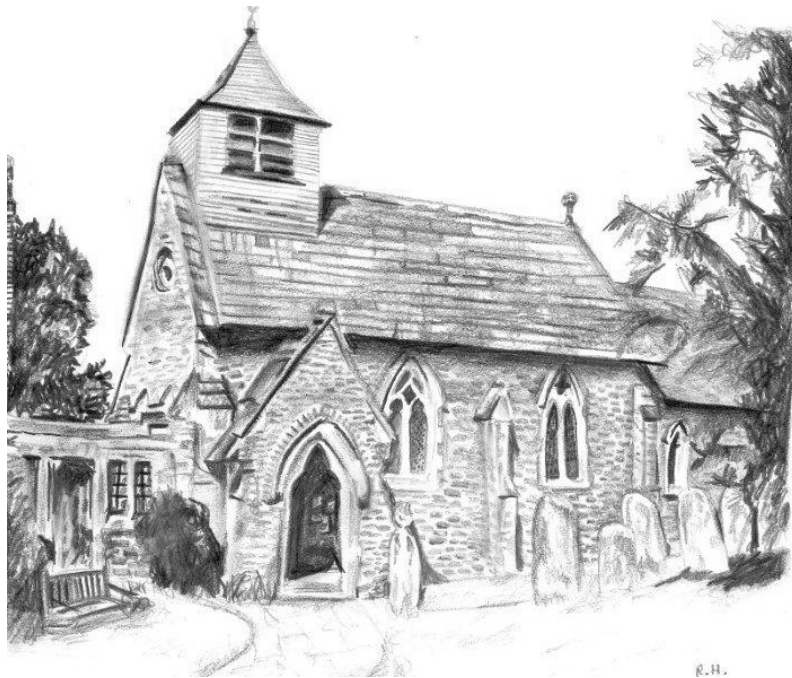


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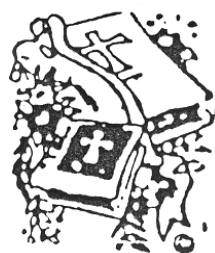
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### **Sunday Services**

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

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## Pastoral Letter—October

Dear Friends,

It's harvest time again! Is it me or are the years just going faster and faster?! This year our Harvest Festival service will be at 11am on Sunday 4th October and you are most welcome to bring gifts of non-perishable foods that will be distributed to local people in need via the Cellar Christian Café in Godalming. After the service we will be having a "bring and share" lunch, so bring some food to share with others and together we'll celebrate God's goodness to us.

It's right that we remember to be thankful since there are many people who will not enjoy a good harvest this year. Perhaps this is an opportunity to pause and find a creative way to help someone less well off than us. The ways in which we can do this get more imaginative every day. I was visiting someone recently when I had to use the 'smallest room' – and found a framed certificate proclaiming that this loo was twinned with one in Burundi!

The certificate gave the unique number of the latrine, its location in the remote Rutana Province and the exact grid-reference, so you could look it up on Google Earth: each participating loo over here is twinned exclusively with its own individual latrine over there. It costs £60 – not a huge sum to us and such a gift to people for whom good, clean, safe sanitation is a luxury, not a given.

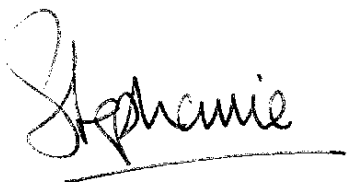
Why not twin your toilet at home, work or school? It's organised by CORD, one of the organisations supported by St Peter's church – we'll be taking up a collection for them at the harvest festival – and you can find out more at [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)

Alternatively, instead of giving to charity – why not try lending? Kiva loans ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)) is a website linking people like us to real individuals in the developing world, who need to borrow very small sums of money – microfinance is the buzzword. For example, with the aid of a sewing machine, a woman in Senegal can transform her life and that of her family by starting her own small business – but she needs twenty quid to buy it. She's not asking for a handout, just for a loan – which she'll pay back in small amounts.

And you can lend her the money! Kiva arranges the loan through local microfinance initiatives. To most of us £20 is a sum we can afford to lend someone – and 98.4% of the money lent through Kiva has been repaid. Once you get it back you can withdraw it or lend it to someone else! You get to choose how much to lend and who to. What a brilliant idea.

God has been so good to us, and we can share what he's given because it's come from him and it won't run out. He has provided and is providing and will continue to provide. He has given us all the resources that we need for everyone to have enough. It is human beings who have caused it to be distributed so unevenly, resulting in obscene wealth for a few and even more obscene poverty for many.

This harvest, let's remember God's abundant generosity to us and do all we can to reflect that generosity in giving to our brothers and sisters who are in greater need than us. After all, what we're giving came from God in the first place – it's given to us in trust. If we share it generously then *everyone* gets to be thankful at harvest time.



Stephanie Couvela,  
Associate Minister,  
Busbridge and Hambledon

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### October 2009

<b>4th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>	11.00 am	<b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>followed by a Bring and Share Lunch</b> <b>(Donations to cord)</b>
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<b>11th</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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<b>18th</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>19th Sunday after Trinity</b>	11.00	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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<b>25th</b>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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#### Saturday 10th October

**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

## Holy Days in October

### October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

**S**t Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi ‘Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down’.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's

cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious—until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.



**The Rector made a lethal mistake when  
he criticised Joyce's sponge cake.**

# PARISH & PEOPLE



Saturday September 12 gave us all the opportunity to meet in the Village Hall to attend the annual village Flower and Vegetable Show. Over the past few years this has been master-minded by **Mic Coleman**, who decided that the 2008 show would be his last. **Andy Falk** valiantly rose to the occasion, and this year we had the Falk family overseeing proceedings.

They are to be congratulated on their efforts. Andy, we know, was delighted with the turn-out and even the names of some of the exhibitors were unknown to long-time village residents. Well done, Andy, and we hope you are keen to tackle the job again in 2010.

**Mary Grove** was the overall winner (and see below), but most of us were intrigued by varieties of vegetable that are rarely seen. Indeed, the misshapen parsnip produced by Ginger Blackman resembled a useful item that could easily be incorporated into a Harry Potter film.

Village news is in short supply this month, by Hambledon friends and neighbours we know would wish to send their loving sympathy to **Martyn Grove** and his family, as we have recently learned of the death of Martyn's father.

Earlier this summer, **Ruth and Bryan Phillips** made the great adventure of travelling to Australia to visit their daughter, Dawn, and her family. It is good to see them safely back with us again and to know that they found the family 'down under' in good spirits. Dawn and her family have now been living in Australia for one year and this is the first visit that Ruth and Bryan have made. It is good to hear family news.

Joy, shock, disbelief—who knows what were the reasons—but Mary Grove's tongue was tied when she was awarded her prizes at the Flower Show. No matter. Via Parish & People, here's what she would have said had the words flowed freely at the time: "Many thanks to Mic Coleman for instigating the Village Flower and Vegetable Show, and especially to Andy Falk for kindly taking over the reins. Long may he continue in that role."

And so says all the village. Pity Mary hasn't let us into any of her secrets. Ah well. We can't have everything.

*Editor's note:* apologies for the proof-reading errors in September's Parish & People. We hope it did not spoil your enjoyment of the column.

## Caption challenge

Now, about this caption challenge that we featured in last month's magazine. Recall that we showed a photograph of two of Hambledon's better-known citizens, parish councillor Ron Vickery and football-club supremo Mic Coleman. They were togged out quite nicely, gazing at something that just happened to be sited on the village green and we invited readers to supply an appropriate caption.

Okay, it would be better if we reproduced the photo—it would put the suggested captions into context—but this is where we confess that the editorial scanner broke down, hence the garbled verbal description. So, grab hold of September's magazine, which by now is somewhere down the back of the sofa, turn to page 18 to see the picture, and read on. Granted, the suggestions didn't come in by the bucket-load. We had the grand total of five suggested captions from four readers. Still, those of you who know about marketing will also know that this is a half-decent response rate. And here are the captions:

From **Ross Kilsby**: "Tell you what, Mic, I bought this TV three weeks ago and I still don't know how to switch it on."

From **Silvia Coleman**: "Two gentlemen who forget to wear braces."

Two from **John Hindley**: "It must be one of those funny fair-ground mirrors." Plus: "Why the middle-eastern head-dress?"

From **Jim Dougans**: "This menu appeals to us. Let's go in."

It seems to us that Ron and Mic got off lightly. We'll do more caption contests featuring Hambledon's finest. Meanwhile, many thanks to all those readers who took the trouble to drop in their suggestions.

All are welcome at the

**Harvest Pot-Luck Lunch**  
**Sunday 4th October**  
**St Peter's Church**

12.15pm in the church rooms  
after the Harvest Festival Service  
Donations to cord



# A day with a difference

The Ramblers chose a magical sunny September day to take themselves off to the Hampshire hills on a route chosen by Jenny Caddy



Ten of us set off from the centre of Selborne village through lovely beech woods at the foot of Selborne Hill. The climbing and descent of that was to come after lunch! Our way led us briefly along and across the main village road and up on to open ground, recently harvested and a buzzard soaring overhead. All along, there were glimpses of the village below. At the top of the hill, a pause for breath and a quick snack allowed us to appreciate the magnificence of the view below us to the south. Rolling hills and woods and little sign of humans.

The next interest was a barn conversion going on at Wick Hill. Very posh it will be too. Here we were enthusiastically followed by two dogs who were somewhat reluctant to let us continue on our own. Having shaken them off, we plunged (literally in one case) down into the woods and round to join Hangers Way. This is listed as a "Recreational Path" which runs for a long way seemingly to link Alton and Selborne. Here the going is broad and well surfaced which makes for sociable walking. We crossed a stream/well, hard to see which, feeding a couple of ponds lower down. A swan and her grown cygnets were a little nervous but we did not come close.

## The renowned Selborne Yew

Before long, we were sensing civilisation once more—a few walkers and their dogs. A stiff climb up a grassy hill above Long Lythe ("lythe" incidentally may mean a slope) brought us out into Selborne churchyard. The majority of this is closely mown while the outer areas are I guess tackled annually. A quick visit to the church, a peaceful haven. The preserved sliver of a giant bough from the renowned Selborne Yew hangs in the entrance porch. A wonderful example of what nature can create. Sadly the yew met its end in 1991.

The next stop was for lunch. The "half-way wimps" left the party for home. A more sturdy rambler will now take up the tale.

The sun, and the effects of lunch, dampened enthusiasm for the afternoon's walk. I found there had been a mutiny. It was proposed that I go for a healthy walk while the rest dozed in the sun before going for a healthy cream tea. They had spotted signs for one as we walked through the village. (Signs for footpaths might go unnoticed, but not those for cream teas.) We reached a compromise: I shortened the walk from four to two miles after which we all went for a cream tea.

We set off SW on the Hangers Way and followed that for half a mile before branching off uphill NW towards Selborne Hill. We skirted round that and

then turned NE to reach the top of the hill and Selborne Common. Crossing this we reached the steep slope that overlooked the village and gave wonderful views towards Oakhanger and beyond. Our descent into Selborne was by the zigzag path—a series of terraces joined by steps, which was constructed by Gilbert White and his brother in 1753.

Leaving our boots in our cars, we marched to the pub that advertised cream teas. We sat outside in the shade and indulged in one of the best cream teas any of us had had for a while.

Here follows two extracts from *The Natural History of Selborne* by Gilbert White, published in 1789.

"The village stands in a sheltered spot, secured by the Hanger from the strong westerly winds. The air is soft, but rather moist from the effluvia of so many trees; yet perfectly healthy and free from agues."

"The village of Selborne, and large hamlet of Oakhanger, with many scattered houses along the verge of the forest, contain upwards of 670 inhabitants. We abound with poor; many of whom are sober and industrious, and live comfortably in good stone or brick cottages, which are glazed, and have chambers above stairs: mud buildings we have none. Besides the employment from husbandry, the men work in hop gardens and fell and bark timber. In the spring and summer the women weed the corn; and enjoy a second harvest in September by hop-picking. Formerly, in the dead months they availed themselves greatly by spinning wool, for making of barragons, a genteel corded stuff, much in vogue at that time for summer wear; and chiefly manufactured at Alton, a neighbouring town, by some of the people called Quakers: but from circumstances this trade is at an end."

## Shoreham Walk

A 5-mile circular walk along the River Adur from Shoreham, taking in a Saxon church at Coombes, and returning across the South Downs. Meet at Cuckoo Corner car park on Coombes Road.

**Directions:** (from the Washington roundabout on A24, where we met for the Chanctonbury walk) Follow A283 towards Steyning and continue along the Steyning bypass until the roundabout at the end of this. Take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit, Maudlin Lane, towards Botolphs and turn left into Annington Road after approximately ¼ mile. Continue into Botolphs Road which leads into Coombes Road, the car park is on the left after approximately 2 or 3 miles.

Pub lunch available either in Shoreham or Steyning.



# Signs of the times

Eco-friendly road signs—or at least the posts that support them—have come to the village, thanks to the Parish Council's efforts. Though some of them may be a bit too chunky

The Parish Council received both good and sad news at its meeting on 8 September. The good news was the progress made with replacing the signage through the village. All speed limits, including repeater signs, and signs essential for road safety have been replaced on oak posts and all non-essential signs have been rooted out (and will be recycled or otherwise disposed of sustainably). The galvanised iron signposts have all been replaced with wooden finger posts and the only work outstanding (which may well have been done by the time the magazine is published) is the disconnection and removal of two redundant lighting posts at Lane End.

This was a pilot project and comments are therefore in order. The Parish Council has already suggested reducing the thickness of the larger oak posts that support the main speed limits and the safety signs (though it was noted that, as they weather, they will probably appear less "chunky"). Overall it was felt that the project has resulted in a village that looks a lot less cluttered and a good deal more rural: but what do others think?

The project did cost – but it was one of many competitors for funding from this year's Surrey County Council/Surrey Hills budgets and was only given the go-ahead after rigorous scrutiny. Hambledon's contribution was the £1,000 which has been included in every budget for the past few years in support of countryside maintenance. In previous years this was used for additional vegetation cuts or essential repairs to the most-used rights of way that criss-cross the Parish.

The sad news is that, after editing the Parish Magazine for ten years, Derek Miller has decided to retire. He has given the Parish Council plenty of notice. He will bow out after editing the April 2010 edition – just before he celebrates his 75th birthday. So the hunt is now on for a new editor. No-one is likely to decide to apply for the job without talking to Derek – which is why the Parish Council has decided to notify the vacancy now. So please think about it for a minute or two and, if the result is a spark of interest (or just plain curiosity), please get in touch with Derek on his return from holiday on 6 October.

For some time the Parish Council has been resisting attempts by BT to remove the phone box at the

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Village Shop. A further letter has just been received inviting the Parish Council to "adopt" the box (in effect to take over the carcass following the removal of the telephone) and a BT notice encouraging its adoption has been posted inside the box. The Parish Council has always maintained that this payphone is an essential facility. Whilst there may be full mobile coverage in the vicinity of the box (as BT asserts), this is not the case throughout the village; and the box's ongoing usefulness would also appear to be borne out by BT's own admission that 51 calls have been made from it during the past year.

## Surgery appeal

The Chiddingfold Surgery Appeal Group is seeking to raise £30,000 to assist in replacing medical equipment that has been in use in the Chiddingfold and Dunsfold surgeries for some 10 years and is now in need of replacement and updating, says the group's chairman, Creighton Redman.

The appeal group was founded in 1999 and, with the generosity of the many patients served by the practice, has raised some £60,000 since then, enabling it to purchase a wide variety of diagnostic equipment for use in the two surgeries. This means that investigative procedures can often be undertaken locally without the inconvenience of travelling, parking and waiting at the Royal Surrey in Guildford.

The doctors and surgery staff would welcome the opportunity of outlining their plans for the future and sharing with you the range of new technology medical equipment that would assist them in bringing, you, their patients, the higher level of professional care that is demanded by life today.

We are therefore launching the Tenth Anniversary Appeal in October and, so that as many patients as possible can attend, as possible we are making two presentations. The venues and dates are as follows:

Chiddingfold Village Hall on Thursday 8 October at 8.00 p.m.

Dunsfold Village Hall on Wednesday 14 October at 8.00 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming you. Opportunity will be given for your questions and informal "eats" with a glass of wine will be available.

Contact Creighton Redman on creightonthomas@btinternet.com.

# Paté bureaucracy

**Shop manager Philip Underwood is deeply fed up with bureaucracy. But maybe there is someone out there who can help**

Following our frustrations over the disappearance of our home-made pâté, we have received a letter from the relevant department at Waverley Council. It states that before we can sell any of this home-made pâté again, the producers have to take a course, either a half day at a college or on-line, and then a little exam. This will give them a level-2 Food Hygiene Certificate.

I have asked some of the complaining 80-year-olds who have been consuming this pâté over the years and are still here to tell the tale, whether they would like to take up our offer of paying for this course and then they could produce it for the shop. Naturally, their kitchens would also have to be inspected. But I am told this is a mere formality, so long as all dogs, cats and rabbits are hidden away at the time. Sadly, no-one has come forward to take up our offer.

## **Is there anyone out there?**

So, we are asking: "Is there anyone out there prepared to do this? It might lead to making other products for the shop—which we pay for.

Apart from all this, I think it is time to give the shop a little shake up. Things change out there and we must never stand still. We are looking at a new deli wholesaler, who is fairly local. We have managed to swap the card machine on to a different phone line so it is now independent from the post office. Wasps and mice have heard about the imminent risk assessment and decided to disappear. We need to go out and find more local products. So watch this space.

Thank you, all volunteers. You have been great this year.



*...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...*



## **From the shop floor**

Amanda writes:

I really can't believe that three years have passed since Philip and I arrived at the shop. He as an enthusiastic "new broom", me as a very nervous new volunteer behind the deli counter.

After three months, I took over from Laura behind the till and the rest, as they say, is history. I can honestly say that I have loved every minute of it. Everyone made me so very welcome and very soon I felt like I had been here forever—as I probably will be!

This month we have welcomed back several of our volunteers after the summer holiday, and it has been lovely catching up with all the news. The environmental health machine grinds on and—again—I would like to thank all our cake makers for their understanding.

As I write this, a group from Fernhurst is dotted around the shop. They have all been in to buy coffee and something to eat, and are delighted to have found us.

## **Wednesday Afternoon Group**

**Hambleton's WAGs**

invite you to a talk on  
Wednesday, October 14 at 2:30pm  
at the Village Hall  
by

**IAN BALDWIN**

about his work as  
our local  
countryside ranger  
All are welcome

**Contact: Jan Kilsby on 01483 423637**

# The judgement on Hambledon

**More awards for Hambledon. Okay, we didn't win the Southern Region section of the Calor Village of the Year competition for 2008-09, but we did win the region's Sustainability Award. And here's what the judge had to say about the village and its life**

**J**ohn Anderson, Chairman of the Parish Council, compliments Hambledon on its further success in the 2008-9 Village of the Year competition

"As winner of the Surrey Village of the Year award in September 2008, we entered the Southern Regional section of the national Village of the Year competition 2009-9 where we competed against winning villages from the counties of Dorset, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, East Sussex and West Sussex.

"Although we were not the overall Regional winners, we did win the Sustainability Award. This is a great achievement and, as you will see, the judges' feedback could not have been more glowing.

"The award is a great credit to all those in Hambledon who have achieved so much over many years. It is thanks to everyone's efforts, interests, concerns and, not least, hard work for the village that we have been awarded this accolade.

"Congratulations. The plaque will hang in the Village Hall and the winner's cheque for £500 has been given to the Hambledon Village Community Fund."

## JUDGES' FEEDBACK TO THE VILLAGE

Villages have told us that they appreciate feedback from the judges. At the same time feedback conveys an appreciation of a village's work and commitment and carries a positive message that can give direction for the future. There is no template of a perfect village: the judges look to see how communities are making the best of what is available to them and how they are meeting their challenges.

### **Category 1: Community – a better place to live**

Hambledon is a community that has almost done the impossible. So many villages have lost all their amenities but this village has fought to retain them.

First we were taken to the Nursery School. Formerly this had been a primary school, closed due to insufficient numbers. It was taken over by the village and a trust set up. After many years' hard work it is now an incredibly successful self-supporting business catering for 80 children from a wide area. It has received a glowing report from Ofsted and provided work for a number of locals. It has actually encouraged a younger population to move into the area and gives support to local families in need.

After saving the school and realising the possi-

ble risks to their community, the next step for the village was to produce a Parish Plan identifying both need and land use.

People asked for affordable housing and this has duly been provided. Currently still more land is being sought for this.

The next major project was the purchase, refurbishment and revival of the Village Shop. More on this in the Sustainability category.

The development of the football pitch is an ongoing project for the community. Having raised the funds to purchase the field, it has now been levelled. The next project is to build new changing facilities and, with the village's determination, we are sure this won't be long in achieving.

The church has had an excellent meeting room built on to it. Although contrasting with the mediaeval church, it is a modern design that blends in exceptionally well. It is now utilised for children 'withdrawing' from Sunday services, the Godburys group and regular coffee mornings. To help build it, an incredible £300,000 was raised from both regular and non-regular church members.

Other amenities in the village include Hamble-tots, Spangles, the Cricket Club (raised £90,000 for its building), the Ramblers Association, WAGs (WI but less expensive!), a good neighbour scheme, Hamble-



**An incredible £300,000 raised for St Peter's**

don Heritage Society, the Village Hall (with all its regular events) and the National Trust Oakhurst Cottage. Apologies for anything missed – they were all exceptional.

The Parish Council is integral to almost everything that happens in the village.

### **Category 2: Business – a better place to work**

Already mentioned is the Nursery School – an excellent example of a well-run business. The Village Shop is another thriving business employing a number of part-timers along with 45 volunteers.

To replace a lost business the Old Coal Yard had three small business units installed on it – an innovative use, particularly in a village of this small size.

A major business is St Dominic's, a private special-needs residential day and weekly boarding school currently catering for 10 –16 year olds. They are very much part of the village, organising the fete on alternate years.

The village pub has recently been taken over by llama keepers. They are providing some fascinating llama treks followed by lunches and refreshments, in addition to providing a busy meeting place for the locals. They employ four full-time staff and five part-timers and plan to set up an internet meeting room.

The village garage employs seven people and, by providing work experience and apprenticeships to locals, has been awarded the Surrey Outstanding Employer of the Year.

There are many other businesses, many one-person operations; but all seem to contribute to the vibrancy of the village.

### **Category 3: Sustainability – a better future**

Hambledon has received the Calor Village of the Year award in the Southern Region for Sustainability mainly because of its work on retaining its amenities and making them a success. Although the Nursery School is an incredible achievement, it was an early project. The restoration of the Village Shop is more recent and has involved, and still involves, so many of the villagers—mostly in a voluntary capacity—that everyone is to be congratulated on an immensely successful achievement.

Not only this, but it meets sustainability criteria to the core: the shop buys fresh produce almost exclusively from local producers and residents (eg cakes), supporting the local economy and cutting down on food miles.

The photographs that we saw of the restoration work done to the former common land were impressive. What was once scrubland and invasive trees has been returned to traditional Surrey heath land, providing appropriate shelter for rare species of flora and fauna. The beautiful swathes of heather made both of us want to return to the village later on in the year when it comes into bloom. It must be breathtaking.

The opening of Oakhurst Cottage, a small farm worker's cottage, is totally attributable to the villagers



### **Heritage Society—wonderful record of village life**

who volunteer as stewards.

There is also an active heritage society which has produced a wonderful record of village life going back to Victorian times. This is complemented by the Hambledon Village Snapshot where residents have written their own story about their lifestyles and their homes. These innovative and valuable resources will be used for generations to come.

### **Category 4: Communications – being in contact**

Despite a small price tag on the Parish Magazine it is so successful that it reaches almost every household in the parish. It is an incredible production, packed with useful local information and with a professional finish. Local firms advertise in it and, no doubt, bring in substantial funds to the local economy. With the advertising revenue increasing from £60 to £4k per annum, it also supports other village activities. It's worth every penny.

Recently launched was Hambledon's website to complement the Parish Magazine.

If a resident manages to miss out on the above, the village has the regular notice boards, a Welcome Pack for new villagers, WiFi at the Village Shop and numerous publications from the Parish Council. Communication has been well thought out.

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## **Well done, bookworms**

Thanks to so many bookworms in Hambledon, a second cheque for £100 has been sent off to invest in the Hambledon Village Community Fund. It will secure gift aid and will then be doubled, thanks to the government's Grassroots programme, which supports local communities by matching any donation to a permanent fund on a 1:1 basis. Purchases of books at Hambledon Village Shop for 50p a copy have already contributed over £500 to the Fund (inclusive of gift aid and Grassroots add-ons). So a big thank-you to all of you—your individual modest lay-outs are collectively making a significant impact on the Fund. Please keep reading!

# The power of prayer



**Des Phillips is much struck by the story of someone who prayed hard and got the right response**

Continuing my thoughts about prayer and the answers, non-answers, the seemingly-impossible answers; and the prayers that we think should be answered by God with no problem at all, yet aren't. The inevitable question is: why not? Maybe we should ask ourselves: why should they be?

If God is Almighty, and He knows the end from the beginning, He knows what is best. Why should he take any notice of little me and little you. I have puzzled over this for many years. Is there a way to speak into the ear of God? Is there a hidden secret that few of us find? Is God's ear only open to the most holy? Fun-nily, it doesn't seem to be that way. Some verses of the Bible come to mind:

## **Luke 18: 1-8**

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray.*

*He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea: "Grant me justice against my adversary."*

*For some time he refused, but finally he said to himself: "Even though I don't fear God, or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming."*

*And the Lord says: "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice—and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

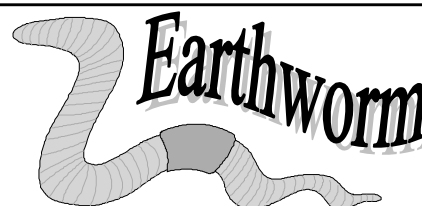
I found the following little article in *Word for Today* that might explain the imponderables of prayer. It is headed, Where there is no logical explanation

When Steven Anderson's mother-in-law developed cancer, his wife flew out to see her. Steve wanted to go too, but money was tight. So he prayed and then his friend, Joe, offered to fly him out in his two-seater Cessna airplane.

Approaching their destination, they encountered thick fog and, after contacting the control tower, they learned that the airport was closed. The controller recommended they turn back, but fuel was low so Steven prayed again. Finally, a voice said: "Okay, we are readying the ground crew. Come in on emergency landing." Then, as they descended, the controller shouted: "Pull it up. Pull it up." Through a break in the fog they saw that they were over a busy highway and had narrowly missed an overpass. The controller continued: "Listen to me and I'll get you down." Calmly,

he issued instructions until they were landed safely. Picking up the radio, Joe told the tower: "We'd never had made it without you. The controller replied: "What are you talking about. We lost contact with you right after we told you to turn back. In fact, we were stunned when you broke through the clouds and made a perfect landing."

So, if the controller didn't guide them, who did? There is no logical explanation. Yet "God rides across the skies to help us. He carries us in his arms." (Deut 33: 26). "God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go." (Psalms 91:11). Steven Anderson agrees: "I believe God sent his angel to bring us in safely. And he'll do the same for you."



September rushes on and the cool nights are a reminder that Autumn is here. Of-course Earthworm does not mind too much. Not a one for basking in the sun, as readers know, and many will envy his compost heap, now full of lawn trimmings (and much else) and giving out a warmth to keep many a chilly soul warm on a cold night! The wet summer has meant much grass growth so lots of cutting and a heap for many to admire as the growing season draws to a close.

But there is always the hope of the Indian summer of Earthworm's dreams. Maybe we will have seen balmy, sunny September days that bring the deck chairs out for a final airing, and the bold to swim one last time in Britain's icy seas, lakes or rivers. There is a huge satisfaction in braving those chilly waters.

The other pleasure of late sunny days is the beauty of the sun shining through leaves that are already assuming their Autumn hues. The bronzes and golds seem to glow, and these colours are supplemented by the bright orange of the wild rose and Rowan berries, or the deep blood-red of the hawthorn. Earthworm never ceases to find pleasure in this, almost the best of Mother Nature's spectacles, but like us all, he knows that it will not be long before the leaves will be tumbling down. However, even the fallen leaves bring a beauty, and an assurance of a new Spring in the not-too-distant future.

# Be happy with our lot

Curmudgeonly he may be, but Magpie also knows a good thing when he's on to it—like living in Hambledon

**BYWAYS**  
An occasional  
column  
from  
around  
our  
plot



Silly old me. As I watched the workmen replacing all the metal road-sign posts with wooden ones throughout the village, I thought: "Wouldn't the money spent on this exercise be better spent on repairing our roads?" How foolish is old Magpie.

I even attempted to contact a human being in County Hall's highways department to mention that, as yet, I have had no reply since I contacted them two months ago about the lorries on our patch. But I gave up after holding on for six minutes and being told "Your call is important to us" and "Calls may be recorded and monitored for training purposes". But, alas, this one wasn't.

Still, the more that I travel around other villages in Surrey and Sussex, the more I realise how lucky we are to have such a strong community spirit here in Hambledon—a successful pub, shop and church (should I mention them in that order, I wonder?); lots of events and village organisations to run them. To top it all, of course, there is its wonderful situation. So let's be content with our lot.

Oh, and another thought—if Mum ferries around a group of children for sport or social activities and she has not had a criminal-record check, can she face a fine of £5,000? Does the paranoia of the nanny state know no bounds?

Now, on a more reflective note, a poem by Kit Wright called *That was the summer*:

That was the summer as I recall  
The man next door and I began  
To call each other Sir,

From the Notices  
We are pleased to report that the young people's group and the Mothers Union are all growing in size.



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In a kind of roguish formality or Mock-combative collusion. Why I cannot say, but keep it up  
We somehow did for some little time;  
For as long as, you might almost say, it took.  
"Are you all right, sir?" "Quite all right, sir."  
"You are all right, sir?" "Sir, I'm well."  
Nor did we fail to operate  
Attendant quasi-theatrical business:  
The stiff half turn; the ritual bow;  
The planted stare of profound regard  
As we met on our doorsteps, house keys poised,  
Or bellowed across the howling High Street  
"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR" "QUITE ALL RIGHT, SIR"  
As though in loyal defence of a principle  
Both were prepared to die for soon.  
But the ending seemed as inexplicable  
As the beginning: the disappearance,  
Ambulance sirens, police, old pressmen  
Hogging the bar at the Horse and Artichoke,  
Cats gone skinny, the dog marooned.  
And, of course, I know no more than anyone  
Else as I walk these streets at midnight,  
Hoping to coax from neon or starlight  
A final reflexive Sir, I'm well

## **TAMARIND TREE ORIGINALS AUTUMN/CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2009**

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- Coffee, tea, glass of wine, sandwiches, healthy nibbles, cakes and buns

- Entrance donations in aid of CHASE Children's Hospice, Guildford

# Around the Christian community

## ■ A-level numbers rise

The number of students taking Religious Studies A-level continues to rise. 2009 saw the highest-ever number of students taking the course at A and AS Level, and more than 21,000 students gained an A Level in Religious Studies. As one leading Anglican education-  
alist explains: "Young people are saying that matters of faith really are worth studying. The popularity of Religious Studies is an inconvenient fact for those who seek to portray the world in purely secular terms."

## ■ Angels Not Pumpkins

October 31 has become an evening which many people fear, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, who are uneasy about opening the door on a dark night. Many worry about the kind of trick which might be played on them.

Now a Christian company, Silent Lights, is offering free ways to help people to celebrate the positive aspects of All Hallows Eve, the night before All Saints Day.

A number of churches and families now arrange alternative parties for their children, so they can dress up as angels or in bright colours and have fun without any of the risk or offence of trick or treating. An outline of craft ideas based around the theme of Light is available free from [www.silentlights.co.uk](http://www.silentlights.co.uk)

Many people have 'trick or treaters' arrive at their front door. Silent Lights has designed a gift tag which can be attached to some gift wrapped treats. The gift tag has a simple message stating the Christian view point. There is space on the tag to print your own message or local organisation contact details. Sheets of gift tags and leaflets can be downloaded free from the 'get involved' section of their website [www.silentlights.co.uk/tags](http://www.silentlights.co.uk/tags)

For anyone who likes to bake, Silent Lights even offers a pumpkin muffin recipe.

## ■ Help Christian Aid help the hungry

Christian Aid is calling on churches, schools and other groups to raise money for a village in Ethiopia, one of the poorest countries in Africa. And for every pound donated, the European Commission will add £3.

The money for the villages of Burkina Faso will be used in a variety of ways, including the setting up of community market gardens and providing initial stocks of seeds and tools, to training in agricultural techniques to help offset the effect of climate change. This is how the scheme, known as a European Commission co-financing project, works: churches and other organisations in the UK pledge to raise at least £5,000. Once the pot, administered by Christian Aid, reaches €220,000 (almost £200,000), the Commission will then put in three Euros for every Euro raised,

quadrupling the gift.

For an info pack and a free five-minute dvd on the work in Burkina Faso, contact Kat Birch at Christian Aid on 0207 523 2015, or go to: [www.christian-aid.org/churchpartnerships](http://www.christian-aid.org/churchpartnerships).

## ■ Pray now with your mobile phone

To sign up to receive free prayer texts on your mobile phone, text PRAYNOW to 82088.

## ■ Going on staycation?

The Church of England has launched a new web service for people taking a staycation - holidaying from home instead of going away - during the recession.

Staycations offer the opportunity to discover everything a local area has to offer, with cathedrals and local churches often at its centre, says a new Church of England website section at [www.cofe.anglican.org/staycations](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/staycations). After all, many of the C of E's 16,000 parish churches are not just active sacred spaces but also museums, art galleries and events venues all rolled into one.

On the website pages, staycationers can plan their 'praycation' by browsing a wide selection of holiday-at-home suggestions, and 10 websites are recommended so visitors can find their local church and cathedral to make the most of their staycation.

## ■ Bishop blesses compost toilet

Rural churches with no running water can now improve their facilities with the installation of cost-effective compost toilets. (The latest one, installed in an isolated church in Devon, has recently been blessed by the Bishop of Crediton, the Rt Revd Bob Evens.)

The eco-friendly timber and straw toilets (called treebogs) are a cost-effective alternative to costly porta-loos or 'inviting' people to take a chance behind a tree. The cost of a tree-bog is one tenth the price of connecting the church to the main water supply and building toilets.

The principle of these toilets is simple. A pit about 8 foot by 4 foot by 6 foot deep is dug and that forms the soakaway. The pit is then surrounded by a 5 foot high wall of straw bales encompassed around by chicken wire – to stop damage from animals (or others). Sat atop the bales is a platform onto which two proper enclosed toilets have been built – they are approached up a flight of wooden steps.

The whole construction is made from timber and straw bales. There is no running water, plumbing or electricity needed. Everything is ecologically recognised and acceptable to such bodies as National Trust, Friends of the Earth and RSPB. Gravity takes away the liquids and the solids break down naturally. There is little or no odour, and there are no health hazards.

# The joy of sects

Ross is off to Dorset soon—and wondering about a possible encounter with sects (no, that's not a misspelling)

## Ross's ramblings

Well, September must have got confused with April (showers) and March (winds). As I write, the thunder is rattling the windows, or is that last night's curry? Still, just enough time for an Indian summer—ever the optimistic.

Have you ever wondered about the rules of cricket? Well, wonder no more. I came across this the other day:

### Cricket—an easy guide

I enjoy sitting in the sun and watching cricket (with a bit of a nap every now and then) but have never quite understood the rules. Having mentioned this, a friend e-mailed me this wonderful explanation.

There are two sides; one other in the field and the other in. Each man (or woman) that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out. Sometimes, you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in. There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out (making more sense now?). When both sides have been in and all the men have been out and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end. Phew, now I do need a nap.

### Good wife Jan's Last of the Summer Wine tour

We are leaving in a week or so to visit our friends, the Rev Heathen Walker and his wife, Cerridwen, in Wareham, Dorset, and spend a bit of time walking the hill forts and cliffs around Lyme Regis. So I phoned him up to check out anything “even slightly odd” in the area.

“Well,” said the Reverend, “there have been a few odd sects around the area over the past couple of hundred years.”

“Oh really,” I said, my heart dropping. “Like who?”

“Let's see,” said the Rev, “There were the seekers, the dippers, the traskites, the socinians, the erasians, the behmenists, the ranters—they were fun—the Philadelphians, the christadelphians and the grindletonians. Then there were those odds ones like the levelers and the diggers, and a bit later there were the donatists, the beguines, the Anabaptists and the bretheren

of the free spirit, who spent a lot of time with their clothes off—not much fun in January.”

“Gosh,” I said. “Any there now?”

“Only one,” he said.

“And what are they called?”

“I'll tell you when I see you. They are named after a famous bit of Lyme Regis.

“Okay,” I said and, after the formalities, hung up.

“Everything all right,” said Good Wife Jan.

“Fine,” I said, and went off to find her Harry Moss driving gloves. She doesn't realise that we are away during the Autumn equinox.

*Next month: Things that go splosh in the night*

### October birthdays

Kate Winslet	5th	1975
Osyth (wife of the king of the east Saxons who founded a nunnery at Chichester)	7th	7th century
Brian Blessed	9th	1937
Gereon, patron saint for headache sufferers	10th	3rd century
Roger Moore	14th	1927
Teresa of Avila* (a Carmelite nun who founded St Joseph's Convent at Avila, the first of 17 in Spain)	15th	16th century

\* So now you know after whom the church in Chiddingfold is named

### NOVEMBER DEADLINES

The deadline for the November issue is Friday, October 16

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**DO THEY LEVITATE/FLY TO THE KITCHEN SINK**  
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Debate among a panel of experts.

**REMOTE CONTROL**  
Losing the remote control—Help line and support groups

**LEARNING HOW TO FIND THINGS**  
Starting with looking in the right place  
Instead of turning the house upside down while screaming -  
Open forum

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## DAY TWO

**EMPTY MILK CARTONS;**  
**DO THEY BELONG IN THE FRIDGE OR THE BIN?**  
Group discussion and role play

**HEALTH WATCH:**  
**BRINGING HER FLOWERS IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH**  
PowerPoint presentation

**REAL MEN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN LOST**  
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**IS IT GENETICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT QUIETLY**  
**AS SHE PARALLEL PARKS?**  
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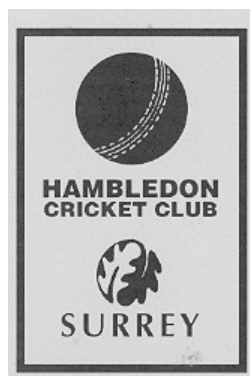
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**& CALLING WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE**  
Bring your calendar or PDA to class

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# We are the champions

Alright, the picture isn't actually of Hambledon 1st XI's celebrations but those of a rather better-known side. But Hambledon's effort was just as hard won



## League Division 1. Hambledon 1st. XI

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st. XI  
A win against Rudgwick on Sunday 29th August, saw Hambledon's 1st XI League side crowned Village Cricket League Champions for 2009. The 1st. XI won 9, drew 3 and only lost one match during the season. A great result for the club.

## League Division 2. Hambledon 2nd. XI

Hambledon 2nd. XI came 5th in the 2nd. Division which was not such a good season as last year. They won 4, Drew 4 and lost 8 matches  
Further details of all results can be found on web sites, [www.hambledoncc.play-cricket.com](http://www.hambledoncc.play-cricket.com)

## Fund Raising

The Fund raising draw event of the 200 Club for August was:

1st. Prize £50.00—No. 86, Paul Pudlow  
2nd. Prize £30.00—No. 33, R. Bridge-wood

3rd. Prize £20.00—No. 4, M. Bell

4th. Prize £10.00—No. 153, Arthur Blackman

## Further Activities

The Hambledon CC's Presentation Dinner would have been held on the evening of Saturday 26 September. The venue was at the Merry Harriers.

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

The format will be Teams of four, in a Stableford Competition over 18 holes in the morning, and then lunch and then prizes will be presented.

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; or our Club Welfare Officer Bob Cunningham on 01428 683970, or our President, Mic. Coleman, on. 01428 682977.

*Arthur Blackman, Chairman*



On the evening of the 10th of October we are hosting an event in aid of The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and Hambledon Football club.

Buffet, evening entertainment and sports themed auction.

For more details please see the website at [www.hambledontuckwell.blogspot.com](http://www.hambledontuckwell.blogspot.com) or you can contact the organisers at [hambledontuckwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hambledontuckwell@hotmail.co.uk), or on 07810 120 452.

Alternatively, if you have anything that you could offer as an auction lot or you would like to bid but cannot make it on the day please also use the email address above.

## 10th October 2009

### Hambledon Village Hall

### 7:00pm – 12:00am

### Smart Dress

### £20 entry



Phyllis  
Tuckwell  
Hospice

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Please check [www.hambledontuckwell.blogspot.com](http://www.hambledontuckwell.blogspot.com) for regular updates.

# Orpheus in Surrey

**Aptly named after the mythical figure who could play music like no other, the Orpheus Centre is changing and expanding. Read on**

**T**he Orpheus Centre is a charity based in Godstone, founded by musician and entertainer Richard Stilgoe, where we use the performing arts to develop the self confidence and life skills of young adults with disabilities. In the past few months our highlights have included a successful Open Day, attended by over 350 people, including Peter Ainsworth, a full house performance at the Linbury Studio of the Royal Opera House and the achievement of Bronze Level Arts Awards by eight of our learners – we are pioneers of these awards for disabled people.

There have also been some changes at the centre. The traditional residential care still provides full time care for people coming to the centre.

However, we have also developed Supported Housing, where young people with disabilities can live in their own independent flats, with access to domiciliary support services to enable them to take their next steps towards independent living. We still have places available within residential care and supported housing.

The centre is therefore recruiting for Support Workers and a Team Leader within Residential Care, along with Personal Assistants within Domiciliary Support Services.



**And we're not even thinking about setting foot in the underworld**

Vic Kearsey, Registered Manager of Orpheus Domiciliary Services says: "No two days are the same at Orpheus. It is the most varied role I have ever had and opportunities for training and personal development are excellent."

So, if you have social care experience or are a graduate with an interest in social care or the performing arts, please get in touch. All applications are welcome. The Orpheus Centre holds the investors in people and positive-about-disabled-people standards.

Our new learning programme is our most exciting ever. We are working with associated artists, such as Herbie Flowers and Michael Copley, to deliver project-based short courses and full or part-time term time learning. We would love to work with more young people with disabilities who may benefit by coming to the centre for between two and four days per month and taking part in drama, music or other performing arts sessions, or who would like to come along for a one-week project as a holiday to find out more about the centre.

Over the next few months, we have some exciting performances including An Instrumental Week Performance on 23 October at 7.30pm and a Christmas Pantomime – Hansel and Gretel from 16– 18 December with matinee and evening performances. Local groups and schools are very welcome for a Christmas production with a difference.

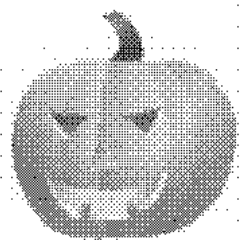
For more information on any of the above, please contact Charlotte Barton on 01883 741413, email [charlottebarton@orpheus.org.uk](mailto:charlottebarton@orpheus.org.uk) or visit [www.orpheus.org.uk](http://www.orpheus.org.uk). We hope to see you soon.

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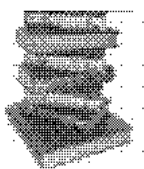
"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." - Elizabeth Lawrence



Don't forget – if you want to watch a favourite movie, just book our Big Screen room for the night and we will get it in for you - a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

**Monday 12th:** We have a ticket allocation for a champagne tasting at Berry Bros and Rudd in St. James (visiting the shop itself – family owned since 1698 is an experience.) Tickets for Les Petites Marques Champagne, sampling lesser known sparklies, are £40 each. Book Early to take advantage of this special event.

**Tuesday 13th:** Book Club at 8:00pm (after this month it will revert to the first Wednesday of the month). September book selection: No Time For Goodbye – Linwood Barclay

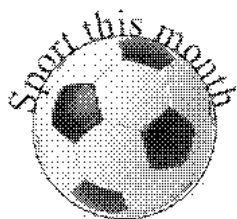


**Tuesday 13th:** and the third Tuesday of every month – Steak night – 2 rumps with chips or salad and a bottle of house wine for £25 per couple. Booking essential.

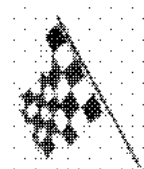
**Tuesday 20th:** Return of the '60's quiz. 4 rounds of music and 4 of general knowledge, starting at 8pm. £1 per person with a £20 first prize; all proceeds to CHASE

**Thursday 29th:** Curry Night is back! Book Now!

**Saturday 31st: Halloween Fancy Dress Party –**  
Hambleton's very own **Toxic Sausage** play on Halloween, live at 8.30.  
Prize for the best Fancy Dress.



4th: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Japanese Grand Prix  
20th: Liverpool v Olympique Lyonnaise  
21st: Chelsea v Atletico Madrid



Coming up in November: 007 Casino night, 70's quiz.



**Bookings being taken now for Christmas parties and Christmas Day.**

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



## Seasonal Foods

### Piquant pumpkin soup—serves 4

*It will soon be Halloween – time to carve a pumpkin and welcome trick or treaters! Now you've got a big pile of pumpkin flesh, why not make one of our seasonal food recipes and invite some guests to enjoy a scary movie? Here is a great idea for the Halloween pumpkin*

*Guy Lemieux*

2 tbsp	olive oil	1	small finely chopped red chilli
1	finely chopped onion	2lbs 4oz	diced pumpkin
1	finely chopped garlic clove	1	bay leaf
2 tbsp	chopped root ginger	1	pint vegetable stock

**H**eat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook until slightly softened. Add the pumpkin, ginger, chilli, coriander, and bay leaf and cook for another 3 minutes. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil. Using a slotted spoon remove any scum from the surface. Reduce the heat and simmer gently stirring occasionally for about 25 minutes or until the pumpkin

is tender. Remove the bay leaf and leave to cool for a short while.

Transfer the soup to a blender and process till smooth. Return to the pan and season to taste. Reheat gently and remove from the heat. Pour into soup bowls and garnish with a swirl of crème fraîche. Serve with crunchy bread.

## Pistachio-roasted pumpkin wedges

*Once you've tried roasted pumpkin, you'll probably be hooked. This is one of the best recipes for roasted wedges that we've ever tried. It's perfect for Halloween or for harvest parties, since the wedges taste just as good at room temperature. Serve them with a cheese and chive dip, or plate them up with hot falafel and rice to make a gorgeous vegetarian autumn meal*

### You will need

2-3	small pumpkins or squashes (the huge ones are too watery), peeled and halved
2	eggs, beaten
200g	shelled pistachios
100g	fresh parmesan



**P**reheat the oven to 180 degrees C, gas mark 4. Now prepare the pumpkin: carefully slice the halves into quarters and then cut them into generous wedges, discarding the fibres and seeds in the middle. Put the wedges onto a baking tray as you cut them.

Put the pistachio nuts into a food processor and whiz just until they're ground (some bigger bits are OK). Finely grate the Parmesan into the nuts and season with pepper. Mix well and tip the mixture onto a plate.

Taking each wedge at a time, dip it into the beaten egg and then the nuts, pressing them all over with your fingers. Lay the wedge onto the baking tray and continue until they're all coated. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until the pumpkin is tender and the coating is golden. Cool just for a minute before offering to your guests.

# Feast of the Tabernacles

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a wood engraving of *The Feast of Tabernacles*, one of several 'Illustrations of Jewish Customs' by Simeon Solomon

## GOD IN THE ARTS

For nine days at the end of September Jewish families will have gathered to celebrate the festival of Tabernacles. It is always a happy season as adults and children alike join for their Harvest feast. Many churches will be having their own Harvest Thanksgivings at the beginning of this month. We know this was a custom revived by Parson Hawker in the Victorian period, but its roots lie in that Jewish feast which Jesus himself knew and celebrated.

Each family erects a tabernacle or tent in the garden or back yard. They will have their meals and spend time there, relaxing with one another. The roof of each tabernacle might have branches of trees covering it, hung with fruits and fragrant flowers. The children decorate the tent with drawings and pictures.

### Temporary building

Because it is only a temporary building for that time of the year, and because the roof is fragile, it is a reminder of the journeying of the Israelites in the wilderness when their safety rested on the goodness of God. It was God who watched over the people then. It is God who watches over them now and watches over the earth, so that it is fruitful, providing food for their health and happiness.

This feast is the subject of this month's picture by Simeon Solomon. He was a Jewish artist, born in London in 1840 into a family of artists. He made his own reputation through meeting the Pre-Raphaelites and the poet, Swinburne. Solomon was a colourful character of that period, whose life sadly ended in poverty and alcoholism. But this wood engraving was made early on in his life in 1866. It is part of a series illustrating Jewish customs, which Solomon provided for 'Leisure Hour.'

We see an elderly person on the left making his way into the tent, and at the other side a mother leading her children. The walls outside are adorned with

palm branches and inside the tent a feast of fruits and food await them. The young boy seems hesitant, wondering what he will find and clinging to the hand of his mother. But all is well, for inside other members of the family are there to welcome them.

### Thousands of pilgrims

Solomon conveys the domesticity of this feast, and the young boy outside reminds us that Jesus himself would have celebrated this feast with Mary and Joseph. They would also have gone up to Jerusalem to join the thousands of pilgrims there, as Jesus was to do later in his adult ministry. Each pilgrim would carry a branch of myrtle, palm and willow in one hand and a citrus fruit in the other, symbols of the fruits of the promised land. The air would be full of hosannas and praises to God.

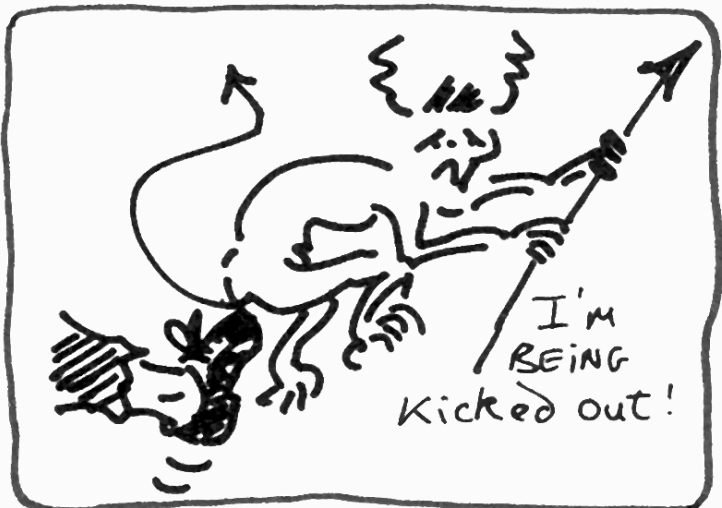
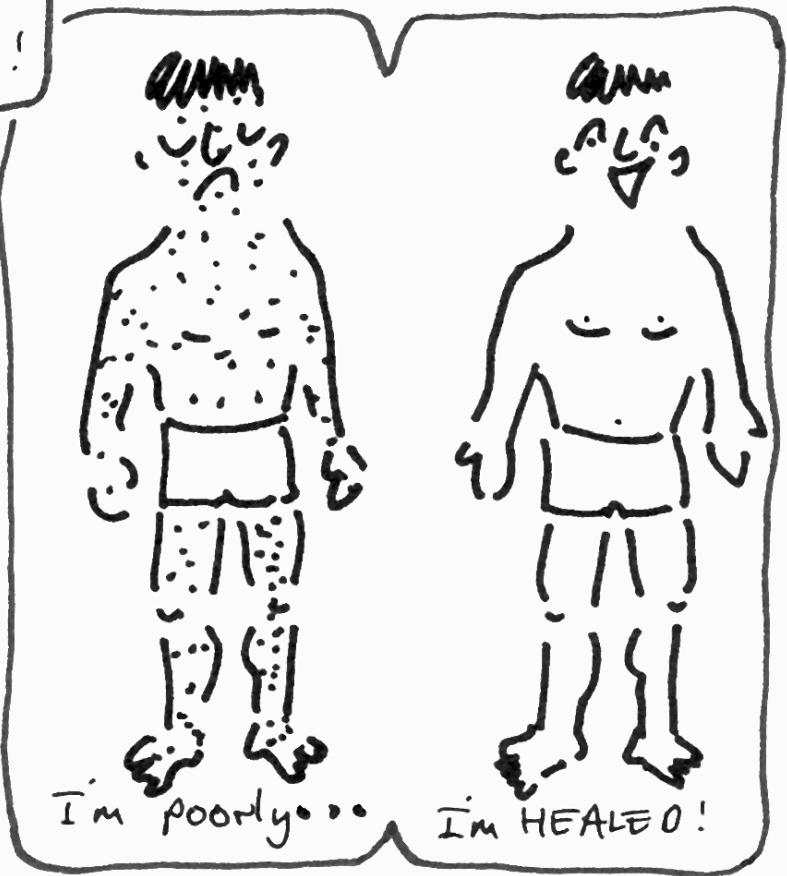
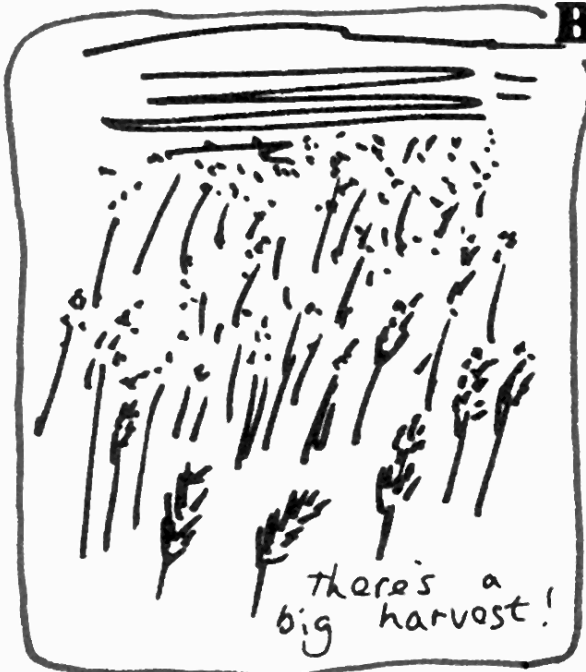
Like the Jewish families at the Feast of Tabernacles, we shall gather for our Harvest Thanksgivings this month. Like them, we shall thank God for his faithful goodness in the past. Like them, we shall look ahead to the coming of God's kingdom, where God who feeds us now in food and drink will nourish us eternally. Like them, we shall proclaim, 'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the one who trusts in him.' You can see a copy of the illustration at: <http://www.simeonsolomon.org/jc4197.jpg>



# Bible Sketchbook

## *It's People Harvest time!*


For Jesus the harvest wasn't just corn it was people! He said we need to pray for people with authority to harvest all those people. So he gave them - as he gives us! - authority to preach about his Kingdom, to heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons. Read all about it in Matthew 9: 35 to 10: 1-8.



William Mather©



## Mouse Makes

Can you find the lost coin,  
the lamp  and the broom  
in the picture?

What else can you see? 



## THE LOST COIN

Jesus told this story:



A woman who has 10 silver coins loses one of them, what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it she calls her friends and neighbours together and says "I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!"

In the same way the angels of God celebrate over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:8-10



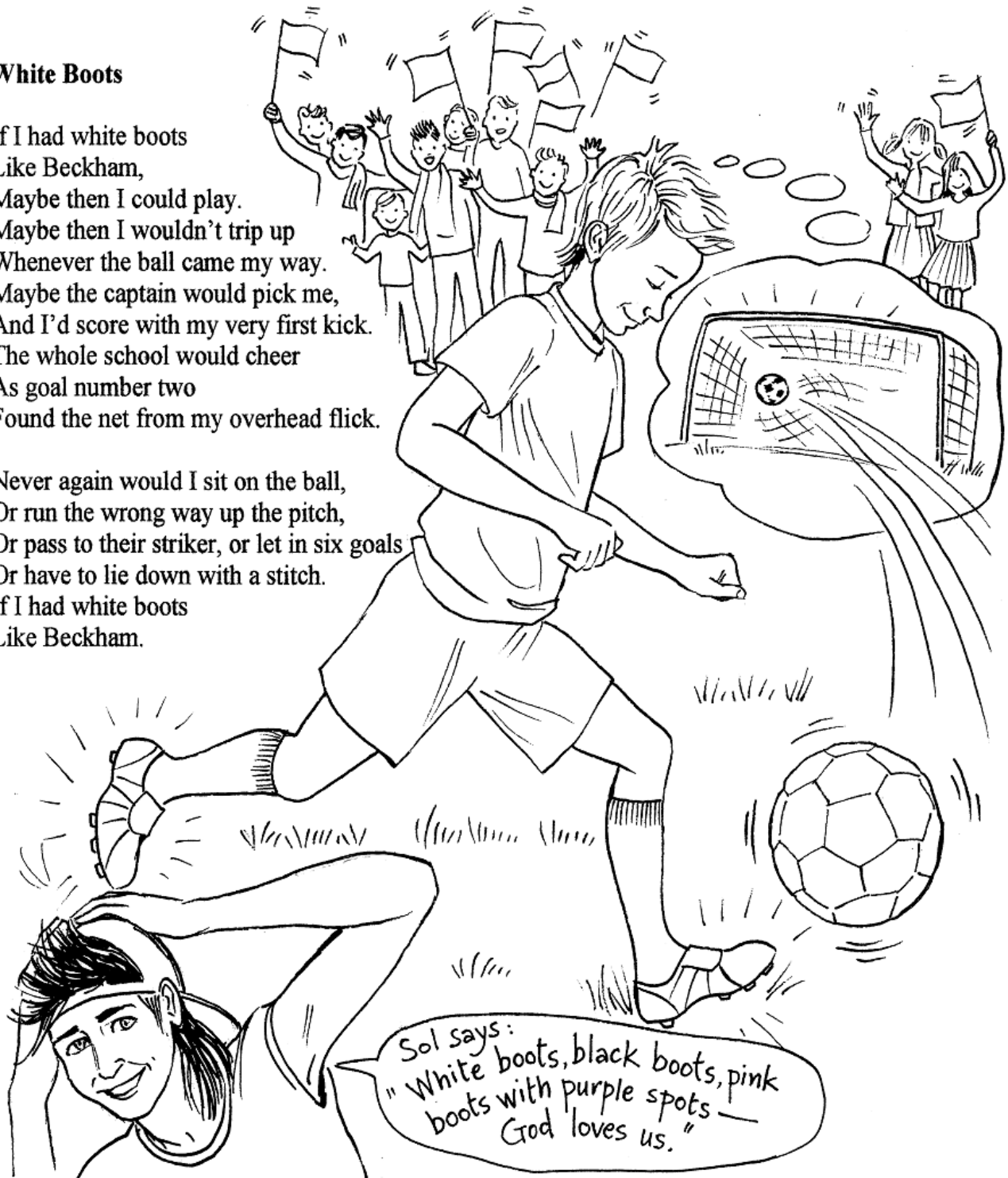
# Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

## White Boots

If I had white boots  
Like Beckham,  
Maybe then I could play.  
Maybe then I wouldn't trip up  
Whenever the ball came my way.  
Maybe the captain would pick me,  
And I'd score with my very first kick.  
The whole school would cheer  
As goal number two  
Found the net from my overhead flick.

Never again would I sit on the ball,  
Or run the wrong way up the pitch,  
Or pass to their striker, or let in six goals  
Or have to lie down with a stitch.  
If I had white boots  
Like Beckham.



*I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love.*  
(Romans 8:38a NLT)

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



## KING & SAINT

If there is one date that nearly everyone knows it is 1066 when the Normans invaded England, William the Conqueror became king when he invaded the country after Edward the Confessor died.

Edward was King of England but he wasn't like most rulers of the time; he was a peace-loving man of God who put all his energies into building churches. His most famous church was Westminster Abbey. It was built on marshy land by the River Thames in London and it was Edward's chief delight to watch the building grow. And when he died he was buried in his new church – as lots of kings and queens and famous people have been in the centuries which followed.

Lots of rulers have nicknames: Edward I was the Hammer of the Scots, Richard I was the Lion-heart, all very warlike. But Edward was called the Confessor because of the way he lived his life witnessing to his belief in Christ. So each year on 13<sup>th</sup> October we remember the king who was a saint.

## NICKNAMES or NOT?

All of these are nicknames of real rulers from the past – apart from 2 which I put in to confuse you. Which ones are made up?

Charles the Bald

Eric Bloodaxe

Ivailo the Cabbage

Boleslaw the Curly

William the Beetroot

Pippin the Short

Niall of the Nine Hostages

Glun the Green

Ragnar  
Hair  
y  
Britches

Louis the  
Stammerer



**What do Eric the Red and Winnie the Pooh have in common?**

They have the same middle name.

**What did Vikings use for secret messages?**

Norse Code.



Answers: all real, however unlikely, apart from William the Beetroot and Glun the Green (there was a Viking king of Dublin called Glun the Iron Knee but I don't think he was into recycling).

# Gardening in October

**Provide water for the birds, and you will increase the number of visitors to your garden by 50per cent**

**T**he days of mellow fruitfulness are with us now. The misty mornings, the dew hanging like small diamonds on the grass and bushes, the spiky sweet chestnut fruits falling to the ground and a soil showing an incipient covering of brown leaves are all signs that summer is certainly no longer gracing our gardens and countryside.

This month also brings a fantastic display for those gardens that have plants that give Autumn foliage. It usually brings a multitude of different hues. In October you really notice the change in the temperature and the sudden shortness in the daylight (how depressing) but the days that are sunny bring with them a sharp freshness.

## Maintenance

- Rake up fallen leaves and either place them on the compost or pile them up to make leaf mould.
- If you have not started clearing up it's time you did. Burn or bin any perennial weeds or debris that shows signs of fungal infection.
- Dig over empty beds.
- Finish planting evergreen shrubs.
- This is the best time of the year to take hardwood cuttings and collect any berries from trees and shrubs for seed sowing.
- Give conifer hedges a last trim before the winter sets in.
- Lift and store dahlias, gladioli and summer flowering bulbs.
- Tidy ponds and remove pumps for the winter.
- Make new lawns from turf.
- If you have any fruit trees, fix grease bands to their trunks to catch pests as they crawl up.
- Insulate the greenhouse and, if you have white-washed, remove it; if you don't have a heater, get one; if you do, have check that it is in working order.
- It is probably your last chance to sow grass seed.
- Finish off planting spring bedding for next year.
- Pick up the last of your apples and pears before they get damaged.



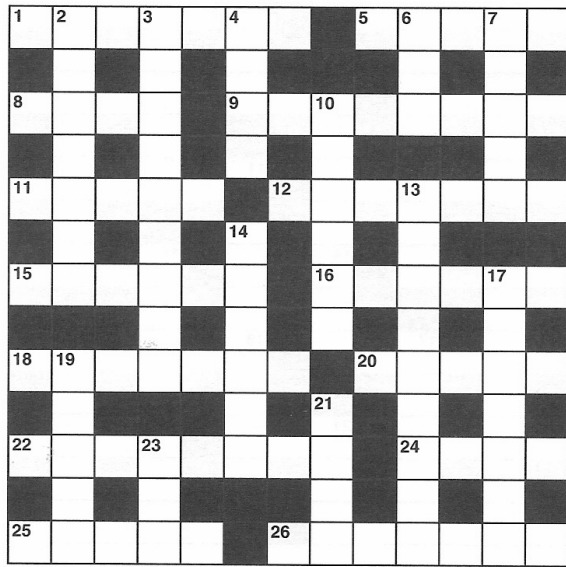
- Lift and store the remainder of your tender perennials.
- Lift and store potatoes and carrots in a dry and darkish cool place.
- Sow sweet peas for next year under cover.
- It is best to do all the jobs in the garden sooner rather than later as the shortening days means you will only have the weekend to do things.
- If you have heavy soil like clay make sure you dig them so the frosts, rain, wind and snow can break it down.
- Incorporate as much organic matter as possible to improve the structure of the soil.
- Plant trees at this time of the year while the soil is warm for the roots to take hold.
- Only store fruit that is not damaged or diseased.
  - In the greenhouse, make sure you wash down the benches with disinfectant.
  - Secure any climbers or any other plants that are vulnerable to the winds of Autumn..
  - Lift and store dahlia tubers.
  - Lift and store tender summer-flowering bulbs..
  - With an established lawn, rake out thatch, aerate and top-dress.
  - Insulate the inside of your greenhouse with bubble polythene or any other insulating material that lets light through.
- Water the plants in the greenhouse and indoor plants less.

## Garden Birds

Experts are uncertain as to whether garden-feeding birds will lead to saving certain endangered species. However, bird feeding may make a big difference for those birds in your general area. Providing birds with food, water and shelter can really help them during the winter and make your garden a haven for all wildlife to enjoy.

Many people feed birds but a lot less people continuously provide them with clean water. Birds need clean water to drink and to bathe in. Water for them is particularly important during the winter when the natural supply may be frozen, as well as during dry spells in the summer.

# Quick Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Kale, for instance (7)  
 5 US legal drama series (5)  
 8 Second-hand (4)  
 9 Overcame resistance (4,4)  
 11 Slang word for 'money' (5)  
 12 Deadly poison (7)  
 15 Means of proving who you are (1,1,4)  
 16 - monkey, noisy primate (6)  
 18 Directly, personally involved (5-2)  
 20 Whispered remark (5)  
 22 Discard, throw overboard (8)  
 24 Surrounding glow (4)  
 25 Alter to suit (5)  
 26 Cheerio (7)

## DOWN

- 2 Do a bunk (7)  
 3 Minder (9)  
 4 Grand dress (4)  
 6 Secreted (3)  
 7 Propelled a boat (5)  
 10 Repeated pattern of sounds (6)  
 13 Journal and magazine kiosk (4-5)  
 14 Disgusting, obnoxious (6)  
 17 Getting on in years (7)  
 19 Still to come (5)  
 21 Release (a knot) (4)  
 23 Give a gratuity to (3)

## September Solution

**Across** 1 Rapids 5 Sleepy 8 Ibis  
 9 Unamused 10 Errand 11 Father 12 Opal  
 14 Ill 15 Over 16 Turtle 18 Effigy 20 Egg  
 White 22 Iota 24 Seeing

**Down** 2 Amber 3 Install 4 Sound bite 5 Spa  
 6 Erupt 7 Precede 11 Falseness 13 Plunger  
 15 Offside 17 Towel 19 Get on 21 Icy

		8			4			3
	9						6	1
			3					
			4			7	5	
		3	7		5	6		
	5	9			6			
					3			
5	4						9	
6			8			5		

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To solve the puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Boxes 1 + 2 weigh 12 Kg  
 " 2 + 3 " 13.5 Kg  
 " 3 + 4 " 11.5 Kg  
 " 4 + 5 " 8 Kg  
 " 1 + 3 + 5 " 16 Kg

How much does each box weigh ?  
 weigh?

1 5.5kg  
 2 6.5kg  
 3 7.0kg  
 4 4.5kg  
 5 3.5kg

- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery

# Useful Information and Telephone Numbers



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**Witley** – The Surgery, Wheeler Lane, Witley GU8 5QR

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email: 2480@surre3y.pnn.police.uk

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	Adam Taylor-Smith:	01483 555573

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