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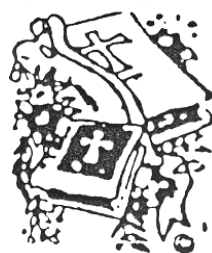
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Full details of these and any other services are set out in the Church Calendar for the month, which is shown on page 5

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

When I worked in broadcasting, the “Pending Period” in the run-up to an election was a time to invest in industrial-sized packets of headache pills. The rules governing media coverage of political parties during such a period are many and complex, and it was always an intense and demanding few weeks. Nowadays I find I still need the headache pills as I try to grasp the arguments and see past the partisan posturing so that I can use my vote wisely. I want to resist the cynicism that says that all politicians are as bad as each other, and predicts that 6th May will see one of the electoral lowest turnouts in electoral history: a recent survey revealed that only 56 per cent of Britons now believe that “it’s everyone’s obligation to vote”.

And how does my Christian faith relate to this? As a follower of Jesus I am called to be a responsible citizen, to seek God’s kingdom here on earth. I don’t believe that any political party can claim a divine mandate, or that any of our mainstream parties are inherently more Christian than the others. Christians can and do disagree about political means, and that’s fine – the important thing as Christians is that we seek outcomes that are in line with God’s values.

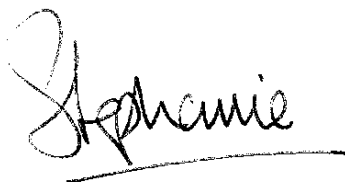
“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6: 8). “The Lord God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Gen 2: 15). God has created a world for us to take care of. God is compassionate, He loves justice, mercy, peace and truth. God cares about widows and orphans, the sick and the poor. God cares about people in prison. God cares about children, and the elderly. As we consider biblical teaching, we realise that in voting we should be asking not “What will be best for me and my family?”, but “What will most likely help to build the sort of kingdom Jesus wants for all people?” A Christian perspective will take a broad view.

If you want to consider policy issues in more detail, a possible starting point is a recent book called *Votewise Now! Helping Christians engage with the issues* (ed Rose Lynas, SPCK 2009). This has Christian contributors from across the political spectrum, considering current policy issues and biblical principles, and proposing responses. Even though we may agree more on ends than on means, the various authors raise some useful observations and questions. For example, on the economy: “God reminds Israel that he owns both the land and the people, and they cannot be treated like commodities... People must not be permanently enslaved or indebted. The things that are produced through work – food, clothing and other goods – are not to be thought of as mine in an absolute sense, but as gifts entrusted to me for the benefit of others”. On housing: “Housing is a major source of inequality... The biblical text reminds us of the importance of an integrated and long-term approach – families were given a stake in the land to secure their livelihood, dignity and identity from generation to generation”. On international policy: “Christians [must] demand a foreign policy that helps the poor [and] liberates the oppressed... Only by pursuing freedom and justice can we even begin to address poverty, extremism and climate change . . . and fight terrorism and international crime”.

As at the last General Election, there are plans for Churches Together to arrange hustings on Friday 23rd April with all our local candidates so that we can meet them and question them for ourselves. Above all it’s my prayer that we can all seek God’s direction for our nation and, on an individual level, seek His wisdom on how we engage with the political process and use our vote. In a democracy, politics is the way in which we determine how society is ordered, and what values will prevail. There are no political decisions which are neutral, free of moral values and implications. So we must reject any suggestion

that faith has no place in politics, and indeed recognise we have a duty to engage with the influencing process.

May whichever party and individuals come to power on 6th May act with integrity, courage and God-given wisdom to lead our nation, and may we honour our obligation to be involved, and to pray for our leaders whether we agree with them or not.



Stephanie Couvela,
Associate Minister,
Busbridge and Hambledon

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2010

2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
5th Sunday of Easter	11.00 am	Family Worship
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10th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
6th Sunday of Easter	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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13th Thursday	7.30 pm	A Churches Together service
Ascension Day		at St John's Farncombe , followed by supper
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16th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
7th Sunday of Easter	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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23rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Pentecost	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) (with Children's Groups)
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30th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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<u>and in June</u>		
6th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
1st Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Family Worship
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Saturday 22 May

9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms

A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome

Services at St. John's, Busbridge – every Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday in the month BCP)

10.00 am "Classic" service in Church; "Contemporary" service in Busbridge Junior School;

Groups for children of all ages in various locations – turn up and ask!

6.30pm Evening Worship

PARISH & PEOPLE



What a wonderful array of daffodils have graced the village and surrounding area this year and it is only now, well into April, that they are beginning to show signs of departure.

Hambledon Church was a riot of colour both inside and out for Easter and we are always grateful to those who give of their time and talent in arranging such a beautiful show both for Easter and the wedding of Isobel and Maximo Ulrich that followed the following

week.

After such a trying winter we now await with great anticipation the arrival of bluebells!

Many congratulations to Joan Elliott of Maple Bungalow who celebrates her 95th birthday this month and our good wishes to the family of Una Hedley who would have celebrated her 100th birthday during May. Una sadly died in South Africa in November 2009.

Word Play for Lexophiles

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| 1 | If you don't pay your exorcist you can get re-possessed. | 6 | Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under. |
| 2 | With her marriage she got a new name and a dress. | 7 | A calendar's days are numbered. |
| 3 | Show me a piano falling down a mine and I will show you A-flat miner. | 8 | A lot of money is tainted. 'taint yours and 'taint mine. |
| 4 | The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered. | 9 | Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.' |
| 5 | A grenade fell onto a floor in France resulting in Linoleum Blownapart. | 10 | The roundest knight at King Arthur's table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. |



Relax! I'm not the prison chaplain - I've just been given three months for wearing a crucifix in public!



"It was the best we could do whilst the churchbells are being replaced – and O Sole Mio is quite a nice tune."

Mission Lunch for Haiti

Grateful thanks to all who kindly helped raise some £300 for the Tear Fund work in Haiti, including some specially generous donations.

Spring has arrived!



Who would miss being in England at this time of year?

Spring has come ! Earthworm is delighted to greet the sunshine at last, but wishes the cold wind would moderate. He hardly dare whisper that now he would like a little rain! He is trying to plant his vegetables and the ground really is getting rather hard and dry. There will also be the problem of watering them once they are in unless we get some rain. Gardeners are truly never satisfied, just like farmers!

Earthworm can barely think about the election which is almost upon us. Will all the hype in the run-up just drive us all to distraction and abstention? Or do we actually care quite a lot about what is happening now and may happen in the future? Might a change be a good thing? Who can tell yet alone believe all that is being said or written ? Earthworm feels like just burying himself in his compost heap to get away from it all.

Who would miss being in England at this time of year? Earthworm thinks it is truly beautiful. There are daffodils everywhere, in and out of gardens, by the road, outside people's gates; and these together with the cherry blossom, prunuses and magnolias contribute to a countryside for which we should indeed be grateful. Earthworm's dread is the late May frost that can cause devastation in just a single night. The may is still in flower in our hedgerows so we must be watchful, especially as the peaches and pears are in flower and the apple buds ready to burst. The country's fruit harvest depends on these next few critical weeks. We must wait patiently and see what transpires.

Earthworm will be reporting next month as we welcome the new editor and give an enormous thank-you to our patient out-going Ed!

What is Ascension Day?

The History of Ascension Day

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection. On the 40th day, he came again to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

According to Augustine of Hippo, one of the early church fathers, the Feast of Ascension originated with the Apostles. John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nyssa, contemporaries of Augustine, refer to it as being one of the oldest feasts practiced by the Church, possibly going as far back as AD 68. There is no written evidence, however, of the Church honouring Ascension Day until Augustine's time in the fourth century.

Ascension Day Traditions

As an Ecumenical feast, Ascension Day is one of the six holy days where attendance at Mass is mandatory for Roman Catholics and Anglicans. The event is generally a one-day public commemoration, although the Church, in keeping with earlier traditions regarding festivals, offers devotions for seven days.

The night before the feast, priests and deacons

attend a vigil of prayers and scripture readings. On the day of the feast, Mass is attended and the Paschal candle, which was lit on Easter Sunday, is extinguished. Liturgies proclaiming the finished work of salvation and the ascension of the glorified Christ into Heaven are recited, followed later by evening prayers. At the end of the seven-day devotion, two additional days are kept by the priests, making a total of nine days (a novena). The novena allows for the preparation of Pentecost, which takes place the next day.

Churches around the world observe many Ascension Day traditions, such as "the blessing of the first fruits," in which grapes and beans are blessed. Some churches depict the Ascension of Christ by raising a statue of Jesus above the altar and lifting it through a special door in the roof. Other churches have outdoor processions with torches and banners. In an old Ascension Day tradition from England, parishioners carried a banner bearing the symbol of a lion at the head of the procession, and a second banner bearing the symbol of a dragon at the rear. This represented the victory of Christ over the devil.

For many Christians, Ascension Day's meaning provides a sense of hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within their hearts, and of the ever-present Spirit of God, watching over and protecting them as they spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world.



Shirley Pollock - a tribute

by Geoffrey Arkell-Hardwick, a close friend,
at her memorial service at All Saints Church, Witley on Friday 9 April,
taken by Rev. Stephanie Couvela, of St. Peter's Church, Hambledon

It's wonderful to see the church so full for Shirley's special thanksgiving. Shirley is buried at St. Peter's church, Hambledon, where she and Nigel have been regular members for many years, playing a full part in every aspect of church life; and, of course, Nigel continues to do so. Since Brackenwood is away from the centre of Witley, Shirley has always felt rather cut off from village life here, so she solved the problem by supporting both churches over several periods. St Peter's is too small for our gathering, so on two counts, it's fitting that today we're here at All Saints.

Shirley was born Shirley Byass in 1935, into a successful farming family in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The farmhouse was very much the centre of the local community – one of its amenities being a telephone! Shirley grew up the eldest of three children with lots of riding, chickens, helping with lambing, milking cows and summer holidays spent on the bracing east coast!! An early exposure perhaps to some of the influences which would help to shape the unique character that we knew as Shirley!!

The good folk of Yorkshire seemed to have been singled out, when in 1940, rumours abounded of Hitler's intention to invade the East coast; so Shirley and her younger sister Angela were sent to relations in the West Riding. Whether this influenced German plans isn't known, but the invasion was called off!!

Early schooling was at Harrogate and in 1946 brother Anthony was born. Two years later, following in their Mother's foot steps, Shirley and Angela started school at Tudor Hall in Banbury, which was much to Shirley's liking – tennis, lacrosse, horses, animals and apparently a little school work as well! Good exam results, led to a Secretarial Course while waiting to take up a place at St. Thomas's for nursing training.

This was the ideal time for Shirley to develop her social and networking skills: 'Young Farmers' Club, the nearby RAF Station at Driffield with plentiful young officers, dances, tennis parties and sailing. A date with the son of Frank Whittle, the inventor of the jet engine, may have added a certain 'Boost' to Shirley's developing character!!

The rather daunting St. Thomas's, was the next hurdle. The very rigid, Florence Nightingale routine at that time, was particularly tough, and after six months Shirley moved to the West London Hospital, Hammer-smith. This was hands-on caring nursing, with responsibility, and a happy time for Shirley. Long hours did still leave a little time to play, and in the latter half of the '50s, bottle parties and coffee bars, were much in

vogue. A short holiday at Cap Ferrat in the South of France was a bonus, and Shirley had a taste of some of the finer things of life when, she and her friend were 'picked-up' by two young men, anxious to show them the sights of the Cote d'Azur from the backs of their Scooters! Whether this experience shaped Shirley's style of driving, I have no idea!!

Four years of nursing was followed by a mid-wifery course at Hackney, and in September 1958 she met Nigel at a friend's engagement party. Nigel whisked Shirley off her feet, and they were engaged within two months. The wedding took place after the all-important Harvest in September of 1959.

Married life began in a small flat in Wimbledon where Joanna was born in 1961. In 1962 the family came to live in a cottage in Dunsfold, a few miles from here and in 1963 Lindsey was born. Space dictated that another move was necessary, and in December 1965, Brackenwood, became the family home for the next 44 years, with Shirley at its heart.

Robert arrived shortly afterwards and Nick in 1968. Sadly, Lindsey's disabilities which had followed her birth, eventually dictated that she would need the specialist facilities and care that even the most loving home would be unable to provide. One can only imagine the anguish that Shirley and Nigel must have experienced in having to make the decision.

Shirley was a 'home maker' in every sense of the word: a loving, loyal and supportive wife to Nigel and a loving mother and champion of the children: encouraging hobbies and sporting activities; ensuring growth in a Christian environment; securing a good education which would lead to worthwhile careers; wise counselling along the way, and perhaps best of all, seeing them in turn make happy marriages, leading to the pleasures of an extended family with four grandchildren, all of whom Shirley clearly adored.

Many know that for some time Nick and Lucy have been frustrated in their quest to adopt, and in the last year or so they decided to seek an Ethiopian baby, quite an undertaking without doubt.

Last April, supportive as ever, Shirley and Nigel flew to Addis Ababa to see and appreciate for themselves the realities of adopting a baby from such a different world. Travelling conditions in Ethiopia were tough but Shirley needed to see that adoption was right, and would bring happiness to Nick, Lucy, and the baby; and she did just that. Nick in particular has told us of the wise counselling and support that Lucy and he received from Shirley and Nigel throughout the protracted process

In January, during her last few days, Shirley heard the wonderful news that all was in place and that she was to be a Grandmother for the fifth time!!

I'd like to take a moment to thank family, friends, and neighbours for their often spontaneous, but always loving and very considered stories and personal memories. I can only hope to give a flavour of their content.

After moving to Witley, it quickly became clear that friendliness, interest in, and love and care of others, was second-nature to Shirley. To this she added generous and considerate hospitality, a gentle but always wholesome inquisitiveness, coupled with an incredible, and almost instinctive feel for the needs of others, to which she responded, whenever she was able. Others might stand by, but Shirley waded in. 'Outreach' is a word with which we're familiar, but Shirley gave it practical expression!

She became so involved in all that happened locally, giving generously of her time to almost every cause. In particular was her welcoming of new arrivals to the neighbourhood which really was her forte, and her caring for those in trouble, or sick or elderly. Rarely did she go on holiday without bringing back flowers or gift for those she was caring for; otherwise it might be a cake or something equally thoughtful. But most of all, she gave so generously of her time and her real interest in others, helping them to feel useful and valued.

Shirley's capacity to find time and energy for so many causes, sports, hobbies, social events, generous and wide ranging entertainment, and deep involvement in Christian activities of all sorts, left many of us feeling, at times, quite inadequate. It was her quiet determination, charming and gentle persuasive powers, which produced such amazing results. To the casual observer, so much of what Shirley did and achieved was done without apparent fuss or bother. I cannot remember her seeking praise or overtly boasting about what she did. She accepted compliments but really preferred to brush them aside. I think it was her strong Christian belief, coupled with a knowledge that she was reaching out to others, that fuelled her energy.

How else could she have brought up a large family, alongside, so many activities, from Sunday school teaching from the early years, to running and feeding hungry Youth Groups at Brackenwood, to organising Christian Aid at Hambledon for 10 years, starting Alpha Groups at this church after successfully organising them at Hambledon, cooking suppers for them, as well as for countless Harvest Suppers and many other events. I should think that feeding the 5000 with Shirley in tow would have been child's play!! Remember also that from 1986 Shirley returned to nursing at Haslemere hospital followed by Milford, and less than 10 years ago she was doing periods of Duty Nurse at Sheltered Accommodation near Cranleigh. From childhood days, Shirley was a competent horse-woman; she kept two ponies at Brackenwood which she rode with Joanna for several years. An amusing

incident that Joanna relates is that when riding together on Witley Common, Shirley, showing off, came a cropper when attempting to jump a gorse bush! Horses kept her farming interests alive which prompted her over the years, to stock the garden with a variety of chickens, bantams, cats and dogs (including a Jack Russell – which not surprisingly refused all Shirley's efforts to be trained.

When the fox mauled one of Shirley's chickens she begged the vet to stitch it together again – costing poor Nigel quite a sum! But we remember also her distributing, with much largesse and pride, the eggs her chicken's had produced.

Her kitchen garden regularly produced wonderful soft fruit and vegetable crops, and equally regularly it seemed, she and Nigel had booked their Stewards Trust Holiday to coincide with the harvest. Again, others were to benefit from the fruits of their labours.

She kept a beautiful flower garden and for 17 years was an active committee member of The Witley Gardening Association, amongst other things arranging outings to special gardens and places of interest. Affectionately known as 'Shirley's Tours', these interesting excursions by coach gave a lot of pleasure to many in the community. They included a much prized visit to Highgrove. Unfortunately His Royal Highness was away and to this day he must be kicking himself!!

Shirley decided a few years ago that the village looked dull and unloved, so she instigated the Gardening Association's Daffodil Planting Programme throughout the village; the results can be seen in today's sunshine.

Shirley took on a regular Saturday morning duty at the Hambledon community shop from day one, some 18 years ago. She manned the delicatessen counter with zeal, serving ounces of smelly cheese or pate, whilst dispensing pounds of human kindness.

Her friendship was extended through all her social activities, including bridge, (to which she brought her own style of play wide ranging social chatter and chocolate cake!!), Nadfas, tennis, a walking group and skiing, (her last, very happy skiing holiday being spent in France with all her family for the Christmas of 2008). She shared a love of music with Nigel and had an eclectic taste, from classical and choral music to jazz of all types, to opera and ballet. She always seemed to know when interesting things were taking place locally, such as at the Electric Theatre in Guildford, or King Edwards School or Cranleigh.

To me the things that stand out about Shirley were her strong Christian faith, her unfailing love for her family, her boundless energy, and her delight and love for all who were privileged to meet her. She faced her last few months of life with courage and with her usual brave spirit, making the best of things and trying to enjoy life for the sake of all whom she loved. Our sympathy and prayers are with Nigel and all her family, but I am sure they will take comfort from her example and their many happy memories, a few of which we have been able to share today.

Cowdray bacon strawberries and cream

Keep coming in - we need you!

I have been thinking: Isn't it amazing how the weather affects the fortunes of the shop. With heavy snowfalls the shop is full and customers fight shy of making a perilous journey to Godalming. When we have long periods of rain and the outlook is dreary, these same people mostly depart. Then the sun comes and the shop returns to full vibrancy. I suppose then one is too busy and it is easier and quicker to pop into the shop. I often wonder if the cost has been considered when one visits the Supermarkets. Now fuel is so dear it is not a cheap journey, and multiply that by the time factor and the village shop must score.

You will begin to see the odd fresh product from Cowdray Farm shop appearing. This is because Farm-Fresh are now working alongside them. So we now have access to some of the old products and many new ones. But we cannot go mad and fill the shop with them; we need customers to do the buying. Otherwise there will be much waste and good food

The Village Shop



thrown away. You can do your own orders from them by Tuesday midnight for delivery to the shop on Friday morning. They will be prepaid, and the shop will benefit. Products that have caught my eye are the Fresh Cream (Jersey if you want it), Crème fraîche, the Slindon Bread range, Local Apple juices, Cowdray Bacon, and geranium and lavender hand wash. We are now stocking local Charcoal for those barbecues. Remember, Burgers and Sausages can be pre-ordered and we will try to have some kept in the freezer.

So what is my message this month? "Keep coming in - we need you. You will make contact with local people, which doesn't happen in those other places. At least save something for us. Remember... the strawberries are coming, - and dare you order Jersey cream?!"

P.J.U.



Please come and support the

WAGs

BRING AND BUY SALE

On Wednesday 12th May 2010

Hambledon Village Hall

Starting 1 p.m.

Everyone welcome

Tea or orange squash and biscuits will be available for anyone just wanting a chat

Come and bag a bargain!

Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends in the village for all the cards, flowers and plants I received for my 90th birthday.

The congratulation cards had such lovely words which I did appreciate very much. From family and friends the grand total was 36 cards.

I felt honoured to be remembered by so many. I thank Ron and Ann, Steve and Carol for the family party they arranged for me

Thank you all.

Joan (Vickery)

Notice of Hambledon Village Shop AGM

3rd July 12 noon

The Annual General Meeting of the Hambledon Village Shop Ltd (which runs the shop) will take place in the Village Hall at noon on Saturday 3rd July. At this meeting, the accounts for the year to 31st January 2010 (the shop's year-end) will be presented.

Whilst cash generation for the year has been positive, despite the difficult economic times, turnover is still down. It is the intention of the directors to publish, in the shop during May, a Summary of the Trading Results.

Over the last three years the average daily number of customers has gone down by 4% but the spend per customer has remained the same while our cost base has risen by approx 7 % due to inflation and the cost of utilities in particular.

Whilst these figures may seem small, they do illustrate that 3 or 4 more people a day using the shop helps and, if everyone using the shop were to spend another 50 pence a day, our figures would improve. So as well as the daily shopping, treat yourself to a fancy loaf of bread, a bottle of wine, or a box of chocolates once a week. Or go to the shop for a Sunday paper and a croissant.

One of the major events during the last twelve months was the installation of new chiller equipment costing £14,000, acquired with the help of a grant

organised by Jane Woolley; this has enabled us to carry a larger variety of greengrocery. Please come and try it out.

As you all know and appreciate the shop makes a very positive impact to village life. Your shop, which is owned by the village, is very reliant on the volunteer helpers from the village in addition to our loyal staff. Please continue to use the shop and to advertise it to others outside the village.

We appreciate we have asked all this before but we do need your help.

To conclude, the shop does need:-

Your Trade: Please use the shop regularly as much as possible and tell others.

Your Ideas: Please pass them on to the shop team for the Ideas Book

Your Help: As a volunteer for 2 hours a fortnight.

Please contact Amanda Wright at the shop -
telephone number 682176

or on email Amanda.wright21@btinternet.com

Thank you for your help.

The Directors of Hambledon Village Shop Ltd.

George Pitt – Chairman, John Anderson,
Jamie Sehmer, Philip Underwood

Time for a change

Having spent the last ten years as editor of the Parish Magazine it is with mixed feelings that I relinquish this most enjoyable task.

Any success the magazine has had is largely due to the contributors who without fail have come up with copy, in most cases on or before the deadline each month. To all those I give my thanks and hope that they will continue to encourage Philip and John by sending them regular articles.

There has, of course, always been a team involved and my grateful thanks go to Tony Parker who took over the advertising arrangements several years ago. Through his efforts the income from advertising ensures that the magazine makes a profit each year out of which donations are made to various charities and village projects.

Pat and Ray Williams have organised the distribu-

tion of the magazine and Ray has managed the finances.

Cynthia has, for the most part, ensured that there were not too many spelling mistakes by proof reading the final document.

I thank Jane Woolley for standing in for me when I went away on holiday.

I am particularly grateful to Philip Ryland who volunteered to become involved in the production of the magazine almost two years ago. It was his ideas and suggestions that have improved the magazine layout in recent months.

John Hindely will join Philip and my wish is that both of them will derive as much pleasure as I have from the production of the Hambledon Parish Magazine.

Derek Miller

There are two sides to every question, and a politician usually takes both.

Summer Fantasies!

Dancing on Hydon Ball on May 1st to welcome the summer

Ross's
ramblings

May! Bluebells, celandine, wild garlic, all the woods coming to life and so are we! Perhaps a bit slowly after the coldest winter for years but we are looking forward to the long sunny days and evenings for all those wild parties, or perhaps a garden bench, a good book and an enormous gin and tonic.

Whatever your tippie at least you can dress for summer, dusting off those hot pants and mini skirts, saucy T shirts and, of course, I will be frightening the animals as I strut my stuff in my new purple shorts. GWJ says they are a bit loud, but I will let you make up your own mind. However I can't seem to be able to find them at the moment.

Don't forget if you wake up bored around 4am on the 1st May you can pop up to the top of Hydon Ball and watch us 'dance in the summer'. We are joined this year by the Ladies of Fleur de Lys Morris. I must say that after dancing with men for twenty odd years this is a most pleasant change. Afterwards we will breakfast and dance at the Merry Harriers at around 7.00 to 7.30am

May is the last edition of the magazine edited by Derek Miller ably supported by his wife Cynthia. I would like on behalf of myself and GWJ to thank him for all his hard work over the last 10 years! Thank you Derek for all the laughs along the way

A springtime '**Stroll in Baynards**' (4½ miles)

1. From the lay-by on the Cox Green Road, follow the Downs Link signposts onto the disused railway line and head north under the Cox Green Road bridge. You will soon come to a wooden gate as you approach Baynards Station. Follow the Downs Link past the station buildings and back onto the old line. With the Thurlow Arms on your left continue for 350 yards until you reach a footpath crossing the line of the waymarker post.

2. Turn right and then go over a stile, crossing an open field beyond. Keep to the left of a corner of woodland that juts out into the field, then go over the waymarked stile. Bear gently left along the grassy track through Massers Wood. Leave the woods at a waymarked stile then follow the field boundary on your right.

3. At the top corner of the field, turn right over a stile onto a bridleway. Go along the surfaced lane at the foot of the hill, towards the buildings of Home Farm. Follow the lane as it goes left past the farm and continue for 80 yards beyond the entrance to Brook-

lands Farm on the left.

4. Turn left onto a gravelled track passing the back of Brooklands Farm that continues as a grassy lane, go through two fields and follow the edge of the woods on your right as the buildings of Vachery Farm. Bear right following the signposted bridleway until it meets the farm drive at a fork.

5. Now bear left, signposted towards Vachery Farm and in 20 yards the path forks. Go right onto a signposted bridleway then bear right through a small wood. Cross the wooden bridge over Cobbler's Brook and go through a small gate. Turn right, following the field edge as it bears around to the left, coming to a waymarked gate.

6. Go through the gate, continuing straight ahead along the waymarked bridleway. Follow it for 150 yards then it will start to bear left. Go right and then left onto the Downs Link, follow the railway track back to The Thurlow Arms. You can then simply retrace your steps back to the start.

We need to remember why we love children!

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the minister leaned over and said, 'That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?' The little girl replied, directly into the minister's clip-on microphone, 'Yes and my Mum says it's a bitch to iron.'

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read, "... and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, 'The sky is falling, the sky is falling!'" The teacher paused and then asked the class. "And what do you think the farmer said?"

One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said; 'Holy cow! A talking chicken!'"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

Q. What is a seizure

A Roman Emperor

Q. What is terminal illness?

A. When you are sick at the airport.

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter."

Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, 'I'm Jane Sugarbrown.'

The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?"

She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

Q. Use the word 'judicious' in a sentence to show you understand its meaning

A. Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.

Q. What does the word benign mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Ross's Icons of England



Whitby Harbour, north Yorkshire

The True Origin of the Internet



In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader called Abraham of Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot of Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called 'Amazon Dot Com'.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, 'Why dost thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?'

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, 'How, dear?'

And Dot replied, 'I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS).'

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent. But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung.

They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the

new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, 'Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others.'

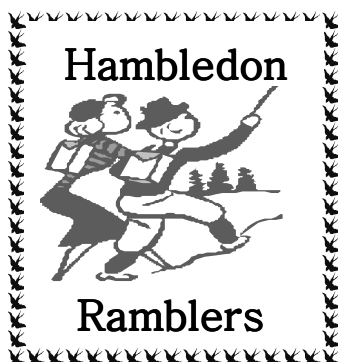
And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known 'eBay' he said, 'We need a name that reflects what we are.'

And Dot replied, Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators.'

'YAHOO!' exclaimed Abraham.

And that is how it all started!





Une Randonnée Francais

Excellent food, good wine, delightful company and a little exercise



The Colembert Walk

During April several members of Hambledon Ramblers joined forces with Godalming and Haslemere Ramblers Association and the Probus Walking Group to venture abroad for a four day break. A total of 39 took the ferry to France and the tone of the outing was immediately set when the majority of us took the opportunity to retire to the restaurant for a full English breakfast. (Food was to become a major feature in the following days).

On arrival in Calais the party split, the keen walkers choosing to go on to Peuplingues and walk to Escales on the GR128, a distance of about 5 miles.

Meanwhile the rest of the party having been dropped off by the town hall in Calais immediately sought out a bar and sat in the sun sipping beer whilst waiting for the time to come around to meet our guide for a tour of the town.

Our guide was Mme Elizabeth Calais (that really was her name) and she proved to be very informative and had a wicked sense of humour reminding us that although the English once occupied Calais we were driven out. Without exception we really enjoyed learning more of the history of a town which in its early days had in fact been the two quite separate towns of Calais and St Pierre, the latter famous for lace making.

Both groups were reunited to be transported to the hotel, le Chateau des Tourelles, in Le West, a small village in the heart of the Pas de Calais. Some of us had stayed at the hotel three years before and the long anticipated treat of fine food and wine was not to prove a disappointment, in fact the meal that first

evening exceeded expectations and we all retired to bed in a state of hazy contentment.

The following morning the party again split the majority opting for a walk of 9½ miles which started in the village of Colembert. A glorious day, albeit with a strong cool breeze, ensured that the fine views could be appreciated and we arrived in the village of Herbingham in time for a picnic lunch after which some of the party were taken back to meet the non-walkers in Saint Joseph Village. The more intrepid completed the walk in fine form and then joined the rest of the party.

The non-walkers visited the museum in Guines, the site of the 'Field of the Cloth of Gold' meeting between Henry VIII and [King Francis I of France](#) between 7 June to 24 June 1520. The meeting was arranged to increase the bond of friendship between the two kings following the Anglo-French treaty of 1514. They then went on to Saint Joseph Village for lunch and waited to be joined by the walkers.

The evening meal proved to be another winner.

After breakfast on the third day we all went by coach to meet up with Martin Pegler who was to be our guide around the Ypres battlefields. Martin was the curator of the armoury at the Tower of London and then in Leeds when the armoury moved to Yorkshire. He had previously guided us round the Somme Battlefields in 2007. The tour took us to the Passendale museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, where almost 12,000 are buried, the Hooze craters, the German cemetery at Langemark and Hill 60. The tour had been planned as a walk but time did not allow and the coach was used instead.

The evening meal for our last night had been arranged as a gourmet meal and once again we were all delighted with what was set before us. As on every other night wine flowed throughout the meal.

The last day took us to Montruil sur Mer for lunch after some serious shopping at the Auchon



Martin Pegler

hypermarket near Boulogne. It is hard to believe but some of our group ate fish and chips on the ferry – where did they put it?

A most successful trip and special thanks must go to our coach driver Jason who has got to be one of the best coach drivers in the world!

Next Walk

Tuesday May 11th

Meet at the Village Hall at 9.00am
Details of walk yet to be decided, there will be a pub lunch.

Short Walk

Tuesday May 25th

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Further details from:

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Mary Parker Tel: 01483 860339 - Short Walk



A section of the cemetery at Tyne Cot

Copy deadlines for the June Magazine

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HAMBLEDON YOUTH GROUPS

SPANGLES YOUTH GROUP for 7-10 year olds meets every Thursday during term time at Hambledon 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 Hambledon Village Hall, playing games such as extreme apple bobbing fast paced Pictionary and a prize winning quiz!

For further information regarding Hambledon Youth Groups, please contact Jessi Poulson at:

jessitrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk

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

Hambledon Fete

Saturday 19th June

The fete is only a few weeks away and from now on we need to be assembling items that make up part of the tradition:-

Books – your unwanted hardbacks and paperbacks to the Village Shop please. Amanda Wright will store them until she sets up her stall on the 19th.

Bric-a-brac – surplus items of all sizes and worth. Again to the Village Shop whence John Tidmarsh (Tel: 01428 682067) will take them to his barn and store them till the day. He will collect boxes or larger items.

Auction – any more valuable items would bring more money to the funds if they were auctioned. Mic Coleman (Tel: 01428 682977) or Mary Grove (Tel: 01483

415815) will collect or again they could be left at the shop.

Cakes – hopefully quite a number of cakes will be delivered to the cake stall just before the fete starts at 2.00pm but Samantha Cook (Tel: 01428 683310) will collect and store in her deep freezer if required.

Grand Draw – tickets (50p) are now available from the Merry Harriers, Phillips Garage, Nursery School, the ever useful Village Shop and any Football Club members. First prize £100 plus 20 prizes from local sponsors.

Ring Carlo Moriano (Tel: 01428 682954) for any further information

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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.

Already well connected

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

HGV's still giving problems

Is the cheque book important to us?

A container lorry stopped by police in Markwick Lane had a new sat nav with a 'Lorry Wideload' button. So why hadn't he pressed it? They couldn't tell since he spoke no English.

For goodness sake, Surrey County Council, a new sign showing a black lorry with a red cross through it might just get through to foreign lorry drivers, not a tiny blue 'Road unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles'. But sadly unless you need a clutter of speed limit signs, mounted on wooden pots, it seems unlikely that any other monies will be spent in our lanes.

As the MP's expenses scandal dwindles as compared to the huge bank bonus fiasco they (the banks) want us to get rid of our lovely cheque books. But we might have a champion

People who want to hang on to their cheque books have a powerful supporter in John McFall. He is the chairman of the Treasury Committee that is taking evidence on the banks' plans to abolish cheques in 2018. He wants the cheque book saved and says he will not give up without a fight.

Banks argue that cheques are in terminal decline. Mr McFall is not convinced: over one billion cheques will be written in 2010 and the cheque is still the second largest means of payment by value. Customers are writing fewer cheques partly because some retailers refuse to accept them.

Banks say it is better to manage the decline and devise new ways to pay bills, although they have not made any suggestions. More likely it comes down

to money. It costs banks £1 to process a cheque but electronic methods cost at least one third less. This will save banks £200 million a year, and businesses will save another £750 million. But no one has produced figures showing the cost to users of losing the convenience of cheques.

Mr McFall asked who, apart from banks, wants to get rid of cheques. Paul Smee of the Payments Council, which is responsible for UK payments strategy, replied: "We have had some very positive comments from some Government departments."

He also mentioned large businesses and people who make vending machines.

Around 21 per cent of the population say being forced into another payment method would cause them a major problem. Those most affected will be the elderly and the house-bound, the visually impaired and people who are not happy with technology. Jane Vass of Age Concern and Help the Aged worries that older people will return to keeping large amounts of cash at home. And they will be forced to rely on other people, such as carers, to pay bills which, with cheques, they could manage themselves.

It is customers, not banks, who should decide whether cheques stay or go.

And as the end of an era arrives we say goodbye and well done to Derek Miller for his many years as editor of our parish magazine (the best for many, many miles around) and say good luck to John Hindley his successor. Thank you Derek and Cynthia for years of hard work.



If modern classical music confuses you....

Do you find modern classical music hard to listen to?

Well, it seems you may not be such a philistine after all. While traditional classical music follows strict patterns and formulae, modern symphonies by composers such as Arnold Schoenberg and Anton Webern are lacking tonal centres. These 'atonal' compositions do not confine themselves to a home note or chord – and therefore simply confuse listeners' brains.

Philip Ball, author of 'The Music Instinct', has drawn on the latest scientific findings from neuroscientists to argue that structure and patterns in music are a fundamental part of musical enjoyment. If you find

modern music challenging, "relax... it is not because you are in some way too musically stupid to appreciate it. The brain is a pattern-seeking organ, so it looks for patterns in music to make sense of what you hear."

Traditional composers such as Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, it seems, subconsciously followed strict musical formula.





Merry May

"Don't knock the weather. Nine tenths of people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while" – Kin Hubbard



Kids Movie
on Sundays
at 3.30pm

Friday 30th April - Monday 3rd May: Merry Cider Festival.

Following on from last years successful Cider Festival we will have a huge range of ciders from all over the UK.

Live music all weekend acts tbc. Camping available first come first served. This years Cider Festival includes:

Saturday 1st May: Morris Dancing and Breakfast

from 7am. Yes we have an ancient licence that allows us to open at 7am on May 1st. **Morris Morning and Austin Night!** The first full day of the Cider Fest with 7am opening after the Morris Men dance on Hydon's Ball at dawn and then again outside the pub after a hearty breakfast. Full English served till 10 am. Sample any one of twenty ciders during the day and enjoy live music from covers band the Austin Maestros at 8pm.



Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd: More Cider merriment with occasional acoustic music from Tom Briggs.



Wednesday 5th: The ever expanding Book Club! Anyone wanting to join should contact Camilla on camilla.edmiston@btinternet.com



Saturday 8th: 65 years on from VE Day, join us to celebrate with our Ration Book Menu and the sound of swing. Fancy Dress – drinks at 1945 prices for the winner! 3 courses £20.00 Booking essential.

Tuesday 11th: A little earlier than usual this month owing to the Merry Landlord's birthday: Steak night – 2 rumps with chips or salad and a bottle of house wine for £25 per couple. Again, booking essential.



Saturday 15th: Colin & Bob's near-legendary 60's – 90's Quiz has moved to the week-end. We keep saying that will be it for a while but the crowd keeps growing and shouting 'More!' It's loud, raucous mayhem and it starts at 8pm (ish).



Tuesday 25th: Blind Wine Tasting. This one's a lot of fun – Patrick Brady (from our wine merchant Hennings of Pulborough) will invite you to blind taste four reds and four whites. The tasting notes will be in front of you – all you need to do is match the notes to the wines. Prize for the person with the most correct matches. Our Big Cheeseboard will help revive your palate. £12 per head.

Booking essential, deposit required.

Saturday 29th: Live Music : From South Africa via Brighton, one of the biggest acts we've had the pleasure to host so far, the Bushman Brothers. The Bushmans are established session musicians who have played with some of the biggest names in the business. Check out some of the videos on YouTube if you don't believe us.



May 12th – Europa League Final: Fulham??? v ?
May 15th – FA Cup Final: Chelsea v Portsmouth
May 22nd – Champions League Final

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



Spring Lamb Fillets with Sesame and Coriander Seeds.....Serves 4

Tender lamb fillets are at their best in the spring, so make the most of them. This subtle and unusual recipe is very simple to prepare don't overcook the meat as it is important that the centre of the meat should be pink.. Serve with new potatoes and minted fresh peas.

Guy Lemieux

Ingredients

2 tbsp	sesame or olive oil
	Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp	sesame seeds
1 tbsp	crushed coriander seeds
3	crushed garlic cloves
2 tsp	cayenne pepper
4	lamb fillets weighing approx 8oz each

Mix the oil, lemon juice, sesame and coriander seeds, garlic and cayenne pepper together. Rub this mixture on to the lamb fillets and place them on a roasting tin and cover with foil and leave to marinade overnight. Preheat your oven to Gas mark 8 then remove the foil and cook the fillets for approx 20 minutes. Before serving, cut the fillets crossways into thin slices. Lay carefully on a serving dish. Sprinkle with a pinch of salt and pour over any of the meat juices and garnish with coriander leaves.

Rhubarb Crumble

A sure favourite, rhubarb with a crumble topping

Ingredients

1lb	rhubarb, trimmed and chopped
2	balls stem ginger in syrup, drained and roughly chopped
4oz	light muscovado sugar
3oz	butter
4oz	plain flour

- Preheat the oven 180°C (160°C fan oven) mark 4. Put the rhubarb in a 1.1 litre (2 pint) pie dish. Mix in the stem ginger and sprinkle over half the sugar.
- 2 Put the butter and plain flour in a food processor and whiz to make a coarse breadcrumb-like mixture. Add the remaining sugar and pulse once or twice to mix together.
- 3 Spoon the topping over the fruit and bake for 50-60min or until the pudding is golden brown

Lovers of Words (Lexophiles)

- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion

The Garden in May

**Install a water butt which will not only conserve water
but will attract many creatures looking for a drink.**

Now is the time to make sure you weed regularly to keep on top of the annual weeds that germinate. Pay particular attention to crops such as onions which do not grow well with competition from weeds. Be careful when weeding with a hoe as plants such as onions have shallow roots and can be damaged by the hoe getting too near, it's worth hoeing down the row and then hand picking the weeds around onions.

Towards the end of the month strawberry plants will be starting to ripen, it is worth netting them to prevent birds eating the fruit.

If there has been little rain and the soil is drying out, concentrate on watering the crops that will need it most. This is usually seedlings and onions. Make sure you water in the evening and give the ground a good soaking as little water will do more harm than good as you encourage the plants to make shallow roots to get to the water.

Greenhouse plants such as tomato, peppers and cucumbers should be growing well, check for any pests such as greenfly and whitefly. Tomatoes will need supporting and side shoots will need pinching out. To aid pollination shake the main stems daily.

One of the best things about keeping a nice garden is the wildlife that may visit it.

Attracting the Wildlife

The great thing about attracting wildlife to your garden is that many of the decorative features you'll probably want to install into your garden's design are also designed to attract wildlife. For example, a bird box, bird table or bird bath will quite obviously bring in plenty of species of feathery, winged creatures and a pond can attract frogs and toads.

It's important to remember the three basics of attracting wildlife into your garden which, unsurprisingly, are shelter, food and water. These bare necessities for all creatures, however, can come in all forms, shapes and sizes. For example, if you like insects - and, believe it or not, there are a lot of insect enthusiasts out there, a well maintained compost bin will attract a whole host of creatures like snails, spiders, centipedes and this will not only enhance the quality of your compost but will also provide much needed food for birds who'll soon come to learn that the compost bin is a much more attractive place for foraging than next door, perhaps, where the few crumbs of bread your neighbour's left out for them on the bird table simply won't do when faced with a feast in your compost bin.

Even simple things like leaving a plant pot upside down can make a splendid shelter for frogs and toads and if you keep logs in the garden for firewood, keep a few aside and, by drilling some holes in them, you can

attract bees which are vital pollinators over the summer months. A pile of logs will also give a hedgehog a home.

Nettles and ivy might not seem the most attractive things to have growing around the garden but properly managed, they attract various species of colourful butterflies which are a sight to behold in the summer months.

Water is the key to sustenance for all forms of life so, even if you don't have a pond, keep your garden watered, or better still, install a water butt which will not only conserve water but will attract many creatures looking for a drink.

Providing natural food

A well-designed and effective wildlife garden will always make provision for its wildlife visitors by incorporating plants that provide natural food. There are many trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants that will encourage birds to the garden. Most native trees and shrubs will support large numbers of insects - these in turn will attract insect eating birds like the tits, robins, wrens and warblers.

A tree of any kind in the garden will provide a song post for birds, as well as a source of insect food. If you can plant a native tree, so much the better. Good native trees for birds include oak, wild cherry, goat willow, silver birch, holly, hawthorn, rowan, crab apple and wild pear. Some non-native trees are also good for birds, especially the flowering crab apples, willows, Prunus species and the varieties of elder. Shrubs with berries will encourage birds to feed in your garden in the autumn and winter.

Plants such as Cotoneaster, Berberis, holly, Pyracantha, hawthorn, blackthorn, dogwood and many other berried plants will bring birds to the garden. It is important to note that as a very general rule only red or orange berries are palatable to thrushes and blackbirds. Yellow berries, now common on some varieties of shrubs, are often not eaten. In springtime baby birds in the nest need the protein-rich diet supplied by insects and other invertebrates, and at the beginning of winter seeds and berries provide the nutrients birds need to see them through the cold weather ahead.

There was a time when this natural harvest in the countryside, together with spilt grain and weed seeds from fields of stubble, provided good pickings and a vital food supply for all manner of bird species. Sadly this is no longer the case. More and more birds need to rely on our gardens as a source of food at all times of year so once you start feeding them it is important to keep feeders topped up at all times.



International Puns

The ability to make and understand puns is considered to be the highest level of language devel-

Here are the some good examples

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
3. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."
4. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
5. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

6. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

7. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

8. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Mid Summer Madness Disco

Whose Invited? - Years 7 and 8 boys and girls

Where? - A Marquee on Hambledon Cricket Green

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When - Friday 18th June 2010

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The underground Jesus

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *Jesus on the Tube* by Antonia Rolls

GOD IN THE ARTS

Several years ago the *New Statesman* had a competition for its readers to suggest misleading information for tourists visiting London. Gerard Hoffnung submitted: "Try the famous echo in the British Museum Reading Room". But the one that stuck in my mind was the advice: "On first entering an Underground train, it is customary to shake hands with every passenger." Just imagine the chaos that would ensue if that advice was followed in the rush hour.

It also brings to mind a blessing from Michael Turnbull, 'For I greet him the days I meet him':

To me you are anonymous

God calls you by name.

To me you are a mystery

God knows your every breath.

To me your destiny is unknown

God guide you safely there

And his blessing be yours now and always.'

Michael Turnbull's blessing for the person opposite on a train reminds us that no one is an island. We are all part of the continent of humanity as the metaphysical poet John Donne tells us in his for-whom-the-bell-tolls meditation. But it is often that very humanity that blinkers our eyes and tells us that we are the most important person in the world, whatever the needs around us. Michael Turnbull's blessing also reminds us that there is a humanity all around us. It links us to our fellow women and men and invites us to reach out.

It is also the theme of this month's painting: *Jesus on the Tube* by Antonia Rolls. She was born in 1960 and now lives and works in west Sussex. As a little girl of five, her father took her to see Bellini's *Deposition*. That was a special moment in her life and marked out her own future vocation as an artist. Influenced by the great painters of the past, she brings her own sense of fun and faith into the subjects she paints. 'God's Study' and a delightful set of angels, shy, stubborn and tired, are among the themes of her religious work.

Jesus on the Tube is a small painting, but its impact has been so great that it now has its own web-

site. If you find this painting intriguing, then google the title or the artist's name. In the painting Jesus looks as if he has stepped straight out of a Greek orthodox icon. Dressed in sumptuous Byzantine robes, he is travelling on the Piccadilly line, but the people around ignore him. No one pays him any attention, and so he sits there waiting for a human response, waiting for us to recognise him and welcome him.

With perceptive humour and deftness, Antonia Rolls points to the great problem of life and faith. We all live with so many duties and responsibilities around us, deadlines to meet, appointments to keep, and time-tables to honour. That means we often have little time and space to nurture and feed our hearts and our souls, and little time for others. *Jesus on the Tube* invites us to look around and to find Jesus in our neighbour – sitting opposite on the tube, perhaps, or wherever we are. Waiting for us to meet him and greet him, and then to bless when we understand. You can see a copy of this painting and others by Antonia Rolls at: <http://www.jesusonthetube.co.uk/>





Senior Fixtures.

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 2nd. XI League Fixture on Sun. 2nd. May, at home, against Westcot III and the 1st. XI. on Sun. 9th May, at Home, against Womersh

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

Colts.

We started the colts Saturday training seasons with the first sign up on Sat 17th April and the weather was sunny.

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

The colts coaching sessions are as follows:-

SATURDAY MORNINGS (10.00 – 12.00) FROM 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 started on the cricket green on Sat. 17th. April for the U9's and U11's and on Monday night 19th April for U13's.

The age groups will be run /by the following people:-

Team Managers:

Under 13's : Bob Cunningham, Tel: 01428 683970. mob: 07768 374 921. Email: bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk

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

Under 9's : Team Manager: Andy Hinde, Tel; 01428 682716 (A replacement for Andy is needed)

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)

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.

We are also keen to welcome new players of all ages to the club, the senior part of the club with a 1st. & 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 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) , or our 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

Seniors: 2009 Fixtures: April - June

Month	Date	1 st .XI or 2 nd .XI	Opposition	Home/Away	Time
April	Sun 25	Friendly XI	Hale	A	1.30
May	Sat. 2	2 nd . XI League	Westcott III	H	1.30
	Sun. 9	1 st XI League	Womersh	H	1.30
	Sun.9	2 nd . XI Friendly	Dunsfold (Allen cup)	A	1.30
	Sun. 16	1 st . XI League	Cranleigh III	A	1.30
	Sun. 16	2 nd . XI League	Holmbury St. Mary Villagers	H	1.30
	Sun. 23	2 nd . XI League	Grafham	A	1.30
	Sat. 29	1 st . XI League	Oakwood Hill	A	1.30
	Sat. 29	2 nd . XI League	Rudgwick	H	1.30
June	Sun. 6	1 st XI League	Abinger	H	1.30
	Sun. 6	2 nd . XI League	Worplesdon & Burpham III	A	1.30

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

School Visit

Like a visitor from another world
Came the cuckoo to our assembly.
He should never have been there at all
But we were glad he was.

A voice without a body
Had been the cuckoo, to us, till then.
That day they came to school together,
And we met mystery.

Stunned by our window
His faulty radar delivered him to us,
And for a moment, between maths and playtime
We shared our lives.

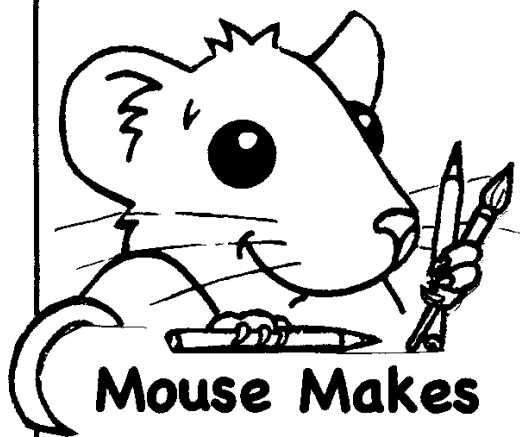
He was large and grey and wonderful,
We were stilled and awed and mesmerised,
Gazing at the invisible,
Aware of the privilege.

Until, regaining strength,
He left us,
And re-entered his own kingdom,
And all of us and everything was different.

Sol says:
"The world is
full of wonderful
things! Which is your
favourite?"

God created... every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (Gen. 1:21b NIV)

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



Mouse Makes

What happened at
PENTECOST?

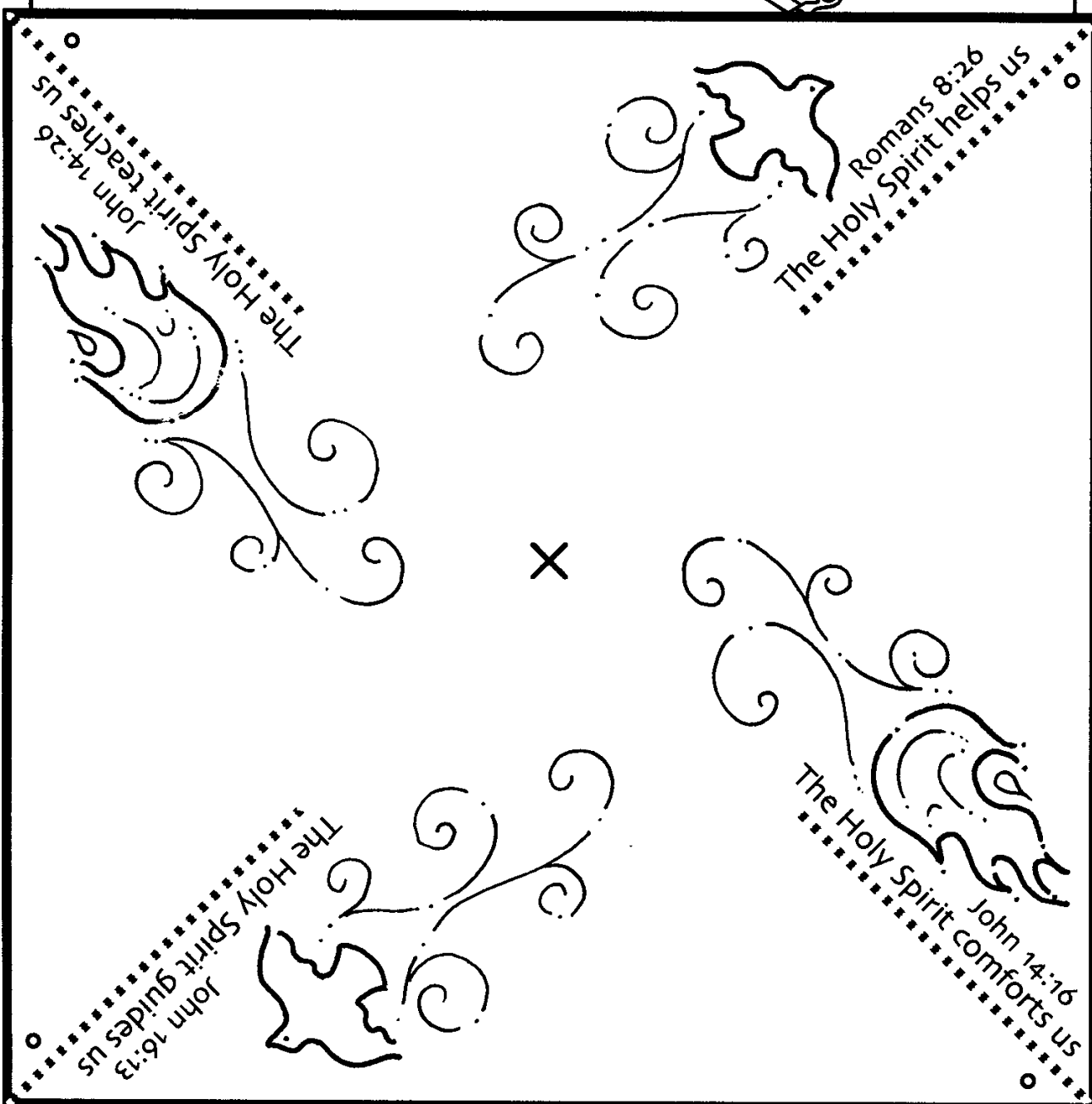
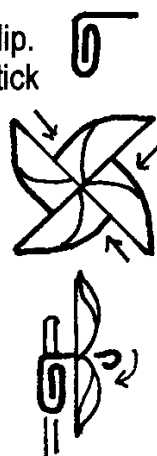
READ Acts 2:1-42

"They
were
all
filled
with the
**HOLY
SPIRIT**"

Acts 2:4



1. Glue onto coloured paper.
2. Cut out and cut along '.....' diagonal lines
3. Bend out a paperclip. Tape onto wooden stick
4. Push clip end through centre 'x'
5. Bend each corner with a 'o' to centre 'x' and push over end of clip
6. Bend over clip end to secure.



May10



UNDER THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the month of May we can remember two very different men who fought under the sign of the cross.

On the night before a great battle, the Roman Emperor Constantine dreamt of a cross in the sky and the words 'in this sign conquer'. After his victory, Constantine ended 300 years of persecution and Romans were allowed to become Christians. Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. Constantine died on 22nd May in the year 337.



Some 1,500 years later, Jean Henry Dunant (who was born on 8th May 1828) was horrified to see the dreadful suffering after the Battle of Solferino. He spent the rest of his life working for the casualties of war, fighting under the banner of the Red Cross to relieve world-wide suffering.

WHAT'S IT FOR?

What would you do with these things? All the words are in the Bible but are rarely heard today. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. KNOP a) polish it
 b) eat it
 c) harness it
2. DARIC a) herd it
 b) sharpen it
 c) spend it
3. HYSOPP a) carry it
 b) cultivate it
 c) dig with it
4. SHOFAR a) drive it
 b) play it
 c) prune

it

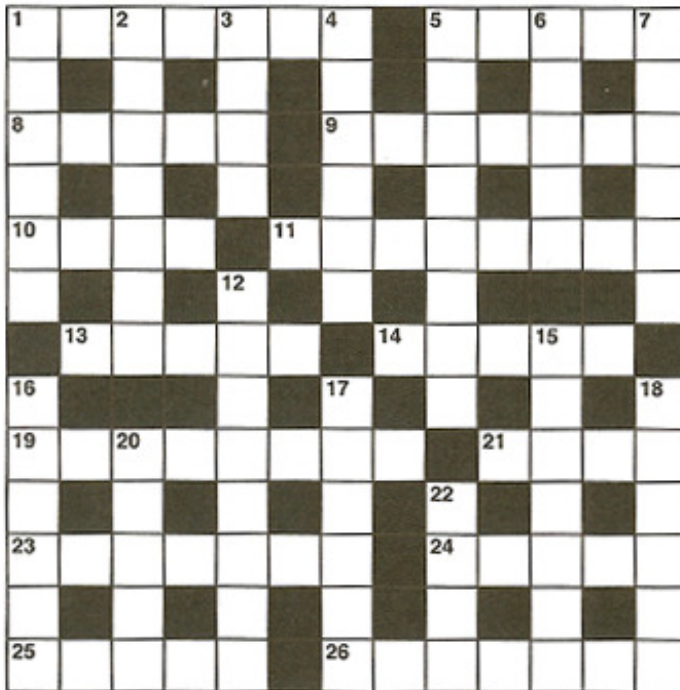


**Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Some poems rhyme,
This one doesn't.**



Answers: 1. a) polish it, it is an ornamental knob, part of the lamp-stands in the tabernacle. 2. c) spend it, it's gold coin 3. b) cultivate it, it's a type of plant 4. b) play it, it is musical instrument made from a ram's horn.

PUZZLE PAGE



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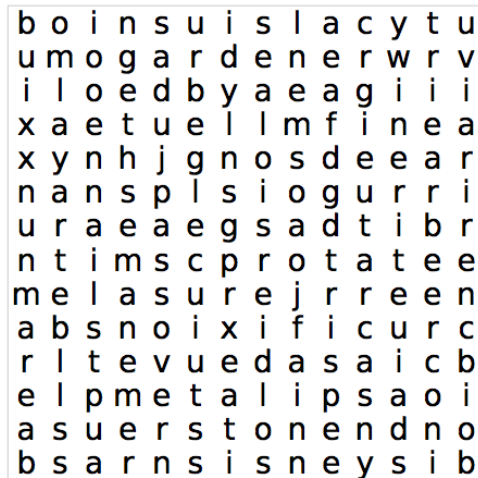
- 1 Purple moorland plant (7)
- 5 Talk big (5)
- 8 Famous Berkshire racecourse (5)
- 9 Expand, swell out (7)
- 10 Lout (4)
- 11 Top grade of hotel (4-4)
- 13 Calm (5)
- 14 In a ____, very quickly (5)
- 19 Unimpaired or fundamental (8)
- 21 Ball worth five points in snooker (4)
- 23 Loudly criticise (7)
- 24 German WWII submarine (1-4)
- 25 Rendezvous (5)
- 26 Bread griller (7)

Word Search

What a joyful month May is in the church calendar! On Ascension Day (13th) we remember with joy the completion of Jesus' work on earth and his return to his rightful place in heaven.

DOWN

- 1 Fireside (6)
- 2 Description of events (7)
- 3 Loathe (4)
- 4 Hutch animal (6)
- 5 News update (8)
- 6 Around (5)
- 7 Holding of office or land (6)
- 12 Open and with no sign of guilt (8)
- 15 Radioactive debris (7)
- 16 Juicy nugget of food or information (6)
- 17 Shopping holder (6)
- 18 Sporting dog (6)
- 20 Stay longer than expected (5)
- 22 Large brass-band instrument (4)



Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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