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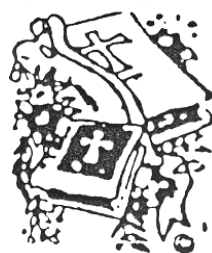
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### Sunday Services

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

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

Alpha details and information from David and Liz Jenkins Tel No: 01483 416084

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

Where there is sickness or where a visit would be valued, contact the Church Wardens.

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## Pastoral Letter – August

Dear Friends,

**T**his letter is a voice from Beyond... by the time you read this I will have officially relinquished my responsibilities as Associate Minister for Busbridge and Hambledon. If you're reading this on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, I am surrounded by removal men packing up my life; if it's Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, I have already set off for Yorkshire...

When I arrived in Hambledon I was more than ready for a change, after five demanding years in inner city ministry in North London. I knew that this place would be a contrast when I came down on interview: as I was leaving I had to ask for someone to move their car which was blocking me in on the Rectory drive. It was an E-type Jag with an Alpha sticker in the window... My other main memory of my interview here was of dear Bill Rook, who along with Jacqui had been given the job of showing the candidates around Hambledon church. I'd decided that if this parish was going to employ me, they'd better know what they were in for, so I was wearing my usual bright pink Doc Martens. As I headed off, somewhat nervously, to the more formal bit of the interview, Bill had some parting words of reassurance: "Don't worry," he said with a twinkle, "I think they'll overlook the boots."

I can hardly believe that all that happened almost seven years ago – how can I possibly have been here so long? It seems like no time at all... until I think about the depth of the friendships that I have made here; the growth and change that I have seen in so many of you – and not just the children! – but adults stepping out into new areas of ministry or gifting; when I think with both sadness and great gratitude of the friends for whom I've been privileged to take a funeral service – Peter and Olive Roderick; Sylvia Harvey; Bill and Enid Lintott-Porter; Bill Rook; Des Phillips; Shirley Pollock; Alan Secrett – along with many other lovely souls that I didn't know quite so well. I have married couples who now have children, and baptised children who are now starting school. I've seen the church rooms completed and made it almost to the end of a Vacancy without too many mishaps! So maybe the time has come to move on.

As I go I'm reminded of one of my favourite Bible passages: it's from the first chapter of Philippians. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this: that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." It's a bit like that bit in *Mastermind* when John Humphries (although in my mind it will always be Magnus Magnusson...) says "I've started so I'll finish..." I love the fact that God says the same thing about us! He's started a good work in us – and He will finish it. It's a relief to know that that's His job and not mine! To know that in spite of our ups and downs, God will finish what He's started – He will carry it on to completion, He will "perfect it" in the older Bible versions – making us more and more like Jesus over the years. It may sometimes feel like two steps forward, one back but we're still making progress!

St Paul's letter to Philippians is full of joy and confidence, which is all the more amazing when we think about the circumstances in which it was written – Paul was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and the Philippian church was facing opposition on the outside and false teaching on the inside. But Paul reminds the Philippians again and again to stand firm, to stay close to God and united with each other, and that God will win through in spite of the evidence. That's good news when we face challenges too. It's good to remember that when everything changes, God doesn't. It's good to know that the One who began a good work in me, and in you, will carry it on till it's finished on the day that Jesus comes back.

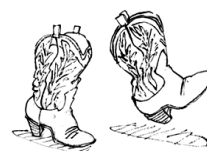
This letter is to all churches – to us – not just to the church in Philippi. So we can have confidence in these promises – that what God has begun in us, in our church, He will finish – whatever challenges and

changes we face. St Paul goes on to remind us that the most important thing to seek, and to pray for, is that we'll grow in love: love for God, love for one another, and love for those who need to know Jesus. He reminds us that we are "partners in the gospel" – that each of us has a part to play – from the youngest to the oldest; our church partners with Jesus and all Christians everywhere in bringing good news to all people. And that needn't be scary because it's God who's doing it – He's bringing to completion what He's started, helping us to grow in love day by day.

So as I head off to the Dales I can say with a full and grateful heart, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this: that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Amen.



Stephanie Couvela,  
Associate Minister,  
Busbridge and Hambledon



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### August 2010

<b>1st</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	All Age Worship
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<b>8th</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
10th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
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<b>Saturday 14th August</b>	9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome	
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<b>15th</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
11th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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<b>22nd</b>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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<b>29th</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
13th Sunday after Trinity	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>All Age Service at the Holiday Club</b> in a marquee by Busbridge Village Hall, followed by a barbecue lunch: all are welcome
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<b>and in September</b>		
<b>5th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
14th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	All Age Worship

#### Services at St. John's, Busbridge during August

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

<b>August 1st</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> ..... All age with baptism	<b>6.30 pm</b> ..... Holy Communion
<b>August 8th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> ..... All age	<b>6.30 pm</b> ..... Evening Worship
<b>August 15th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> ..... Holy Communion	<b>6.30 pm</b> ..... Evening Worship
<b>August 22nd</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> ..... All age	<b>6.30 pm</b> ..... Evening Worship
<b>August 29th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> ..... Holiday Club, see above	<b>6.30 pm</b> ..... Churches Together

## PARISH & PEOPLE



The love and all good wishes from Hambledon friends and neighbours go to **Stephanie Couvela** who is leaving us at the end of July having served in the parish for the past 6½ years as our Associate Minister. Stephanie is taking up a position as chaplain at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales which is run as a centre for retreats, holidays and conferences.

The centre has only recently been re-opened so it will be a bit of a “hands on” experience where Stephanie will be fulfilling several roles before finally becoming the official chaplain. All we ask is that she takes the greatest of care when tackling her running exercises – the roads in Hambledon are vastly different from the terrain of the Yorkshire Dales!

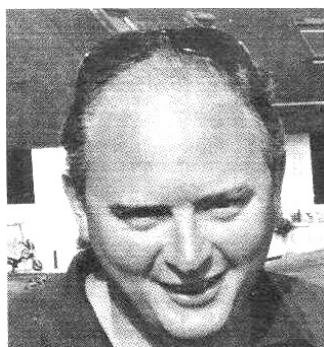
All good wishes to those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month and particularly to **John and Rae Taylor** who notch up their 65th. Well done!

**Jo Ingham** is no longer able to deliver the parish magazine in Malthouse Lane. She would like to take on this task again once her family commitments allow

but, in the meantime, we need a volunteer to deliver to just 10 houses once a month. If you are able to help, please let Pat Williams know on 682455. Jo is to be congratulated for doing this job for us in the past and we await news of the new arrival at Mervil Cottage.

This month sees the 100th birthday of **Fanny Gaskin**, who lived for many years in Paddock Close. Hambledon friends and neighbours remember her with much affection and send their love to her and to her family as they celebrate this milestone.

And finally, we send good wishes to **Giles and Rachel Carpenter** and their family as they settle into Shottermill where Giles is commencing his duties as curate at Stephen's Church, following his ordination at Guildford Cathedral (see below). Giles and Rachel are well known through their association with Hambledon Church. We also remember them and their two daughters with much affection from their days at Hydestile. Since when Charlie has appeared, making it a very cosy five-some that starts this new adventure.



### Ordination Service for Giles Carpenter

It was with great excitement that many members of the congregation from St Peter's Hambledon, sat in Guildford Cathedral

waiting for the ordination service to begin.

The cathedral was absolutely packed with well wishers for the 15 or so ordinands who had just finished their training and were about to embark upon their new lives as ordained deacons. There were many familiar faces from Hambledon in the congregation, there to support Giles Carpenter, former villager, cricketer and reader at St Peter's, who has just finished his training in Bristol.

The Bishop of Guildford led the service. Current and former clergy from St Peter's were there also: Stephanie, John Postill and Christopher Blissard-Barnes. The service was such a wonderful celebration of all the hard work, study and commitment that Giles and his family have given in their two years in Bristol. We are all delighted that Giles and Rachel have followed God's calling into ordained ministry and have absolute confidence in their ability to serve Him well.

They are moving to Shottermill so that Giles can take up the post of curate to St Stephen's Church. This is indeed where we were all invited back after the cathedral service for a delicious celebration lunch. We wish Giles, Rachel, Jessie, Libby and Charlie every blessing in their new life in Shottermill.

#### Seeking a Hambledon history hound

Would anyone like to spend some quiet summer holiday time recording and researching names found on grave stones in the churchyard at St Peter's? The job will entail recording family names found in the churchyard and looking for evidence, mostly on the internet, of who they were, when and where they lived and, most importantly, whether family descendants are alive and perhaps ignorant of their forebears. It also includes some gentle cleaning of the stones. The national minimum hourly wage is offered, and it is envisaged that the work would take one week in the first instance. If interested, please contact Tim Parker on 01483 420 999, or [tim@feathercombe.com](mailto:tim@feathercombe.com).

# Fete raises £8,000 for football club

**Whether splatting eggs or quaffing real ale, the hundreds who attended Hambledon's Fete in June helped make it a great success, as this report from the event's chief organiser, Mic Coleman, makes clear**

The Village Fete, on Saturday, June 19, proved to be a success thanks to a good attendance and a considerable number of sponsors and donors. The weather also helped, by staying dry.

This biennial fete was quite traditional. There were competition stalls, from Splat the Egg to Hoop-La; sales stalls with everything from ales to cake and jams, and display areas for vintage motor cars, the Hambledon Football Club and memorabilia from the Hambledon Heritage Society. The dog show combined both competition and display – but I don't think there was any selling.

Soon after the official start at 2pm, the tables and chairs outside the cricket pavilion were occupied by people quaffing real ale, sipping Pimm's, chomping burgers and partaking of cream teas with strawberries.

Apologies were received from Liphook Model Railway Society, which had an engine failure, and the Cup Hill Morris, who desperately need some new morris dancers – thanks anyway. Around 90 people are needed to keep the fete running, plus those folk working for their own organisations' stands. Thanks are due both to the regulars and a considerable number of first-time volunteers, who, hopefully, will continue to do their bit in 2012. Vicki Hinde and Tim Parker organised the Mid-Summer Ball held in the marquee on Saturday evening. The marquee was also used for the Mid-Summer Madness disco on Friday evening, when

over £1,000 was raised for work in Bolivia by Ivar and Fiona Andrade-Brown.

The winner of the Grand Draw was "ESH" – that was the name on the ticket – and all 23 other prizes have been claimed but delivered. The fete was in aid of the Pavilion Building Fund for Hambledon Football Club and club members made up a considerable number of the helpers. Some £4,300 was raised at the fete and £2,700 at the dance in the evening. In addition, an auction at the dance raised £1,000. Thus at least £8,000 has been added to the pavilion fund, which is now about half way towards its target of £100,000.

We should like to thank all the helpers and the people who kindly gave cakes, bric-a-brac, books or whatever to the stalls; or displayed their vintage vehicles. Also special thanks to the following list of sponsors who gave cash, goods or services:

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And thanks to those who helped the evening function:

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## PARENTING COURSE (0 – 10 Yrs)

**A course at St. Peter's in the autumn. Run by parents for parents of children up to 10 years old.**

**WHERE?** St. Peter's Church, Hambledon

**WHEN?** Autumn Term 2010  
Tuesdays Sept 28th, Oct 5th, 12th  
Tuesdays Nov 2nd, 9th 16th

**TIME?** 9.30 – 11.30

Starting with coffee, croissants and chat then a DVD presentation and discussion in small groups afterwards

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**Do come and join us for some learning chat and fun, even if it's for some time out and someone else to make you coffee or a cuppa and delicious pastries! We will provide a crèche for younger children not at nursery.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A PLACE PLEASE CALL:**

Liz Jenkins 01483 416084 / Vicky Page 01483 869849

If this is successful, we will probably run a PARENTING TEENAGERS course in the New Year, with the first section titled "*In a galaxy far, far away*" the teenage universe. Sounds good.



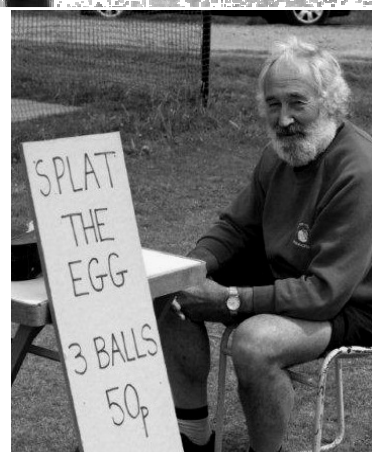
## Under an English heaven

Okay, perhaps it's a bit over the top to quote a line of Rupert Brooke's famous poem for the headline. But there is something quintessentially English about a village fete and Hambledon's fete last month had all the right ingredients by the bucket load.

You've already seen Mic Coleman's report of the event, now here are pictures kindly supplied by Philip Underwood, also at the Midsummer Ball in the evening, camera at the ready, to take the pictures on the page opposite.



**They came, they saw, they purchased**



**So how do you splat an egg?**



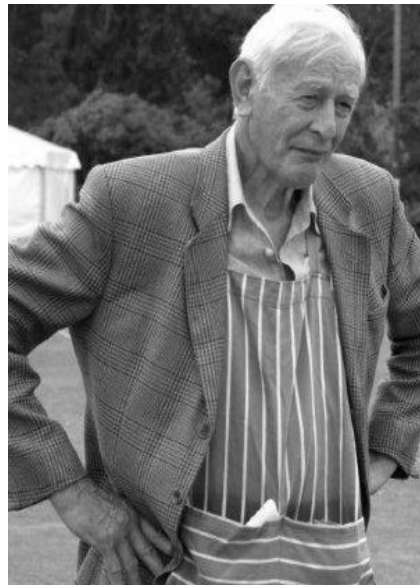
**Now, you on the right, what makes you think we want to look at you anyway?**



**Who got all the cakes?**



# Faces at the fete . . .



Rachel looks happy, Philip looks quizzical, John looks sceptical

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and  
at  
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ball



John and Jane, please, no talking council business



Now that's what we call hats



Yes, somehow it does not look so good

## Update on Mid Summer Madness Disco – Friday 18th June 2010

As I write this paragraph for the August edition of the Parish Magazine I am pleased to report that Fiona and Ivar Andrade-Brown and their family are in Bolivia working with the communities that are supported by Mayorazgo Multifunctional Christian Centre.

With the amazing sum of £1700 raised at the Mid Summer Madness Disco, Fiona and Ivar have been

able to purchase medical supplies which they have taken out to Bolivia. I know there will be a full report in subsequent editions of the Parish Magazine and presentations at St. Peter's, but on behalf of Fiona and Ivar we would like to record a sincere thank you for everyone in the village who supported the disco, it was a huge success and is still being talked about amongst the teenagers who attended.

### Wednesday Afternoon Group

**Next Meeting** Wednesday August 11

Jan has kindly invited us to  
**"Tea in her Garden"**

Meet at the Village Hall by 2.15pm  
so that transport can be arranged  
for anyone requiring a lift.

*We look forward to seeing you*

Jan Kilsby Joyce Dugans Julie Atkins

Contact No Jan Kilsby 01483 423637



### The wisdom of children

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'

'Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted, 'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a notice, and put it on the apple tray:

'Take only *ONE*. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch queue, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written on it 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



King Edward's School celebrates its **14th Autumn Arts Festival VivArtis** 26 September to 17 October.

Highlights: **Art Exhibition and Sculpture Trail**  
in association with Surrey Sculpture Society.

The Exhibition is free and open every day  
10am to 5pm (Sunday, 26th September, 2 – 5pm).

Further details contact Judith Mott on 01428 686773  
or visit the school website, [www.kesw.org](http://www.kesw.org)

### Other magazine howlers

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'  
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

### Scholars questionable exam answers

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

*Malaria*

Give a reason why people would want to live near power lines.

*You get your electricity faster.*

# Moving forward to party on Sept 4th.

**A party for all. Come and taste  
a glass of bubbly and meet everyone.**

**S**o, we have now had the Shop Company AGM. One could say that it is surplus to requirements and not needed. But where you have a company you also have a chairman, directors and an AGM.

It is a situation we have inherited, but some good has come from this particular meeting. It was mentioned that many new people who have moved into Hambledon feel rather left out, while we who are involved all seem to know each other. I can promise you that this has only come about due to the existence of the shop. Avoid using it and you will hardly know anyone. That is what we can offer – a quick way of meeting and becoming acquainted with the locals.

We therefore have decided to take action. We will have an open morning on Saturday Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. All newcomers to the village are especially invited, as well as everyone else. Please come and try a glass of locally produced “bubbly” and meet the staff, helpers and volunteers. We hope to see all these here as well and they too can have a glass of this “happy wine”. Please bring the children; I am sure we can find something for them.



Can we do more than this? I think so. Ideas are being promulgated that might add an extra dimension to the shop. We certainly need something or we are in danger of being left behind.

We also need a person with energy and drive to give some of their time to help us. We might find that person on Sept 4th. *Philip Underwood*

## WANTED

The shop is often in need of volunteers: most stints are two hour slots on Monday to Friday, every other week. Please contact Amanda Wright in the shop or on 07970-813206

There is also a specific need for a Saturday volunteer - 8.30 to 1.00p.m on the third Saturday of the month in October and every other month (only 6x per year). Please contact Jamie Sehmer on 01428-681998 or [jamie@sehmer.demon.co.uk](mailto:jamie@sehmer.demon.co.uk)

## Advance Notice

# SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT

**In aid of Mission Projects supported by St Peter's Church**

**7:30pm Saturday 2 October Hambledon Village Hall**

**Supper • Bar • Raffle • Tickets £10**

Supporting the Youth Work of Trinity Trust Team  
in the Churches, Schools and Communities in and around Godalming and the  
Bridge to Bolivia Project  
providing Practical Care & Support in some of the Poorest Areas of Bolivia

**Enjoy a Great Night: Test Your Knowledge in a Team Based Quiz,  
a Taste of South American Wine & Cuisine,  
and Support Great Causes at Home and Overseas**

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW For more information or to Reserve Your Tickets**

**Please Email Andy Poulson on: [andytrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andytrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk)  
OR Call 01483 420206 / 07876 142197 (Max 6 Members Per Team For The Quiz)**

# HAMBLEDON FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

## SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

### in THE VILLAGE HALL

### from 2pm

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

The hall will be open for setting up exhibits from 9.30am to 11.30. Entry fee 10p per exhibit.

First and second prizes will be awarded when merited. Please bring your own vases.

The show will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC from 2pm to 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Winners should collect their prizes from Andrew Falk from 2pm.

Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm.

**We need YOU to make the show a success**

Ring 01428 683863 for more information

## Flower Section

### Class

- 1 1 flowered rose, with own foliage
- 2 3 flowered roses, one or more varieties.
- 3 3 chrysanthemums, any type or variety
- 4 3 spray chrysanthemums
- 5 3 dahlias, medium or small, any type.
- 6 1 sunflower.
- 7 3 asters
- 8 3 stems marigolds, any type.
- 9 6 stems sweet pea
- 10 3 stems of any flower not mentioned in this section.
- 11 3 stems of any berrying or flowering shrub, any variety.
- 12 A fuschia plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
- 13 A geranium in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
- 14 A begonia in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
- 15 Any other flowering plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.
- 16 A foliage plant in a pot not exceeding 8 inches.



## Vegetable Section

- 17 5 potatoes, one variety
- 18 5 carrots
- 19 5 onions
- 20 3 beetroot
- 21 3 parsnips
- 22 3 leeks, trimmed
- 23 8 runner beans
- 24 8 french beans
- 25 8 peas
- 26 5 cherry tomatoes
- 27 3 courgettes, between 4 inch & 6 inch long
- 28 5 tomatoes
- 29 1 cucumber
- 30 2 cabbages
- 31 1 marrow, not exceeding 15 inch in length.
- 32 2 lettuces
- 33 2 artichokes
- 34 2 aubergines



- 35 2 cardoons
- 36 2 peppers (any colour)
- 37 2 any other vegetables

## Fruit Section

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



## Miscellaneous Section

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

## Floral Art Section

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

## Children's section – 12 years and under

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

## Children's section – 8 years and under

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

## Children's section – 5 years and under

- 58 Mustard and/or cress

## Copy deadlines for the September magazine

The deadline is Thursday, August 19  
Please send your copy to

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# 'A fine grower and a great family man'

by Beatrice Phillpotts

Fond tribute was paid this week\* to a highly respected Milford horticulturist, who helped to build up the hugely successful family company FA Secrett.

Alan Secrett, chairman of Secretts of Milford, died aged 79 at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice on May 14.

More than 200 relatives, staff members past and present, and friends attended the funeral service of Alan Secrett, known to staff as Mr Alan, at All Saints Church in Witley on Wednesday, which was followed by a reception at Secretts Farm in Milford.

The service was conducted by the Rev Stephanie Couvela, associate minister of St Peter's Church, Hambledon, where Mr Secrett was a regular worshipper.

It was relocated because his own church was too small to hold the large number of people who wanted to attend the funeral.

Mr Secrett's eldest brother Tony fondly remembered his 'little brother' and said the 13 years' age difference between them had never affected their friendly working relationship, which had lasted nearly 60 years.

"I have so many treasured memories of him and value the considerable contribution that he made to our business," he said.

"He was a fine grower, he was a good golfer and a great family man.

"An active churchman, who enjoyed the fellowship at Hambledon church, above all he was a man with great faith – a true Christian."

Alan Secrett's close friend Shackleford farmer Bob Stovold recalled they had first got to know one another as children when Alan's father bought Hurst Farm in Milford, where he founded the successful family business, from his father.

"After leaving school we both joined the family businesses," he said. "Alan as a grower and I as a farmer and we both went away to learn our trades but caught up with each other at our 21st birthday parties.

"When Alan came back to the family firm, he was given the responsibility of the greenhouses growing cucumbers, tomatoes and then chrysanthemums.



He became a leading authority on carnations and freesias and his advice was widely sought.

"When he welcomed his nephews into the business, they all respected him, sought his advice and enjoyed his company. He was still chairman of FA Secrett and took a great interest in all that went on without interfering but with gentle guidance.

"Alan was made captain of West Surrey Golf Club in 1970 and served as president from 1999 to 2007. We were both founder members of the NFU golfing society and he was also its captain and president.

"We were also both members of one of the oldest golf clubs in Great Britain, the horticultural golfing society.

"He was made captain in 1977 and was asked to be president but his brother Tony had been president for 12 years and he declined because he thought a monopoly of Secretts would have been wrong.

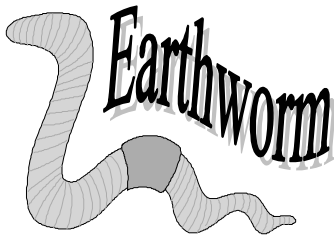
"Alan was a supportive and devoted family man and his lovely wife Elizabeth and daughters Claire, Louise and Rossi and adored granddaughter Isobel are in our thoughts and prayers as are all the members of the Secrett dynasty.

"It is a tribute to Alan that so many people are here today. He has meant something special to all of us and he will be missed by everyone."

*\* This article first appeared in the Surrey Advertiser on May 28 and is reproduced by kind permission. The tribute was unavailable for previous editions of the Magazine - Ed.*

**Louise Secrett writes:** "When I was a child I always thought of my father as good, clever and kind. To my sisters and me he was "the best Dad in the world" (as most fathers are to their children). Since he passed away and during his last days, I thought back to my childhood memories of him, and in the morning after the night of his passing, I had a vision of St. Francis in the garden holding out his arms with small animals

and birds resting on them, which reminded me of how much my father was in touch with nature, not least as a nursery farmer. I realised there was so much more behind those early thoughts than I imagined: how our Dad was behind us and everyone else, giving of himself quietly and unselfishly for all his life, and the picture gave me the glad confirmation that he was at peace in the care of the one true giver, God our Father."



## Good old rain, or is it?

**Rain again, just in time for the holidays  
But what to grow? Perhaps coach England instead.**

At last, rain, but of-course, not nearly enough moans Earthworm who reckons that apart from a single June night when it rained a lot we have had almost no rain since April. My, does it not now show? No mowings have now been added to Earthworm's compost heap for over a month. But there is always at least one plus point to be grateful for, and this top one is the saving in petrol, (or electricity for those who use such cutting machines). The second plus has been the P and Q at week-ends! No sound of a whirring mowing machine or the strident sound of a strimmer for weeks! But it is sad to look at the scorched lawns and wilting plants. Take heart says Earthworm cheerily, most will surely recover, given time.

Perhaps it is a good moment to re-consider what one is growing? The winter took such a toll not only in semi-hardy plants that the pundits had been telling us all to grow for our "new Mediterranean climate", almost wiping them out.

A great many of our normally hardy plants suffered

too, the penstemons, summer daisies, and hardy salvias, to name but a few, and those that have recovered are now so stunted by lack of water that Earthworm finds huge gaps in his borders. Other plants were virtually washed away in the winter downpours, so what, thinks Earthworm does one now do? Perhaps give up on gardening and find a new hobby? Where would England be without the cottage gardens?

Earthworm thinks he could find a job as a football coach after England's dismal performance. He could teach them a bit of wriggling and foot agility which might help!

Of-course the really hot spell came just when the students were doing their exams, sweltering in the heat. Earthworm wonders how much this affects the results? Now, when schools are closing for the summer holidays, we have grey skies again, and a nippy wind to chill the bravest negotiating the waters of the Channel or the North Sea, No doubt though that holiday fun will be had by all!

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## Brian Turner: a much valued church musician



Brian at the keyboard

More years ago than I remember there appeared in our midst at St. Peter's a young schoolmaster who was interested in church music. Soon, he was not only playing the organ and the keyboard for our Sunday services and other special occasions but he took on our very small choir.

As an old member of the latter I would like to record my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the hours he spent on our behalf. Always encouraging even when we were awful. He spurred us on to produce a harmonious sound, at least that is what the congregation told us! We all enjoyed our sessions practicing for festivals mostly in the chill of the church in midwinter.

His energy and enthusiasm were infectious. He also photocopied endless sheets of music for us so there was never the excuse of being without.

Thank you Brian, we will miss you and wish you a happy and restful retirement. *Mary Parker*

*Mary wrote him a special farewell song with Stephanie which the choir sang at his farewell service on 18 July.*

Brian has been at King Edward's since 1988 as Head of Mathematics, and then Director of ICT in 2005.

His wife Jenni has been their Librarian since 1999.



# To be beside the sea side

Oh, they do like to be beside the sea. So that's where the Ramblers headed off to last month, as Jenny Caddy reports

**T**his month we went to the seaside. We ate ice creams, picnicked on the beach, watched boats sail past, listened to the call of marine birds, and looked at dune and salt-marsh plants.

The drive from Hambledon to the car park at West Itchenor (£3.00 for four hours, £3.50 for 24 hours) took about an hour. The 10 of us arrived two and half hours before high-tide and set off on the coastal path, the final part of the New Lipchis Way, a 38-mile trail from Liphook to Chichester Harbour ending at West Wittering.

On the shoreline we noticed clumps of lavender. These were sea lavender, no relation to the garden plant, which the rising tide soon covered. Another notable plant we encountered, this time on the sand, was sea holly—something to avoid with bare feet.

Rain looked likely and soon started. We stopped to put on our waterproofs but, if we'd waited for five minutes, we needn't have bothered because by then the rain had ceased; the dark clouds moved away, the sun shone intermittently and the temperature increased. We were glad of the sea breeze.

The area comes under the auspices of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy. Noticeboards displayed information about various features, one of which was Managed Realignment. This was not a term for cosmetic surgery but the "process of altering the position of the shoreline and allowing the development of new areas of habitat without causing harmful floods".

Chichester Harbour is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Protection Area for wild birds and a Special Area of Conservation. The rich range of habitats, including the deep-water channel, mudflats,

shingle banks, salt-marsh, grazing marsh, sand dunes and ancient woodland cater for a wide variety of flora and fauna. Over 50,000 birds live or visit each year, and the harbour is internationally important for five species of waterfowl.

A short part of our route was so overgrown that we scrambled down onto the shingle to avoid brambles. On our return journey after lunch, the tide was higher and sea covered the shingle. It seemed the choice was wet feet or scratched legs. Neither appealed to us so we looked carefully and spotted that

the water was shallow enough by the bank for us to walk though it briskly without risking a soaking.

Reaching West Wittering we sat on the beach on the westernmost tip, away from the crowds, and ate our lunch. In the distance we could see Thorney Island, Hayling Island and the Isle of Wight. Two paddled but no one fancied a swim.

After lunch we walked back via a cafe to buy ice creams. Nearby was a monument erected by the Parish of West Wittering in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the D Day Landings in Normandy on 6 June 1945. The inscription said: "Dedicated to Allied Armed Forces who trained in this area and who lost their lives in the liberation of Europe." Three flags flew, those of USA, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Back in West Itchenor we stopped at the pub for drinks before thanking our leader, John Adams, and driving home.

Tuesday, 13 July 2010  
West Itchenor to West Wittering  
7 miles circular

**Next walk Tuesday, 10 August**  
Meet at Hambledon Village Hall, 9.00am  
**Ripley to Walton-on-Thames and back by the River Wey** 8 miles. More Details:  
Long Walk Derek Miller 01428 684362  
Short Walk Mary Parker 01483 860339





# The ghostly and the ghastly

Ross's  
ramblings

**What's the difference between a UFO and a garden centre?  
According to Ross, one is ghostly and the other ghastly**

**A**ugust at last, in the best village in the best country on Earth. Me biased? Of course not. And if the weathermen are right about the long-term forecast, August will be a nice hot one. So here's a few things to do during the month.

- 1 Buy me a pint at The Merry Harriers
- 2 Join me by the Cricket Pavilion on the Village Green at approaching noon on the 8th for a mini picnic while we put the village to rights – and bring some wine
- 3 Buy me a beer at The Merry Harriers
- 4 Be at the band stand in Godalming on the 15th at 3 o'clock for that great rock/blues band Crying Out Loud. It's free. Bring a chair and a picnic
- 5 On the 21st, be at the Hascombe Fete
- 6 Buy me a beer you know where
- 7 At Godalming's bandstand on the 22nd, The Bagshot Concert Band – and there's something on there every Sunday until September 18, and it's all free
- 8 Buy me – well, you know the rest
- 9 Bring out your king-sized hip flask, some food, phone me for details and we'll all head out to the woods on Bank Holiday Monday (the 30th)
- 10 Buy Good-wife Jan a drink at The Harriers – that could be a bit more expensive than a pint.

## Red light around the nose

And now, a bit of UFO spotting by a normally very sane ex-RAF pilot, Gordon Burgess. He writes: "Fifty years ago I was flying an RAF Shackleton from Cyprus to Malta. Near Crete we were intercepted by a cylindrical, metal-looking object with no visible means of support or propulsion, but with a ghostly red light around the nose. It was early morning, but daylight. We flew westwards at 2,000 feet, 160 knots. Our friend formatted on our port side and, whatever we did, stayed there.

"Twelve of us saw it clearly. I climbed to 10,000 feet, sent a sighting report and put my radar responder to NATO emergency. Two hours later we were intercepted by two RAF Javelin fighters who said they could see the UFO. It immediately disappeared heavenward at colossal speed. Malta radar said they lost it at 60,000 feet, going too fast for them to measure.

"After landing, we all, including the fighter pilots, reported what we had seen and it became an official secret. I was an experienced squadron leader pilot, had flown with the RAF since 1940 and survived the war and other operations. This thing was real not a fantasy. I don't think anyone on this planet then or now could produce that sort of capability."

Makes you think, huh?

Don't forget Hambledon's Fruit and Vegetable Show at the village hall on September 4, and if you haven't already seen it, pop back to page 12 for the details. Take your curiously-shaped marrow and be the centre of attention. Enough of that.

Now, do you remember when garden centres were for buying plants? Consider this:

"Perennials? No problem. Go down to the organic candles, turn right round the Fair Stitch cushion covers and just past meditational DVDs is a door for the outside. That's where the plants are."

It's a garden centre, for pity's sake. I don't want hand-crafted cards or wild-bird calendars. I don't want a two-course special offer wild rice risotto in the conservatory restaurant. I just popped in for a fuchsia and then I'm going home for a bowl of soup.

When I go to my medical centre I find medicals. The tyre centre sells tyres. It doesn't confuse me

by offering several cabinets of wind chimes and joss sticks before I get to a rack of Michelin X.

After summer it gets worse. Hurry up and buy your trillium grandiflorum before you have to fight your way past neon reindeer and twinkling fairies which infiltrate, one shelf at a time, from 1st September onwards. Once the full-blown grotto arrives, I consider it a closed season. There are enough challenges getting a trolley full of mulch to the check-out. I don't need an outbreak of small children as well.

Dig-for-victory oldies, who actually want to grow something, are in the wrong place. Quite apart from the price of seed packets (£2.99 for common lettuce, not even rocket), the plant section is shrinking annually and you can't get there without steering through this labyrinthine obstacle course of porcelain toothbrush holders and molten-glass mallards.

This contagious retail disease has spread from airport arrivals where you stagger out of customs to find yourself slap-bang in the middle of a shop with no exit. There you are, in a crowd of bleary-eyed passengers, zig zagging round displays of expensive bottles with less than a suitcase-width between them. Sorry, that's another rant – don't get me started on airports...

All my love, Stephanie, and thanks for turning out for May Day.

## BYWAYS

An occasional  
column  
from  
around  
our  
plots



# The business of fun

**Magpie may be a wise old bird, but there's an eternal schoolboy in him, too, as you can judge from his confession that he loves whoopee cushions and bendy forks**

As I write, the driest six months since 1929 has come to an end, with cooler weather and some rain – and so has the World Cup. I must confess that I enjoyed the former more than the latter. I hear that there is a glut of cut-priced St George's flags.

I fear that our Lord – Lorries Off Rural Detours, that is – is not cutting much ice with lorry drivers, both English and foreign. Over the past few weeks I have come across several huge lorries around our patch, including a Polish car transporter in Marwick Lane. The cars on the top section were covered with branches. But we must keep trying.

Now, do any of you eternal schoolboys remember Ellisdons? I do, and I just had to share this article that I spotted the other day.

“Did you ever let off a stink bomb? Did you ever get anyone to sit on a whoopee cushion, or use black face soap, or pose blissfully unaware for your squirt camera? Did you ever send for the promisingly-named X-Ray Specs?

If you obtained any of these items from the 1930s to the 1970s, then there's a very good chance that you bought them from Ellisdons, a retailer and mail-order dealer that advertised themselves as 'The Largest Mail Order House for Novelties in the World' in the pages of a host of magazines and comics of those days. In the 1950s you could walk into most newsagents or toyshops and find a stand bursting with

sealed packs of tricks, jokes and novelties proudly bearing the legend Novelty Bargains from Ellisdons. Some branches of Woolworths even boasted special Ellisdons counters, where the well-organised mischievous youngster could purchase his supply of fake ink-blots, melting spoons, bendy forks, floating sugar or the infamous Mucky Pup.

### Fake pimples

Perhaps your taste in fun ran to the Boy's Disguise Kit (false beard, cut-out scars, fake pimples and tooth blackener), or the Ventrild, a small tin device which, when inserted into the roof of the mouth, apparently could turn any user into an accomplished ventriloquist.

The profusely illustrated Ellisdons catalogues were brimful of intriguing and beguiling items guaranteed to part the impish schoolboy from his pocket money. The Bird Warbler, with which you could communicate with your feathered friends, was only sixpence; and who could resist the Magic Skeleton of which it was claimed “He obeys your command”? These slim volumes are now collectors' items, fetching high prices on eBay and at ephemera auctions.

Ellisdons was established in Australia in 1898, selling general merchandise. The family moved to England in the 1930s and set up their shop at 246 High Holborn. It expanded into mail-order, and at its peak was distributing 100,000 copies of each catalogue.

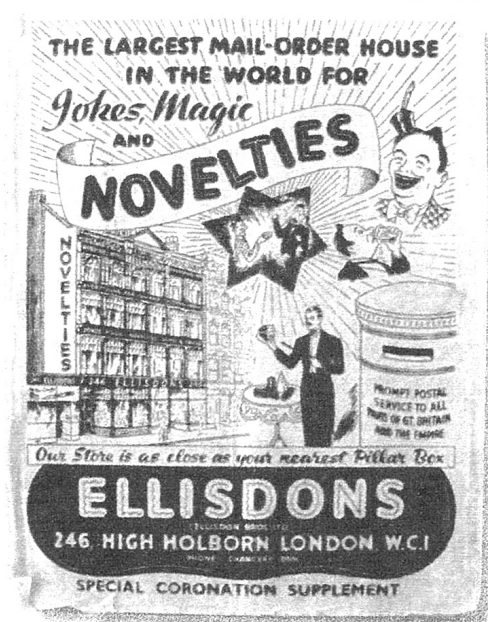
The shop had a near miss during the Blitz when the adjacent Holborn Empire was bombed and badly damaged. In the late 1950s when the area was redeveloped, the business moved to the northern end of Chancery Lane. It is said that there was a room full of specialised stage magic at the back of the shop into which no one was allowed who was not a professional conjurer, but this may be magicians' folklore.

As the founders of the novelty empire passed away, no heirs took up the baton (or the wand). Interest in practical jokes declined throughout the 1970s, and business gradually fell off until the shop closed in the early 1980s.

The great granddaughter of the founder of Ellisdons now lives in Illinois, and the name is no longer synonymous with jokes and tricks, except in the memories of those who recall just what fun it was to try to convince Mum that you'd driven a nail through your finger, or to watch Dad try to drink his tea from a dribble cup.

Ellisdons: The Only Business is Fun, ran their slogan. That's not a bad way to be.”

CHRIS GREEN



# Bishop of Guildford's Foundation Summer Newsletter 2010

**W**e thought you might like to hear how the grants that we are able to give, thanks to your donations, can make a real difference to people's lives.

In June 2009 we gave a grant for £3,000 to the **Links Project in North Holmwood**. A lot of Community Development work is being done in the area, and the money we gave was specifically for much needed improvements to a local playing field.

We were contacted by people from Lombard North Central who wanted to do some worthwhile community work as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative. We put them in touch with Links, and they have spent three days clearing out an overgrown pond, re-lined, re-filled, and re-stocked it, for the children at the school to take over responsibility.

**The Sunnybank Trust** sent their thanks for the grant of £2,000 by BGF which has been used towards costs of running their weekly social club, Kites, at St Barnabas Church, Epsom, which is provided free of charge to adults with Learning Disabilities to enjoy an evening of activity, including dance, music workshop, arts & crafts, and a place to meet with their friends each week. Tom RhindTutt, Sunnybanks founder has a fascinating and inspirational story to tell, is happy to speak at church services, groups of any sort and other meetings around the Diocese of

Guildford. Please contact us if you would like to get in touch with Tom.

**Disability Challengers** extend their thanks, as a grant to them "has allowed local disabled children to attend our project, challenge their impairments and reach their full potential. Your funding has really made a great difference to local families – thank you for being so generous." These are just two examples of the letters we receive regularly from recipients of money from the Foundation – thanks are due to you, whose donations enable us to maintain our small grants programme.

Our attempts to raise our profile last year resulted in a large increase in applications we receive. It is interesting to see that withdrawal of many services by local authorities have inspired churches and other faith groups to provide similar services through the voluntary sector. We have applications from so many wonderful groups, if only we could support them all!

We hope these snapshots of projects we supported might inspire you to organize an event in your parish for the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation. If you are holding a cake sale, a plant sale, a quiz night or anything for us, please let us know. We will provide you posters and leaflets and come along if appropriate.

Thank you very much for your interest and support.

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## SITUATIONS VACANT!

***vacancies are without remuneration other than the knowledge that you really help make a difference!***

**IT CONSULTANT** Is there anyone who can help this band of oldies come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century? We would really like to review our various methods of communication and think about Facebook, Twitter, Blogs and all those other good things. Can anyone spare some time to take this on for us, to explain them to us, and to set them up for us?

**PROJECT MANAGER** We have yet again had

to postpone the promised abseil. We have now decided to employ a professional "charity events" company as they have all the necessary experience to help us to make this a very profitable event. We are looking for someone who has the time to commit to co-ordinating this event.

**Please ring Jane on 07771591457 if you want to talk over either of the above, with no commitment at this stage. We hope to hear from you soon.**

If interested in our work, and you would like to know more, or how you can help, please get in touch:

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## Holiday Security

**Hambledon's neighbourhood police officer, PC Tracey Taylor, reminds us to think of household security before we go on hols:**

**A**s you may know, PCSO Dave Boxall attended the Hambledon Fete, thoroughly enjoyed his afternoon. I was sorry not to be able to attend.

What lovely weather we have had recently. Let's just hope it holds because, as I write this, I am on holiday mode and about to take some leave. If you, too, are planning to be away please:

- Tell key-holders or neighbours you will be away and ask them to keep an eye on your house.
- Use timers to switch on lights, radio and TV so it looks as if you are at home.

- Cancel the milk and newspapers.
- Securely lock all doors and windows.

Our next street meetings will be at the Hambledon Village Shop on:

Saturday 31st July – 09.30-10.30

Wednesday 18th August – 10.30-11.30

Saturday 25th September – 09.30-10.30

I will be out and about when on duty, please feel free to stop Dave or me. If you would like to contact us, please call on 01483 630086 or email [wsdaverleysnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wsdaverleysnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

Please also see our page on Surrey Police website: <http://www.surrey.police.uk/neighbourhood/neighbourhood.asp?area=WVMW>

# Novi Most International

*"After all that Novi Most people did for me, this is how I can say thank you"*



Novi Most (= New Bridge) in Mostar

For several years now Novi Most International has been one of the Missionary organizations supported by Hambledon Church. It was started during the Bosnian civil war in the early 1990s as a relief organization. Since then it has worked with young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina: to help them to overcome the effects of the past, to enter their futures with hope and confidence, and to empower them to be agents of

transformation in their communities.

The director of Novi Most, the Reverend Gillian Rowell, spoke at the two Sunday morning services at Hambledon Church earlier this year. There was much interest, and since then more information and correspondence. This vivid example of their work is taken from their latest summer Newsletter *New Bridge*.

*David Chadwick*

**Novi Most workers are committed to helping young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina to have a better quality of life. In all the activities, different projects and opportunities, our highest priority is giving young people hope and confidence.**

Like many of the young people we work with, 22 years old Sutko had a difficult childhood; when we first met him he was 11 years old and living in "Container Village". He began regularly attending Klub in 2008.



Last summer he was invited by Novi Most workers to join them at the church-led youth camp where he experienced God in a way he had never encountered before. Take a moment to imagine what it is like to be a young person like Sutko, living in Bosnia Herzegovina. You may have had to leave school early because your family can't afford to keep you there (a quarter of young people drop out of secondary education because of financial pressures). You dream about being a pop star, or a footballer, because you have plenty of time for day-dreaming, and little prospect of getting a normal job. (The unemployment rate for young people in Bosnia Herzegovina is shocking – four times greater than the EU average.) You would like to do something worthwhile (1 in 3 young people say they would like to start their own business), but you don't have the funds or the know-how. (Only 7% of young people living in households with low incomes receive social aid). You think that if you were to look for a job, somewhere along the line, someone would need to be bribed (that's what 95% of young people in Bosnia Herzegovina think too). You would like to move to a foreign country and live there forever (and so would nearly half your friends) - anywhere would be better than where you live. But you don't have a passport (like 40% of your friends) and even if you had the freedom, you probably couldn't afford it (a quarter of your classmates live in households where the whole total average monthly income is below £200).

Now, imagine - school is out for the summer, and you have the opportunity to go to a youth club in your town and make friends with young people who are different

to you. You can get to know the Novi Most team: international youth workers who give you hope, because they seem to believe in you, and your country. Local workers who give you hope because they have experienced similar struggles to the ones you are experiencing, and yet they are offering and showing a different way to be. Novi Most workers treat everyone - whoever they are - with respect, and love. They are patient. They are firm. They are honest. They encourage you and your friends to have fun. They offer you opportunities to learn a new skill, or to do something out of the ordinary. They accept you, and listen to what you say.

Since then the team have seen a real change in him; he has become very teachable and less volatile. He has also been helping local worker Adrian Marold lead weekly uni-hockey training in Mostar.

In March Sutko spent a day helping local Novi Most workers Senada and Adisa tidy up the garden areas outside the Klub building. After that first day he continued working in the garden, but on his own.

Adisa Rogić, team administrator, writes, *"The work that he does is like nothing that anyone has done so far in the garden. He has dug over all three sections of land, and pruned the trees and bushes, sown new grass and planted flowers, giving the whole area a facelift."*

Sutko arrives early in the morning and stays until the last person leaves Klub and it isn't just the team who have been struck by his effort. The neighbours living in the flats around Klub are impressed too and have stopped team members outside to tell them what a good job he is doing. It is the opposite of what they see some other young people do – throwing litter.

*"I make an effort so that our Klub would look beautiful and clean because we don't want to spoil the reputation of Klub,"* says Sutko. *"Since I started going to Klub my life got better because I met a lot of good people there who have helped me with my life. I think that it is a place where young people can learn a lot of things which would help them with their future."*

One afternoon another Klub member asked Sutko "How much do they pay you? I wouldn't do this for free, definitely, not under 200 KM (£100)!" Sutko's answer reveals just how much Novi Most has affected his life; *"After all that Novi Most people did for me, this is how I can say thank you."*



## AUGUST AT THE MERRY HARRIERS

*"The English winter—ending in July, to recommence in August"*  
- George Gordon Noel Byron



**A VERY BIG THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO HELP US KEEP  
THE MERRY HARRIERS AS A VIBRANT, THRIVING VILLAGE PUB.**

A quieter month here while many of you are off sunning yourselves. Plenty on for September though including Merry Fest III – three days of livemusic, entertainment and 30+ real ales starting on September 10th.

**Sunday 8th** It's a(nother) French Public Holiday tomorrow, so we're having a relaxing day on the boules piste to celebrate all things French. Strikey jumpers, berets and moustaches recommended. Starts 3pm comme ci comme ça. 20% off French rose and white.



**Wednesday 11th** Llama Open Day - Come along and meet our lovely llamas. Short walks available £10.00 per group. Open to all ages.

**Tuesday 17th** Steak night – 2 rumps with chips or salad and a bottle of house wine for £25 per couple. Again, booking essential.

**Saturday 20th** Live music with the inimitable The Likeness, some of whom are now man and wife. Congratulations Becky & Simon! Will it affect their musical chemistry? We very much doubt it. Expect a very busy rocking night.



**Monday 30th** Cricket: Pub v Village. The traditional fixture. Volunteers wanted.

# ART

**Coming up** Following the trend which we started last year. We are looking forward to holding an exhibition of A-Level Art from the students of Godalming College. Look out for further information.

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](mailto:merryharriers@btconnect.com)

# Relax... do a little and visit

A great month to do little except harvest fruit and veg, and some tidying up. Sit back and enjoy it... but keep up the good work, and visit other gardens.

## Propagation

- Collect ripened seeds from early summer flowering plants, clean and store them somewhere cool and dry.
- Take cuttings of box, tender perennials eg alpines penstemons and semi ripe cuttings of shrubs and herbs.
- layer shrubs: rhododendrons, magnolias, clematis

## Pruning

- Wisteria can still be given its summer prune.
- Remove old shoots of rambling roses when over close to the ground. Tie in replacement new branches.
- Lavender, santolina, and artemisia can look scruffy once flowers fade, so trim back with sharp shears.
- Trim topiary and hedges to keep their shape.
- Cut out spent raspberry canes.

## Edibles

- The start of harvest time: vegetables such as sweet-corn, marrows, squashes and pumpkins will be ready.
- Pinch out tops of outdoor tomatoes after six trusses and remove side shoots (except on bush tomatoes).
- Support plum and other tree branches as the weight may break brittle branches.
- Harvest and freeze beans; lift & dry onions, garlic.
- Start harvesting apples, pears and other tree fruits.
- Sow lettuce, radish, spring onion, rocket & parsley to last throughout the winter.



**Planting** start planting bulbs for winter and spring

**Lawns** After rain, don't cut your lawn too short as this will encourage it to grow faster. Leave grass cuttings on the lawn if hot and dry to help retain moisture. Apply high phosphate fertiliser to the lawn to promote root growth thus toughening up the grass for winter.

**Indoors plants/Glasshouses** In your absence, give them a good water, move away from sunny windows, and group together, on trays of wet gravel or capillary matting, e.g. in the bath.

## Maintenance

- Keep container plants looking best by feeding with weak liquid fertiliser weekly.
- keep dead-heading; weeding and watering.
- In hot weather work early morning, late afternoon or evening. Also your watering.
- Continue to spray for Blackspot on roses.
- start divide perennials at the end of this month, and prop up or cut back any that have collapsed or spread.
- Remove spent flower heads, to encourage new flowers which will emerge further down the stems

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**RHS Garden Wisley** 0845 260 9000 <http://www.rhs.org.uk/>

**The Great Garden Adventure 1-31 Aug 1000-1800**  
Develop outdoor skills: den building, camouflage and tracking. Learn about plants that bite back, take cover as birds of prey swoop from above. Discover brilliant bugs and conquer the massive sunflower maze.

**Flower Photography 8Aug 14:30-16:00**  
flower photographer Sue Bishop on tips & techniques to create perfect pictures of flowers in your garden & in the wider landscape. 45 minute talk, Q&A session.

**Rediscovering trees & shrubs 5 Aug 10:15-15:30**  
Trees and shrubs are the backbone of every garden, however small. Chelsea winning designers and a nurseryman hope to inspire everyone to grow more and the very best trees and shrubs available. 1030 Introduction 1035 Talk by Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd 1135 Talk by Janie Burford 12.35 Lunch easily purchased at the nearby café 1.30 Talk by Andrew McIndoe (Hilliers) 2.30 Conclusion. Member: £11 Non Member: £20.50

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**The National Gardens Scheme** 01483 211535 <http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/>

**Bradstow Lodge, Ifold, Sussex** triangular garden designed by owners from scratch in 2001. Knot garden & associated topiary, a wild circle, bog garden, woodland shade & containers: **Open:** Sun 8 Aug 2-5

**Spurfold, Peaslake** Wonderful garden in AONB, of ~4 acres, herbaceous and shrub borders, formal pond with Buddha head, sunken gravel garden, topiary and water feature, 4 terraces, mature rhododendrons and azaleas, woodland paths, and gazebos. Unique collection of Indian elephants and other objets d'art. New topiary created Spring 2010 **Open:** Fri 6 Aug (5-8)

**Longer End Cottage, Normandy** 1½-acre garden, wide variety of plants, shrubs and trees incl roses, delphiniums, tree ferns, gunnera, grasses. Knot garden, laburnum walk, wild flower meadow, folly and stumpery **Open:** Sun 15 Aug and 12 Sept (1-6).

**Stuart Cottage, E Clandon,** ½-acre partly walled garden, box in informal garden of this C16 cottage. Wisteria and rose/clematis walks give shade to the S/W aspect while rosemary and lavender edge the brick paths. Unusual herbaceous plants among cottage garden favourites, decorative organic kitchen garden, orchard **Open:** Sun 29 Aug 12-5



## GOD IN THE ARTS

# Before the end of day

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *Coming from evening church*, by Samuel Palmer which is on display at Tate Britain in London

In some of our country parishes there are still to be found timber-framed medieval churches. These can be hidden down secluded lanes with more fields than houses around. Evensong in such churches on an August Sunday evening with the sun beginning to set in the west can often remind one of this painting by Samuel Palmer, *Coming from evening church*.

Samuel Palmer was born in London in 1805 but, through the influence of Constable and William Blake, he moved from the city to the country to settle in Shoreham in Kent. A group of artists gathered around him known as the Ancients (because they believed ancient man was superior to modern man).

Palmer delighted in the countryside around Shoreham, which became for him 'the Valley of Vision.' His paintings capture not just the physical beauty of the landscape, but also its spiritual beauty. When he married, he moved to Italy. With the death of a much-loved son, Thomas, he became almost a recluse. But with Hannah, his wife, his final days were marked by that tranquillity and contentment he had found in earlier times. He died in Reigate in 1881.

This month's painting belongs to the Shoreham period of Samuel Palmer's life and was painted in 1830. The church and people are framed by the trees and by the hills behind. A quiet procession of young and old leave church to return to their homes, with a mother and children leading them.

There is an innocence in this twilight scene as the congregation forms an almost stately walk up the lane. The church with its tall, thin spire and the people seem to be at one with the countryside around. That innocence and spiritual focus Samuel Palmer found in the poems and paintings of William Blake. He also found them in Virgil, with his hints of a golden age when this world was at unity with itself. So the river and the hills, the buildings and the people become here the manifestation of a spiritual kingdom. He wrote of how the countryside can give off 'a mystic and dreamy glimmer.'

We sense that glimmer here as the trees arch over to frame the evening scene.

It is a spiritual harmony and well-being that we do not always find around us in the pace of busy lives, as we try to meet responsibilities, and as we try to cope with the demands of life itself. Here Samuel Palmer portrays an innate goodness and harmony that we can glimpse and sense when we stand still to ponder the painting. And when we stand still wherever we are to ponder and pause as the world turns around us.

You can see a copy of this painting at: <http://www.tate.org.uk/servlet/ViewWork?workid=11045&tabview=work>





## Ripe for cooking

Here's a lovely, easy-to-prepare summer dish from Guy Lemieux's extensive cookery book – a savoury dish that uses fruits in season. Plus, a novel twist on the ubiquitous brownie

### Grilled Parma ham with figs and peaches

*8 fresh ripe figs  
2 peaches*

*Olive oil for basting  
12 thin slices of Parma ham*

This is a truly summery dish to make when figs and peaches are at the height of their short summer season. The heat of a barbecue frazzles the Parma ham, but leaves it still juicy, whilst the fruit is roasted until warm and caramelised.

**Method:** stand each fig upright. Using a sharp knife, cut crosswise, leaving base of each fig intact. Halve the peaches and stone them. Place the fruit, outside down, on the barbecue and

cook for seven minutes, or until hot and golden brown.

Whilst the fruit is cooking, cook the Parma ham for about three minutes.

Arrange two figs and half a peach per person on each plate, then carefully place the Parma ham on top (three slice per person).

Drizzle with olive oil and season with freshly-milled pepper.

Serves four.

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### Chocolate bran brownies

*2oz bran cereal  
3oz self-raising flour  
2½oz butter or margarine  
4oz caster sugar  
2 table spoons water*

*6oz plain chocolate  
½ tea spoon vanilla essence  
2 eggs  
4oz walnuts, or other nuts*

These are as good as brownies get, moist and chocolaty – plus, with all that bran, they are healthier than your average brownie.

**Method:** Line an eight-inch square cake tin with grease-proof paper. Put the bran into a mixing bowl, sift the flour and mix with the bran. Put the butter or margarine, sugar and water into a sauce pan, heat gently until the fat has melted. Remove from the heat.

Break the chocolate into pieces, add to the hot melted ingredients and add the vanilla essence. Leave until the chocolate has melted then blend with the bran and flour.

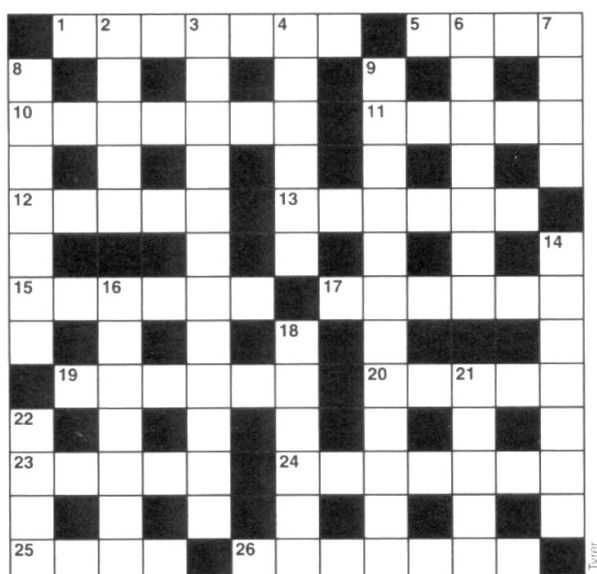
Beat in the eggs.

Chop the walnuts, or other nuts, fairly coarsely and add to the other ingredients. Pour into tin.

Bake in the centre of a moderate oven (180°C, or gas mark 4 to 5) for 30 minutes or until firm to the touch. Allow to cool, then cut into 16 squares.



# Puzzle Page



## DOWN

- 2 Horned African animal (5)
- 3 Level of prices, generally (4,2,6)
- 4 *Only the*\_\_\_\_, Roy Orbison song (6)
- 6 Cool in manner (7)
- 7 Husband of a countess (4)
- 8 Baton carried as an emblem of kingship (7)
- 9 Good view of a boxing match (8,4)
- 14 Small breed of dog (7)
- 16 Lorry driver (7)
- 18 Spin round (6)
- 21 Common wound to knees or arms (5)
- 22 Internet diary (4)

## ACROSS

- 1 Dot of brown skin on the face (7)
- 5 Trickle or leak slowly out (4)
- 10 Shade of red (7)
- 11 Conclude (from evidence) (5)
- 12 Snapshot(5)
- 13 Deadlock, standstill (6)
- 15 Pram toy (6)
- 17 Close-fitting undergarment (6)
- 19 Examine in detail (6)
- 20 Enthusiastic, keen (5)
- 23 Show similarities between (5)
- 24 Par for the course (7)
- 25 Young woman (4)
- 26 Small falcon (7)

In August, England plays Pakistan in a series of cricket test matches – only some of the games played throughout the country – from the glorious surroundings of Lord's to greens in the shadow of countless village churches, school playing fields and even beaches – truly England's summer game.

## Word Search

ONKOOHLCTYERE  
IAEDSLRGLVBES  
RMLRADRLICOVS  
USEUMPRIERWOC  
HTTFUSDSKSLCA  
IAEEISTUMPEDT  
VBKKEEUSYIRDC  
HOC CCGLLCNSCH  
SUIALIGDENRSS  
PNWOAOWBEEDIW  
ICVBOUNDARYGA  
LELGAIISILIU  
SRYORKERTMLOI

## Easy Sudoku

			8			3		
9		1	4	3				
7		3				2	1	4
		8	1				3	
1	3	4	5		6	7	8	2
	7				8	5		
4	2	7				8		3
				5	3	9		7
		5			4			

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## Intermediate Sudoku

		7	3					
		4			6		3	9
	9			7				4
5		9		2				
						4		2
2				6			1	
1	3		5			2		
					4	5		

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Answers to all puzzles on page 31

# Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Where shall we go for our holidays?

As long as there are trees  
I don't mind where we go,  
To Mablethorpe or to the moon,  
Or Alaska in the snow.  
All holidays are magical  
Near mountains, lakes or seas,  
Each place a perfect playground -  
As long as there are trees.

As long as there are trees  
With branches gnarled and twisted,  
Their fascination works on me  
And cannot be resisted.  
I have this strange compulsion,  
Like a recurring disease,  
It spreads through arms and legs, to brain,  
I *have* to climb up trees.

As long as there are trees  
I can make the world my own.  
I climb and perch, the master of  
My time-free travel zone.  
No-one knows I'm out in space,  
Or surviving treacherous seas,  
Exploring all the universe -  
They think I'm climbing trees!

Sol says:  
"Trees! You can  
imagine all sorts of  
things!"

**"And all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands"**  
Isaiah 55:12 (NIV)

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



Mouse Makes

Read the full story of the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-15.

## The Large Crowd and The Big Picnic

Thousands of people had followed Jesus to the other side of the lake to listen to his teaching.

All that the disciples had to feed them was **five** loaves of barley bread and **two** fish but Jesus took the bread and fish and gave thanks to God. They all had as much as they could eat and there were still **12** baskets of bread left over!



Find these words on the picnic rug:

- BARLEY • MIRACLE • CROWD • TEACH •
- GRASS • GATHER • BASKETS • SHARE •
- BREAD • LOAVES • FEAST • SIT • TWO •
- DISCIPLES
- ATE • SAT
- HUNGRY
- BOY • EAT
- FIVE
- FISH
- JESUS
- PIECES
- GOD
- FULL
- FEED
- TWELVE
- THANKED



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# Useful Information and Telephone Numbers



## GP SURGERIES AND HEALTH CENTRES

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

<b>Tel:</b> Doctors	01428 682218
Community Nurses	01428 685249
Health Visitors	01428 685249

**Milford** – Hurst Farm Surgery, Chapel Lane, Milford GU8 4EG

<b>Tel:</b> Doctors	01483 415885
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Crossroads Surgery, Church Road, Milford GU8 5JQ

<b>Tel:</b> Doctors	01483 414461
Health Visitors & Community Nurses	01483 415564

**Chiddingfold** – Ridgeley Road, GU8 4QP

<b>Tel:</b> Doctors	01428 683174
Community Nurses	01428 683735

## HOSPITALS

**Royal Surrey County Hospital**

01483 571122

**Milford Hospital**

01483 782000

Equipment for short term use

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

Contact: Medical Loans Service, British Red Cross, Pines Business Park, Off Aldershot Rd

(10-12.30pm Mon-Fri, 10-11.30am Sat)	01483 532117
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or Mrs Hayle, Weycourt Godalming (Open Tues 7.30-8.30 pm)	01483 416326
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## POLICE

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer: PC Tracey Taylor

PCSO Dave Boxall	01483 630086
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Email address	wswaverleysnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk
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Urgent calls	999
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Non-urgent and crime reporting	0845 125 2222
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

Area 1	Mr R. Kilsby	Hydestile	01483 423637
Area 2	Mr A.G. Blackman	Church Lane	01428 683871
Area 3	Miss J. Woolley	Woodlands Road	01428 684213
Area 4	Mrs C. Pitt	Malthouse Lane	01428 682940
Area 5	Mr A. Hammond	Cricket Green	01428 683625
Area 6	Mr J. Tidmarsh	Lane End	01428 682067
Area 7	Mr I. Campbell	Feathercombe Lane	01483 860264
Area 8	Ms L Roberts	Hambledon Park	01428 685075
Parish Council Representative	Mr R. Vickery		01428 682036

## UTILITIES

Thames Water (Customer Enquiries)	0845 9200800
Southern Water (Customer Enquiries)	0845 2780845
Southern Electric (Emergency) 24 Hours	0845 7708090
Gas (Emergency) 24 hours	0800 111 999

## HAMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman	John Anderson	01428 682666
Vice-Chairman	Philip Underwood	01428 682742
Councillors	Jane Caie	01428 685258
	Derek Miller	01428 684362
	Stewart Payne	01483 425250
	Paul Pattinson	01428 682000
	Ron Vickery	01428 682036
Clerk	Jane Woolley	01428 684213
Surrey County Councillor	Dr Andrew Povey,	01483 267443
Waverley Borough Councillors		
	Liz Cable	01428 682640
	Adam Taylor-Smith	01483 555573

## GENERAL

Borough Hall	01483 523333
Cinema Borough Hall (Tickets & Information)	01483 523004
Library	01483 422743
Hambledon Village Shop is able to arrange deliveries	01428 682176
Hambledon Village Hall – for terms and bookings	01428 683588
Train Information	
Times and fares for all national services	0845 7484950

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Lifts to medical appointments, collecting prescriptions for Hambledon residents without transport, ring 01428 682959. If no response within 24 hours please call 01428 682702

## VETERINARY SURGEONS

<b>North Downs Veterinary Group</b>	
37, New Road, Milford	01483 414747
<b>Rivendell</b>	
24, St Johns Street, Farncombe	01483 421833

In an emergency, ring either number

### Hambledon Village Shop & Post Office Opening Times

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



## BIBLE BIRDS

There are lots of birds in the Bible - Noah sent them out from the Ark to see if the flood waters had gone down, first a raven and then a dove (Genesis 6: 6-13). Elijah was fed by ravens while he lived in the desert (1 Kings 17: 1-8).

Mary and Joseph made an offering of 'a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons' (Luke 2: 22-24) when they took baby Jesus to the Temple. When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God descended like a dove (Matthew 3:3-17). That is why the Holy Spirit is usually shown as a dove. The dove is also a symbol of peace.



But my favourite bit about birds is Luke, chapter 12, verses 4-7. 'Aren't 5 sparrows sold for 2 pennies? Yet not one sparrow is forgotten...' It reminds us that God loves and cares for everything, even the smallest part of his creation.

## BIBLE BIRD WORDS

Some clues are in the first column, but can you answer these Bible questions all about birds? Which bird...

1. Didn't come back when Noah sent it out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
2. Flocks of these fed the Israelites in the desert. (Numbers 11)
3. Those who wait on the Lord will rise up with wings like... (Isaiah 40)
4. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
5. Saul hunted David like one of these in the mountains (1 Samuel 27)
6. Jesus said this bird would be at a scene of desolation (Matthew 24)
7. cost 2p for 5? (you shouldn't need a clue for this one!)



**What do you give a sick bird?**  
Tweetment.

**Why can't a duck fly upside down?**

Because he'd quack up.



1) dove 2) quail 3) eagles 4) raven 5) partridge 6) vulture 7) sparrow

**Crossword Search Solutions** ACROSS: 1 Freckles 5 Ooze 10 Crimson 11 Infer 12 Photo 13 Logjam  
15 Rattle 17 Girdle 19 Survey 20 Eager 23 Liken 24 Average 25 Girl 26 Kestrel

DOWN: 2 Rhino 3 Cost of living 4 Lonely 6 Offhand 7 Earl 8 Sceptre  
9 Ringside seat 14 Terrier 16 Trucker 18 Gyrate 21 Graze 22 Blog

### Word Search Solutions

wicket	spinner	slips	gloves
batsman	silly	midwicket	bouncer
fielder	crease	cover	wide
ball	yorker	catch	dismiss
bowler	boundary	stumped	drive
googly	Umpire	bails	hook



### Sudoku Solutions

Easy

6	4	2	8	7	1	3	9	5
9	5	1	4	3	2	6	7	8
7	8	3	9	6	5	2	1	4
5	6	8	1	2	7	4	3	9
1	3	4	5	9	6	7	8	2
2	7	9	3	4	8	5	6	1
4	2	7	6	1	9	8	5	3
8	1	6	2	5	3	9	4	7
3	9	5	7	8	4	1	2	6

Intermediate

6	5	7	3	4	9	8	2	1
8	2	4	1	5	6	7	3	9
3	9	1	8	7	2	6	5	4
5	8	9	4	2	1	3	7	6
4	6	2	9	3	7	1	8	5
7	1	3	6	8	5	4	9	2
2	4	5	7	6	3	9	1	8
1	3	6	5	9	8	2	4	7
9	7	8	2	1	4	5	6	3

*Are you treading the boards?*

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