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St Peter's Church



& Village News



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

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Pastoral Letter - August

Dear Friends,

August is here and a chance to slow down a little bit! As we've built up to Jolyon's departure it's been a busy time in Busbridge Church as well as Hambledon, so it's a relief to get to holiday time and find I have a few free evenings in my diary!

Still, August isn't all about putting my feet up – we have some exciting events coming up so I thought I'd take the chance this month to do some shameless plugging.

The Prime Time August Event is aimed at those in the prime of life – ie, over 50! It's on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August: a great opportunity to spend time with friends new and old, and join in with a wonderful range of activities including silk painting, boules, board games, origami, flower arranging, tips on gardening and computers and a treasure hunt, together with good food, lively conversation and "Thought for the Day" and "Any Questions" slots. On the Saturday this is all based in and around St Hilary's School on Holloway Hill, whilst on the Sunday there's a barbeque lunch and a quiz at Busbridge Village Hall on Brighton Road. If you or someone you know would like an invitation, please contact Andy Spencer (01483 416333) or andy.spencer@busbridgechurch.org

And for those at the other end of the age spectrum there's Showstoppers Holiday Club: this runs from Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th August, also in Busbridge Village Hall, and is for children aged 5-10 (the youngest age limit is children who have completed Reception and will start Year 1 in September). This holiday club is always popular and will fill up, so call quick to reserve your place – ring the Busbridge church office on 01483 421267 and ask for Ian or Shân. There'll be drama, puppets, craft, games, competitions, quizzes and all the usual organised mayhem!

On the Sunday morning at 10am there'll be a great big service in the Holiday Club Marquee and a chance to find out what everyone's been up to during the club, plus a barbeque afterwards. So if you can't make it to the whole thing go along to that (there'll be no 11am service in Hambledon that morning) – you might just decide that next year you have to be there for all of it!

Then looking ahead to September we're planning an Alpha course. Just in case you've never heard of Alpha it's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life from a Christian point of view. We kick off with a meal and a glass of wine, then listen to a short talk, followed by a chance to discuss your own experience, ask questions, or just listen, in a small group. It's a safe place to talk about some big issues – no previous knowledge required! – and find out what it means to say "I'm a Christian". There's normally a lot of laughter and some new and lasting friendships get made. Depending on who wants to come this will probably be running as both an evening and daytime course.

Not sure that's for you? Well the best way to find out is to come along to the introductory supper, which we're planning for 16th September. After that it's up to you whether or not you want to attend the rest of the course which will run through the Autumn. If you'd like an invitation just give me a call, or speak to anyone you know who's a member of Hambledon church. If you're feeling nervous, come with a friend!

I do hope that one or more of those events is of interest to you, and perhaps I'll see you there!



Stephanie Couvela,
Associate Minister, Busbridge and Hambledon

Blooming gone!

These are true stories: a woman went down to her local garden centre and bought 20 hardy fuschias. She spent an entire day carefully planting a fushia hedge across the front of her property. It looked great. Next morning she went down to make her breakfast tea and stared out the window in sheer disbelief: her brand new hedge was gone. Simply gone.

Another family spent two days laying a new lawn... on the morning of third day, it was gone.

Garden theft is on the increase. In the summer it soars by 63 per cent. Thieves these days help themselves to everything from your flowers, pots, shrubs, vegetables, turf, (and even lawns!) rockeries, tools, barbeques and furniture. They take olive trees, ornamental trees, huge garden ornaments, posh hoses, ride-on mowers, fish and flagstones. About the only thing they don't bother with are the weeds and the water in your garden pond. Also, no one has yet reported any slugs stolen...

Now Dareen Black, head of insurance at the financial comparison site Confused.com advises people to check their insurance policy very carefully indeed. "They vary very widely." Churchill covers garden loss up to £250, while Lloyds TSB Options covers up to £2,000, but not the lawn. It always pays to check that the cover you have bought really does meet your needs.

CHURCH CALENDAR August 2009

2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
8th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Family Worship
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9th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
9th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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16th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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23rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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30th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
12th Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	All Age Service at the Holiday Club at Busbridge Village Hall, followed by a barbecue

Saturday 15th August
9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms
A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome

Services at St. John's, Busbridge – every Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday in the month BCP)
10.00 am "Classic" service in Church; "Contemporary" service in Busbridge Junior School;
Groups for children of all ages in various locations – turn up and ask!
6.30pm Evening Worship

PARISH & PEOPLE



Welcome to Beatrice Daisy, a first child to Rosie (nee Tidmarsh) and Damien Aneja—a second grand daughter for John and Annie.

A third son has arrived to Peter and Kate Campbell, his name is Daniel with brothers Ben and Sam. Ion and Muriel have a welcome new arrival.

Our commiserations to Alison Martin, the Church Treasurer at St Peter's, whose energetic tennis playing has resulted in a broken arm and also to Stephen Webb breaking a leg doing a balancing act on a ladder.

June Jazwinski (known affectionately to us all as June "J") has settled in Sydney, Australia by all accounts. We are delighted to learn that she has found a house that she likes and even managed to get an identical car to the one that she had when living in the UK. It is good to get this news and know that June is living close to her daughter and family.

Jeremy Barnes has now been appointed to the Living of St Stephen, Twickenham. Jeremy is the younger son of Christopher and Freda Blizzard-Barnes and we will remember this family when they were resident among us when Christopher was our rector from 1989 to 1994. Jeremy has served as Curate at Holy Trinity, Brompton (where he met his wife Emma) and for the past few years they have been working in Shadwell, an East London parish. Jeremy (who likes to be known as 'Jezz') must be very much looking forward to a Church of his own and Hambledon send all good wishes to Jezz and to Emma as they embark on this exciting milestone. Christopher and Freda are well and enjoying retirement in Winchester. Freda is at present recovering from a carpal tunnel operation on her hand.

Great Excitement greeted our Royal Visitor on

Thursday 9th July. Everyone set out to enjoy the afternoon and Princess Alexandra, a very elegant and gracious lady seemed to enter into the spirit of a small Surrey village. Many thanks to the Parish Council who did all the arranging to give us an occasion to remember.

Wedding Anniversaries to remember this month—Mic and Sylvia Coleman chalk up 57 years and John and Rae Taylor their 64th. Well done!

Celebrating her 99th birthday this month will be Fanny Gaskin, a one-time resident of Hambledon and now living in a nursing home in Grayshott. Well done indeed and many congratulations from Hambledon friends and past neighbours.

Also celebrating her 99th birthday on 5th August would have been our dear Sonia Symonds. We were saddened to learn from Sonia's family that she had died on July 13th. What a wonderful age to achieve and how many of us remember Dr Jack and Sonia and the many years they resided in the village in Heath Cottage. They were staunch supporters of church and village and their home was a great venue for many of the young who passed through Hambledon Youth Fellowship. We always reckoned that at the time Heath Cottage must have been fitted with elastic walls!

A Thanksgiving Service was held for Sonia at Send Church on Friday 24th July and it is anticipated that her ashes will be interred with Jack in Hambledon Churchyard. To Sonia's family we extend the loving sympathy of us all as we remember with affection this delightful lady and the happy times spent with her.

And finally To the Tricky family goes the love from the folk of Hambledon as they move from Busbridge to their new Living in Nailsea.

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Never satisfied!

What will the rest of our so called summer bring?



We had just got used to real summer weather, the Barbie out, the spiders chased off the garden chairs and all those delicious meals using recipes for barbequed scallops, veal tenderloin, stuffed quail, and apricot-filled camembert to be washed down with an ice-cold Frascati had been sorted when the heavens opened. Of-course those gardeners like Earthworm were thrilled to bits. Six weeks of drought was really beginning to show and a good garden soak did not come a moment too soon. But, as always, it was not enough and what Earthworm really wanted was a good steady down- pour not a sudden soak. Talk of never being satisfied! Well over the next week he did get more of what he wanted, though the ground is still remarkably dry. It did make a difference though. Lawns have started to “green” again and plants that really were hanging their heads have perked up no end. The runner beans have shot to the top of their poles. In fact everything is suddenly burgeoning. The lawns need mowing and, to Earthworm’s greatest pleasure, the compost heap is not only growing again but heating up splendidly!

What will the rest of our so-called summer bring, Earthworm wonders, now that the schools are closing

for the holidays and many will be holidaying in this country? Surely we deserve a few more sunny spells (and without the thunderstorms).

Hambledon residents can be grateful, and proud, that their Royal Visit took place in sunshine. To Earthworm’s beady eyed it seemed to pass off without a single hitch,(the result of-course of much hard work behind scenes); the Princess Alexandra a picture of elegance, greeting so many people and even though the Lady in Waiting provided the proverbial Fountain Pen but no blotting paper the Royal signature did not smudge !

Our politicians too will be disappearing for their parliamentary breaks, some to exotic far-away places, others nearer to home. What is certain is that none will dare to make an expenses claim! Earthworm hopes for their sakes that there will be no dramas necessitating early recall, but when they do return there will be some new and better fresh ideas to get our struggling economy on the road to recovery, and perhaps some more sensible thinking about the needs of the armed forces fighting in such dangerous and inhospitable places as Afghanistan.

Wednesday Afternoon Group

The WAG’s enjoyed an afternoon get together at Meadow Cottage, Church Lane. The weather was variable as the clouds raced overhead, but fortunately it was warm enough to be outside. Even more fantastic was the fact that we were all under a marquee when the heavens opened and we had torrential rain for about a quarter of an hour. However the cream tea and the chatting continued regardless and we all enjoyed ourselves and kept dry. The sun soon came out again and the chatting still carried on.

Please note

There is no meeting in August

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday September 8th

A boat trip is to be organised on the River Wey. Please let Jan know (Tel: 01483 423637) if you would like to go on this, if you have not already done so.

Earth-bound

At a village costume party for children, a police officer was stationed at the door, with instructions not to admit any adults. Then an excited woman came running up to the door and demanded admission. “My child is in there as a butterfly, but she has forgotten her wings!”

“Can’t help it,” replied the officer, “orders are orders. She’ll have to stay a caterpillar.”

Princess Alexandra in Hambledon

Princess Alexandra met with dozens of villagers when she visited Hambledon to hear about the community work that led to it winning the Surrey Village of the Year competition for 2008/09. The Princess, accompanied by Mrs Sarah Goad, the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, arrived at the village shop where she was met by Jane Woolley, clerk to Hambledon Parish Council, who was her escort for much of the visit.

She was introduced to shop directors, staff and volunteers and George Pitt and Philip Underwood told her about how the shop was rescued from closure and reopened as a community-run venture. Amanda Wright, the shop manager and Alison Wilson, Post Office Manager, showed her around and introduced her to volunteers John and Annie Tidmarsh, Judy Leeper and Cynthia Miller and Post Office clerk Alan Brien.



The Princess was presented with a cake baked by Mary Parker, given a copy of the parish magazine and a short demonstration of the village website.

She heard about the work of the Village Trust and the Community Fund from Mary Burrows and Raymond Smith, who were joined by Helen Bowcock and Wendy Varcoe from Surrey Community Foundation.

She was told about the work that went into winning the Calor Village of the Year competition from Jane Caie and Stewart Payne, both parish councillors, and Jean Roberts-Jones from Surrey Community Action.

The Princess and members of her party purchased fresh strawberries and raspberries supplied to the shop by Tuesley Farm.

Outside she chatted to villagers who had gathered to greet her, including staff and pupils from St Dominic's School.

She then walked across the cricket green in bright sunshine to the pavilion where she was introduced to representatives of the village organisations that contribute so much to community life in Hambledon, including St Peter's Church, the nursery school, the cricket and football clubs, the Ramblers, the Village Hall, the Wednesday Afternoon Group, Almshouses, Heritage Society and Oakhurst Cottage.

On her way in she met with Ron Vickery, the longest serving parish councillor with 30 years of service.

Before she left she unveiled a plaque commemorating her visit and signed the historic Hambledon Scrapbook.

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A photographic record of her visit can be found on the "photos" section of the village website.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
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13th July, 2009

Dear Miss Woolley

Princess Alexandra has asked me to thank you and everyone involved for a very happy visit to Hambledon.

The Princess greatly enjoyed this occasion and congratulates you all on winning the Surrey Village of the Year Competition 2008-9, as well as your success in the Sustainability category in the South of England regional competition. She can well understand, having met you all, how easy a decision it must have been for the Judges! Her Royal Highness was so impressed by your thriving Village Shop and it was interesting for her to hear about the organisations and activities which contribute so much to the lives of the people of Hambledon. She was aware of a truly great community spirit.

Princess Alexandra was so pleased to meet you all and she would like you to know that the cake and the raspberries were absolutely delicious. She sends her warmest thanks and best wishes to everyone in the Village.

For me, too, this was a lovely afternoon and I would like to add my own thanks to you all.

Yours Sincerely
Romy Tunford

Lady-in-Waiting

Miss Jane Woolley

HRH Impressed!

Help still urgently required!

This month it has all happened. BBC Surrey descended on us., and then Princess Alexandra came to visit. Environmental Health popped in from Waverley, as did Health and Safety. We had the shop company AGM hosted by George and a cheque appeared to pay for the chillers.

This is the time of the soft fruit. The demand is high so we will endeavour to have some in the week as well. The royal entourage were impress and left with many samples as well as Mary's cake. I noted that one of Peter's cards caught the eye and was purchased by HRH.

The shop is really well known and praised. All thanks to those who work in it and make things possible. But life does not stand still. Our new part timer came, and then left in a hurry. We desperately need someone to work 16hrs and train for the post office. There must be someone in Hambledon who would like this paid position. What about you newly retireds! It is in your hands.

P.J.U.

From the shop floor:

Unfortunately the two new faces behind the till



lasted precisely two afternoons before heading screaming for the hills. The search goes on but meanwhile I'm afraid you're stuck with the same old faces.

I'm sure much will be written elsewhere about Princess Alexandra's visit but it really was a perfectly lovely afternoon, beautifully organised and we can say that Mary's cakes are by Royal Appointment.

Our three lovely girls, Rachael, Sally and new recruit Emily Cross (Kim's daughter) are doing a marvellous job filling in for people over the summer. We really are very lucky to have them.

Ann Turrell-Clark has joined the happy band of cake makers on an occasional basis which we hope will allow Mary a little more time out of the kitchen.

We are selling huge quantities of soft fruit and for the last two weeks have had it mid-week as well as on Fridays.

I hope everyone who is going away has a lovely time and returns refreshed and full of enthusiasm in September.

Amanda

When a man gets 'manflu'.... does he really suffer?

Here's the proof at last - so take note ladies!

From now on, when your man has flu, you mustn't tease him and tell him to get a grip: he really does feel far more poorly than his wife understands. Recent studies seem to show that men suffer from 'manflu' because they have weaker immune systems and so are more susceptible to infections.

These findings will not surprise most women, who have known for years that they can have a cold, and yet still carry on working, looking after the children AND nursing their husband who has gone to bed with the same sniffles. But now scientists have asked for some sympathy for the men: they say that the female sex hormone, oestrogen, may be the secret of their wife's extra strength. Oestrogen, it seems, can boost a woman's defences against infections and viruses such as influenza.

Surveys have found that up to 30 per cent of men take sick days because of colds and flu, compared to just 22 per cent of women.

The research was carried out at McGill University's Health Centre in Montreal. Earlier research into 'manflu' at Stanford University in California had concluded it was all in the man's mind... we couldn't possibly comment!



How long is a tea break?

Magpie goes all sentimental with this month's poem!

BYWAYS
An occasional
column
from
around
our
plot



Remember the road company 'Ringway'? A reporter from the Surrey Advertiser followed a crew of five around a couple of years ago, and between tea stops they did a total of two hours work—ALL DAY! Well, the road works on the A24 just outside Dorking should have been finished at the end of May, and they (surprise, surprise) are still not completed. I phoned Surrey County Council's Roads and Highways Department at Kingston and was told about 'unexpected problems', but they should be finished in August. When I mentioned the fact that no one seemed to be working whenever I was in that neck of the woods I must have coincided with break times! Good old Ringway.

As I stood in the background a couple of weeks ago all seemed to go well at the visit of HRH to our village. Congratulations are in order to the organisers for all their work. No doubt many photographs will be popping up in the near future, and now we have a royal signature in one of our scrap books.

Try this book and compare to our own village.

"Nosy Neighbours Letters from the Village of Long Bottom, England"

This is a good humoured easy reading book, some of the letters and replies made me laugh out loud. Set in the fictional village of Long Bottom with the central character of Capt. Frobisher, the local busy body with an unfortunate penchant for letter writing. This is a quick read as each set of letters carries through village life, you could recognise some of the

episodes, you may have well wanted to write the letter yourself and hopefully never received one. A very enjoyable book and an ideal gift.

This month's poem is from Maggie Chaplin

The Very Best in Life is Free

The very best in life is free
From artifice and guile.
No surgeons knife or laser peel
Has modified your smile.
You wear your laughter lines with pride—
no botox blanks them out;
no nip or tuck or tooth veneer;
no plumped-up bee-sting pout.

It has no price but there's a cost:
I am no longer free.
I'm bound, beguiled when you bestow
that artless smile on me.
Together we can ride the storm
of economic strife,
as long as you will share your smile—
the best thing in my life.

Maggie Chaplin

Have you ever drunk Evian Water? If spelt backwards it's 'Naïve'

Magpie



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

SMILE LINES

How it changes

A clergyman who had recently been made a bishop was the centre of attention at the 40th reunion of his old school. "How marvellous," said a former classmate. "Becoming so important hasn't changed you one bit!"

"Actually, it has," admitted the new bishop. "I'm now 'eccentric' where I used to be impolite. And I'm 'delightfully amusing' where I used to be a pain in the neck. And I'm 'a theologian' where they used to just tell me that my sermons didn't make sense."



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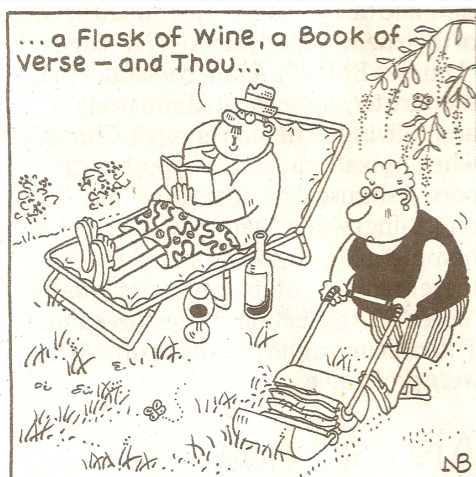
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How fast do you go?

Sitting by the side of the road one day, on the lookout for speeding drivers, a police officer spotted a car putting along at 20 mph. He thought to himself: "That driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that the four passengers were all old ladies, and all wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, also a very elderly lady, was upset at being stopped. "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit!"

"Madam," the officer replied patiently, "you weren't doing the speed limit, you were driving at 20 miles an hour. - can be dangerous to other drivers."

"But it says A20 on the sign over there - and so I was doing it!" she protested.

"But that is the road number, not the speed limit."

"Well, I never! That explains a lot," said the old lady in evident relief.

"Before I let you go, madam, I have to ask, is everyone in this car okay? Your passengers seem awfully shaken."

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off the A120."

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One in six teenagers never been to church!

Des

T.V. is more important than God?

I read an article in my daily newspaper that claimed that two thirds of teenagers do not believe in God. It found that half had never prayed and one in six had never been to a church service. A spokesman for the Church of England said that many teenagers are not sure what they believe until they are older. The secularist group the Humanist Association said that the findings were consistent with government research.

My feeling is that these findings should make the likes of me as a convinced believer in the God of the Bible sit up and take notice as to why this should be the case in this country, a place where our heritage is built around the Christian faith. In every town and village the evidence is found by just looking at the church buildings that in most cases dominate the skyline.

So why has there been such a decline in my lifetime. On thinking back to my childhood we had no T.V., no computer, etc. Our main entertainment was of our own making. Holiday times I palled up with Peter Ingold who lived at the Round House (now the Toll House) We left home at about nine in the morn-

ing and spent the time roaming the woods all day and every day returning home for tea in the evening. Although I was sent to Sunday School morning and afternoon this did not make much of an impact, it was not until a Bible class called the Kings Own which offered all sorts of games as well as an epilogue that I became interested in the Bible. I exposed myself to its teaching and I became a Christian.

In the article it states that amongst other things reality T.V. was more important than God. I fancy that whatever our children are exposed to will influence their thinking, not only theirs but ours as well, this is greatly documented in court cases concerning youngsters who have been exposed to violent video games, to dodgy chat rooms on the internet and the like. We in the Church have some serious thinking to do about the issues raised by this article, thankfully we have at St Peter's a thriving children's work under the leadership of Jessie our youth leader and some excellent helpers. Perhaps you would like to expose your children to the wonders of the Bible by bringing them along to St Peter's

The Sound of Music



The sound of music can release the same 'feelgood' chemicals as eating, winning a bet, taking drugs, or even having sex, researchers have found.

Music activates the part of the brain which is responsible for feeling pleasure, excitement and satisfaction, according to the neuroscientist Prof Daniel Levitin of McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

When a person listens to songs or tunes they enjoy, they experience a release of dopamine, the hormone linked to reward and happiness.

He said: "Research shows that music has specific effects on the body's physiology, including heart

rate, respiration, sweating and mental activity. Music is effective at moderating arousal levels, concentration, and helping to regulate mood through its action on the brain's natural chemistry. People who can have music follow them around during their daily lives can use these properties of music effectively, to form a soundtrack for their day and their lives."

Research found that instrumental music such as classical, jazz, techno or bluegrass is best for people studying. Lively tunes with a tempo above 96 beats per minutes are best for anyone doing cooking, cleaning or household chores.



Sad Reflection: "My wild oats have turned into bran flakes."



People carrier prompts monthly rant!

Ross's
ramblings

Ross reminds us of his village picnic.

So, on Wednesday the 1st of July at around 1.15pm a lady in a huge black people mover thing is driving down Lodge Bottom, passing Busbridge Lakes on her left, around the right hand bend and as she comes to the left hand bend there is a cyclist in front of her. So what does she do? She overtakes the cyclist on a blind bend! And who is coming in the opposite direction? Me! So as I frantically brake and climb the bank with my offside wheels she shouts and gesticulates at me! Obviously my fault! And they wonder why we hate them and their huge 'coaches'. Here endeth this month's rant.

Wow, what a wonderful heat wave! It was great. GWJ and I went to Selsy and had fish and chips on the front, in 92° ! She, of course, had the sense to wear a nice straw hat, and I didn't so, of course, I got a 'touch of the sun'. I have now got my own nice straw hat.

As I write this the rain is pouring down and the garden is giving a huge sigh of relief, so no more watering for a while. Lets hope that August 9th is a nice day for my village picnic. Remember 12.30 at the Pavillion with grub and the odd bottle! I will ask Ginge Blackman to open the pavilion so that the loo's are available.

By the way if any of you gents fancy joining the Cup Hill Morris Men we are getting desperate for new bodies, so give me a ring.

And from Ken Gravestock a few definitions.

Adult - A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Beauty Salon - A place where women curl up and dye.

Cannibal - Somebody who is fed up with people.

Committee - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Gossip - A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

Handkerchief - Cold storage.

Mosquito - An insect that makes you like flies better.

Secret - Something you tell to one person at a time.

Toothache - The pain that drives you to extraction.

Tomorrow - One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

Yawn - An honest opinion openly expressed.

Thought for the Day

*If time flies like an arrow,
then fruit flies like a banana*

August Birthdays

Nicky Cornell	4th 19**
Neil Armstrong (Astronaut)	5th 1930
Ron Vickery	7th 17**
Enid Blyton (Hurrah for the Famous Five)	11th 1897
Steve Martin	14th 1945
John May	16th 17**
Robert Redford	18th 1937
Robert Plant ('Led Zep' far out man)	20th 1948
Sean Connery	25th 1930
Stewart Payne	29th 19**
Richard Attenborough	29th 1923
Van Morrison	31st 1945



Ross's Icons of England No 7

Bed in Summer

"In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?"

THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law

If you change traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theatre

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Starbucks Law

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces

The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

TO THE HAMBLETON VILLAGE SHOP Thank You!

Thank you so very much for the wonderful party you gave for me on Saturday the 20th, And for all the kind words and best wishes that I received on the day, and for those that came by post.

It was with sadness that I decided to leave as I have loved every minute of the 16 years I have been a volunteer. When I was very young I loved to play at shops, and so I was able to play out my dream for real,!!!

I have seen the shop go from strength to strength, and now under Philip and Amanda's care we are even better than before. And It is thanks to all the volunteers that we are where we are today, and of course a big thank you to Jane Woolley.

I will look forward to seeing you on my Sunday duty as that I feel I can do, and catching up with all the news.

Thank you again to you all and I will miss seeing every one of you, but I will think of you every time I wipe my feet on my beautiful "Busy Bee" door mat

Judy.

When the lady in question is bad-tempered

We haven't come across this situation have we guys?

With family holidays beginning this month, many men and children may be asking themselves why some women seem more ill-tempered than others over the loss of suitcases, getting stuck in heavy traffic, poor holiday accommodation, etc. Well, the answer may lie partly in their genes.

Recent research at the University of Pittsburgh has found that anger, hostility and pugnacity may be rooted in variations in the DNA of a serotonin receptor gene.

The study was the first to look at the relationship

between variations in the serotonin receptor 2C gene and anger and hostility. It focused on 550 unrelated European women. Researchers found that those women who had one or both of two alterations in the promoter regions of the serotonin receptor – were more likely to score lower on tests for anger and aggression.

The researchers did not offer any specific advice to the husbands and children of women who scored high on tests for anger and aggression. But asking such women what is wrong with their genes

Etiquette for inexperienced cats

1. If you are going to be sick, get onto a chair quickly. If you cannot manage this in time, get to an Oriental rug. Or even shag is good.
2. Determine quickly which of your family's guests hates cats. Sit on that lap during the evening. He/she won't dare push you off and will even call you "nice kitty." If you can arrange to have cat food on your breath, so much the better.
3. For sitting on laps or rubbing against trouser legs, select colours that contrast your own.
4. Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.
5. For guests that say "I love kitties," and mean it, be ready with aloof disdain, claws applied to stockings, or a quick nip on the ankles.
6. Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get one open, stand on hind legs and hammer doorknob

with forepaws. Once the door is opened for you, it is not necessary to use it. You can change your mind. When you have ordered an outside door opened, stand half in and half out and think about several things. This is important during very cold or rainy weather or midge season.

7. If one person is busy and the other is idle, sit with the busy one. For book readers, get in close under the chin, unless you can lie across the book itself.
8. For ladies knitting, curl quietly into lap and pretend to doze. Then reach out and slap knitting needles sharply. This is what she calls a dropped stitch. She will try to distract you. Ignore it.
9. For people doing homework, sit on the paper being worked on. After being removed the second time, push anything movable off the table (pens, pencils, stamps) one at a time.
10. Get enough sleep during the day

TOP TEN PICKUP LINES USED BY ADAM



"You know you're the only one for me!"
"Do you come here often?"
"Trust me, this was meant to be!"
"Look around, baby. All the other guys around here are animals!"
"I already feel like you're a part of me!"
"Honey, you were made for me!"
"Why don't you come over to my place and we can name some animals?"
"You're the girl of my dreams!" (Gen. 2:21)
"I like a girl who doesn't mind being ribbed!"
And the number one pick up line from Adam is:
"You're the apple of my eye!" *



New email support service from FamilyLine Surrey – help@familyline.org.uk

Local free telephone helpline FamilyLine Surrey is launching on the 1st July 2009 a brand new email support service (help@familyline.org.uk) to enable them to support many more families in Surrey. This new service is aimed at family members who prefer online sources of help or are unsure about talking to a telephone helpline. The new service will allow 'family members' to email their concerns to FamilyLine Surrey in confidence and get an email reply offering support and encouragement to deal with their problem. Our database of national and local organisations can also provide opportunities to signpost for further help.

FamilyLine Surrey has been offering a free confidential helpline since 1994. This new email support service (help@familyline.org.uk) will offer help to families who find coping with life's challenges while bringing up children and teenagers a difficult one. When a break up is occurring, children are being bullied, redundancies or money worries appear many parents find they don't know where to turn and end up feeling isolated and alone. FamilyLine Surrey is here to listen, help and support all family members.

Jeff Travis Chairman of FamilyLine Surrey said

"We see this new service as a natural progression to the great help we already provide and hope that it will enable us to reach even more families in Surrey".

If you would like to contact us for support please use the webform on our website:

www.familyline.org.uk

or email help@familyline.org.uk

or alternatively call our helpline on
Freephone 0808 800 5678.

We are open Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 7.00pm and all calls and emails to us are confidential.

If you would like more information about FamilyLine or are interested in making a donation or volunteering then please call the admin line on 01306 743 233 or alternatively you could visit our website at www.familyline.org.uk.

FamilyLine Surrey is a registered charity – number 1037462

For more information please contact:

Helen West on 01306 743233/07595510524
or email admin@familyline.org.uk

SOMETHING FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.' (*The Daily Telegraph*)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (*The Guardian*)

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, 'This sort of thing is all too common'. (*The Times*)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind

speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.
(*Aberdeen Evening Express*)



Stuffed Red Peppers - Serves 2

The best cookery corner

in the South East

These peppers are simple to prepare, stuffed and bake when required. Serve with a green salad

Guy Lemieux



2 tbs Olive oil
1 Finely chopped red onion
¼ Baguette—torn up roughly
2oz Sun blushed tomatoes

1tsp Fresh thyme
½ tbs Capers. Rinsed and chopped
2oz Hard goats cheese (sliced)

- Pre-heat the oven to 190°C/gas mark 5. Heat the oil in a small saucepan and add the onion, sweat for 10 minutes.
- Cut the pepper in half lengthwise and remove all seeds and membrane.
- Mix the bread, tomatoes, thyme, capers and
- Season well then divide between the red pepper halves.
- Bake for 25 minutes
- Pre-heat your grill, then arrange slices of the goats cheese on top of the peppers and place under the grill until it is lightly browned.



Picnic Chicken

Picnic time and for a special picnic you might want to cook up some spice rubbed chicken.

Chicken is the perfect picnic food. It can be eaten with your fingers and tastes just as good cold as it does hot, some people say it tastes better served cold. This chicken recipe is baked, so it is as easy to make as it is to eat. If you are watching calories, you can use skinless chicken parts or even skinless and boneless chicken breasts. If you want to keep the skin on the chicken parts, be sure to rub the spice mix under the skin as well as on the skin for a full flavour experience.

Ingredients

1 chicken cut into pieces
1 tbs salt
2 tbs brown sugar
1 tbs Chili powder
1 tbs paprika
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
¼ tsp cayenne

Rinse the chicken parts and then dry them. Mix together the salt, brown sugar, chili powder, paprika, pepper, and cayenne. Rub the spice mix under the skin as well as over the skin of the chicken. Using toothpicks, secure the skin back in place so that it does not shrink away from the chicken pieces as the chicken cooks. Place the chicken pieces on a baking sheet and cover it loosely with foil. Place the sheet

on an oven rack. Let the chicken rest in the refrigerator for at least an hour, but 6 hours or overnight would be best. The longer the chicken rests, the more of the spice rub that will be absorbed by the chicken and the deeper the flavour will be.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Roast chicken for 12 minutes.

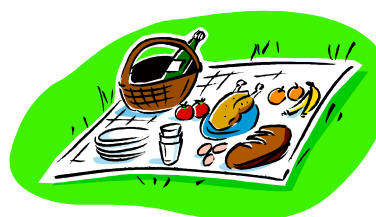
Raise the oven temperature to 500 degrees and roast for 8-10 minutes more or until breast pieces reach 160 degrees.

Remove the breasts from the oven and let the dark meat pieces cook for five more minutes or until they reach 170 degrees.

Remove the remaining pieces from the oven and let the chicken cool to room temperature.

Refrigerate the chicken overnight. Serve the chicken cold.

A good white wine will compliment the flavour!



The Definite Article

The Bible is the story of stories, the story of God's love!



Books come in so many shapes and sizes nowadays; hard- or paperback; pamphlet, journal or guidebook; on-line or via microchip: There is no end to books, as the preacher ruefully observes (Ecclesiastes 12:12). He was ahead of his time. It's hard to imagine what he would make of the plethora of printed matter that surrounds us today.

Of course there are some books that stand the test of time and are regarded as classics: a stirring tale by Dickens or Hardy, or a fantasy by C.S. Lewis or E Nesbit for example. These continue to outsell many a literary newcomer. No doubt you will have your favourite read – a book or books you still return to fondly again and again.

Yet, whereas you will have no trouble at all finding a book in almost any literary genre or on any topic you care to mention, there remains only one that is still called The Book; only one book that is prefaced by the definite article. For The Bible means just that in Greek – The Book – the Book of Books: one that Christians claim stands head and shoulders – or should I say cover and spine – above the rest.

Such a claim to pre-eminence does not sit comfortably with the spirit of this age. Surely such a book needs to justify itself with a snappy soundbite, a prestigious award or some stunning reviews. Only something new, so the thinking goes, can be that

special; certainly not something that has been around for so long, read continuously, valued by so many and re-published so frequently. But surely that is just it! The Bible's claim to be The Book has stood the test of time. It justifies its definite article in so many ways.

The Bible is the story of stories; the story of God's love for the world and God's rescue plan for its people. It is the story of people discovering what God is like, who they are and who they are meant to be. The Bible is the book in which to find not just God's story but our human story too, as we see people's lives reflected in the history of particular individuals.

And this is the Book, in which we can read a word-portrait of Jesus Christ, whose presence permeates the whole of the story as well as shining out in particular in the gospels. As Jesus himself says to the Pharisees, The scriptures tell about me (John 5:39).

Many a book is inspiring. Many a book is informative and indeed encouraging. However for those who follow Jesus, there is only the Book that can challenge and change them. Only the Book that can help them hear God speaking directly into their lives. And for this reason it is the Book that really does deserve the definite article...and a definite daily opening!

What kinda Tater are you?

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands.

They are called "*Dick Taters.*"

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "*Speck Taters.*"

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They are called "*Comment Taters.*"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called "*Hezza Taters.*"

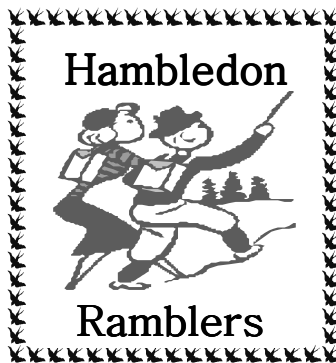
Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "*Emmy Taters.*"

Then there are those who love and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They're called "*Sweet Taters.*"





A Memorable day!

East Meon and Old Winchester Hill

This time we made it to East Meon although the rain did its best to put us off at the village hall start

Seventeen of us gathered at the East Meon car park, several brave enough to wear shorts. The day was blustery and warm with patches of sun and cloud, ideal for walking. Onwards and upwards. First through a new housing estate comprising different designs of houses in the local style. Some brick, some flint faced, some painted etc. almost a copy-cat Poundbury. Through the village we could see the huge rolling downs ahead and our route up. A gentle climb brought us to join the South Downs Way between ripening wheat and barley fields and past a large herd of dairy cows looking unbelievably contented. We passed East Meon Springs fishing centre (where the breakaway party lunched on their homeward journey). We then started a more serious climb along the side of grassy hill, home to a small bunch of heifers and their Hereford bull companion. This caused just the slightest ripple! An Irishman on his way down the hill obviously concerned, thought we should be warned! Before meeting the bull we stopped for coffee and to drink in the view. Large rolling hills and a patchwork of fields of corn and grass all looking lush and well cared for. The livestock safely passed it was on to Old Winchester Hill itself, now a nature reserve. Because of the chalky soil, everywhere there were wild flowers and butterflies which we seldom see here and great swags of "travellers Joy" draped over scrubby trees. On the hill fort the ground has not been disturbed since Victorian times so the wild flowers are profuse and unique. The writer is not a competent botanist and so could not name them.

The views from the hill are wonderful. 360 degrees, from Chichester harbour to the east round up the Solent to Southampton, Fawley refinery and on

round to Beacon Hill to the north and the North Downs beyond that. We toured the hill looking at the tumuli then started our return realising the steepness of the north side which would have been quite an obstacle for marauders of the time. A sudden attack of hunger called for the lunch stop round a convenient bench with half of Hampshire stretched out below. It was here that the Wimps in the party decided to head back home leaving the rest to climb Salt Hill after lunch.

The temptation was to stay much longer at the lunch stop and defer Salt Hill until later. A strong breeze was blowing but it wasn't at all cold, just invigorating but still prompting the thought that the occupants of the hill fort, over three thousand years ago, must have been a hardy bunch to survive the winter – no Gortex jackets to keep them dry and warm in those days!

The afternoon climb proved to be harder than the morning ascent, perhaps too much lunch. The views along the ridge as we made our descent towards East Meon was ample reward for all the effort.

The village shop in East Meon provided us with ice creams and as we sat outside the shop eating them we all agreed that it had been a truly memorable walk. Thank you Jenni.

Next Walk

Tuesday August 11

Meet at the Village Hall at 9.00am

Leader John or Jean Adams

Bring a picnic

Short Walk

Tuesday August 25

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Further details available from:

Derek Miller Tel: 01428 684362 (Long Walk)

Mary Parker Tel: 01483 860339 (Short Walk)

Day trips

A lorry driver was heading towards Chester Zoo with 500 penguins to deliver, when his lorry broke down. Another lorry driver stopped to ask if he could help in any way. "Yes," said the lorry driver. "If I pay you £500, please will you take these penguins to the zoo?"

The man looked startled. "I – I suppose so, if that's where you were all headed," he replied. "Sure was," said the first lorry driver, and sighed in relief as the penguins were gently led from one lorry into the back of the other.

Next day the first lorry driver finally arrived in Chester and to his amazement saw the second lorry driver strolling down the cobbled streets, with the 500 penguins happily walking behind him, single file. "What's going on?" he gasped. "I gave you £500 to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday!"

"I did take them to the zoo. And I had a lot of money left over. So today we're going bowling."



Fixtures.

Matches continue as per the fixtures list.

Seniors Teams:

Some League matches were cancelled in July due to rain. Let us hope that August will be a sunny month.

You can see all the Village League results on the website : www.hambledoncc.play-cricket.com along with

other news.

Please note that there will be a 20 – 20 match against Hambledon Hants on the afternoon of Sunday 16th August starting at approx 2pm. There will be a BBQ and Bar for the day and we will be running a raffle in aid of Hambledon Hants Pavilion Fund. Their Pavilion was destroyed by fire.

The Hambledon Hants players are partaking in a sponsored bike ride on the Sunday morning from their ground to ours, to raise cash for their pavilion fund and also for their charity, Rowan Hospice. So come along and watch and join in the fun for these good causes.

Colts.

All colts league games and the coaching sessions finished in July. Some colts matches had to be re-arranged due to the rain that we had in June and July,. However the colts have had very good results.

Our thanks go to this years Colts Managers: Under 11's Team Manager: Simon Rhodes and Under 9's Team Manager: Andy Hinde for all their commitment to the league sides and practice sessions. Also thanks to all the other helpers, mums and dads

who have helped run the training sessions and help with the matches.

The Colts had a Friday evening BBQ on the 26th June with matches between the colts and their fathers. A great time had by all and we ended up with presentations for the colt's with the best batting, bowling, fielding and the most improved player for the two age groups.

Fund Raising:-

The Fund raising draw event the "200 Club" will commence next month .

Anyone wishing to join this fund should contact Martin Johnson on 01483 452811

Further Activities

The Hambledon CC's Presentation Dinner will be held on the evening of Sat 26th September at the Merry Harriers. You are welcome to join us for the evening dinner. Call Caroline Tristem on 01428 685455 or Emma Cunningham on 01428 683970 for more details

There will also be a "Golf Day" on Friday 9th October at Milford Golf Club. Please contact Mark Burton on 078103708896 if you want to play or for further details.

Should you require any information about the club, please call the club captains:

Ian Houston on 020 74502591 / 07751832646
Chris Jenner on 07788970770,

Mark Burton 01428 682714 / 07813 708896

Welfare Officer :

Bob Cunningham on 01428 683970

President, Mic. Coleman on. 01428 682977.

Arthur Blackman, Chairman.

Seniors: 2009 Fixtures: Aug.

Month	Date	1 st .XI or 2 nd .XI	Opposition	Home/Away	Time
Aug.	Sat. 1	1 st . XI League	Shalford	H	1.30
	Sun. 2	2 nd . XI League	Worplesdon & Burpham	H	1.30
	Sat. 8	Friendly XI	Ancient Mariners	H	1.30
	Sun. 9	1 st . XI League	Farncombe III	A	1.30
	Sun. 16	1 st . XI League	Westcott Villagers	A	1.30
	Sun. 16	Friendly XI	Hambledon Hants 20 / 20 match	H	2.30
	Sat. 22	2 nd . XI League	Normandy Villagers	A	1.30
	Sun. 23	1 st XI League	Abinger	H	1.30
	Sat. 29	1 st . XI League	Rudgwick	A	1.30
	Sat. 29	2 nd . XI League	Normandy Villagers	H	1.30
	Mon.31	Friendly XI	The Merry Harriers	H	1.30

The Lord is in this place

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *Jacob's Dream* by the 17th century Spanish artist, Ribera. It hangs in the Museo del Prado in Madrid

GOD IN THE ARTS

In the third century a Chinese philosopher, Chang Tsu, had a vivid dream. He dreamt he was a butterfly, happily flying here and there. When he awoke, he thought to himself, "Did Chang Tsu dream that he was a butterfly, or did the butterfly dream that it was Chang Tsu?" Dreams are often like that: crucial experiences which cause us to ponder and wonder about their meaning. The prophet Joel suggested that it is old men who dream dreams, while young people see visions. But dreams invade and colour our sleeping hours, whatever age we are.

In the Bible, dreams are vital events. Think of Joseph in the Old Testament dreaming of his superiority among his brothers, the dreams of the cup bearer and baker at Pharaoh's court, Daniel interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dreams, and Joseph's dreams in the Gospels that were so crucial for the safety of the Holy Family. This month in our paintings we focus on *Jacob's Dream* by Ribera.

Jusepe de Ribera was a Spanish artist, whose most productive years were spent in Naples, where he died in 1652. This painting from 1639 is based on Genesis 28. After depriving his brother Esau of his birthright, Jacob is sent to Laban. At Bethel he rested and in his sleep received the vision of God's angels on the ladder to heaven with God's reassuring words of promise and blessing. When he awoke, Jacob set up an altar at Bethel, which he declared was the house of God and the gate of heaven.

To baroque artists this scene in Genesis was seen as a prefiguration of the coming of Jesus, and in John's Gospel Jesus himself told Nathanael that he would see the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. For Ribera the subject of Jacob's dream is treated with great tenderness as Jacob sleeps beneath the luminous expanse of sky, which occupies a major part of the canvas. Not for him the depiction of winged messengers; no, the light of

heaven falls down upon the sleeping figure, casting shadows on the ground. The angels, ethereal and insubstantial, are contained in the glory of light. The tree at the other side looks like a fallen cross, and Jacob almost like a sleeping disciple in Gethsemane. But here, he is in deep repose as his face is lit up with the golden glow of the heavenly messengers.

For Jacob, the dream is the golden assurance of God's blessing. As his saga continues in Genesis, he marries Laban's daughters, wrestles with the divine stranger, is given the name Israel, and his 12 sons become the ancestors of the 12 tribes of God's people. So the blessing of the dream is worked out in his life and the life of Israel.

Dreams can come to give visions of the way life should be. Like Jacob's, or perhaps like Martin Luther King's and his prophetic words in 1963. This month many of us will go on holiday to enjoy rest and recreation. As we end the days with sleep, we pray that like the Psalmist we will lie down in perfect peace and safety and know the refreshment Jacob found at Bethel: a repose which will restore our souls and bodies to bring life and vision wherever we may be.

You can see a copy of the painting at: http://www.spanisharts.com/history/barroco/imagenes/ribera/ribera_suenojacobo.html



Gardening in August

As the growing season begins to wind down in August, there are still many things you can do with your garden to keep it looking gorgeous throughout the remainder of the summer and into autumn. Therefore, it is important to complete these essential tasks for the garden in August.

Pruning and Deadheading

You should have already started pruning and deadheading your flowers in July, but this continues to be one of the essential tasks for the garden in August as well. Through deadheading and pruning, you can extend the life of your perennial and annual flowers. In fact, many plants will stop producing flowers for the season if they are not deadheaded. In addition, the process of deadheading and pruning helps prepare them for their winter's rest so they can return the following year bigger and stronger.

If you have tall herbaceous perennials in your garden, such as Echinacea, helenium, and rudbeckia, and you want them to stay smaller, August can be a great time to tip prune the plants. This will not only keep the plants smaller, but will also encourage the plants to produce bushier heads with slightly smaller flowers.

Take Care of Rhododendrons

Summer can be a rough time for your garden, particularly during a dry period. Therefore, you need to make sure to water your garden regularly. While doing so, don't forget about your rhododendrons. If the weather is dry, make sure to feed and water them regularly in order to keep them strong and healthy.

Prepare Your Autumn Annual Seeds

If you are planning to add some more colour to your garden with autumn annuals, now is the time to sow them in pots. Peat moss pellets are an excellent and easy way to get seeds started. Place a few seeds in each pellet, and then weed out the weaker growth as the seeds mature into plants. Never pull out the extra plants because this may disturb the root system of the plant you intend to keep. Instead, snip back the weaker plants with a pair of scissors or pruning shears.

Stake Large Plants

Depending on the plant varieties you have, one of the essential tasks for the garden in August may be to stake the flowers. Some of your flowers may be quite tall at this point and, as a result, their stems may be having difficulty providing proper support. Staking your plants will help keep your plants from leaning sideways, which is unattractive in the garden. In addition, some stems may break if they are not adequately supported with stakes.

Add Mulch

Mulch is an important year-round component of the garden. Throughout the growing season, mulch helps fight back weeds while keeping the area around your plants moist. If you haven't added mulch by this time or if your mulch is starting to decompose, adding a new layer of mulch is another of the essential tasks for the garden in August. Not only will the mulch help your plants through the remainder of the growing season, it will also help protect their roots from the cold in the winter.

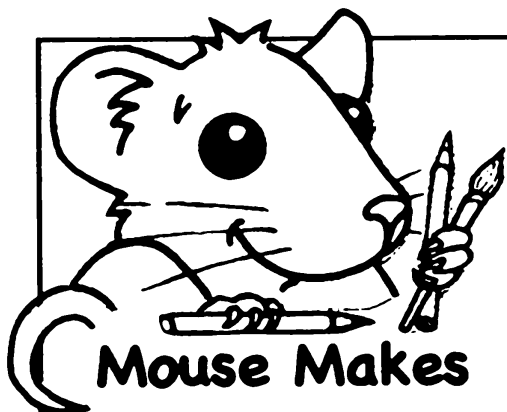
There are many essential tasks for the garden in August that must be attended to in order to keep your garden healthy. With a little work and effort, however, these tasks will ensure that you have a beautiful garden for years to come.

Wildlife in the Garden

- Feed the birds.
- Keep bird baths and ponds regularly topped up.
- Trim hedges once nesting birds have vacated.
- Position a lacewing chamber

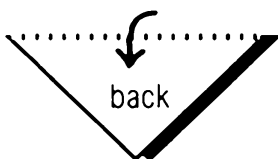
Beetles

Where beneficial insects are concerned, the ladybird is perhaps the best known. Fortunately this little beetle is easy to like, its bright red wings dotted with black making it a familiar and much loved garden insect. But most beetles have an important role in the garden. Many eat dead or decaying plant material, including wood, and therefore help to recycle waste garden material, increasing soil fertility. Some of the larger ground beetles, including the very handsome violet ground beetle, eat slugs so are useful predators if your garden suffers from an excess of these creatures. These insects are generally found sheltering under vegetation, logs and stones, in fact anywhere they might find their prey. But our favourites beetles, the ladybirds, can be found in almost any part of the garden. There are over forty different species in this country, but several are declining and are now quite rare. Ladybirds are particularly welcome in gardens as they and their dark grey larvae will eat large quantities of greenfly and blackfly, scale insects and whitefly. It has been estimated that an adult ladybird will eat up to 100 aphids a day. Encouraging them can be simply a matter of making sure that you have a few aphids around (easy for most of us) but ladybird homes and ladybird attracting chemicals are now available to keep these beetles in your garden where they are needed. Perhaps the most effective way of ensuring that they are available where you want them is to make sure that they have somewhere safe to spend the winter. Special ladybird homes will do this, or you can make your own with bundles of hollow plant stems pushed under a hedge or into dense vegetation around the garden.



The little boat was being tossed about in the storm. "Be still, be calm" said Jesus, and the wind and the waves obeyed him! Read Mark 4:35-41

Cut out the square at the bottom of the page and follow these instructions to make your own little boat.



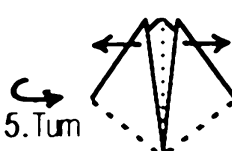
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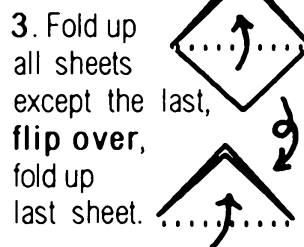


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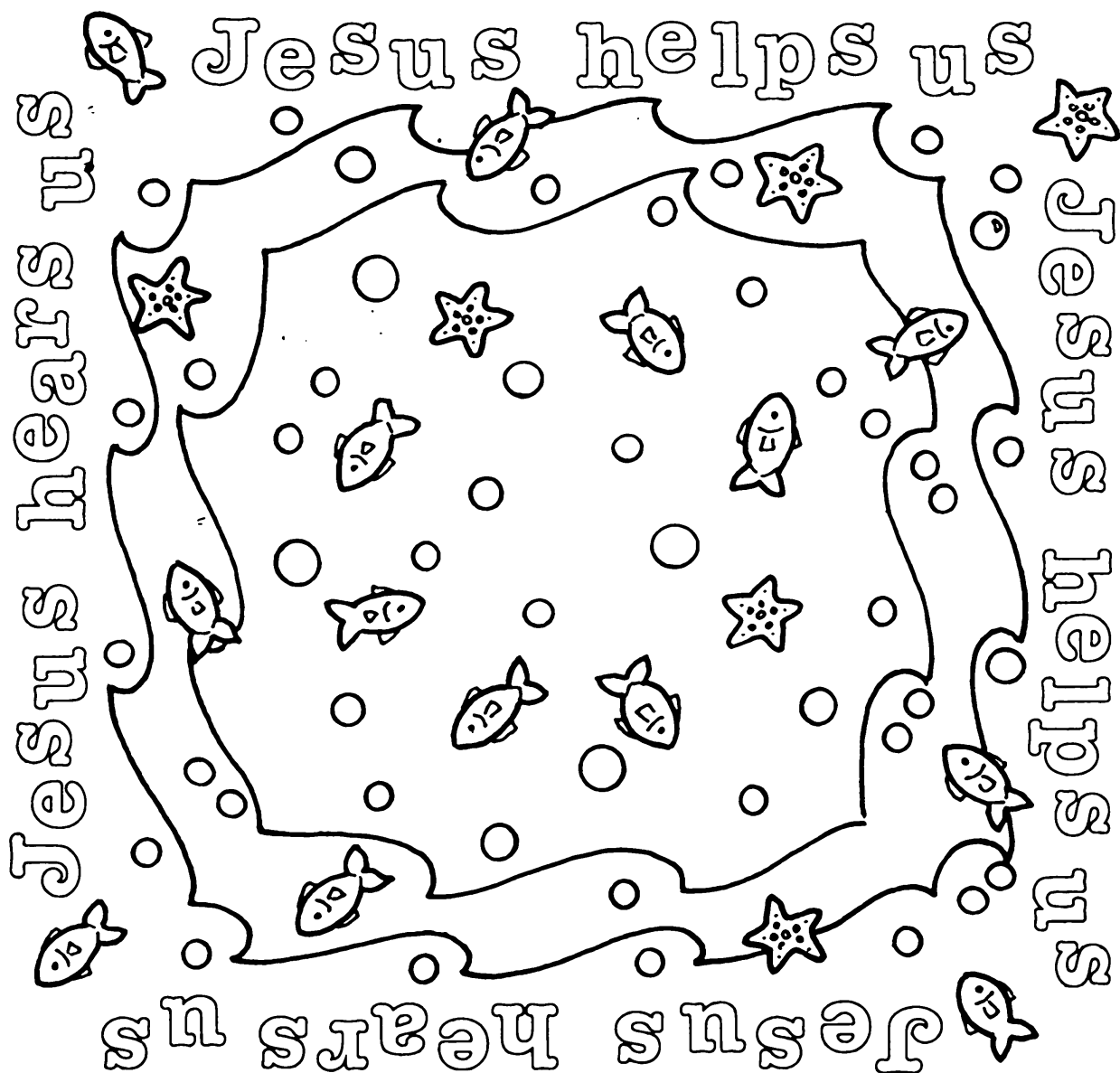


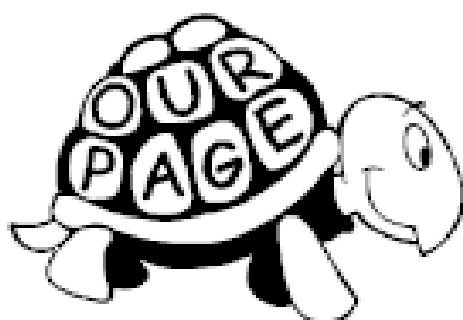
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6. Holding top points pull out into a boat.



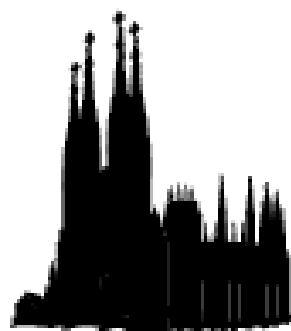
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CATHEDRALS

It is nice to visit other people's places of worship and see what parts are like our own church at home. But a visit to a cathedral is special.



In a cathedral everything is usually so much bigger – the roof is higher and there are lots more corners to explore.

They were built in stone at a time when most people lived in small houses made of wood and mud or brick. How did those who designed it know that the huge building would actually work?

The architects could imagine the finished buildings but it took a whole army of workers of workers to make the vision come true. Hundreds of people worked for hundreds of years to build these wonderful buildings. Hundreds of people all working together, not for themselves but for the greater glory of God.

CHURCH BITS

There are lots of things that you will only see in church buildings – do you know what these are? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. PISCINA

- a) is it a niche in a wall that drains outside the church or
- b) a type of organ?

2. REREDOS

- a) is it a type of column
- b) or a screen behind the altar?

3. PEW

- a) is it a long wooden seat
- b) or the large hinges on a heavy wooden door?

4. APSE

- a) is the curved space at the eastern end of a church or cathedral
- b) or a curved roof

5) AMBO

- a) the framework that supports the bells or
- b) a raised platform, a predecessor to the pulpit?



Who are the 2 ice cream firms in the Bible?

Walls of Jericho and Lyons of Judah.

Who was the most popular person in the Bible?

Samson - he brought the house down.



Answers: 1: a 2: b 3: a 4: a 5: b

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

The Leaver

I'm in a strange place.

The sounds of security,
Voices, bells, echoes,
The days' patterns,
Familiar as breathing.

People who have made my world mine,
Who know when I'm happy,
Or cross or upset
Don't belong to me any more.

I'm in a strange place.

I'm in a strange place.

Unable to reach out yet to the future.

Not sure I want the promised,
Exciting world of tomorrow.

Moving from the safe pond

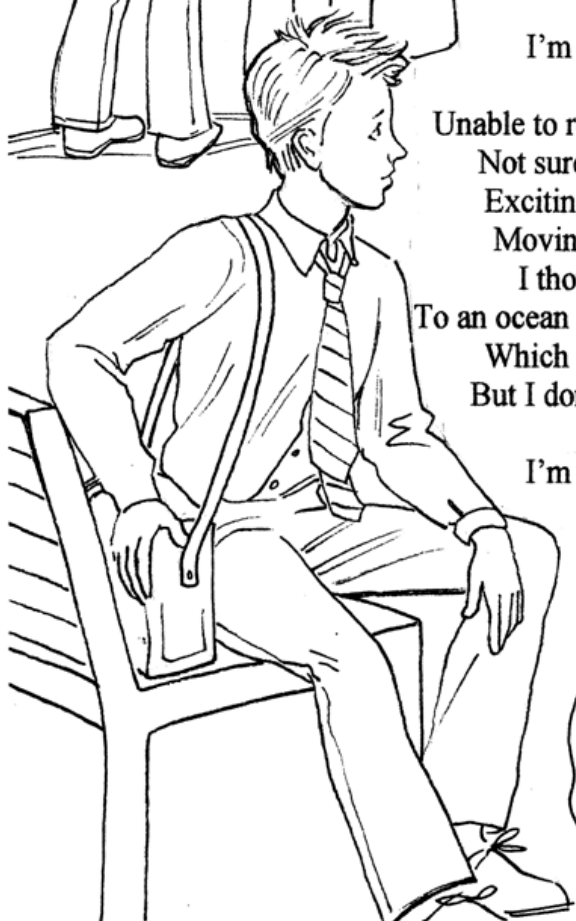
I thought I'd outgrown,

To an ocean full of unknown swimmers

Which time says I must join,

But I don't belong to them yet.

I'm in a strange place.



Sol says:
"Are you looking
forwards to a new
school, or new class?
You're not
alone!"



Do not be afraid, for I am with you,
(Isaiah 43:5 NLT)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by

Bible Sketchbook **Obey God not man!!**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is DYNAMITE! People might try and stop you but God is more powerful so long as you OBEY him! Are you willing?
Read all about it in Acts 5: 12-32.



William Mather ©

One thing money can't buy....
No man is rich enough to buy back his past. Oscar Wilde

HAMBLEDON FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

SATURDAY 12th September 2009

in

THE VILLAGE HALL

Sponsored by the Merry Harriers

REMEMBER this show is mainly for people who have not entered Horticultural Society shows before



The hall will be open for setting up exhibits from 9.30am to 11.30. Entry fee 10p per exhibit. First and second prizes will be awarded when merited.

The show will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at 2pm to 4.30pm – Free Entry. Refreshments will be available. Winners should collect their prizes from Andrew Falk from 2pm. Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm.

We need YOU to make the show a success

Ring 01428 683863 if you need more information

Flower Section

Class

1. 1 Flowered rose, with own foliage
2. 3 Flowered roses, one or more varieties.
3. 3 Chrysanthemums, any type or variety
4. 3 Spray chrysanthemums
5. 3 Dahlias, medium or small, any type.
6. 1 Sunflower.
7. 3 Asters
8. 3 stems Marigolds, any type.
9. 6 stems Sweet Pea
10. 3 stems of any flower not mentioned in this section.
11. 3 stems of any berrying or flowering shrub, any variety.
12. A fuschia plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
13. A geranium in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
14. A begonia in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
15. Any other flowering plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
16. A foliage plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.



Vegetable Section

17. 5 potatoes, one variety
18. 5 carrots
19. 5 onions
20. 3 beetroot
21. 3 parsnips
22. 3 leeks, trimmed
23. 8 runner beans
24. 8 French beans
25. 8 peas
26. 5 Cherry tomatoes
27. 3 courgettes, between 4 inch & 6 inch long

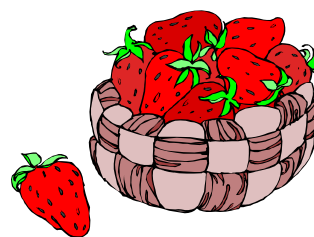


28. 5 tomatoes
29. 1 cucumbers
30. 2 cabbages
31. 1 marrows not exceeding 15 inch in length.
32. 2 lettuce
33. 2 Artichokes
34. 2 Aubergines
35. 2 Cardoons
36. 2 Peppers (any colour)
37. 2 Any other vegetables



Fruit Section

38. 5 figs
39. 5 plums, one variety
40. 5 pears, one variety
41. 5 dessert apples, one variety
42. 5 cooking apples, one variety
43. Any other fruit exhibited on a plate
44. Any berried fruit exhibited on a plate.



Miscellaneous Section

45. Largest marrow or pumpkin
46. Largest runner bean
47. Largest potato
48. A freak shaped vegetable

Floral Art Section

49. An arrangement of your choice within a space of 2'6" wide, 1'9" deep and 2'6" high. Accessories allowed

Childrens Section – 12 years and under

50. Collection of mixed vegetables grown by a child of 12 or under
51. Garden in a tray or decorated flower pot or flower arrangement in a small vase.
52. Model made from fruit/vegetables/flowers.
53. Painting of a flower or flower arrangement

Childrens Section – 8 years and under

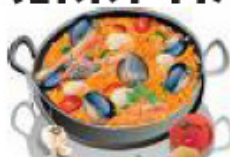
54. Garden in a tray or decorated plastic flower pot.
55. An arrangement of your choice within a shallow box or lid (max 24" x 24")
56. Painting of a flower or flower arrangement.

Andrew Falk





AWESOME AUGUST AT THE MERRY HARRIERS



New for August Get that Mediterranean summer feeling with Paella & BBQ Sunday lunches in our newly landscaped garden. Booking essential.

Saturday Summer Pizza Nights: From 1st August we will be serving homemade pizzas every Saturday night through the summer.

Tuesday 4th: Movie Night: The Shawshank Redemption. The ultimate feelgood movie Starts 8:30pm.

Friday 7th: Martin Harley Live! The brilliant blues guitarist plays here for the first time. Don't miss it

Wednesday 12th: Cricket: Return against Ye Olde Ship Inn v the Merry Harriers at Hambledon.

Tuesday 18th: and the third Tuesday of every month – **Steak night** – 2 rumps with chips or salad and a bottle of house wine for £25 per couple. Booking essential.

Wednesday 19th: Llama Open Day. Walk a llama for just £10 per family.

Monday 31st: The annual Pub v Village Cricket fixture



Coming up in September

Boules Tournament on Sunday 6th, a new quiz and an Arabic food night

Merry Fest II is back 11-13 September with 20 Real Ales and music from Cryin' Out Loud, The Point, Highway Dave & the Varmints, Tom Briggs and others



BOOK CLUB BEGINS on Wednesday September 2nd. If you have your name down, we will be in touch very shortly. If you would like to join, just let Colin or Julie know.

SPORT THIS MONTH

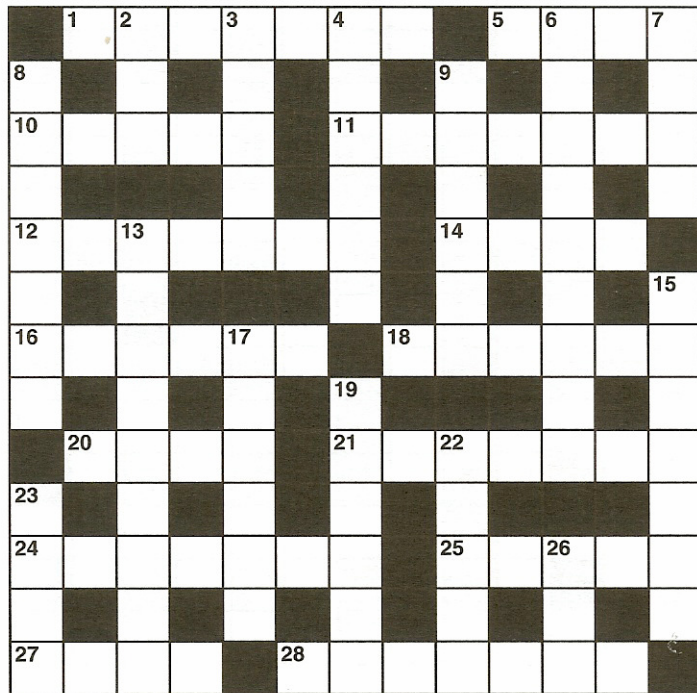


Football is back (already)! The Community Shield starts the new season on August 9th.

If you would like to go onto our mailing list for future events, just leave a card or jot your email address down and hand it to one of the bar staff.

Tel: 01428 682883 email: merryharriers@btconnect.com

Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Expedition (7)
- 5 Subsidise (4)
- 10 Lazybones (5)
- 11 Fight (5 - 2)
- 12 Toady (7)
- 14 Wander (4)
- 16 Bored (2,1,3)
- 18 Clergyman (6)
- 20 Casserole (4)
- 21 Sozzled (3-4)
- 24 Everlasting (7)
- 25 Alarm (5)
- 27 Delayed (4)
- 28 Quarantine (7)

Down

- 2 Grease (3)
- 3 Rustic (5)
- 4 Ace (6)
- 6 Ailing (9)
- 7 Sedate (4)
- 8 Lap (7)
- 9 False (6)
- 13 Flat (9)
- 15 Create (7)
- 17 Relax (6)
- 19 Periods (6)
- 22 Banish (5)
- 23 Inform (4)
- 26 Snare (3)

July Solution

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1 Sensitivity | 2 Ended |
| 8 Arduous | 3 Scoured |
| 9 Gaped | 4 Tassel |
| 11 Sea | 5 Vegas |
| 12 Endorse | 6 Typhoon |
| 13 Spoof | 7 Page-turner |
| 14 Untidy | 10 Difference |
| 16 Avenue | 15 Tuition |
| 19 Noise | 17 Venison |
| 21 Unnerve | 18 Kung Fu |
| 23 Ann | 20 Easel |
| 24 Rains | 22 Rerun |
| 25 Gasrtic | |
| 26 On cloud nine | |

Answer to July Brainteaser

A holiday brochure quotes as follows:

14 days £210

Long stay £62 per week after first fortnight

Children under 10 half price

Children under 5 free

Single room supplement £1.50 per day

How much would it cost a man to take his wife and two children—one four year old and the other 9 years old—and his 17-year-old nephew for 6 weeks? His nephew will have his own separate room.

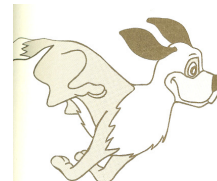
£1,666

How about an easier one for August

August Brainteaser

The excited dog

A man is leading his dog on the lead towards home at a steady 4 mph. When they are 10 miles from home the man lets the dog off the lead. The dog immediately runs off towards home at 6 mph. When the dog reaches the house it turns round and runs back to the man at the same speed. When it reaches the man it turns back for the house. This is repeated until the man gets home and lets in the dog. How many miles does the dog cover from being let off the lead?



Useful Information and Telephone Numbers



G.P. 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 414461
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

Equipment for short term use

Some items only required for a short time (usually 3 months) may be borrowed. Type of equipment available includes bed blocks, bed cradles, back rests, commodes, wheelchairs, bed pans, urinals etc.

Contact: Medical Loans Service, British Red Cross, Pines Business Park, Off Aldershot Rd
(10-12.30pm Mon-Fri, 10-11.30am Sat) 01483 532117

or Mrs Hayle, Weycourt Godalming (Open Tues 7.30-8.30 pm) 01483 416326

POLICE

Urgent calls.....999

Non-urgent and crime reporting.....0845 125 2222

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (PC 2480 Sam Barnett).....01483 638878

Direct Line (Spire) 07967 988803 (Mobile)

email: 2480@surre3y.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

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Area 2	Mr A.G. Blackman	Church Lane	01428 683871
Area 3	Miss J. Woolley	Woodlands Road	01428 684213
Area 4	Mrs C. Pitt	Malthouse Lane	01428 682940
Area 5	Mr A. Hammond	Cricket Green	01428 683625
Area 6	Mr J. Tidmarsh	Lane End	01428 682067
Area 7	Mr I. Campbell	Feathercombe Lane	01483 860264
Area 8	Ms L Roberts	Hambledon Park	01428 685075
Parish Council Representative	Mr R. Vickery		01428 682036

UTILITIES

Thames Water (Customer Enquiries)

0845 9200800

Southern Water (Customer Enquiries)

0845 2780845

Southern Electric (Emergency) 24 Hours

0845 7708090

Gas (Emergency) 24 hours

0800 111 999

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	Liz Cable	01428 682640
	Adam Taylor-Smith:	01483 555573

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

Hambledon Village Hall – for terms and bookings 01428 683588

Train Information

Times and Fares for all national services

0845 74849 50

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 682702

VETERINARY SURGEONS

North Downs Veterinary Group

37, New Road, Milford

01483 414747

Rivendell

24, St Johns Street, Farncombe

01483 421833

Hambledon Village Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	Shop	Post Office	
Monday	9 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Tuesday	9 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Wednesday	9 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Thursday	9 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Friday	9 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Saturday	9 – 1.00	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Sunday	9 – 12.00	Closed	Closed

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