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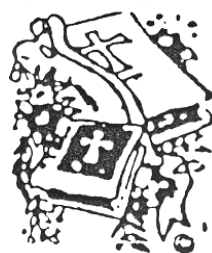
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Sunday Services

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

Home Groups meet regularly on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at various locations. Details from Roger Mathews Tel: 01483 420464

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

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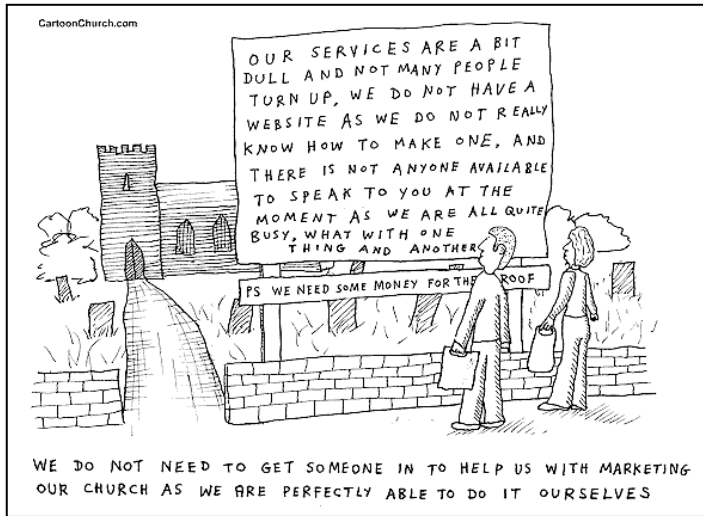
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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Six years I've been here now, and I'm still learning new things about leading the church in Hambleton. Or maybe it's just that I'm not very bright... I feel that way today, anyway – let me explain why. I spent the first five and a half years that I was ordained working in inner city North London, and when it came to the church there were broadly two categories of people living in the parish. There were those who were regular members and worshipped with us most Sundays, and there were those who neither



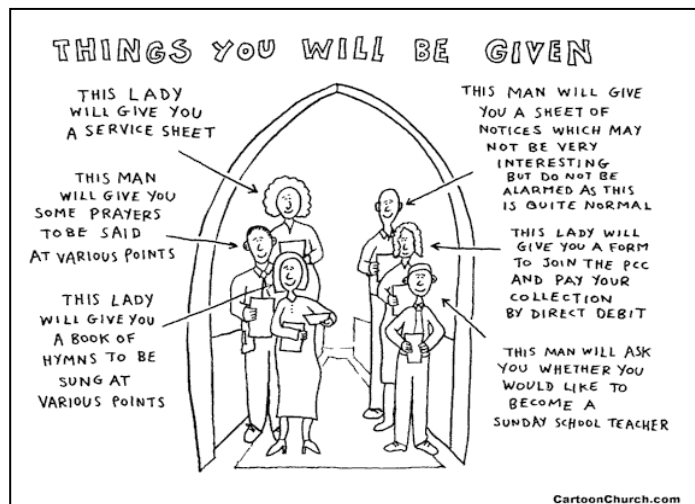
knew nor cared that we even existed. So for example at Christmas, far from having packed services, many of our regulars left town to visit family and our Christmas day congregation would be roughly half our usual numbers. If we made it into double figures at the Midnight Eucharist, it was a good year.

In the unlikely event that a local took it into their head to turn up at one of our services, their expectations were generally not high. They expected church to be dull and unfriendly, clergy to be pious and unworldly, and that the only thing they could be sure of would be that we would pass a plate round and expect them to give us some cash. “The church is after your

money” is one of the many unfortunate stereotypes that I’m constantly trying to live down. So I regard it as part of my role to confound such expectations. It’s been said that the church is the only organisation that exists for the benefit of non-members: the most important thing that we do is help people to find Jesus. So if I can give even one person a positive impression then I consider it a good day’s work.

As part of this, I was always very careful to avoid asking people for money to support the life of the church. In an area with a high level of poverty and deprivation, it seemed that everyone was “on the make”. Nothing was free. If as a church we offered support in times of difficulty, or company for the elderly, or a group for youngsters, the response was often wary and cynical. Where’s the catch? And more importantly, where do I have to pay? Sooner or later, they reasoned, we’d ask for a contribution. So I didn’t. I just kept reaching out, and I hoped and prayed that the people we were reaching would become involved with the life of the church, and so learn that giving is a part of Christian discipleship. It was a long-term strategy, but one that was much more fruitful – both spiritually and financially – than putting them off the first time they set foot in the church building by asking for money.

But in a village such as ours some of those things are very different. I’m not sure about your expectations of clergy – enough people still apologise for swearing in front of me that I think some of those stereotypes persist! But in Hambleton we don’t have that same simple division between those who are in church every week and to those



to whom it is utterly irrelevant. Lots of people – most people, probably – who live in Hambledon care about the life of our church, even if you don't worship with us all that often. Lots of you come at Christmas and Easter, and maybe a few other times in the year, and feel a deep and real connection with the life of St Peter's. Many of you believe that the church is an important part of village life, and want it to be there at least for weddings, baptisms and funerals. And maybe you value the chance to give money as a way of expressing that sense of belonging.

But having spent the first half of my ordained ministry in a very different context, it's been hard to lay down my own expectations. When the church fills up for our Christmas services, every instinct I have tells me that we should *not* pass a bag around for a collection that day. Although it's been patiently explained to me that "people like to give," I have taken that to mean "people are expecting us to ask for their money and respond generously when we do". To which my response has been, let's confound the expectation that says we're only after their money by *not* overtly asking. My desire has always been to make those who come less often feel welcome – that we want you to join us because we value who you are and we think that in Jesus we have something wonderful to offer. Not just because you might give us money or go on the grass-cutting rota...

But the penny has finally dropped – to use a financial metaphor. It has now been explained to me (or more likely, I've finally listened properly) that the message I've unwittingly been sending out is firstly, that the church is very rich and doesn't need any help, and secondly (and much more importantly) that we are an exclusive club and only those who are fully signed up members are welcome to pay into the funds... Oh dear. Sometimes you can't get it right however hard you try, can you? That's the *exact opposite* of the message that I hoped I was communicating – that *everyone* is welcome at St Peter's and we want to be the church for the whole village, whether you come fifty-two times a year or twice or even not at all. And, actually, we *do* need financial support: it's always a struggle to find the resources to do the things that we believe are important, such as employing our part-time youth worker Jessi, who is doing such wonderful work with the children and young people in our village. In fact, this year we are facing a very substantial shortfall in our budget.

So, I finally get it – it's only taken six years to overcome the habits of the first five... I offer a humble and heartfelt apology to anyone who has felt in any way rejected or excluded by my attitude towards giving. I hope that you can forgive me, and that you understand that my intention was the exact opposite – to say that everyone is welcome at St Peter's, that it's *your* church every bit as much as it's mine – more so, in fact.

If you would like to make a gift to the work of St Peter's church it would be very much appreciated – cheques can be made payable to "St Peter's Hambledon" and sent to our treasurer, Alison Martin, at "Tillies", Munstead Heath Road, Godalming GU8 4AR. Alison can also send you Gift Aid and direct debit information. You are very welcome to join us for any of our Easter services – and a collection will be taken. If you think that means we're only after your money, please feel free to just pass the bag along. But if you would like to give, please do – we value your support very much. Either way we hope you feel part of the family.



Stephanie

Stephanie Couvela
Associate Minister
Busbridge and Hambledon

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 2010

7th 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship
14th 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
21st 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
28th Palm Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Morning Worship (BCP) with Distribution of Palms Morning Worship with Distribution of Palms
<u>And in April</u> 1st Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	Holy Communion at St. John's, Busbridge
2nd Good Friday	11.00 am 10.45 am	Good Friday Meditation <i>or</i> Churches Together Walk of Witness (meet at the Wharf, Woolsack Way, Godalming)
3rd Easter Eve	4.00 pm	Easter Garden Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt
4th Easter Day	6.45 am 8.00am 11.00am	Sunrise Service at Minster Field, Godalming Holy Communion (BCP) Easter Celebration for all ages

Saturday 20th March
9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms
A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome

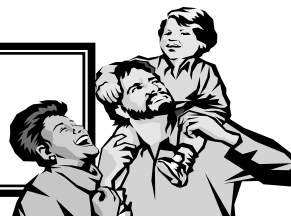
Services at St. John's, Busbridge – every Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday in the month BCP)
10.00 am "Classic" service in Church; "Contemporary" service in Busbridge Junior School;
Groups for children of all ages in various locations – turn up and ask!
6.30pm Evening Worship

Thoughts of Spring

No matter how harsh the winter
And deep the driven snow,
No matter how vice like its icy grip
It's a comfort to all that we know,
That when all the snow has melted
And the birds once again start to sing,
The green shoots of nature's new cycle
Will herald the arrival of spring.

By Colin Hammacott

PARISH & PEOPLE



A wonderful avalanche of new babies this month ! Welcome to:

Florence - daughter of Will and Emma Karlson of Lane End, a sister for Lily.

Molly Anne daughter of Mark and Kaherine Frogley. A grand-daughter to Paul and Sheelagh Vacher and a great grand-daughter to the late Molly Vacher. Not forgetting her other great grandmother, the late Daisy Frogley who would have celebrated her 99th birthday in February 2010. We remember Molly and Daisy with much affection in the village.

Alfie Martin, son of Matt and Laura Turner, a brother for Lily and a first grandson to Amanda Wright.

And lastly - Alexander arrived in Denmark! Son of Christopher and Christine Underwood and a first grandson to Philip and Pauline. Philip describes this arrival as his first Viking grandson !

The village is saddened to learn of the sudden death of Shirley Pollock whose funeral was held recently in Hambledon Church. Shirley took a keen interest in all that happened in the village and often remarked how she would have liked to have lived within its boundary, but coming from just over the border in Brook Road qualified both Shirley and Nigel as "one of us" and we are grateful to them both for their input into village life. Shirley was to be seen as a volunteer at the shop on the first Saturday morning of each month and was also willing to 'swap' on occasions . She was an avid reader of all the notices in the shop window and often put the rest of us to shame on forthcoming events that Shirley had taken in that the

rest of us had passed by. We shall miss her friendly approach, she was a character in her own right and will not easily be forgotten. To Nigel and the family we express the heartfelt sympathy of Hambledon friends and colleagues.

**There will be a Thanksgiving Service
in celebration of Shirley's life
in
Witley Church
Friday 9th April at 2.30pm
All are invited**

June booker has had a hard struggle since the beginning of December following heart surgery with all manner of complications and set backs. We are delighted to know that she is now in Milford Hospital and making steady progress to regain her mobility. Hambledon neighbours and friends send their love and we look forward to more encouraging reports on her progress.

And finally Celebration time!

Many congratulations to Winton Dean on attaining his 94th birthday and to Joan Vickery on reaching her 90th.

To Brian and Judy Leeper on their 59th Wedding Anniversary. All good wishes to Brian and Judy on their recent move from Hambledon to Haslemere which we understand will be for only a short duration as their final move will be back to Chiddingfold later this year.

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Laws of Old England

The truth is, they just like to be in control - so what changes ?

Lawmakers like to interfere with what people wear and what they eat and drink, often saying that this is for their own good - they want everybody to be healthy. The truth is, they just like to be in control.

Obesity was clearly a major problem in medieval times. In 1336, Edward III passed the Sumptuary Act which prohibited any man to have more than two courses at a meal. It even sought to restrain those who pretended that soup was actually a sauce so that it did not count as a course in its own right. On feast days, though, three curses were permitted.

In fact, Edward III passed so many laws about food and dress that in 1363 he consolidated them in the Statute of Diet and Apparel. Laws to curb excessive eating and drink were also enacted by Edward IV and,

of all people Henry VIII. His sickly son Edward VI repealed them all but, to help the fishing industry, he passed a law banning the eating of meat on Fridays and Saturdays, and during Lent, except for the sick.

By the time of Elizabeth I, the penalty for eating meat when prohibited was £3 or three months' imprisonment. But not eating meat on certain days was not a religious duty, as some Catholics maintain today. Elizabeth had no time for popery and condemned anyone who preached that not eating meat helped 'save your soul or was a service to God' to be punished as a 'spreader of false news'.

Englands dietary laws were only repealed by Queen Victoria, who grew rather stout herself.



Parish Council contacts SCC & Southern Electric

Godalming Post Office due to be relocated

Following the chaos caused by January's snowfall, the Parish Council contacted Surrey County Council about **non-clearance of roads** and eventually established that there is a policy whereby local farmers, contractors and the like are employed to supplement the limited amount of road and pavement clearance which SCC itself can undertake. Peter Knight at Burgate Farm and Richard Field, who has his contractor's yard in Vann Lane, have both told the Parish Council that they would be willing to get involved and this information has been passed back to SCC. Richard has now been included on the list of those who can help with pavement clearing and, providing SCC is happy that Peter has the right sort of tractor, he will be given a reserve snow plough. So, with a bit of luck, Hambledon should be able to stay on the move when the next snow-storm hits the village.

The Parish Council also contacted Southern Electric about **power failures** – and not just during the recent snow. The letter pointed out that a lot of properties do not have mains gas (and are therefore dependent on electricity to power central heating systems); and that, despite being located in a highly wooded area, the village is almost entirely served by overhead power lines. Southern Electric was therefore asked about planned maintenance programmes to ensure that overhead lines remained operational and what plans, if any, existed for putting more lines underground. The response was not particularly encouraging: maintenance and improve-

ments are all subject to available funding and not much of that appears to be coming Hambledon's way – though it should benefit from a recent up-grade to a switching station at Enton Mill. However, the fact that Hambledon is a largely gas-less village did generate interest and has been noted because, in the event of prolonged power cuts, vulnerable people could be put at risk.

Godalming Post Office, currently located in Waterstones in the High Street, is due to be relocated to new premises in August when the current contract expires. If it were to move to the edge of town – for example, to Sainsburys – the effect on the High Street could be very damaging as footfalls would inevitably be reduced. So it is important to exert pressure on Royal Mail to ensure the Post Office remains in a High Street location.

Rural post offices in South West Surrey, including Hambledon, were under severe threat a few years ago but, thanks to a tremendous local campaign, nearly all of them were saved. Our MP, Jeremy Hunt, was very supportive of the campaign which was launched to save Hambledon so it would be good if as many villagers as possible could now help in his bid to save Godalming. He has launched a petition on his website to show support for the post office to remain in a High Street location so please consider signing it at www.jeremyhunt.org/godalmingpostoffice.



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Hambledon Heritage Society

Annual General Meeting
7:30 for 8:00pm at the Village Hall
Wednesday March 17th 2010

LOCAL CHURCHES

An illustrated talk by Mr Alan Bott, Local Historian

The Village Scrapbook, the Jubilee Album, the War Memorial Album
and our collection of other Hambledon items will be on display.

Refreshments

Please note that the Village Website

www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk

now has video interviews
with Olive Thornton and Joan Vickery.



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IN THE 1940's**



Wednesday Afternoon Group



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Wednesday March 10

2.30pm

Hambledon Village Hall

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The Cellar Art Group with The Watts Gallery, Compton is open to all who would like to feel creative in this sort of way – no proven skill required. It is free and takes place at The Cellar from 3 – 5 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays. Please phone The Cellar for firm dates. Once a month an artist from The Watts Gallery will be there, with 24th February arranged. Why not come along and enjoy the activity and the friendship.

Open Day Thursday 1st April, 10.30am – 2.00pm at the Baptist Church, Queen Street, Godalming. Come and meet the staff and customers and enjoy some refreshments.

Jacqueline Hindley



Easter Services at St Peter's

Good Friday 2nd April

11.00am Meditation on the Cross
Or

10.45am Good Friday Walk of Witness
*Meet at the Wharf on Woolsack Way
and march to Crown Court*

All ages welcome. Refreshments afterwards

Saturday 3rd April

4.00pm Easter Garden Service and Egg Hunt
An interactive event for younger children to bring their adults to!

Easter Sunday 4th April

8.00am Holy Communion

A joyful, formal service using traditional Prayer Book liturgy

11.00am Easter Praise for all ages

*A lively, informal service using modern music and engaging
with both adults and children*

January sees an improvement!

Try the new patés and quiches - they are great!

What a difference a few harsh words can make! From 17% down in December to 8.5% up in January, comparing like-with-like from last year. No more bread to throw away, no more milk to tip on my garden, and the quantity of vegetables languishing on the chiller shelves until life has left them has reduced markedly. Thank you Hambledon for responding. We have even had locals coming in and apologising for not using the shop recently and they are now back. But we must keep it up. The figures will reveal all!

To the odd person that has been upset by my words of last month I apologise. But what else could I have done, and the results show it was worth it. Remember, having the shop in Hambledon probably adds about 15% to the value of your house.

I implore you to try the new home made patés.

The Village Shop



They are delicious and you can't get them elsewhere. This also applies to the quiche's and the home made cakes and frozen meals. Remember you can always order your meat from the Chiddingfold butcher through us. It is the same price as in his shop. Sausages, chippolattas, mince, diced steak lamb chops and chicken breasts are popular. The wine is excellent value and of good quality for the price. Highly recommended is the Greyfriars Sparkling Chardonnay 2006 at £14 a bottle. It is better than most Champagnes. How do I know? We made it ourselves!

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Rachael Hockridge

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Rachael needs to raise £3,500 in order to fund an expedition to Tanzania next year where she will be involved in community work with children and in nature conservation.

Mothering Sunday (14th March)



Not to be confused with Mother's Day!

Mothering Sunday is a Christian festival celebrated throughout Europe. Secularly it is used as a celebration of motherhood, and is synonymous with Mother's Day as celebrated in other countries; the latter name is also increasingly used.

A religious festival celebrating motherhood has been existent in Europe since neolithic times. In the Roman religion the festival was in honour of the mother goddess Cybele and it took place during mid-March. As the Roman Empire and Europe converted to Christianity, Mothering Sunday celebrations became part of the liturgical calendar as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour the Virgin Mary and the "mother church."

During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. This was either a large local church, or more often the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this preceded the term Mothering Sunday is unclear. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, if prevented by conflicting working hours.

The Epistle for the fourth Sunday in Lent as set out in the Book of Common Prayer gives a special place to the theme of maternal love: Galatians 4, 26 states that "Jerusalem which is above is free; which is Mother of us all."

The other names attributed to this festival include Simnel Sunday, Refreshment Sunday and Rose Sunday. Simnel Sunday is named after the practice of baking Simnel Cakes to celebrate the reuniting of families during the austerity of Lent. Because there is traditionally a lightening of Lenten vows on this particular Sunday in celebration of the fellowship of family and church, the lesser-used label of Refreshment Sunday is also used, although rarely today.

Rose Sunday is sometimes used as an alternative title for Mothering Sunday as well, as is witnessed by the purple robes of Lent being replaced in some churches by rose-coloured ones. This title refers to the tradition of posies of flowers being collected and distributed at the service originally to all the mothers, but latterly to all women in the congregation.

This Sunday was also once known as "the Sunday of the Five Loaves", from the traditional Gospel reading for the day.

Another tradition associated with Mothering Sunday is the practice of "clipping the church", whereby the congregation form a ring around their church building and, holding hands, embrace it.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit

their mothers and other family members.

Simnel Cake

'I'll to thee a Simnell bring
'Gainst thou go'st a mothering,
So that, when she blesseth thee,
Half that blessing thou'll give to me.'
Robert Herrick 1648

The Simnel cake is a fruit cake. A flat layer of marzipan (sugar almond paste) is placed on top of and decorated with 11 marzipan balls representing the 12 apostles minus Judas, who betrayed Christ.

It was not eaten on Mothering Sunday because of the rules of Lent, instead it was saved until Easter.

Ingredients

10oz *self raising flour*
1/2tsp *mixed spice*
4oz *butter or margarine*
4oz *brown sugar*
2 tbs *golden syrup*
12oz *mixed dry fruit*
2 *eggs*
100 ml *milk to mix approx.*
700g *Marzipan*
2tbs *icing sugar for decoration*

Oven temperatures: 150 °C 325 °F Gas Mark 3

Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas 4. Grease and line a 17x27cm (7 x 11in) rectangular tin. Put the butter into a heatproof bowl and microwave on high for 1 min until it's melted.

Put the flour, cinnamon and mixed spice into a large bowl. Stir in the light muscovado sugar and then add the mixed dried fruit and dried apricots. Coarsely grate 100g (3 1/2oz) marzipan and add to the dry ingredients.

Crack the eggs into a jug, pour in the milk and mix together with a fork. Pour in to the dry mixture with the melted butter and stir together with a large spoon to combine.

Spoon the cake mixture into the prepared tin. Bake for 30 mins until well risen and firm. Insert a cocktail stick into the centre, if it comes out clean, the cake is ready.

While the cake is cooling, warm the apricot glaze in the microwave on high for 30 secs, brush over the top of the cake. Cut the cake into 15 squares.

Roll out the rest of the marzipan to a rectangle the same size as the cake. Use a flower shaped cutter to cut out 15 marzipan decorations. Place a marzipan flower on top of each piece of cake, then press a sugar coated chocolate egg on to finish.

Magpie encounters Kidzone!

Extols Marmite and castigates Waverley Borough Council

BYWAYS
An occasional
column
from
around
our
plots



The other half and I popped over to a pub in Brook a couple of weeks ago. A nice place, the food looked good so I ordered a couple of drinks and was on my way to the table when three small children came running through the bar shouting at the top of their voices. One ran into me causing me to spill some of my drink onto his head. His mother then proceeded to tell me off. I am afraid that I told her a few home truths about out of control kids, and we left.

It must have happened to you. You're at (say) the Tate gazing at (for example) a Turner when your ears are split by a petulant screech. You turn around and find, not Brian Sewell, but a woman holding a baby. You back off as her other child starts wiping its lolly on your trousers and you fall over another bunch of brats scrawling on scraps of paper on the floor.

Welcome to Kidzone, which these days means everywhere. In fact, the more an event demands adult quiet and stillness, the more you'll find pocket-sized Wayne Rooneys barging about playing 'hijacked airliners'. Lectures are punctuated by gurgles, concerts given a backing-track of wails. Even the theatre isn't safe: 'Now is the winter of our discontent. "Mummy I'm bored." "Shhh Joshua, have another Jaffa Cake."

To today's chilled parents their child isn't a developing infant but a friend whom they take along to share things. So when their two-year old wriggles into your seat and dribbles over your programme, they give you a weak smile which says, what do you expect us to do about it?

Of course, dragging one's brood to places where they need to stay still for hours is a form of abuse - for the children as well as for the other

adults. My consolation is that it must be torture for mummy and daddy too.

Why doesn't someone just say, "This event is designed for adults. Please take your kids to where they can run around and scream - outside." No, we're all too scared of being thought child-unfriendly scrooges. Besides, they've shut down all the adventure playgrounds. So what are the kids finding to crawl over these days? That's right - us.

Unexpected guests?

Guests to feed, and still in doubt?

Simply get the Marmite out!

Marmite, Marmite, what a taste!

What a taste storm in a jar!

Packed with vitamins and bite

Every mouthful's a delight!

Aromatic, lustrous brown

Comforter of king and clown

All the flavours of the East,

Bow before its malt and yeast!

Let no TV cook ignore

Tried and tested kitchen lore,

Coz - marmite spread on buttered toast

Marks the perfect dinner host!

So there were over 2,000 letters against the Tesco Express in the Red Lion building in Milford and I hear that Waverley have given the go ahead. I wrote, did you? Think it over carefully. This may well affect the Village Shop, not to mention the butcher, the wine store and the Co-op in Milford. Thank you Waverley! Perhaps next will be to knock down the Pepper Pot and build a petrol station.

How to get rid of ... well, most people

A few years ago a small village in the Cotswolds was plagued by a gang of youths. They came in on their motorbikes every weekend, and were everywhere, causing trouble. A village meeting was held about how to get rid of them. The folk who used to go fox hunting were for luring them into a field and then chasing them off on horseback. The town's solicitor was for beginning a legal action against them. The town's policeman was for arresting them.

Then the local Vicar had an idea. With the help of some take-away pizzas he lured the gang into his church one Saturday evening and shut the door on them. Early next morning he and the bishop went in, and together they baptised and confirmed the lot. Several of the more difficult ones were even made to sign the electoral roll.

The youths were then let out of the church, and quickly departed. Now full-fledged members of the Church of England, they were only ever seen again at Christmas and at Easter.

Winter may now be over!



The deep snow has taken its toll

March is looming, muses Earthworm from the now-large and very warm compost heap. (Amazing the amount that comes off the flower-beds at this time of year's great clean-up and tidy!) We must have had one of the hardest winters in a while, perhaps for a large number of readers the hardest that can be recalled. Memory is short and some may not recall the winter of 1947. That year the snow hung around for six weeks, and Earthworm recalls wonderful hoarfrosts, and cars with chains, but even so one still got stuck!

If, continues Earthworm with his musings, we think that winter may now be over, we may be in for a shock. After all March is winter's half-way month. Frost can continue to devastate right in to May.

Certainly the deep snow has taken its toll with the site of so many broken branches by the road-side, and no doubt in readers' gardens too. As Spring approaches with some warmer weather, there will also be a reckoning of what has been lost in the garden. A lot of plants that normally come happily through our winters are looking decidedly dejected. The call for

more Mediterranean-type gardening to counteract the summer water-shortages may yet prove a big mistake. How will all those much-recommended grey-leaved shrubs have fared wonders Earthworm? As for fruit-cages, it is years since wise garden counselors advocated removing the netting in case of snow. Looking around the allotments one sees a mass of buckled frames, bent under the weight of the snow, the netting hanging in festoons: a sorry site.

Persistent rain has now not improved matters. Road drains are blocked by debris and huge puddles are accumulating creating road hazards. As for potholes: a really popular subject just now. They seem to multiply daily as the rain dislodges the frost-damaged tarmac. Earthworm, ever up to date, recommends www.potholes.com.uk or www.FixMyStreet.com.

So has Earthworm nothing positive to report? Yes, indeed! The catkins in the hedgerows are a treat, and when there is a gleam of sunshine, even of a watery winter kind, the birds are starting to sing! Easter will soon be upon us with all the promise of Spring: young lambs in the fields, baby chicks and creatures emerging from hibernation.

FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY

Formerly:
Chiddingfold Surgery Appeal Group.

The Committee is delighted to report an exciting commencement to the New Year with generous donations continuing to be received. With support from The Chiddingfold Christmas Tree of Faith, Hope and Love, Dunsfold Amateur Dramatic Society, and other unstinting personal donations the 10th Anniversary Appeal Fund has now raised some £12,500, which is a super start towards meeting our objectives.

We are looking to replace the ageing medical equipment that we make available for use in the Surgery, serving the whole practice area, and have on order already new software packages for three defibrillators, a specialised Camera and a new Spirometry machine. Other purchases are under review.

During the two presentations made in October and following feedback received, we have decided that a change of name for the Charity to "Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery" would better describe our present aims and objects. The name "Chiddingfold Surgery Appeal Group" was relevant to the activities at the time of the building and fitting out of the new Surgery

in 1999 but it is considered that the new name will take us into the future on a more appropriate basis.

By their nature medical appliances are expensive and we still have a good deal of work to do to meet all our requirements within our challenging target. For our next fundraising event we propose to take a Stall at the Chiddingfold Fayre on Sunday June 13th and hope that you will give us your support on that day. Further detail will follow in due course.

Our list remains open and if you have not, as yet, had the opportunity to contribute please contact the Treasurer, Mr Paul Gilbert at College Copse, Skinners Lane, Chiddingfold, Surrey. GU8 4UR, who is well prepared to receive monies no matter how small or large! Also the Surgery is always happy to receive donations on our behalf.

Creighton Redman

Chairman,
Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery.



Beef Stifado - Serves 4

A delicious winter dinner, or serve it at a supper party to impress your friends or family!

Ingredients

1	Tbsp Olive Oil
8oz	Chopped Onions
8oz	Tin Chopped Tomatoes
	Juice of one Lemon
1 tsp	Salt and Pepper
2	Crushed Garlic Cloves
2lbs	Shin Beef
2 tbsp	Tomato Puree
2 tsp	Mixed Herbs

1. Heat the oven to Gas Mark 2
2. Heat the oil in a casserole dish, then chop the meat into 1 inch cubes add to the oil and fry until brown.
2. Add the onions and garlic.
3. Add the tomatoes, tomato puree, lemon juice and dried herbs and seasonings.
4. Add some cold water to cover the meat and mix thoroughly and slow cook in the oven for at least 3 hours.
5. Serve with rice or mashed potato and green beans or savoy cabbage.

Traditional Irish Stew - serves 4

Lean lamb is layered with potatoes and other veggies and baked to fork-tenderness. A perfect main dish for a St. Patrick's Day dinner, and a great way to introduce kids to a new meat.

Ingredients

2 lbs.	boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1-inch thick
4	medium potatoes, sliced 1/2 inch thick
2	medium onions, sliced 1/4 inch thick
2	medium carrots, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch
1 tsp.	salt
1/4 tsp	black pepper
1/2 tsp.	thyme
1 cup	water
2 tbsp	chopped fresh parsley



1. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees C
2. In a large covered casserole, layer the ingredients in the following order: lamb cubes, sliced potatoes, sliced onions, sliced celery, sliced carrots, sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper and thyme.
3. Add the water to the pot, cover, and slowly bring to a boil over medium-low heat.
4. Let simmer for 5 minutes, then transfer the pot to the oven and bake, without lifting the lid or stirring, for 2 to 2-1/2 hours or until the lamb is tender.
5. Sprinkle with chopped parsley, stir very gently to mix (the potatoes will be very soft) and serve.

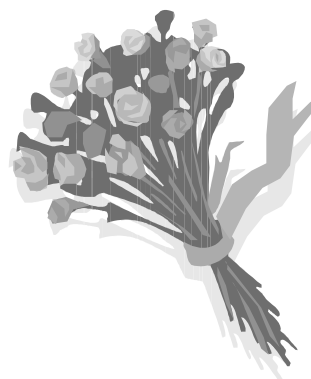
Flowers

There are women whose thoughtful husbands buy them flowers for no reason. And then there's me. One day I couldn't stand it any longer.

"Why don't you ever bring me flowers?" I asked.

"What's the point?" my husband said. "They die after about a week."

"So could you," I shot back, "but I still like having you



Village Fete

Sat 19th June

Progress has been made in organising the Village Fete. We will continue (from 1988) a traditional fete with competition stalls (coconuts, hoop-la, etc) stalls and displays by various local organisations, including vintage cars and motor-cycles. Contact me if you haven't been invited.

Selling stalls will include plants, books, bric-a-brac and a silent auction. There will be cream teas, a barbecue, a Pimm's bar and a beer bar. We will have a 'Novelty' Dog Show and Liphook Miniature Train Club have been invited to attend again.

A Grand Fete Draw is being organised and sponsors are being sort for prizes - contact Carlo Moriano (01428 682954).

If you have any items for the Silent Auction, bric-a-brac or books please let John Tidmarsh know (01428 682067) and he will arrange collection and storage.

If you wish to run a stall or can help in any way you should contact me.

On the last few fetes a large marquee has been hired for displays in the afternoon and a dance party in the evening - see separate information below.

Mic Coleman
01428 582977



Save The Date – Saturday 19th June 2009
7.30pm – 12 midnight

Mid-Summer Party In a Marquee on the Cricket Green

Live Music from Little Twist (www.littletwist.co.uk)
(formally known as 'Toxic Sausage')

Dress : Summers' Evening

We are now selling tables, the cost per ticket is £25.00 per person. Guests will be responsible for providing their own food and drink, crockery, glasses, cutlery etc. etc. Tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis and a deposit will be requested.

To reserve a table please contact:

Vicki Hinde on 01428 682716 or email vicki.hinde@btopenworld.com

or

Tim Parker Email: tim@feathercombe.com Tel: 01483 860443 Mobile: 07753 606 810

All profits from the evening will be donated to Hambledon Football Club. If you know of any organisation or individual who may wish to be a sponsor please let us know.

Marquee Available

Many of you in the village will already be aware that we put up a large marquee for the village fete and the mid-summer party in the evening. The costs to do this are quite extensive and we would like to offer the marquee to another other charity who may wish to use it on the Friday evening for their own fund-raising purposes at a competitive rate. If you think you could make use of this facility and would like more information please contact me.

Vicki Hinde Tel: 01428 682716 email: vicki.hinde@btopenworld.com





MARCH AT THE MERRY HARRIERS

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils"



Don't forget that you can book out our movie room to show a favourite film on a loved one's birthday

Tuesday 2nd: The '60's, '70's, '80's and '90's Quiz, our last until the autumn. Eight rounds covering 40 years of music, sport and current affairs. Starts at 8:00pm, £1 per person entry with £20 first prize. All proceeds to CHASE.



Wednesday 3rd: Book Club at 8:00pm.

Sunday 7th, 21st and 28th: Kid's movies every Sunday at 3:30pm.

Tuesday 9th: 'The Ups and Downs of a Handyman' on the big screen. Movie starts 8:15pm. Hardly a masterpiece, this 1970's 'slap & tickle' film was shot locally with the final scenes in the Merry Harriers. Adults only.

Wednesday 10th: Movie Club. 'Mesrine' Part Two at 8:15pm.

Sunday 14th: Mother's Day Lunch. Treat mum to Sunday Lunch or even combine it with a special llama trek (no kid's movie this week).

Tuesday 16th: Steak Night!! – 2 rumps, and a bottle of house wine for £25.



Wednesday 17th: Let's Lunch for CHASE. For the second year we will be holding a let's lunch event in aid of CHASE hospice care for children. The event will consist of a 3 course lunch for £15.00 all of which will be donated to CHASE. Author, Wine and Beer Tasting tutor and musical & literary events producer Jane Peyton will join us as our guest speaker. Last year we raised over £400.00 with our suppliers donating food and our staff their time. Why not get a group of friends together for lunch before the Easter break commences and help CHASE at the same time? Booking essential, so please book early.



Saturday 20th: Caribbean Night. Come and join us for a night of jerk chicken, reggae and limbo! All profits will go to the Haiti Earthquake appeal.

Saturday 27th: Massively popular local blues masters Cryin' Out Loud are back. 8:30pm.

Coming next month: Murder Mystery Night.....



Six Nations - EVERY GAME LIVE! (13th, 14th and 20th March) plus
Champions League, FA Cup 5th Round, UEFA Europa League

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

All in the month of March

Summertime starts on March 28th - don't forget to put clocks forwards 1 hour!

Ross's
ramblings

At last a chink of Spring in the offing after a horrible few months, so start polishing the old hip flask because soon Summer picnics will beckon!

All in the month of March

- It was 100 years ago:- on 8th March 1910, that John Moore-Brabason became the first person in the UK to qualify as a pilot.
- It was 80 years ago:- on 6th March 1930 that Clarence Birdseye first launched frozen food for sale – in Springfield Massachusetts. It was a success from the start.
- It was 75 years ago:- on 16th March 1935 that Adolf Hitler was on the march.... he ordered the rearming of Germany, in violation of the Treaty of Versailles.
- It was 50 years ago:- on 21st March 1960, that the Sharpeville Massacre took place in South Africa. Police opened fire on a group of black anti-Apartheid demonstrators, killing 69 and wounding 180.
- It was 40 years ago:- on 5th March 1970 that The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons came into effect, having been ratified by 43 nations.
- It was 30 years ago:- on 4th March 1980, that Robert Mugabe was elected as Zimbabwe's first black prime minister.
- It was 25 years ago:- on 2nd March, 1985, that the US Government approved a screening test for AIDS, allowing contaminated blood to be excluded from blood transfusions.
- It was 20 years ago this month: - on 31st March, 1990, that there were poll tax riots in London
- It was 15 years ago this month:- on 2nd March 1995, that the British 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings Bank.
- It was 10 years ago:- on 26th March, 2000, that Vladimir Putin was elected President of the Russian Federation.
- 27th March clocks go forward 1 hour as British Summer Time starts on the 28th.

From the mouths of Children

A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later "Da-ad"

"I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to smack you!"

Five minutes later, "Daaaa-aaaad."

"What?"

"When you come in to smack me, can you bring a drink of water?"

- An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!"
- One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

Q. Name the four seasons.

A. Salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What causes the tides in the oceans?

A. The tides are a fight between the Earth and the moon. All waters tend to flow towards the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.

Goodwife Jan's last of the summer wine tour - Part4

The story so far – GWJ and Ross along with their friends the Rev Heathenwacker and his wife Cerridwen are on their hols in the lovely seaside town of Lyme Regis when they hear to their horror that the nasty villain Nosy Bumpkin has been released on parole. When they find that a local sect called 'The Cobblers' are suspected of smuggling drugs (and much worse) Cornish pasties into Devon and Dorset they start to put two and two together. While out walking

the Cobb they spot a bag falling off a speedboat as it speeds away. It contains Cornish pasties!

"This will be the end of the Devon and Dorset pasty business if we get flooded with these cheap Cornish pasties," said the Rev.

"But I thought that Cornish pasties were the best." I stopped as the Rev gave me a look that would have turned milk.

"It was many years ago when the Cornish stole our recipe," he said, "only the lowest of the low would smuggle Cornish pasties."

Much later after the ladies had munched an afternoon tea, that would have defeated an elephant, we were back in our digs at the Bottle Inn at Marshwood Vale and sitting at the bar with a glass or two.

"What's the special on the menu tonight," asked GWJ.

"Tonight is called Pasty Surprise," answered Shane the landlord. "I got a good deal on some pasties today and have turned them into something special."

"Where did you get them from?" said Cerridwen.

"A chap came knocking on the pub door today," said Shane.

"What did he look like?" said the Rev quietly.

"Just like anybody really," said Shane, "Oh, but he did have a large nose."

"Nosy Bumpkin", we all said together.

"He is coming back tomorrow," said Shane.

"We had better come up with a plan," said GWJ

Next time – swimming in West Bay

Icons of England



HAMBLEDON YOUTH GROUPS

SPANGLES YOUTH GROUP for 7-10 year olds meets every Thursday during term time at Hambleton Village Hall from 5:30pm- 6-30pm. It is a chance for this age group to make friends in the village and discover God's character through anything from arts and crafts to drama, silly games, conversations and cooking. This term we'll be looking at how to be healthy both physically and spiritually. All are welcome to join us in wheelbarrow races and popcorn prayers!



HAMBLEDON YOUTH GROUP for 11-16 year olds meets every Thursday evening during term time at the Church rooms from 6:45- 8pm. The group is an opportunity for the young people in the village to meet up each week, share their highs and lows and discuss faith themed topics that are explored in a number of different ways through art, music, visual aids, dramas, quizzes and games, to accommodate the dynamics of the group! All are welcome to join!

ALSO, keep a look out in the village for our posters advertising our termly YOUTH EVENTS that invite all aged 11-16 years to join us in anything from Rounders and BBQs to Competitions, Quizzes and Games!

In January we celebrated the New Year with a party at Hambleton Village Hall, playing games such as extreme apple bobbing fast paced Pictionary and a prize winning quiz!

For further information regarding Hambleton Youth Groups, please contact Jessi Poulson at: jessitrinitytrust-team@hotmail.co.uk

(Youth Worker for St Peter's Hambleton Church and Trinity Trust Team)

Adam & Eve

At Sunday School the children were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Little Josh was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down and looking scared. "Josh, what is the matter?"

Josh whispered fearfully: "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Hambledon Ups and Downs



**The day started fine but a chill wind kept us moving.
Sunshine was replaced later by snow.**

Ten of us set off from Compton to walk to Guildford and back, a distance, our leader John Adams informed us, of seven miles. Apart from a few snowdrops, the route was notable more for its evidence of human life than for that of flora or fauna.

The day started fine but a chill wind kept us moving. Sunshine was replaced later by snow.

We parked by Watts Cemetery Chapel (completed in 1904) and headed east past Coneycroft Farm towards Polsted Manor (believed to date from the 18th century and now a block of apartments) where we turned north to climb to the top of Guilddown to walk east along the chalk ridge of the Hog's Back. Between trees we could see Guildford cathedral shining in the sun on one side, and Loseley Park on the other. Heavy traffic on the A31 and A3 was audible rather than visible.

On the right we passed the telecom masts and then, on the left, we passed Henley Fort, now an outdoor education centre, and home of the Henley Fort Young Persons Enactment Society founded in 2004. Henley Fort was a mobilisation centre built in the 1880s as a response to the threat of invasion from France. No arms or ammunition were stored on the site and it was never fully manned. We were amused to note that teenagers in the playground with ropes and climbing frames all wore hard hats. A sign of the times we reckoned.

Heading downhill we walked through the Mount cemetery, burial place of Lewis Carroll, pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832-1898), and Edward Carpenter (1844-1929) described in Wikipedia as an English socialist poet, anthologist, early gay activist and socialist philosopher. Small plaques drew attention to both graves.

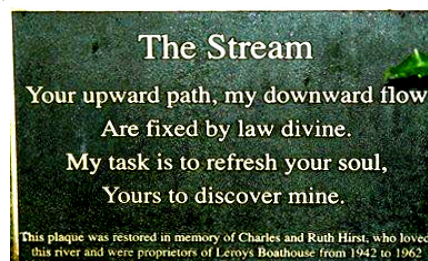
Large notices at the entrances to the cemetery drew attention to dangerous headstones. These were marked by warning tapes and, we were told, must not be touched or approached.

Next to the cemetery overlooking Guildford and the River Wey, was Booker's Tower. We stopped here to drink our coffee and to admire the views of Debenhams, the castle and the urban sprawl of the town. Booker's Tower is a four-storey, Gothic-style, octagonal tower commissioned by Charles Booker, a mayor of Guildford, and completed in 1839.

Refreshed, we continued downhill to cross the A3100 and to briefly join the North Downs Way past

the ruins of St Catherine's Chapel (built in the early 1300s) to meet the River Wey by Artington Spring, known locally as St Catherine's Well, the waters of which were once thought to have medicinal properties.

Just before reaching the towpath, almost hidden by shrubbery a plaque was brought to our attention. The plaque was restored in memory of Charles and Ruth Hirst, proprietors of Leroy's Boathouse from 1942 to 1962. The inscription on the plaque is shown below.



Trying not to slip in the mud on the towpath and fall into the canal, we reached St Catherine's Lock and turned west to head back towards Compton past Mount Browne, Loseley House (built 1560s), Polsted Manor and Coneycroft Farm again.

We stopped at a pub in Crofton (which, another sign of the times, was full of babies) where we ate, unusual for some of us, an abstemious lunch, before driving back to Hambledon.

Next Walk

Tuesday 9th March

Leader Robert Avery

Met at the Village Hall at 9.00 am

The walk is about 8 1/4 miles long, following the valley towards Westcott but before then swinging south to Wotton and Friday Street. Then west over the hill to Abinger Common and a pub lunch at the Abinger Hatch at about the 5 mile mark. The return to Gomshall is along the south side of the Tillingbourne Valley. Generally easy-if-rolling terrain, but I can't vouch for the underfoot conditions.

Note that those meeting at the Village Hall in Hambledon will then proceed to Gomshall station to meet Robert. at about 9.45 for the start of the walk

Short Walk

Tuesday 23rd March

Leader Mary Parker

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00 pm



Fixtures. The 2010 fixtures are complete and the first game will be the Friendly XI playing on Sun. 25th April, away, against Hale, weather permitting. The first league game will be a 1st. XI League Fixture on Sun. 2nd. May, away, and 2nd. XI. on Sat. 1st. May, away.

Anyone who would like to play, or help in other ways, i.e. Teas, umpiring etc. please contact the captains.

Colts. We operate under the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands Policy" with Surrey CC to promote Child Welfare and protection.

We plan to split the colts coaching sessions and they will run as follows:-

SATURDAY MORNINGS (10.00 – 12.00) 17th APRIL to 24th JULY FOR UNDER 9's and UNDER 11's.

MONDAY EVENINGS (6.30 – 8.00) FROM 19th.APRIL to 26th. JULY FOR UNDER 13's.

Signing-on and Practice will start on the cricket green on Sat. 17th. April. The age groups will be run and marshalled by the following people:-

Under 13's : Team Managers:

Bob Cunningham, Tel: 01428 683970. mobile: 07768 374 921. Email: bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk

Gary Brown Tel: 01428 685449

Under 11's : Team Manager: Simon Rhodes, Tel: 01428 682401 (mobile. 07850 832054)

Under 9's : Team Manager: Andy Hinde, Tel: 01428 682716

We need your help with Coaching & Team Manager(s) & Volunteers for all groups.

If you are a colts Dad or Mum we need your help. Please call, Simon Rhodes (01428 682401), Andy Hinde (01428 682716), Caroline Tristem (01428 685455) or Bob Cunningham (01428 683970) or email bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk.

The season runs from mid April through to mid July and generally involves training each Saturday morning or a week day evening. There will be matches at the weekend on Sunday morning and in the evenings during the week. Training for helpers will be given via the Club Coaches/Managers under the Surrey CC guidance etc. Hambledon Cricketers run this programme on a voluntary basis and we need as much help as possible. We will not only need help on the Saturday mornings but also with the matches. The coaches / managers will be umpiring but we will need volunteers to help with scoring / fielding practices and generally keeping the boys/girls under control. So please make an effort to join us, leave the gardening behind and come and lend your support. If any parent would like to take up coaching for Hambledon Colts, HCC will sponsor them for the ECB Coaching course. Please call the colts managers for more details.

EQUIPMENT

The club is able to supply most equipment however it is obviously far better if colts were are able to bring their own equipment. There will be some club caps / jumpers and shirts available at the start of the season.

We are also keen to welcome new players of all ages to the club, so please mention it to friends at school and encourage them to come along. Dad's, we are continuing with the senior part of the club with a 2nd XI playing in the local Village League – this is a very friendly but competitive league so if you fancy turning out please don't hesitate to contact the captains. Also don't forget we also run some Friendly XI's during the season.

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

Ian Houston (020 74502591) or (0775183264)

Martin Johnson (01483 452811)

Secretary: Bruce Sleep (01428 684454)

President: Mic. Coleman, (01428 682977).

Hambledon Cricket Club has its own Web Site on the World Wide Web where many items of news, history, and the results etc. for 2009 and 2010 will be held. You can find us on www.hambledon.play-cricket.com

Arthur Blackman, Chairman

Happy

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Captive, yet unresisting

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *Christ Mocked – The Crowning with Thorns*, by Hieronymus Bosch. It hangs in The National Gallery in London

GOD IN THE ARTS

The following poignant words form the final verse of the Lent Prose, which will be sung in many churches during this month of March.

*Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our redeemer.*

The month ends with the opening days of Holy Week, when we relive our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As the days of that week proceed, we see how quickly the exultant shouts of 'Hosanna' change into the cries of 'Crucify him' as the innocent one is taken captive and unresisting to Pilate and raised up on the cross on Good Friday.

The painting this month leads us into Holy Week with a depiction of Jesus surrounded by human cruelty and vindictiveness in Bosch's *Christ Mocked – The Crowning with Thorns*. Hieronymus Bosch was a Dutch artist who died in 1516.

Bosch has painted that moment the crown of thorns is about to be pressed on the head of the Saviour. The top two figures are probably soldiers. The one on the right wears a spiked collar, possibly a dog collar, reminding us of that verse in Psalm 22, 'For dogs are all around me: a company of evildoers encircles me.' The soldier on the left is more menacing with a crossbow bolt through his turban as he brings down the crown of thorns with an armoured fist. The two men below seem caught up in the hysteria of the mob, one with a crescent moon on his head dress showing his opposition to Christianity, and the other a man from the crowd grabbing at the robe of Jesus.

Recent infra-red examination of this painting has shown that Bosch originally wanted the tormentors to look more violent with one of the soldiers grabbing Jesus with both hands, and the man on the bottom left shouting and holding a longer stick. So Bosch has toned down the brutality of the scene, but the painting still has tremendous power and impact as we see Jesus hemmed in on all sides by human violence.

William Blake wrote 'Cruelty has a Human Heart.' Here we see not just the heart of cruelty, but its face as well. And in the centre, gazing out at us, is the face of Jesus, more serene than reproachful, more dignified than accusing. The contrast of good and evil is not just shown in the faces, but in the clothes. Jesus wears a white robe, a symbol of inno-

cence and goodness which suffer in an evil world. As one critic has described this painting – a still from a Passion Play with the moment of crowning suspended in time like the crown held over the head of Jesus.

Time and time again we know how innocence and goodness are besieged and oppressed by human cruelty and the misuse of power. Look at the eyes of the four figures around Jesus: they tell the story of human callousness just as much as their actions. As we look on Jesus at the heart of this torment, we realise again the harsh reality of goodness trodden down in a savage world.

The month of March ends as we begin Holy Week. It is a week that culminates not in this display of mockery and malice against all that is good in life. Love and life will triumph, and the crown of thorns will be replaced by the crown of glory as the Jesus who looks out at us from this canvas will walk into our lives as Lord and Saviour at the dawning of Easter Day. You can see a copy of the painting at: <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/hieronymus-bosch-christ-mocked-the-crowning-with-thorns>



Gardening in March

Preparing the garden for Spring and beyond!

GENERAL

Now is the time to transfer the work done throughout the winter months into what is required for the spring and Summer, by making the soil ready to receive seeds and plants. The lawn should be given attention by feeding the parts where the grass is thin and seeding areas where the grass has been completely worn away, or the soil needs replacing because it is inhibiting growth, or discolouring of the grass. You may find it quicker and more beneficial to use turf in some areas such as grass paths. Look at all paths and repair where needed.

FLOWERS

New borders or vacant areas should be prepared ready to receive biennials and perennials next month. Remove any leaves and other debris from borders and give them a fork over. Tidy up plants such as Wall-flowers by cutting away broken shoots, then cover exposed roots and firm all plants into the ground. You can start transplanting and firming in alpiners. You may need to protect early flowering bulbs from frost.

When the weather is dry and mild start sowing the hardy annuals such as Clarkias, Sweet Peas and stocks. Read your seed packets to see which should be sown.

Now is the time to plant layered Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, Pansies and Violas, Ranunculus and Roses. Propagate Rock plants by division.

PRUNING

Now is the time to tidy the creepers. Be ruthless with old, worn out and leggy growth. Cut back to twelve inches (30cm) from the ground. Seize the chance to start pruning roses. Box edging should be trimmed and damaged plants replaced. Hollies, Laurels, Bays, Rhododendrons and Conifers can be moved or trimmed.

SEEDS TO SOW

A long list now, but you will find others that attract your fancy on the walls of garden centres: ageratums, antirrhinums (snapdragon), cannas, carnations, celosias (cocks comb), China asters, chrysanthemums, delphiniums, dianthus, freesias, gloxinias, heliotropes, hollyhocks, lobelias, pansies, Penstemons, petunias, polyanthus, primulas, salvias, stocks and verbenas. Later in the month try: alyssum, anchusas, anemones, arabis, aralias, arenaria, asparagus, asters, balsams, calceolarias, calendulas, cinerarias, clivias, coleus Blumei, draba, eryngiums, fuchsias, grevilleas, linums, nasturtiums, nemesia, nicotiana, perilla, phloxes, salpiglossis, scabious, stocks (ten-week), streptocarpus, sweet peas, tagetes (African marigolds) thunbergias and zinnias.

CUTTINGS

Now is the time to try cuttings of: aburilons, acacias,

carnations (winter flowering or perpetual), chrysanthemums (single late-flowering), fuchsias, gardenias, geraniums and petunias. Rooted cuttings of fuchsias, geraniums (pelargoniums), heliotropes and marguerites, should be potted on. Dahlia roots, Marvels of Peru and old pelargoniums should be placed in the warm so that cuttings can be obtained.



VEGETABLES

Have a look at the ground that has been dug and left over the winter and make it ready to receive the seeds. Remove any over wintered greens. The birds will now start to take an interest in your efforts so pay some attention to keeping them away. The hoe will now start to become your main form of exercise. New Asparagus beds should be made when required. For those who like mint, renew the beds by lifting and replanting in below ground containers to prevent it spreading round the garden.

SEEDS TO SOW

When you sow the first seeds find a warm, sheltered place to help them along their path to maturity. Try Broad beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbages, carrots, cauliflowers, corn salad, dwarf French beans, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuces, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas, radishes, seakale, shallots, spinach, swedes, tomatoes and turnips.

PLANTING

If you have started peas off indoors now is the time to plant them out. Now is the time to plant Artichokes (Chinese) and asparagus. Chives can be divided and planted out in a warm sheltered position. Try some early potatoes.

Broad Beans sown earlier can be planted out in the garden under glass. Leeks sown earlier should be pricked out into boxes.

Get the packets of asparagus, broccoli, cucumbers, dwarf French beans, leeks, lettuces, melons, onions, parsley, peas, rhubarb, seakale and tomatoes. Start some marrows off in pots for later transfer to frames.



TREES AND SHRUBS

Have a look round and clean up areas such as the shrub border. You can protect tender plants with boughs of pruned evergreen and garden fleece. Those favourite plants should be propagated by division and graftings to insure perpetuation as the month draws to a close. Seize the opportunity to plant any last minute deciduous shrubs and trees.





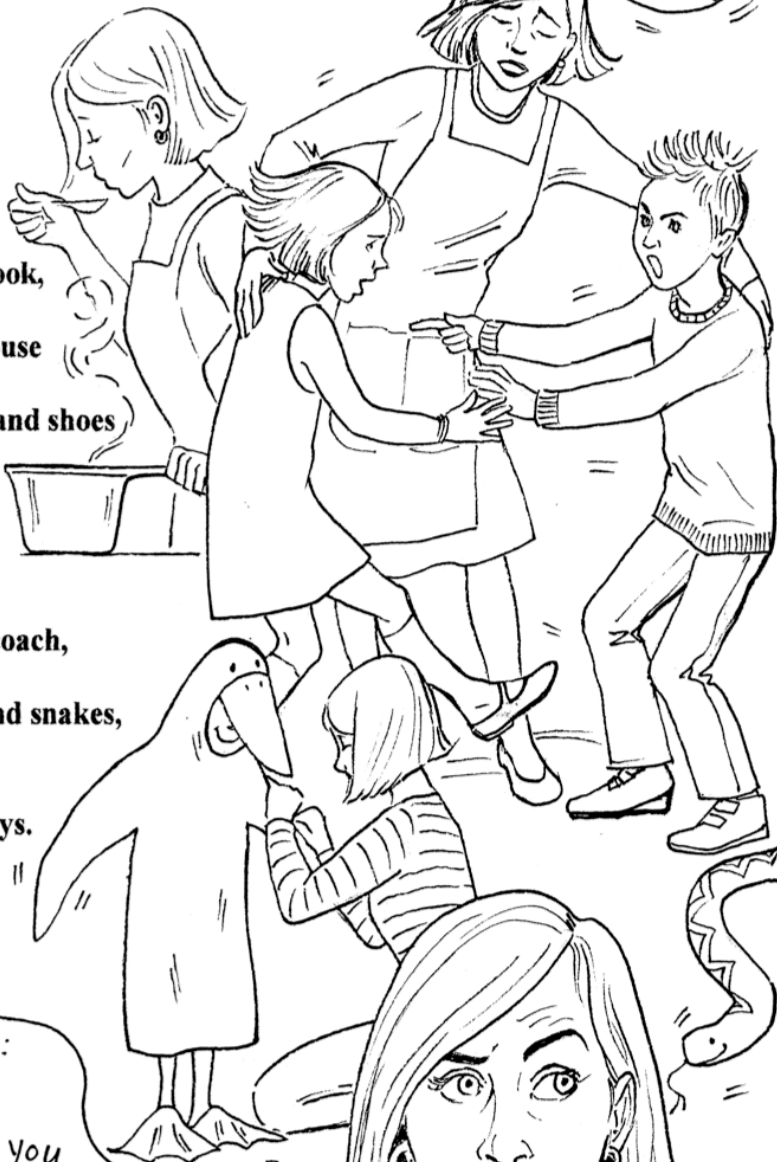
Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



Job Description

A very special person
For a very special post.
Someone who knows how to cook,
(Especially beans on toast.)
Someone who can clean the house
And drive children to school,
And buy the food and clothes and shoes
And use most household tools.
A teacher of all subjects,
A referee of fights,
Who, as relief from boredom,
Is an "on call" nurse at night.
A hairdresser and swimming coach,
At ease with dogs and cats,
(And hamsters, rabbits, fish and snakes,
Stick insects, birds and rats!)
Has laundry skills, a taxi cab,
Makes costumes for school plays.
Who *never* goes off duty
And whom no one *ever* pays.



The Lord said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love"
Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

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



FOLLOW ME

We quite often look at saints on this page, people who have lived their lives for others, who followed Jesus Christ and did His work. But time and time again the people that Jesus chooses aren't the ones we would have thought of as natural leaders or preachers. Someone who knew him wrote that St Paul was 'a little man, a big red nose, bandy legs and not able to speak very well'! Moses tried to



convince God that he wasn't the right person to persuade Pharaoh. In the end Moses had to take his brother Aaron to speak for him (Exodus, chapter 4).

We have to remember that we are all called to follow Jesus. We might think that it is too difficult and someone else would do the job better than we could. But by our baptism we are all called to serve and we all have different gifts and talents to bring to the job. How boring it would be if we were all the same and how great the excitement in finding out just what God want us to do.

JUMBLED JOBS

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Sarah is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAISTSAN
8. Calum is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Andy is a MAFRER.



How many schoolteachers does it take to change a light bulb?

None. Anything not completed during the lesson is added to the homework.

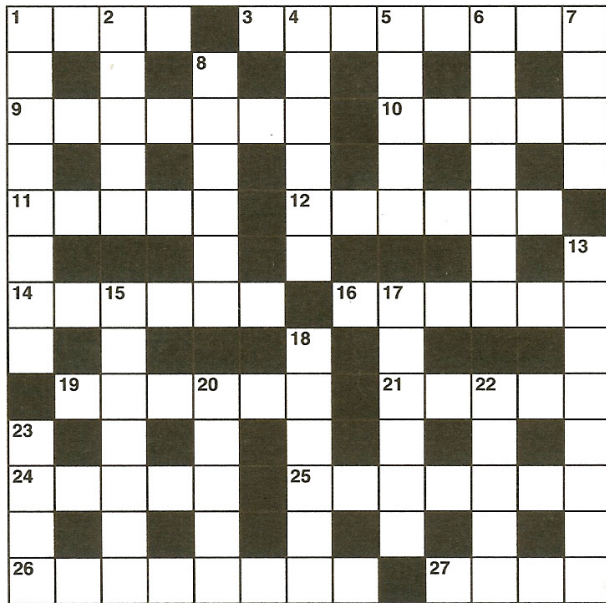
How many firemen does it take to change a light bulb?

Four - three to cut a hole in the roof and one to change the bulb.



Answers: 1.doctor 2.lorry driver 3.teacher
4.chef 5.judge 6.policeman 7.shop assistant
8.pilot 9.gardener 10. farmer

Quick Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Horse's leg joint (4)
- 3 Knitted jumper (8)
- 9 Drool (7)
- 10 Iron, lead etc (5)
- 11 Cowboy horse-riding show (5)
- 12 Tube carrying blood from the heart (6)
- 14 Naval flag (6)
- 16 Timber used in cabinet-making (6)
- 19 Spiced sausage (6)
- 21 ___ Armstrong, US cycling champion (5)
- 24 Accounts review (5)
- 25 Boring, monotonous (7)
- 26 Financially insolvent (8)
- 27 Tragic Shakespearean king (4)

DOWN

- 1 Garden watering accessory (4-4)
- 2 Large number of people (5)
- 4 Hullabaloo (6)
- 5 Apply restrictions to (5)
- 6 Old soldier (7)
- 7 Regulation (4)
- 8 Rectangle (6)
- 13 Long flowing party ribbon (8)
- 15 Temporary substitute (5-2)
- 17 Poise, composure (6)
- 18 Chessman which can move in diagonals only (6)
- 20 ___ *You've Gone*, comedy series (5)
- 22 Courage, coolness (5)
- 23 Paint messily (4)

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

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l c r t r r y f a m i l y n u
a a n e e i a g i e t e n u h
c g u a d s h y n n e i i r e
u s n t t i o r e i d w r s i
o t n i i n w l d r n i t i t
y r n r h r e d f w n r n n t
k g d i s c i p l e s g a g u
n o i t a r a p e r p r k e f
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t i i p t r e e v l m g d u r
p i l d e t r e s e d m f n s

Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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Solution to February Sodukos

Easy

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Moderate

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7	1	5	2	4	8	3	6	9
9	3	2	5	6	7	1	4	8
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Solution to February Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Hot favourite 8 Field 9 Solvent 10 Year 11 Cleanser 14 Edible 15 Scatty 17 Cuticles 18 Wing 21 Puzzled 23 Niece 24 Long-drawn-out

DOWN: 1 Hefty 2 Therapist 3 Aide 4 On sale 5 Reliance 6 Toe 7 Sturdy 12 Set fire to 13 Blackleg 14 Except

Solution to February Word Search

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I'm still not convinced that what works for Disneyland will work for us!

Hospital update

A 75 year old lady rang her local hospital with a polite enquiry. "Please could you give me some information on one of your patients? She is Mrs Tiptree in Ward 3. She was admitted last week with chest pains and I just want to know if her condition has deteriorated, stabilised or improved?"

The nurse on the ward checked the notes. "I'm pleased to say that Mrs Tiptree's condition has improved. She has regained her appetite, her temperature has steadied and after some routine checks tonight, she should be well enough to go home tomorrow."

"Oh that's wonderful news, I'm so happy, thank you ever so much!"

"You seem very relieved, are you a close friend or relative?"

"No, I'm Mrs Tiptree. Nobody tells me anything in here!"