’s leading opera festivals. June 2017 Festival opens in the new opera house at West Horsley Place, a 350 acre estate, recently inherited by author Bamber Gascoigne from his aunt, the Duchess of Roxburghe.

“West Horsley Place is a Surrey demi-Eden: a glorious sprawling 15th century house surrounded by formal gardens with secret corners, aged trees, box hedges and a majestic crinkle crankle wall. Behind the house, an ancient orchard opens into a glade, the setting for the new opera house: Theatre in the Woods.

“The creation of a 4-tier opera house modelled on La Scala, Milan is probably the most thrilling thing in UK opera today. There is a miraculous pace to the building work: the foundations and orchestra pit are finished, the steel frame is rising, the roof goes on at the start of November.

“There will undoubtedly be a great fanfare when the opera house opens on Thursday 8th June with Joseph Calleja in Tosca (Puccini). The festival also presents an evening with Bryn Terfel and performances of Die Walküre (Wagner) and Jenufa (Janacek).

“Please look at this video of West Horsley Place www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ7eVi4-9LkEN. Find photos of West Horsley Place & The Theatre in the Woods in www.grangeparkopera.co.uk/media-centre/ Username: press Password: grangepresspass123

Performance dates: www.grangeparkopera.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PeformanceDates_Bookmark_2017-draft-1-white-4-FINAL-jpeg-p1.jpg

Who designed Little Leat?

Gabrielle Mabley provides proof of the architecture of Little Leat, where former co-editor Philip Ryland once resided – with thanks to Gabrielle for the photographs

Original design, by Lutyens, as stables to next door ... and now, by Roger Chapman, Cecil’s brother
My Dad, Tom, was born on 31st March 1936 at Hydestile Farm House. He was son of Frank Mason and Elsie, and had an elder sister Mavis and a younger brother Pat.

Hydestile Farm was part of the Busbridge Hall Estate, and Frank a tenant farmer with his own Dairy herd delivering fresh milk to the local community. In the 1930s Frank kept Shire horses for use on the farm and this led to Tom’s life-long love for heavy horses.

After the Second World War, Busbridge Hall Estate was sold. Frank bought the farmland with Hydestile farm, Enton, Clock Barn and Tuesley Farm, where they moved to. Tom’s childhood was much overshadowed by his mothers long illness and death. On the farm Tom learnt to love the countryside, and the rural way of life. He went to boarding school in Chelmsford, later returning home, where he learnt the skills and trade of farming alongside his father and brother farming the 500 acre estate, which prospered. His interest was heavy horses and he enjoyed riding and hunting with his horse “Wings of Song”.

Tom continued to work on the farm estate with Frank and Pat. Tom loved his work and gave his all, but he suffered a physical and mental burnout. He could not return to farming but worked as a gardener.

Through his medical conditions, he developed problems with his balance and hearing in one ear. The right side of his face became paralysed. A tumour in his inner ear was found. He had a large operation to remove it, leaving him with neurological impairment. Tom’s stoical nature and fighting spirit allowed him to adapt to his total deafness on one side. His facial palsy only partially recovered leaving him with a disfigured smile, speech impediment and facial pain. He learned to walk but his balance was impaired.

Later Tom developed progressive paralysis of his body including his swallowing and breathing muscles with pneumonia. He had emergency surgery and fought for his life, and eventually won, but his strength and function recovery time was long. He suffered with trigeminal neuralgia, which is very painful.

He still pursued his hobbies with a passion, enjoyed pottering on the farm, gardening and being involved in the community and church here, helping with projects like renovating and painting the vestry.

He saw his Kevin marry Isabel and the joy of his granddaughters Yasmin, Evie and Ruby. Proudly he gave me away at my wedding here at St Peter’s to Marcelon, who has a similar nature and sense of humour. Marcelon affectionately called him “Mr Tom”.

Tom loved his horse “Christie” and enjoyed shooting expeditions with Kevin. He watched his granddaughters learn to ride their ponies and compete in show events. He was pleased that Yasmin started at Agricultural College to study Animal Management.

One of Tom’s passions was carpentry, making garden furniture, planters, wheelbarrows and more. He made Yasmin a child-size table and chair.

He loved attending the Clockhouse Day Centre at Milford socialising and meeting up with his sister. Each year, at their annual fair, he had a stall selling his woodwork creations to raise money for them.

Five years ago he suffered a very bad bout of pneumonia, leaving him weak and immobile. But he still had time with his family at home, enjoyed meals out, and visits to places. In March this year Dad celebrated his 80th Birthday, a surprising achievement considering what he had overcome to get there.

In July, recovering from more pneumonia, Tom was rushed back into hospital where he was resuscitated. We were warned that it was very grave. But Dad with his fighting spirit fought to live on for a further 4 weeks. He was fighting to stay with us, for us a blessing to have this extra time with him, but also an exhausting ordeal as we visited him every day. Eventually we realised that he could not overcome this and he died peacefully in his sleep on 25th August.

To sum him up, my Dad Tom was a good man, quiet and stoical, had few words but hidden depth, gentle, kind-hearted, loving, loyal and genuine, with a great sense of humour. He was conscientious, strong and determined, traditional, a country man, a bit eccentric, and above all he was uniquely himself.

Dad’s passing leaves us with fond memories, we have a yearning to be with him. For the time being it is good to imagine him riding on his horse “Wings of Song”, galloping through woods and fields as he did as an able-bodied young man, whole again and free from pain, and enjoying the beauty and wonder of his heavenly home.
Short days; super nights

The impact of Christmas and the clocks going back are, for Earthworm, tempered by this year’s spectacular autumn colours and the biggest, brightest and closest-to-Earth-ever moon for nearly 60 years.

Christmas approaches as we go to press. All the hurly-burly, murmurs Earthworm, of parties and presents, candles and crackers, ribbons and reindeers, trees and trinkets – and perhaps too little thought about why we are celebrating. All the build-up is being hugely diluted by shops starting to lay out their Christmas wares in September and even the High Streets are putting up their decorations in October. To Earthworm it seems to get earlier and earlier each year. One can hardly find the way to the gardening section of Squires in Milford for the quantity of glittering Santas and snowmen, synthetic trees, sparkling lights for indoors or out and adverts for Santa’s grotto through which one has to navigate to find the seeds or the gardening gloves. Perhaps the government should bring out a law or a restraining order!

On the negative side we now have the dark early evenings following the putting back of clocks, perhaps the most depressing time of year. It was a man named Willett whose bright idea this was exactly 100 years ago. He was riding his horse through Petts Wood in Kent and noticed that curtains were drawn and people still asleep when they could have been out enjoying a fine sunny morning. So he petitioned Parliament, unsuccessfully at first, but come the First World War, daylight saving became a good idea to give longer evenings and less demand for coal-powered lighting and heating, what with the miners being at the front and fuel being needed for the arms industry, ships and railways. Sadly Willett died before the Summer Time Act came into force but Petts Wood remembers him with a sundial! Earthworm enjoys these little stories and hopes his readers do too.

November brought a taste of winter with some hard frosts that made Earthworm really enjoy his warm heap which is now piled high with fallen leaves. It has been almost a pity to rake them up when they make such a pretty pattern of so many colours on the ground, reminiscent of a Persian rug.

Each year seems to bring the best autumn ever. It is the change of temperature between night and day that makes the best leaf colour. Cold nights but with no frost destroys the green chlorophyll plant pigment so that the leaves fade to yellow. The sunny days that follow allow the leaves to photosynthesise so that sugar levels rise and the red colour comes. Earthworm is most admiring of Mother Nature.

Earlier last month the clear night sky brought Earthworm out to view the “Super Moon”. This occurs when the sun and moon line up with the moon’s orbit of the earth, the moon on the opposite side of Earth relative to the sun. So the moon appears bigger and brighter and was closest to Earth since January 1948. There must be readers who will remember that last occasion? Earthworm is sorry if you missed it this time round. It will be 2034 before it happens again. He thinks some of us will still be about then!

Earthworm wishes all his readers a Happy Christmas and New Year (in spite of the forebodings of Brexit and Trump as president!)

Planning for 2017

The Club’s AGM for 2017 will be on Tuesday 21 February at 8 pm in the Cricket Pavilion. In addition to Members, Vice-Chairman Arthur Blackman hopes that anyone wishing to become a new and/or non-playing member will also come along.

The main purpose of the meeting will be the election by Members of Club Captains and Officers, Welfare Officer and Colts Organisers; but everyone present will be welcome to join in the discussion about finances and future plans.

The Club will to continue to field a 1st XI League and Friendly sides. Please get in touch if you would like to play or help with scoring, umpiring or making teas.

Help is also needed in running the four Colts sides (7-9 year-olds, under-11s, under 13s, under 15s), each of which can be involved in up to 10 Berkley Sports League games during the season. BUT we need more qualified Junior Coaches: if anyone would like to take up the challenge, please call either Arthur Blackman (01428 683871) or Caroline Tristem (01428 685455) and the Club will cover the training costs.

The winners of the final 200 Club Draw are: 1st prize, no. 84 (Bruce Sleep), 2nd prize, no. 33 (Stephen Dean), 3rd prize, no. 7 (John Anderson).

Finally, we are sad to report the death of Ray Blackman, who played for the Club for many years.
Thrills and spills

All the teams have again been in action during the past month, with Hambledon A and the Vets doing particularly well (perhaps making up for a First team defeat at the hands – or rather, the feet – of a team of students. Matt Kiley reports.

The Dons then had a comfortable 3-1 victory over Shottermill & Haslemere at home. with Paul Wicks ending his goal drought with two goals and Max Dodson getting the first.

Hambledon A saw themselves progress the furthest in the Club’s history in the County Cup without kicking a ball as Westcott could not fulfill the fixture.  They were also involved in a thrilling 5-5 draw with Wrecclesham, having fought back from 5-3 down and having had gaffer Jamie Stevens sent off in goal. The goals came from Grant Flint (2), Ben Bowers, Freddie Forest-Foster and Darren Martin.

Hambledon Vets secured local bragging rights with a fine 4-2 victory over Milford & Witley with Nick Harman grabbing a hat trick and James Richards scoring the other goal for their first League win.  They progressed in one cup with a comfortable 6-1 over Folly Hill and bowed out of another, losing 3-2 to Row United from the Top division when Row scored with the last kick of the game.

The Dons travelled to unbeaten Guildford United and put in one of the best performances of the season, running out comfortable 3-0 winners.  Seb Jefferies settled the nerves with a early goal which was soon followed up by Jake Miller which gave Hambledon control of the game.  Last season’s top goal scorer, Kuda Kamoto, continued his return from injury with a goal off the bench to make sure of three very important points.

Hambledon had a break from league action with two cup games. First up were University of Surrey in the League cup. The Dons were given a lesson by the Students who are in the division above: Uni ran out 7-2 winners to knock the Dons out. Clinical finishing was the difference with the Dons punished when they missed good chances. Neil Evans and Tom Winter grabbed the goals for Hambledon.

Next up Hambledon welcomed Chessington K.C to Badger Park in the County Cup. Hambledon pushed their visitors all the way in a close encounter with penalties needed to separate the two teams after Seb Jefferies and an own goal had led to a 2-2 draw in normal time.  Tom Winter and Will Grove missed the all important penalties.

The Reserves followed up their derby victory over Milford & Witley with a hard fought draw with Windlesham & Lightwater.  On a very difficult pitch Max Dodson gave Hambledon an early lead but, despite this, they couldn’t push on and make their dominance count. In a game of real halves they ended up hanging on for a point with a poor second half. They had to thank Ollie Cummings for two smart saves right at the end after Scott Gifford was forced off injured.

They then suffered a very disappointing home defeat by local rivals Chiddingfold who came to Badger Park at bottom of the table but were clearly up for the game and pressed Hambledon from the off. Hambledon had an early goal after Chiddingfold pounced on a poor goal kick. Hambledon levelled after a well worked goal saw Connor Martin smash home. However Chidd had the lead again after a defensive mix up saw the attacker score from distance. Despite the second half seeing Hambledon camped in the Chidd half, they just could not find the back of the net.

Next up was a trip to high scoring Knaphill. This time the Dons put in a brilliant performance to get a very important 1-0 victory.  It really should have been more but Stu Cook got the all important goal – his first of the season.
Father Christmas is based on St Nicholas, born in the third century in the Greek village of Patara, on Turkey’s present southern coast. His family were devout and wealthy. Nicholas, when his parents died in an epidemic, decided to help people. He gave to the needy, the sick, the suffering, and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. As a bishop, he was in prison with other bishops under the emperor Dio- cletian’s fierce persecution of Christians.

One story of his generosity explains why we hang up our stockings at Christmas today. There was a poor family with three daughters who needed dowries if they were to marry, and not be sold into slavery. Nicholas heard of their plight, and tossed three bags of gold into their home through an open window – thus saving the girls from a life of misery. The bags of gold landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. Hence the custom of children hanging up stockings - in the hope of attracting presents of their own from St Nicholas – on Christmas Eve. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols of St Nicholas.

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Preparing for Christmas, and on

"The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown..."

from the carol, thought to be from Cotswolds in the eighteenth century

Make leaf mould, plant trees, take care of tools and choose a Christmas tree wisely.

Perennials, annuals, bulbs: there are several scented plants with flowers that can be enjoyed in winter; to make the most of their scent, plant them in areas that you regularly pass by such as in the front garden or near the kitchen door; try sarcococca (winter box), witch hazel, viburnum bodnantense and daphne Jacqueline Postill, which has sweet smelling flowers in January and February, but is quite expensive to buy. Iris unguicularis is a winter gem with delicate white flowers, does well in sunny sites and will tolerate poor soils, but thrives if given a big soak and then a feed in August or September; to reveal the beautiful flowers, pull off the messy dead leaves; they can be bought from specialist nurseries such as Avon Bulbs. Root cuttings of plants such as anemones and phloxes, that are difficult to divide, can be taken now; dig healthy roots off a clump and cut them into 5cm lengths; insert thick roots into a pot of compost, thin roots can be laid on the surface of a tray of compost and covered with grit; put cuttings into a coldframe; they should generally start to shoot in five to six weeks.

Trees and shrubs: if the weather allows this is a good month for planting trees and bare-root plants. If, like many you prefer to buy a living Christmas tree, which comes indoors for the Christmas season and then spends the rest of the year outdoors, then be careful what you buy; some have been dug up from a field and put in a pot damaging the roots leaving a tree that is unlikely to thrive; instead look for a tree that is “container grown” or “pot grown” as it will have spent its whole life in a pot; when buying, lift the tree a little way out of the pot to check that it has a good amount of root; once in the house, keep it away from radiators and fires; keep a plant-pot saucer underneath and water it regularly to stop it drying out; after Christmas, acclimatise it to the outside by putting it in a sheltered position, such as in a porch or next to a house wall, for a few weeks; in spring it can be repotted using ericaceous compost and grit if it has outgrown its pot; all trees benefit from a top dressing of slow-release fertiliser.

Veg and Fruit: Avoid peach leaf curl; this affects apricots, almonds and nectarines; it causes red blisters and thickened areas on leaves, which then curl and fall early, weakening the plant; the disease is spread by fungal spores in water splash from November to mid-May; potted plants can be brought indoors to a greenhouse or conservatory to avoid the rain; plants in the ground can be covered by constructing a plastic shelter. Continue to prune all currant bushes (see November issue). Take roof nets off fruit bushes and brassica patch to prevent the nets sagging after any heavy snowfall, which can break the nets and cause the fruit cage supports to snap and collapse; for the winter brassicas put on a wider mesh net to stop the pigeons from devouring them.

Greenhouse: check the greenhouse heater is still working; a digital max-min thermometer, that can be monitored from the comfort of the house is a good way to check the temperature in the greenhouse. Grey mould can be controlled by regularly removing dead leaves and flowers from plants in the greenhouse. It may seem like madness to open the greenhouse door during winter, but it is a good idea on sunny days as it will encourage air movement and help discourage these fungal diseases, which thrive in dank, stagnant air; alternatively install a stand-alone fan or buy a greenhouse heater with a fan.

Indoor plants: poinsettias come from the warmer climes of Mexico, so be careful to wrap them up and bring them quickly into the house when you buy them; they prefer living rooms with no draughts and good, but not harsh, light; water only when the surface of the compost begins to dry out, but make sure it reaches all the roots. Cyclamen are one of the most popular house plants for Christmas; to avoid the plant turning yellow and flopping, avoid warm, stuffy living rooms and stand the plant in bright, but not direct, light, at 13-18 degrees – a conservatory is ideal. Hyacinths, that flower at Christmas time, tend to become tall and the flower stem falls over in the heat of our living rooms; come January, all that is left are withered flower heads and strappy leaves, but don’t be tempted to throw them away; plant them out somewhere in the garden and they will survive and give a lovely show 15 months later and thereafter.

Leaf mould: put fallen leaves in black bin bags and make a few holes in the sides; it will be ready for use this time next year; or put leaves in an out of the way place surrounded by chicken wire to rot down.

Maintenance: make sure the pressure washer has been drained of water by squeezing the trigger until it all comes out; then store it in a frost-free place, as any water left inside can expand as it freezes and burst it, many sheds and garages are not frost-free. Sharpen secateurs ready for winter pruning; the Felco ones are very good.

Happy Christmas from the Gardening Editor
DIY Caramelised Hummus

Or should it be houmous? Whichever is your preferred spelling, Sam has come up with a recipe which, as Christmas approaches, meets the need for a tasty snack to accompany the celebratory drinks.

Hummus is ideal for keeping everyone happy before supper and I love the current trend for more interesting versions of this classic middle eastern dip.

Caramelised onion hummus is a personal favourite but I do wonder how much sugar goes into each tub to make it so sweet and tasty. Probably rather a lot, so why not make your own with natural sweeteners instead: It’s a lot easier than you’d think and perfect for handing round with a pile of chopped veggies or a big bag of crisps before supper on a chilly December evening.

INGREDIENTS
(for the caramelized onions)
1 medium red onion, peeled and very thinly sliced
4 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp. honey

(for the hummus)
1 x 400g tin chick peas, drained – but reserve the liquid
20g tahini (sesame seed paste)
2 garlic cloves, crushed
80ml olive oil

Put the onion, vinegar, oil and honey in a small saucepan, stir well and bring to the boil. Turn the heat down to a very gentle simmer and leave for 15-20 minutes, stirring regularly until thick and syrupy. Allow to cool, then set aside a tablespoon of the onions.

Tip all the hummus ingredients into a food processor; add the caramelised onions. Blitz until completely smooth and creamy. If too dry, use some of the reserved chick pea liquid until it’s the right consistency. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with the tablespoon of caramelized onions sprinkled on top.

(This will keep for a couple of days in the fridge, covered with cling film.)

Check out Sam’s “Weekday Suppers” recipes in the winter issue of Liz Earle Wellbeing. Sam’s books “Food for your Brood” and “The Royal Marsden Cancer Cookbook” are out now. Follow Sam on Twitter@samgatesfood, Instagram Samgatesfood or www.samgatesfood.co.uk

Why worry, when there’s curry – at Village Hall Quiz Night

That’s when the steady hand of Kim stirs Muriel’s pot, at least 3 of them, preparing for a sumptuous feast at the Village Hall Quiz on 19 November, as we go to press.

At least four different versions were made for various diets, including the intriguing non-curry curry, as spies relate.

The quiz was a great success, raising good funds for the Village Hall.

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The complete picture

Twelve months on, the Rev. Michael Burgess culminates his journey by showing how a church building itself can depict God in the Arts

Throughout this year we have been following in the footsteps of George Herbert and making our way through the church building from the entrance door to the altar, pausing at the font, by kneelers, candlesticks, windows, monuments, pulpit, ceiling, bells and choir stalls. They all form part of the church building: a witness to its history and tradition. They speak to us of beauty and craftsmanship, of art and skill, of dedication and faith. We look around. We find our hearts raised to heaven in praise for all we see and remember Jesus talking about the stones speaking out on that first Palm Sunday.

And when people enter the church building they become the living stones – filling the air with hymn and psalm, pulling the ropes for the bells to ring out, lighting candles to shine in the dark, kneeling in prayer, and going to the altar to feed on the bread of life. A church building is an offering, and we, as we worship, make our offering. We set aside time and attention and bring to God our lives in His service.

All Saints Church in Brockhampton, just south of Hereford, is a wonderful example of such an offering, illustrating as it does the great collaboration that existed amongst those who created and those who furnished it. It is one of the highlights of the Arts and Crafts movement whose architect, W R Lethaby, believed that a place of worship had to be a work of art. It is also one of the most eclectic as regards design, ranging from an exterior that harks back to the middle ages to a vaulted interior that reminds us of the upturned ship’s hull that was such a feature of the church at Roker that was featured a few months ago.

Lethaby received his commission to build All Saints from Alice Foster whose father, a wealthy Bostonian, purchased the Brockhampton estate as a wedding present for his daughter and her husband Arthur who was a mill owner from Halifax, Yorkshire. The Fosters commissioned the church in memory of Alice’s parents and it was completed in 1902. Lethaby, in keeping with his belief in the sanctity of craftsmanship, decided against the appointment of a professional building contractor and took personal charge of the entire project, living and working on site and buying local materials in consultation with his local craftsmen. The result was disastrous. Costs escalated, cracks appeared in the walls, Lethaby was forced to pay for the repairs and he had to waive his fee. He never built another church – but All Saints is a more than sufficient memorial to his creed.

The interior is also a marvel of craftsmanship and commemorates the work of the entire galaxy of the Arts and Crafts movement. The tapestries that flank the altar were designed by Burne-Jones and were manufactured by Morris & Co. Burne-Jones was also responsible for the embroidered altar cloth whose vine design symbolizes one of the early Christian symbols.

The stained glass windows are by Christopher Whall and the carved panels on the choir stalls, each of a different wild flower, are by George Jack who was teacher of carving at the Royal College of Art.

Wherever you look there is embroidery, carving, pictures and icons – even the hymn book covers are embroidered. The embroidered seat covers were left on the altar in 1960 by an anonymous donor as a thank offering for the church being there and being open. It is a reminder of the journey called of us as we become living stones, offering our love and faith and service for the Kingdom.

Churches up and down the land invite us all to enter and make that journey, both physically and in faith. As Herbert’s poem ‘The Invitation’ expresses it: ‘Come ye hither all, whose love Is your dove, And exalts you to the sky: Here is love, which having breath Ev’n in death, After death can never die.’
The Crumby Bakery is the second our new series featuring Hambledon’s entrepreneurs. Molly and Charlotte say: “We’ve recently moved our cake shop to Hambledon. Local bakers are welcome to pop in for some friendly advice or to watch us work… nothing compares to our passion for baking.”

We love many things here at The Crumby Bakery, but nothing compares to our passion for baking. You just can’t beat the smell of freshly baked cake in the morning! When it comes to cake we really go the extra mile; creating fabulous designs that, unlike many others, taste just as delicious as they look. We’ll make anything from boxes of brownies, to five-tiered bespoke wedding cakes. Using fresh ingredients all the way, we bake every single cake to order, using an age old family recipe (thank you Nana Beatrice!), local produce where possible, and a lust for baking that would make Mary Berry blush.

The Crumby Bakery was built from home baking and we haven’t forgotten the frustration of not being able to source important elements at short notice. We’ve all spent many a night finishing an order, only to realise we don’t have the right box, board, piece of wire, or emergency advice! With only one main cake supply shop in the immediate area, we decided it was about time we opened our own supply shop; where all local bakers will be more than welcome to pop in for some friendly advice or to watch us work. We stock all the cake decorating equipment, icings, and colours that we use in our own cakes. Stop in for a browse, and please let us know if we’re not stocking something you need.

We’re open Tuesday to Saturday, if you’d like to pop in, to talk about ordering a cake, browse our shop, or fancy a general chat about the weather. So, what are you waiting for?!...

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- Chocolate and Baileys Yule Log £30
- Mixed Selection box of 12 mince pies £15
This year, as every year for the past 69, a magnificent Norwegian spruce will stand in Trafalgar Square. It is seen as a symbol of freedom and a token of friendship. This huge – it is generally more than 20 metres tall - annual gift from the people of Norway has been sent every year since 1947. It is Norway’s way of thanking Britain for standing by them during the dark days of the Second World War. For when the Nazis invaded Norway in 1940, King Haakon VII fled to the UK. The British then enabled him to set up a Norwegian government in exile in London, where he could send radio messages back to his occupied homeland.

The tree is known to Norwegian foresters as ‘the queen of the forest’, and each year only the very best is chosen to grace Trafalgar Square. The trees can be hand-picked years in advance. Many of them are very old, which means they were quietly growing deep in a Norwegian forest during the dark days of Nazi occupation and death.

Many years ago, another tree in another occupied land played a crucial role when a Gift to the whole world was put on display. He was not lit up for a holiday season, but instead became the Light of the world. This month we remember His birthday, and look ahead to His amazing gift to us of forgiveness and friendship with God – through His death on a tree. Jesus is the reason for Christmas, and He is for life, not just for Christmas.

**Christmas at The Merry Harriers**

Julie and Colin send their greetings, and set out below their December programme. We all wish them a better year after a roller-coaster 2016. Roll up for the festivities

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**Merry Diary Dates for December**

- **Sunday 11th**  3pm Jazz Jam
- **Tuesday 13th**  Steak Night.
  - Surrey Rump Steak, Chips, Salad & glass of House Wine £15.
  - *Get in before the turkey takes over!*
- **Thursday 15th**  Carols by Candlelight 7.30 pm
  - *If you’ve been before, you know to get here early*
- **Tuesday 20th**  Christmas Quiz Night

Planning your friends & family Christmas visit to the Village pub?
Please remember to book at this very busy time of year, see our website for details:
www.merryharriers.com

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2017,
Thank you for your custom in 2016,
**The Merry Team**

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**Trafalgar Square’s very special Christmas Tree**

"Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!'… who DOES he think he is?!"
Mouse Makes


Eastern star, white and bright,
In the darkness a shining light,
Points to Jesus, God’s precious Son,
Our Lord and King, our Saviour has come!

Shepherds hear the Angels sing;
“Glory to the heavenly King,
Peace on earth, good will to all.”
Come to Jesus the Saviour of all.
NATIVITY PLAY

To see the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of little children makes it fresh and new. I like the story of the little boy who so wanted to be Joseph but was picked as the inn keeper instead. All went well until the nativity play started and Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn. The boy playing the innkeeper greeted them with ‘Come in Mary love, there’s plenty of room for you, but Joseph can get lost!’

Mary may insist that her teddy is the Baby Jesus, the angels may trip over their robes made from sheets, but every nativity play shows the wonder of the story of the first Christmas when the son of God was born a baby, like us. Tea towels used as shepherd’s headdresses and angels’ haloes made from wire coat hangers only serve to underline the humanity of it all. A baby born in a stable – a simple story that changes the world.

LOTS OF LOVE

Time to make some Christmas decorations? Cut out two shapes like the pattern below, one in red card, one in green card. Don’t forget to cut the slits.

Interlock the 2 shapes by weaving the strips under and over their opposite colour. This will give you a heart shape. Use a little glue to hold them together if needed. Punch a hole in the top at the centre and thread with cord to hang your decoration. You can make lots in different colours and decorate them with sequins or stickers too. Nice symbols of love to decorate your Christmas.

The Cat’s Christmas Hymns:

Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
Silent Mice
Joy to the Curled
The First Meow
Useful Information and Telephone Numbers

GP SURgeries AND HEALTH CENTRES

Witley – The Surgery, Wheeler Lane, Witley GU8 5QR
Tel: Doctors 01428 682218
     Community Nurses 01428 685249
     Health Visitors 01428 685249

Milford – Hurst Farm Surgery, Chapel Lane, Milford GU8 4EG
Tel: Doctors 01483 415885
     Crossroads Surgery, Church Road, Milford GU8 5JQ
Tel: Doctors 01483 414641
     Health Visitors & Community Nurses 01483 415564

Chiddingfold – Ridgeley Road, GU8 4QP
Tel: Doctors 01428 683174
     Community Nurses 01428 683735

HOSPITALS

Royal Surrey County Hospital 01483 571122
Milford Hospital 01483 782000
Haslemere Hospital 01483 783000

Equipment for short term use (sadly now closed)
may be available sometime later on restricted basis - watch this space

POLICE

New!
Police Community Support Officer: 12010 Karen Phillips
e-mail: waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk
Urgent calls: 999
Non-urgent and crime reporting 101

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

Area 1	 t b c	 Hydestile
Area 2	 Mr Arthur Blackman	 Church Lane 01428 683871
Area 3	 Miss Jane Woolley	 Woodlands Road 01428 684213
Area 4	 Mrs Caroline Pitt	 Malthouse Lane 01428 682940
Area 5	 Mr Alf Hammond	 Cricket Green 01428 683625
Area 6	 Mr John Tidmarsh	 Lane End 01428 682067
Area 7	 Mr Ion Campbell	 Feathercombe Lane 01483 860264
Area 8	 Mr Bryon Ware	 Hambledon Park 01428 289132

UTILITIES

Thames Water (Customer Enquiries) 0800 3169800
Southern Water (Customer Enquiries) 0845 2780845
Southern Electric (Emergency) 24 Hours 0800 0727282
Gas (Emergency) 24 hours 0800 111 999
HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors
- John Anderson 01428 682666
- Mary Grove 01483 415815
- Karen Jones 01428 681339
- Mike Parry 01428 682303
- Paul Pattinson 01428 682000
- Stewart Payne 01483 425250
- Philip Underwood 01428 682742

Clerk
Jane Woolley 01428 684213
Email j.woolley881@btinternet.com

Surrey County Councillor
Mrs Victoria Young 0203 65015995

Waverley Borough Councillors
- Nick Holder 01428 682402
- Anna James 01428 682844

GENERAL

Borough Hall 01483 523333
Cinema Borough Hall (Tickets & Information) 01483 523004
Library 01483 422743

Hambledon Village Shop is able to arrange deliveries 01428 682176

St Peter’s Hambledon – church office 01483 421267
(and see page 3 for more information)

Hambledon Village Hall – for terms and bookings 01428 683588

Train Information
Times and fares for all national services 0845 7484950

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Lifts to medical appointments, collecting prescriptions for Hambledon residents without transport, ring 01428 682959. If no response within 24 hours please call 01428 684390

VETERINARY SURGEONS

Milford Veterinary Surgery
37, New Road, Milford 01483 414747

Rivendell
24, St Johns Street, Farncombe 01483 421833

In an emergency, ring either number

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How to donate

- Complete and return the attached form
- Follow the ‘How to donate’ links in the HCF section of Hambledon’s website www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk
- Call your local HCF contacts or our umbrella foundation contacts, the Community Foundation for Surrey, to discuss more complex donations in confidence

Hambledon Community Fund Contacts:
Call Julie Llewelyn (07768 033611) or email her at communityfund@hambledonsurrey.co.uk

Community Foundation for Surrey Contacts (NEW DETAILS – Please note):
call our Grants Manager, Kate Peters, 01483 478092, or email her at info@cf surrey.org.uk

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Hambledon Community Fund – Donation Form

1) Please tick the correct box or boxes

- [ ] I would like to make a donation of £________ and enclose a cheque for this amount, made payable to the Hambledon Community Fund.
- [ ] I would like this donation to remain anonymous
- [ ] I would like to set up a regular donation to the Hambledon Community Fund by Direct Debit or Standing Order. Please contact me using the details given below to arrange for this to be set up.
- [ ] I would like to consider leaving a legacy to the HCF in my Will. Please contact me to discuss this further.

2) Please complete the boxes below to receive Gift Aid on this and any future donations

Using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give, The Community Foundation for Surrey can receive an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation to the HCF go even further (e.g. a donation of £100 becomes £125 with Gift Aid added)

**Gift Aid Declaration**

I would like to make a donation to the Hambledon Community Fund, administered by Community Foundation for Surrey, using Gift Aid. My details are as follows:

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I am a UK taxpayer and I would like the Community Foundation for Surrey to treat all gifts of money that I have made to them in the past six years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

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PRINT name in full:

To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the Community Foundation for Surrey will retain on your gifts for that tax year. Please notify the Community Foundation for Surrey if you change your name or home address, wish to cancel this declaration or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all of your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return. If you want to receive the addition tax relief due to you.

3) Please return this form and your cheque (if applicable), to the following address:

The Hambledon Community Fund, c/o The Community Foundation for Surrey

Church House, 30 Church Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1EP (NEW ADDRESS – Please note)

Thank you for your support!
### Puzzle Solutions

#### Crossword

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#### Word Search

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#### Sudoku

**Easy**

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**Intermediate**

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