

# Hambledon Parish Magazine



## St Peter's Church



## & Village News



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

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contact the Church Wardens.

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## Pastoral Letter – December

from Simon, Rector of Hambledon and Busbridge

Dear all,

I saw my first Christmas decoration on sale in a national shop in August of this year. I was quite staggered! Most of us are a bit more last minute than that and we're just getting into the run up to Christmas. If you are like me the pressure is mounting.

For Christians, this is a time called Advent. It is a time of getting ready. Centuries ago it was a time of reflection on the state of the Soul that was followed by the ten day long Church feast and celebration, the 'Mass of Christ'. This Christmas we're celebrating in a number of ways as a local church made up of the local Hambledon community. If you like carols, candles, pub evenings or the atmosphere of a village church at this time of year then there's probably something here for you – to whet the appetite more details are given below and opposite:

### Thursday December 16th

*Evening at 7.30pm. The Merry Harriers.* Thanks to Colin and everyone at the pub we're hosting the usual packed evening of loud carols, warm fires and maybe even bellies warmed by a drink?

### For all that is happening in Church over the Christmas period:

from Sunday December 19th - Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day), *see Church Calendar opposite page:*

In this season of Advent, and with advent being about looking to the future, I would also like to take this opportunity to share where we are in terms of the future of a local church for Hambledon. It is true that funds are tight, especially for the upkeep of the building and this is having an impact on our planning. I know from the replies to my previous letter that many have read it and there is support for the church in the village. More details will be given on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in the church services.

By the time you read this I will have been to see the Archdeacon of Surrey. I will be seeking permission to appoint someone to succeed Steph. Assuming that the archdeacon is happy with this and that there are funds for an appointment/sustaining the church, the legal group of the church, called the Parish Church Council (PCC) will meet. This is like a Parish Council and in previous centuries the two would have almost been the same thing.

The PCC will discuss the views expressed and put together a profile of the church, village, area and aspirations for the future. While the appointment is in 'the gift of the Rector', this Rector has every intention of including a wide body of people in the process. A warning: I had to say to those gathered at St Peter's recently, "I am sorry but I cannot promise you another DM boot wearing vicar who loves her music. I can try though!"

I also said, "The profile will have details of schools, the area, the life of the church, village... There will be quite a significant section about what St Peter's as a church wants to be like in the future. None of this is for me to write."

So, this Advent, may I wish you Christ's peace in troubled times as we look to the future,

Yours in Christ,

Simon Taylor,  
Rector,  
Hambledon and Busbridge

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## December 2010

<b>5th December</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship
<b>12th December</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) Holy Communion (CW) (with Children's Groups)
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18th December</b>	9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome	
<b>19th December</b> 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) A special Christmas Adventure for all ages with carols Carol Service with candlelight
<b>Friday</b> <b>24th December</b> Christmas Eve	4.00 pm 11.00 pm	Crib Service, Carols and the Christmas story Christmas Communion (CW) with carols
<b>Saturday 25th</b> Christmas Day	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) with carols</b> <b>Family Celebration</b> of the gift of Christ
<b>26th December</b> 1st Sunday of Christmas	8.00 am <b>10.00 am</b>	<b><i>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Godalming (BCP)</i></b> <b><i>Busbridge</i></b> Short service of Holy Communion (CW) <i>A quiet space for worship and reflection</i>
<b>and in January</b>		
<b>2nd January</b> 2nd Sunday of Christmas	8.00 am <b>10.30 am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Churches Together United Service, <b><i>SS Peter and St Paul, Godalming</i></b> <i>activities for children and Communion. Simon will be preaching. Several hundred local Christians.</i> (No service in Hambledon at 11.00 am)

### Services during December

There are a number of changes to the usual service times this month, in both Busbridge and Hambledon, especially over the Christmas period. They have been agreed with the Churchwardens, partly because there are fewer clergy available to officiate at Communion services. They also signal a greater degree of collaboration between all the churches in the area, because Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall at the weekend (this won't happen again until 2021!)

*We hope and pray that, as we celebrate the birth of Christ,  
we may worship him in Spirit and Truth, rejoicing in the faith we share.*

**Silent Night** is one of the world's most popular Christmas carols. Every year it is sung in many different languages across the world evoking the spirit of Christmas. Popularly it is said that the carol was composed in one night, to be accompanied by a guitar, because the mice had eaten the organ bellows!

But what is the real history of this carol? It was first heard in St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf on Christmas Eve 1818. The congregation at Midnight Mass listened as the assistant pastor, Father Joseph Mohr, and choir director, Franz Gruber, sang to the accompaniment of Father Mohr's guitar. The priest had composed the words two years earlier in 1816.

# PARISH & PEOPLE



**A** new arrival in the Cooke family! A daughter to Julian and Lily and a first grandchild for Ursula and Stuart. Her name is Isobel and Hambledon extends a warm welcome!!

Well done to Brian and Ann Rowe who celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Joan Elliott of Maple Bungalow tells us that she has a new great-grandson. His name is Leon and he is her No.12!

Jo Ingham and her parents John and Annie Tidmarsh have done a good job again this year in organising the Poppy Collection in the village for which we are all most grateful.

It was good to see so many attending the Remembrance Service in Hambledon Church, including Vicki Hinde who was back in the UK from their new home in Hong Kong. We were sorry that Vicki's visit was for a sad occasion and we send to her and her family the loving sympathy of Hambledon friends and neighbours on the occasion of the death of her father.

We have been saddened in the village to learn of the death of Jean de Bernières-Smart. Jean and Piers and their family lived for many years at Aaron Lodge on the Petworth Road, from where they involved themselves in all manner of activities concerning both

Church and Village life. Jean was a great flower arranger, a Poppy Appeal Organiser, was very much involved in the work of the Almshouses and took the residents very much under her wing. She is also well remembered for organising a rota of drivers to ferry children from St Dominic's School to Shamley Green each week to the Riding for the Disabled Centre. This she did on a very regular basis until St Dominic's had their own minibus. The family eventually moved away to West Wittering but up until fairly recently Jean and Piers were to be seen at the Hambledon Village Fete and of course their son Louis has captured many village characters in his book *Notwithstanding* that many have read and recognise village folk from the past. We send to Piers and to the family the loving sympathy of us all.

We have been delighted to learn from Marilyn Sartin that a wedding is planned for the Spring of 2011. Marilyn is the widow of Peter who was our Rector here in Hambledon from 1985-89 and she has recently moved from Liss to the Bath area where she has renewed the acquaintance of a long-term family friend John Perry. The news of their forthcoming marriage delights us all and we send the good wishes of Hambledon friends and past neighbours.

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## And so into 2011 and the Parish Magazine:

**T**he price of the magazine will be unchanged again next year: 50p a copy and £5 for an annual subscription paid in advance.

It would be a great help if you would kindly deliver the £5 to your distributor to save repeated attempts to find you at home. If you don't know the name of your distributor, Pat Williams (682455) can tell you. If it is easier for you to leave your subscription at the Village Shop, please attach a note showing who has left it. If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make it payable to Hambledon Parish Magazine.

Those who wish to receive the magazine by post, please note that the cost has gone up because of postal charges. It is now £15.50 for the year and cheques (again payable to Hambledon Parish Magazine) should be sent to the Treasurer, R G Williams at Bermonde, Hambledon Road, Hambledon, Godalming GU8 4DR. Those receiving copies by post are asked to let the Treasurer know by 31 December if they do NOT wish to continue.

And finally.....We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the kind distributors who deliver the magazine each month. It is very much appreciated.

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## What Does Christmas Mean To You?

When you prepare for Christmas  
What matters spring to mind?  
The coming of the Saviour  
Or the gifts that you can't find.

Do you think of baby Jesus  
As you deck the halls with holly?  
Or are your thoughts preoccupied  
With piling high your shopping trolley.

Will you be moved this Christmas  
By the sound of carol singing  
Or are you more in tune with  
The sound of shop tills ringing

On that family occasion  
When you choose your Christmas tree  
Do you think of how that tiny babe  
Came to die for you and me?

Christmas to you could mean much more  
If you're prepared to see  
The reasons why each Christmastime  
Just mean so much to me,

So as you celebrate this Christmas  
Why not resolve to start anew?  
And change your whole perspective  
Of what Christmas means to you.

*By Colin Hammacott*

# December 6th, St Nicholas

**F**ather Christmas seems to be as old as Europe. Once he was Woden, lashing his rein-deer through the darkness of northern midwinter. Then he encountered the Church, and She transformed him into a saint, the much-loved Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in south-west Turkey) in the fourth century. St Nicholas became the patron saint of children, and was given 6 December as his day.

Since the 6th century St Nicholas has been venerated in both East and West, though virtually nothing is known of his life. Some believe he may have been one of the fathers at the Council of Nicea (325), imprisoned during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution.

According to legend, Nicholas was an extremely generous man. He revived three schoolboys murdered by an innkeeper in a tub of pickles. He rescued three young women from prostitution by giving their poverty-stricken father three bags of gold. (Hence the use of three gold balls as the pawnbroker's signs.)

Over the centuries many, including children, sailors, unmarried girls, pawnbrokers and moneylenders have claimed him as their patron.

Perhaps it was on account of St Nicholas' generosity that in recent centuries children began to write little notes sometime before 6 December, to tell him about the toys they specially wanted. These notes were then left on the windowsill at night - or else on a ledge in the chimney.

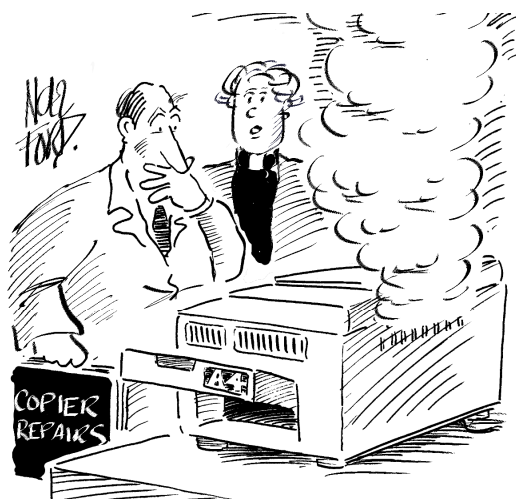
But St Nicholas Day chanced to lie in the magnetic field of a much more potent festival.... and after awhile his activities were moved towards Christmas. Then in Bavaria the children still left their notes on the window sill, but they addressed them to Liebes Christkind - Krishinkle as they knew him - and the saint's part in the matter was simply to deliver the letters in heaven.

The most popular result of the cult of St Nicholas has been the institution of Santa Claus. He is based on Nicholas' patronage of children and the custom in the Low Countries of giving presents on his feast. Santa Claus has reached his zenith in America, where the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam (New York) united to it Nordic folklore legends of a magician who both punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents.

## If there had been three wise women...

they would have asked for directions  
they would have assisted with the birth  
they would have brought more practical gifts

they would have been on time  
they would have cleaned the stable  
(disposable nappies!)



"Do you think it's God's way of saying,  
'Thou shalt not illegally copy the  
carol service music'?"

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2010

**W**ell done and thank you to all of you who gave support to the British Legion - we raised a grand total of £1,918.67.

I would also like to thank all the house-to-house collectors - Pauline Underwood, Lorna Roberts, John and Jacqueline Hindley, Mary Caroe, Pat Williams, Christine Campbell, Elaine Graves, Norman Gravestock and Sally Falk.

I would also like to thank my parents, John and Annie Tidmarsh, who have run the appeal this year as I try to juggle life with four little ones.

Having organised the Poppy Appeal for Hambleton and Hydestile for the last four years I would like to pass the role onto someone new. Please contact me on 01428 684 002 for more details.

Many thanks, Joanna Ingham

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.



## Hambledon through the ages - The Village Hall

*Hambledon Heritage Society* presents the second in a series, comparing well known village views: as we know them now, and how they appeared in former times, as depicted in *The Village Scrapbook*.



**Then:** Built as **Hambledon Institute** in 1903 "Where both young and old could come and enjoy their games in comfort".  
From *The Village Scrapbook*



**Now:**  
**Hambledon  
Village Hall**  
Photo Oct 2010  
Peter Gardner

He who is happy is rich, but it does not follow that he who is rich is happy. (*Singhalese Proverb*)



# Hambledon village hall - Events upcoming and recent

The Christmas Party, Save a date in February and Derek Miller reports on the return of the weird and fantastic London Philharmonic Skiffle or skilful Orchestra

*Let's live a little!*

## Hambledon Christmas Party

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

In the Village Hall, 8.00pm to Midnight

Live Band (our local faves, 'Toxic Sausage')

Bar/Nibbles/Raffle

Tickets £12.50 from: Tim Parker 07753 606 810

or [tim@feathercombe.com](mailto:tim@feathercombe.com)

Mary Grove (01483 415815) or The Merry Harriers

Proceeds in aid of: The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice / CHASE

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## London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October saw a return of the LPSO to Hambledon Village Hall where an audience of around seventy villagers and friends were entertained with a mixture of zany humour and expert musicianship.



It was a terrific show and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Martyn's fiddle playing and the banjo routine - absolutely brilliant. As always it was a slick, professional show and the amount of energy generated on the stage was awe inspiring.

Adroit and skilled performances by Anthony Wieler and Jaqui Rook during the second half were admired and enjoyed by all but served as a reminder to the rest of not to sit too near the front when there is the slightest possibility of being coerced up onto the stage!

During the interval a substantial ploughman's supper was provided by the ladies of the Village Hall Committee.



Proceeds from the evening went towards the upkeep of the Village Hall - a never ending necessity to keep this important facility always available.

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**SAVE THE DATE** The village hall management committee presents:

## 'The Marvellous and Unlikely Fete of Little Upper Downing'

A play suitable for 8yrs and upwards

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 at 7:30pm, The Village Hall Adults £10.00 Children under 12 £6.00

The most important day in the village calendar is looming and the eccentric inhabitants of Little Upper Downing are all in a flutter. There's gossip in the tea-room, a flurry in the florists and that's to say nothing of the deep seated rivalry on the allotments. The village is pulling out all the stops and the fete has even started yet!

Join *Little Bulb Theatre* for a theatrical feast celebrating the unique charms of village life and the people who live there. Expect live music, innovative puppetry, vibrant visuals and a vast array of unforgettable characters are they prepare for the big day that's getting increasingly out of control!...



# Support for Nutbourne plan

**The plan to build a secluded mansion on the site of Hambledon's disused Nutbourne brick works get the thumbs up from the parish council, but with reservations**

**H**ambledon Parish Council has agreed to support the proposal to build a country house estate on the site of the former Nutbourne Brickworks at Roundals Lane, subject to satisfactory legal advice on a covenant it has been offered by the developers. The majority of villagers who expressed an opinion on the planning application by Millgate Homes urged the parish council to support the proposal.

The priority for parish councillors was to obtain the best possible outcome for Hambledon and they made it clear to the developers that many issues had to be examined before such support could be forthcoming.

As a result, Millgate came back to the parish council with a significant concession. It would transfer a piece of Nutbourne land to the parish which would be given the benefit of a covenant restricting building on the neighbouring development site to one large country house and further restrict its use to that of a single-occupancy home.

However, Millgate made the offer conditional to the parish council agreeing to support its application. This condition was unacceptable to councillors.

On the eve of a parish meeting on Wednesday November 17, when the council was to agree its response to Waverley Borough Council, the local planning authority, Millgate came back to say that it had removed the condition and was prepared to pay £5,000 towards the parish council's costs of having the covenant legally assessed.

## **Strict conditions**

The terms of the covenant met the wishes of the majority of villagers who had commented on the proposal, especially those living closest to the site.

The parish council agreed that it could support the proposal, but only on the strict condition that it was satisfied with the outcome of legal advice, yet to be obtained, on the extent, terms and enforceability of the covenant.

The council also attached an annex to its submission to Waverley which points out that the proposal should be considered by the planning authority against the fact that the site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where, unless exceptional circumstances are proven, development is not permitted.

The annex also raises issues about public access to the 220-acre site, which includes ancient woodland, and whether it could be used for further clay extraction and brick-making if the application for a country house and ancillary buildings fails. The brickworks closed in 1990.



*Artist's view of proposed buildings from the North*

The council also asks if, whatever the outcome, could the dilapidated and dangerous former brickworks buildings be removed within 12 months.

No decision on the application is expected until the New Year. It has been reported that Millgate has a customer for the multi-million pound estate who is attracted to the site because of its privacy, landscape and the rare opportunity to design and build a mansion house from the foundations up.

The full text of the letter to Waverley and its annex can be seen on the village website, at [www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk](http://www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk). Go to the menu and click on "Clubs and Organisations" and then on the Parish Council banner where the documents can be found under "Council Minutes".

More details of the planning proposal can be found on the website news section and all documents, plans and drawings related to it are available on the planning pages at [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk).

■ **The developer** Based in Twyford, Berkshire, Millgate Homes was founded in 1988 and has a well-established reputation as a builder of up-market developments. Its chairman, Graeme Simpson, once told the Financial Times that, once, given the choice between building "half a dozen houses and selling them for £1m each", or "a magnificent home such as they built in the century before last" he took just a few moments to choose the "magnificent home". Whether it ever got built, we are not sure. However, there have to be reservations about a developer who has the front to say "a house is not a home, it's a life-style choice."

# Order the turkey – and filmed for the Cabinet

**Philip Underwood gives yet another good report: more local food and services; fame again the shop – in 3 films, one for Cabinet Office. Turkey order deadline is 5 Dec**



**C**hristmas is coming! How can we help? We can supply Copas Bronze turkeys and all meat products, from the Chiddingfold butcher. Vegetables and fruit using local sources as

much as possible. Cold meats and cheeses from the deli section. Good quality wines from the Caves at Artington. Milk, eggs and bread from our local suppliers, and of course, sundry gifts with a local flavour, not forgetting the cards by our local Peter Cross.

A special tip for Christmas is to try the smaller Cox's Orange Pippin from the local apple farm. All this and the general items you have come to expect. Our transport costs have not increased much and our prices have been remarkably stable.

**The cut off date for turkey orders is Dec 5th,** and to make sure we do not run out of items, it would be a good idea to hand in your written orders by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> or even earlier, for collection on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>.

## *The Village Shop*



Please also remember we shall be closed on Christmas day and Boxing Day and only open for the mornings of Monday and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>, when we shall have newspapers as normal.

So, how are we doing? The answer to this is... "Excellently". We have noticed more activity in the shop, takings are up, and the mood is one of optimism. We are being used more by the villagers. I do not know how this has come about, but we think it is due to a combination of factors. October's Plunkett good inspection and help have been a boon; the new dry cleaning and shoe mending service is on the up; and we have sourced new local suppliers. Bean to cup coffee and bacon rolls have also been appreciated. Overall the shop is better stocked and more interesting.

This feeling of well doing has escaped out of Hambledon. We have been visited by three separate film crews this month all wishing to use our shop in their productions. One was from the Cabinet Office to show the government and the Prime Minister what a Community run shop is like. We might even become famous again.

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## **Coffee Morning 21 December 11am in the Church Room**

**All welcome - do come!** More information Jacqui Rook 01428-684390 third Tuesday each month

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*"Physick for the cure of thy Ague". When was the last time we cleared out this medicine cabinet?"*

### **Where did Christmas trees come from?**

There are two early stories that mention fir trees. The first involves St Boniface, who went to Germany in the 8<sup>th</sup> century as a missionary and found people sacrificing a child to their god under an oak tree.

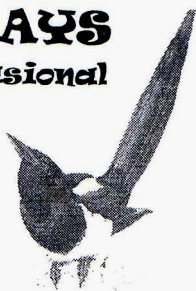
Boniface was appalled, and rescued the child. He then chopped down the oak tree and found a tiny fir tree growing nearby. He gave this to the people and said: "This is a symbol of life. Whenever you look at this tree, remember the Christ-child who is the one who will give you life, because he gave his life for you."

The second early story involves Martin Luther in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. One year he decided to drag a fir tree into his home and decorated it with candles.

He used it as a visual aid, telling people that the candles symbolised Jesus as the light of the world, and the evergreen tree symbolised the eternal life that Jesus gives to us. Many of the people who followed Luther were struck by the idea, and took up the custom.

## BYWAYS

An occasional  
column  
from  
around  
our  
plot



# Oranges and medlars

Well, it does not quite have the ring of “oranges and lemons”. But not so long ago oranges and medlars were almost the best thing about Christmas, as Magpie explains

So perhaps we really will see the building of a £22m mansion on the Brickworks site – with a quintessentially English occupant, no doubt. Yes, I suppose like all of you, I have mixed feelings about it. But, all in all, I suppose it must be for the best, considering all the other alternatives. We shall just have to wait and see. And we all know the really interesting question but what’s the answer to it?

Still, let’s move on to a bit of *Christmas Fare in Sussex* by Lilian Candlin. That’s much more seasonal.

“In the early years of this century Christmas tea was a great occasion. Today the family is often so full up with the Christmas dinner, which in many homes is still served at mid-day, that they have no room for Christmas tea.

Teatime on Christmas day in Edwardian times was generally around five o’clock, when the family had had time to go for a walk to let their dinner settle.

And my, what a spread it was! Sandwiches and cakes of all kinds, with the great centre piece of the Christmas cake, or biscuit as it was always called by my grandmother, in spite of her grandchildren repeatedly telling her that it was a cake, not a biscuit. She would reply with a chuckle: ‘My mother called it a biscuit and if biscuit was good enough for her it is good enough for me.’ Later, however, I discovered that she was correct. Parish, in his *Dictionary of Sussex Dialect* (1875) writes: ‘In Sussex the words biscuit and cake interchange their usual meaning.’

### Stir up Sunday

She claimed that the secret for the goodness of her cake was the dripping which had come from the joint of beef that had been eaten on Stir-up Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the church’s year, when the Collect begins with the words ‘Stir up we beseech Thee, O Lord.’ The words of which are said to have been taken by the women as a signal that it was time to start preparing for the great Christmas feast.

Much of the fare now connected with Christmas but eaten all the year round did not appear until Christmas in those days. Take oranges, for instance. The only place in the days before refrigeration that sent oranges to England was Spain. At Christmas these were very sour. So we were allowed to poke a hole in the skins and push a lump of sugar into the hole. The juice was then sucked through the sugar. At that time there was no bottled or tinned orange juice, so oranges were definitely a large part of Christmas, and every child hoped to see an orange in their stocking.

Another fruit enjoyed at Christmas but hardly ever seen today was the medlar. This looks like a large brown rose hip. The fruit is picked in late autumn, but is not ready for eating until about Christmas, when it will have softened. Why this fruit has lost favour is surprising. To my mind medlars are delicious and are far superior to the exotic fruits that we now buy.

Medlars could be bought in Brighton as late as the 1950s. As a school girl I bought many a half pint for twopence (old money). The greengrocer would measure them into a tall wooden measure, shaped rather like a jug. When he was in a good mood he would top the measure generously. Why people with large gardens don’t plant medlar trees is a mystery. They are hardy and look lovely in the early summer when covered with blossom. There is a flourishing tree in the garden of Southover Grange, at Lewes, and another in the village of West Dean in East Sussex, on which I look with covetousness.

Perhaps the most important thing, however, was the Christmas cake. These in the shops today often appear to be of one style, but in the day of the one-man bakery shop, each tried to outdo the shop along the road. So much so, that on the Sunday before Christmas, the window blinds were left up and the cakes put on show for all to see. On the way to Sunday School in Brighton two such shops had to be passed. One belonged to Mr Day and the other to Mr Parish. To these windows we glued our noses and often got late for school.”

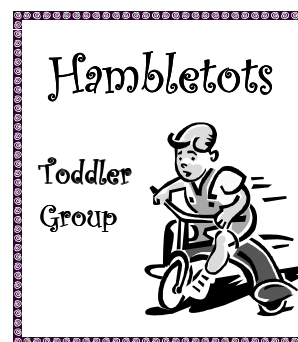
### Seasonal Greetings from Magpie and the other half.



All I want for Christmas is an orange honestly

# Calling all Mums with babies & toddlers

Jo and Julia tell more about the lively Hambledon baby and toddler group right here in the village



**T**he baby and toddler group meets most Wednesdays in Hambledon Village Hall from 10am to 11.30am. There are toys, dressing up, ride-ons and a baby area as well as weekly activities. We also serve tea and coffee and end the session with music-time. **Come and try it! All are most welcome**

**December** dates are: Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, and Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Dec + Christmas party

The dates for **January 2011** are:  
Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Jan Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

The cost is £1 for under 1 year olds and £2 for over 1 year olds. For more info: please call Julia on 01483 415 764

## WAGs Wednesday Afternoon Group

### The WAGs Christmas Party 2010

Is



*to be held on Wednesday December 15th  
Starting 2.30 p.m.*

*Do please come and join in the fun.  
Everybody welcome*

*Please bring a small wrapped gift  
(approximately £2 value)*

*Jan Kilsby Joyce Dougans Julie Atkin*



There will **NOT** be a WAG's meeting in January. Our New Year lunch is to be held on

**Wednesday 16th February - 12.30 start.**

Tickets will be available at our Christmas meeting on 15th December—cost £6. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased from Jan (01483 423637), Joyce (01428 687851) or Julie (01428 684519)

**No later than the 31st January**

**NB** Please remember to bring your numbered ticket with you as all will be entered in the prize draw

### Listen to music – and get well

Make the most of all the musical events around this Christmas, because it will help keep you whole. In recent years music has been found to help people with many illnesses, ranging from cancer to stroke, dementia, depression and alcoholism.

Music can improve aspects of brain function and to reduce stress levels. One study even found that music can help speed up the healing process among women in hospital. Music helps regulate heartbeat and breathing rates – many believe this is because music is closely linked with the rhythms of the body. Calming music really does calm us down.

People who play in an orchestra or sing in a choir often experience a profound feeling of well-being and 'group solidarity' after a session together. So as carols and concerts get going, make the most of them.

### Hambledon Village Hall

Hambledon Village Hall has 40 metal chairs with plastic arms and seats that are surplus to requirements.

They are free to anyone who collects them in multiples of four.

If you are interested, please contact John Tidmarsh on 01428 682067



## Autumn sows confusion

**Earthworm was all prepared to snuggle down for the winter, then wouldn't you know it, Mother Nature comes up with a confusingly warm autumn**

**W**hen ever, asks Earthworm, has there been a November that started so mild? The ash leaves fell with the severe end-of-October frosts. When has there been such sharp frost (and for three successive nights) in October? Earthworm lost almost all his autumn flowers, dahlias, cosmos, tobaccos, anemones; even the hardy fuchsias all succumbed. But there have been compensations. The beech trees have been magnificent, a wonderful mix of golden browns and bright yellows. Together with the field maples, the woods have been a veritable magical autumn patchwork.

Earthworm loves autumn but does not like it when the clocks go back. It upsets his diurnal rhythm and the dark early evenings do not compensate for the bright early morning start to the winter days.

The unseasonal warmth that followed the October frosts has also upset hibernation plans. Toads have been hopping around not knowing what to do about packing it in for the winter or sitting out and enjoying the sunshine.

Holly berries are reddening fast and there should be plenty for Christmas provided there isn't another frosty snap between now and then, when the birds will gobble them all in no time. Earthworm has been told you can pick branches now which, if put in water and

kept in the dark, will keep till Christmas. It's worth a try.

This warmth of early November lulled Earthworm into a false sense of an eternal mild autumn. Mother Nature plays her games! A sudden depression looms and with it comes wind and rain to lash any remaining leaves from the branches. Night temperatures plummet. In a single day we went from a bright sunny spell to minus 2.5 at midnight. But by morning there was pouring rain.

### Lessons in geography

No doubt the weather men can give explanations of moving thermals and Gulf Stream drifts. Earthworm shakes his head in non-comprehension as to how this can occur over a 12-hour period. These lessons were learnt in geography classes. Never his strong subject.

But winter, he acquiesces, is truly here, and with it the cosy wood fire, and fireside chatter. There is nothing quite like the smell of blazing logs. Even if most of the heat disappears up the chimney, one feels psychologically warm! There is no mistaking, too, that Christmas is coming. The street lights are already ablaze and shop windows are bursting temptations.

Earthworm wishes all his friends and followers a merry feast and a Happy New Year!

## Health and safety at Christmas

Just read on, you'll soon get the idea. What you have to consider is whether this would really happen.

While shepherds watched

Their flocks by night

All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around

The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided. Therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available.

Please note, the angel of the lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory all around she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA and UVB light.

We three kings of Orient are

Bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain, moor and mountain

Following yonder star

Whilst the gift of gold is still considered acceptable ☐ as it may be redeemed at a later date through such organisations as 'cash for gold', gifts of frankincense and myrrh are not appropriate due to the potential risk of oils and fragrances causing allergic reactions. A suggested gift alternative would be to make a donation to a worthy cause in the recipients name or perhaps give a gift voucher.

We would not advise that the traversing kings rely on navigation by stars in order to reach their destinations and suggest that the use of RAC routefinder or satellite navigation will provide the quickest route and advice regarding fuel consumption.



# The licensing of Stephanie as Scargill House Chaplain

Christopher Harrison reports on the Service of welcome and licensing of the Rev Stephanie Couvela as Chaplain of Scargill House

**O**n Saturday 30th October 2010, before her Licensing Service, Stephanie gave visitors not only a very warm welcome, but also a fine buffet lunch while we sat over-looking magnificent views of the North Yorkshire Dales.

Scargill House, near Kettlewell, is home to a Christian community and is also a holiday, conference and retreat centre. Stephanie has joined the community as chaplain to the Scargill Movement.

For Stephanie's Licensing Service in the chapel, we were honoured by the presence of two bishops. The Rt Revd David Hope, Honorary Assistant Bishop of Bradford, who conducted the service, and the Rt Revd Chris Edmondson, Bishop of Bolton, who preached a fine and memorable sermon.

The service was attended by local dignitaries, community members with their friends and families, and local residents from the Kettlewell area. Stephanie's father and two brothers were there, as was a strong contingent of her erstwhile parishioners, from Busbridge and Hambleton.



Stephanie was her usual warm and bubbly self and was obviously already a popular member of the team. We were all impressed by her enthusiasm for her new life at Scargill House. She faces new challenges establishing the community and, not least, in furthering plans for a £6 million refurbishment and development project!

More details of the Scargill Movement can be found at: [www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org)

## ***Christmas Count Down!***

***Services for All Ages not to be missed at St Peter's Church!***

### ***The Christmas Adventure Service***

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11am.***

***Join us for this exciting journey through history as we unwrap the story that has been celebrated for over 2000 years! Come and find out what's held in the mystery gift boxes!***



### ***The Crib Service***

***Christmas Eve 4pm***

***Come and be a character in the retelling of the greatest event in history!***

***This service is particularly little-one-friendly and you're advised to come***

***early as the pews soon fill up! Festive refreshments served afterwards.***



## Hambledon



## Ramblers

# From Iron Age to Space Age in the Surrey Hills

November Weather deterred even the most intrepid of the Hambledon Ramblers. But in September, as Jennifer Caddy reports, they hit the trail from Forest Green, via Holmbury Hill, and Leith Hill all of 10K, some 6.25 miles.

There was an autumnal feel to the air on the walk in September. Nine of us set off from the car park by the Parrot Inn in Forest Green. Sue Cooper was the leader and Jean Talman was her assistant. We crossed the green towards the small church.



This was built by Charles and Christina Hensley of the nearby Pratsham Grange as a memorial to their son, Everard, who was fatally shot by his cousin while shooting rabbits in 1892.

We headed north crossing fields and climbing over a number of wobbly stiles before turning west to reach Holmbury Farm where we noticed a flock of Jacob sheep.

Continuing west we crossed a road, Cotton Row, and walked on the edge of the impressive gardens of Lukyns. Shortly after this we had an unscheduled stop while two people nipped into a field to pick mushrooms.

Turning north and heading uphill we had our official stop for coffee near the grounds of Hurtwood House School, a sixth-form college. Here two thinly-clad young women passed us and disappeared through a gate along an adjacent footpath. They, we soon discovered, were not going for a healthy walk; they were students from the school going for a surreptitious smoke.

Prompted by the appearance of more students we set off again and continued on the slope of Holmbury Hill, the site of an Iron Age fort. Walking east round the side of the hill we passed Holmbury House, now the Mullard Space Science Laboratory, part of UCL Department of Space and Climate Physics.

Leaving the slopes of Holmbury Hill we continued east to pass Upfolds Farm and Tanhurst, where we paused to admire the views to the south, and then reached Leith Hill Wood. Heading south and downhill we came to Etherley Copse and the main road to Forrest Green and the pub, a quarter of a mile away. This being the end of our walk, we spent a leisurely time in the pub. The service was quick, the food was good and there was no need to rush. It was a pleasant end to our walk.

### Do you want faster broadband?

If so, **you** need to vote for it. Mr A Johnson, Head of Design Technology and ICT Teacher at King Edward's School, Witley writes how to do it:

BT has opened a website to register interest in superfast broadband of speeds of up to 40 Mb. The telephone Wormley exchange currently sits at under 400 votes and requires a minimum of 1000, which is about a third of subscribers of the Exchange so it will be quite a challenge to get us activated.

To vote, visit: <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com> The **closing date is midnight New Year's eve** and the top 5 UK telephone exchanges will be enabled. However, like with ADSL rollout, where there is high demand there will be a business case for BT to upgrade the service anyway. **DO REGISTER INTEREST IN THE UPGRADED SERVICE ON THE SITE ABOVE by VOTING.** There is no obligation to pay anything!

Maybe you could tell others too? There are downloadable flyers etc. on the website too.

There was no long walk in November. Torrential rain and conditions underfoot persuaded the leaders that discretion in this case was not only the better part of valour but also eminently sensible! Perhaps it is true that with age comes wisdom.

**Next walk  
December 9<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Meet at the Village Hall  
at 9.00am**

This will be a local walk for both groups of walkers followed by lunch in the Village Hall. Please let Jenny Caddy (01483 423207) know if you intend to stay for lunch after the walk.. Jenny is organising food for lunch and Hambledon Ramblers should expect a call from her.

#### Further details from:

Derek Miller Tel: 01428 684362 – Long Walk  
Mary Parker Tel: 01483 860339 – Short Walk



# Hambleton Youth Groups

## SPANGLES YOUTH GROUP

for **School Years 3-6** runs every **Thursday evening during term time from 5:30-6:30**. Join us at Hambleton Church rooms for an exciting term of faith, fun, friendship, food, arts and crafts, games and competitions! We'll be starting our Christmas Count Down on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Don't miss out!



**HAMBLEDON YOUTH GROUP** for **School Years 7-10** runs every **Thursday during term time**. Come and join us at Hambleton Church rooms to meet new and old friends in the village, and to share in **God, Games and Grub!** Our Christmas Count Down will start on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December! All are welcome!

### Other Youth News...

After a wonderful six sessions of soul searching and faith based discussions, our five Confirmation Candidates decided to take the step of confirming their faith. The service was held at St Steven's Church Shottermill where we celebrated with 17 others in their commitment to Christ.

We hope to run another Confirmation Course in 2011 for any other young people who want to take this step in their faith journey.

For further information regarding Hambleton Youth Groups and Events, please contact Jessi Poulson at: [jessitrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jessitrinitytrustteam@hotmail.co.uk) (Youth Worker for St Peter's Church Hambleton and Trinity Trust Team)

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
Through his double glazing  
For the dust lay round about  
And the sun was blazing  
So he turned the aircon high,  
As the sun burned brighter,  
And he idly wondered why,  
Christmasses aren't whiter!

All along his mantelpiece,  
Cards of Christmas greeting,  
Words of gracious joy and peace,  
Plus mince pies for eating;  
Frosting was upon the pies,  
Cards with snowmen swarming,  
Wenceslas, with baleful eyes,  
Pondered Global Warming.

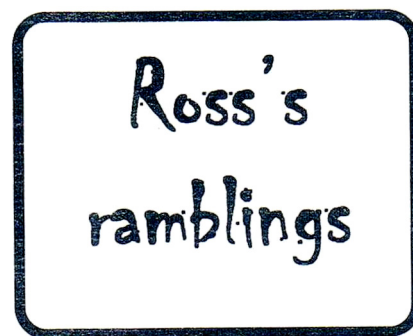
He thought that he'd find some snow;  
Set his knife to packing,  
Off to Lapland via Heathrow,  
So they both got cracking.  
Lapland they found very nice,  
For the Christmas season,  
But they saw not how the ice,  
Melted for some reason!

An elderly clergyman just managed to get the train as it was leaving his local station. He jumped in and sat down next to a young girl. When he recovered his breath he realised that he was sitting on her newspaper. He gave it to her. She thanked him but kept looking at him somewhat anxiously. At the next station she prepared to get out and said: "Please sir, may I have my fish too?"



# Getting into the swing

Ross and Goodwife Jan are getting into the Christmas spirit with lots of tips and suggestions for making the season . . . well, merry



**D**ecember, and as usual every year, you have been sensible and far sighted by buying all this year's pressies and cards in the January sales. Nope? Don't worry; nor have we.

A quick reminder about the village Christmas do at the Village Hall on the 11th. Phone Mary Grove on 01483 415815 for details.

Let's start with one of Goodwife Jan's favourite Christmas goodies

## A bowl of oranges

Either as a table centre piece or just as a fragrant bowl why not try fresh orange pomanders decorated with cloves, the scent of oranges and cloves conjuring up the warmth of Christmas.



You will need:

- Four or five good-sized oranges
- Bag of cloves
- A lemon zester or similar
- Fir cones
- Greenery (optional) bay leaves would be ideal
- Plate or bowl

1 Take an orange, pull the zester across the skin to make an interesting pattern

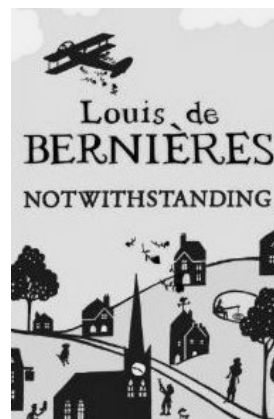
2 Tip out the cloves and press them one by one into the skin of each orange. You can make many patterns with the cloves

3 Lay a bed of greenery if required on the plate/bowl. Arrange the oranges on the plate, add the fir cones

It's a very easy and quick table decoration that will last through the Christmas celebrations.

If you have not heard of the book, *Notwithstanding*, by Louis de Bernières (Smart), you must be living in a cave! So – if you are stuck for a chrissy pressy for someone living in Hambledon, Hydestile, Chiddingfold, Witley or Wormley – this is the answer. And read it yourself.

Don't forget that the 23rd is the birthday of a famous chap living on Rockhill. So send MC a card (or I'll set Goodwife Jan on you).



## Folky stuff over Christmas

**Carols at the Merry Harriers** on Thursday 16th December. So practise your "Ding Dong" on high.

**The Boxing day Mummers Play** at the Anchor on Ockford Road is in a bit of doubt as I write this, due to a lack of a couple of members of the cast. So check with me before going.

**The Chiddingfold Tipteerers** will be out on the 27th. Approximate times: the Swan at 12.30pm, the Crown 1.30pm, and the Winterton's Arms at 3pm.

Join me **"Wassail" the apple trees** at the White Hart, Witley on Twelfth Night, January 6th.

At this festive time, may Goodwife Jan and I wish you this seasonal greeting

Happy have we met

## Assessing your colleagues

His men would follow him anywhere. . .but only out of morbid curiosity

When she opens her mouth . . . it's only to change feet

He sets low standards . . . then consistently fails to achieve them

He should go far . . . the sooner the better

A gross ignoramus . . . 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus

If you give him a penny for his thoughts . . . you ought to get change

He doesn't have ulcers . . . but he's a carrier

He has a knack of making strangers immediately

He would argue with a signpost

# Hambleton Heritage Society

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VILLAGE HALL  
7:30PM for 8:00PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 2011**



How many times have you passed our VILLAGE SCHOOL and wondered about how it started, who taught there, who attended and what happened to the pupils past and present?

Here is an opportunity to learn more about this wonderful village asset, while listening to and enjoying school memories directly from Hambletonians who were either taught or educated there!!

The Hambleton Heritage Society Annual General Meeting is one of the key village annual events and is noted for its interesting topics, speakers and audience interaction.

The 2011 AGM will offer every opportunity for members of the audience to share their memories and add to our Heritage Society Archives for current and future generations' interest and research.

If you would like to know more about the Heritage Society or wish to join the Heritage Committee, contact Julie Steele on 01428 682853.

**YOUR VILLAGE HERITAGE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT – ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Cold weather** “It was so cold where we were,” boasted the Arctic explorer, “that the candle froze and we couldn’t blow it out.” “That’s nothing,” said his rival. “Where we were it was so cold that our words came out in chunks of ice and we had to thaw them to see what we were talking about.”

## Godalming Choral Society

**Saturday, 18 December 7.30pm, Charterhouse Hall**

**PUCCINI *Messa di Gloria***

*“More opera than chorale, a soaringly dramatic celebration of the sacrament ritual ... sumptuous melody... A breathtaking tour de force of compelling excitement...”*

**SCHUBERT *Mass in E flat***

*“Expansive textures and rich harmony...a dramatic blending with silken precision of classical Viennese sacred tradition and Schubert’s style ... spellbinding...”*

**Conductor: Michael Veazey Godalming Choral Sinfonia Orchestra, Leader: Alex Afia**  
**Soprano: Penelope Manser ; Alto: Kate Symonds-Joy; Tenor: Robert Forbes; Bass: Julien Debreuil**

**Tickets £12 (students £8)**

**from choir members, e-mail: [gcs-tickets@talktalk.net](mailto:gcs-tickets@talktalk.net)**

**tel: 01483 425257, Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming or at the door. For  
more details [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk) Registered Charity No. 254800**



# Make Christmas crime-free

**Hambledon's neighbourhood police officer, Tracey Taylor, and her colleague, PCSO Dave Boxall (pictured), give us a few tips that could save a whole lot of misery at Christmas**



**O**pportunist thieves are known to operate at this time of year. However, there are a few simple measures that can deter criminals and help keep you and your possessions safe during the festivities. Here's what to remember:

## **When shopping**

Make sure your purse or wallet is secure and kept out of sight

Do not leave shopping bags on view in your car. Christmas presents left on the back seat can make a thief's day

Always close car windows, engage your steering lock – and lock the doors

Park in a well-lit area or an attended car park

## **At home**

Don't leave presents under the Christmas tree in view of the window

Mark expensive presents with your postcode, either by engraving or using a UV pen

Dispose of packaging carefully, particularly for expensive electrical items – empty boxes left outside a house can advertise what's inside to a would-be thief

## **If you are going away**

Tell keyholders or neighbours you will be away and

ask them to keep an eye on your house

If you are a keyholder, inform the property owner in case of alarm

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

## **While out on the town**

Don't leave bags over the back of your chair

Keep your purse or wallet close to your body

Make prior arrangements for getting home. Make sure someone knows where you are going and what time you'll be back

Don't get into an unlicensed taxi

Don't drink too much – you could become a target for crime

PCSO Dave Boxall and I will be out and about, and, when on duty, please feel free to stop either of us. If you would like to contact us, please call on 01483 630086 or email us at [wswaverleysnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wswaverleysnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk). We also have a page on the Surrey Police website. Please see the link <http://www.surrey.police.uk/neighbourhood/neighbourhood.asp?area=WVMW>.

In the meantime, Dave and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **Around the Christian community**

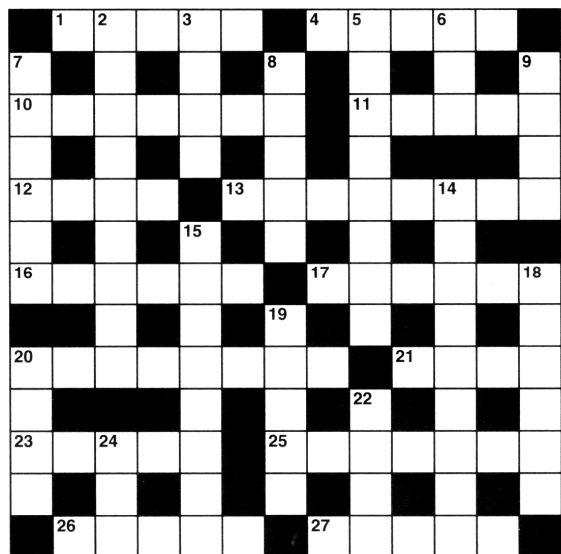
■ **The Methodist Relief & Development Fund is offering an all-new range of 'extraordinary gifts'** for Christmas. The collection includes piglets that will help school leavers in Cameroon to make a living and peanuts that will enable a food production group in Zambia to make a tasty profit. With gifts starting at just £8, the fund points out that "you can make a positive difference without breaking the bank." Each gift comes with a card that can be given to the gift recipient. For larger gifts, it's possible to request a CD-ROM with a presentation illustrating how the gift will make a difference. Visit [www.mrdf.org.uk](http://www.mrdf.org.uk) or ring 020 7467 5132 for a catalogue.

■ **'To invite or not to invite young children?' to weddings is a big question for couples planning their big day.** A survey conducted by the Church of England suggests a majority of people agree with the

Church that children should be welcome at the ceremony. The survey found that 85 per cent thought children should be allowed at weddings. A majority of people also thought that it was down to churches to plan how to amuse younger ones during the service.

■ **Almost one in four adults and one in three children live in poverty in the UK.** In the first ever joint meeting of the United Reformed Church Mission Council and the Methodist Council, the Councils voted to work together to challenge the causes of poverty and inequality ingrained in British society. Council members confirmed their commitment to the poorest and most vulnerable, and to campaign for benefit and wage policies that allow people to live and work in dignity. This will involve working with other partners, including the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Church Action on Poverty.

# Puzzle Page



## ACROSS

- 1 Head of a group of monks (5)  
 4 Clear off! (5)  
 10 House of Commons chairperson (7)  
 11 Gave a title to (5) 12 Pitch black (4)  
 13 Rather, to an extent (8)  
 16 Make equal, balance out (4,2)  
 17 \_\_\_ *Crackers*, Marx Brothers film (6)  
 20 Verify (4,4)  
 21 Contract (a muscle) (4) 23 Bank of earth (5)  
 25 Throbbing with energy (7)  
 26 *The Devil* \_\_\_ *Prada*, book and film (5)  
 27 Overly dear (5)

## DOWN

- 2 Excessive and dangerous (speed) (9)  
 3 Classic Epsom race (4) 5 Kayaking (8)  
 6 Personal goal (3) 7 Strive for higher things (6)  
 8 Ponder sulkily (5) 9 Revise for the press (4)  
 14 Harm the dignity or self-respect of (9)  
 15 Excluded from the in-crowd (8)  
 18 Neglect, slackness (6) 19 Propelled (5)  
 20 Tell a story through gestures (4)  
 22 Aid illegally (4)  
 24 Employ for some purpose (3)

## December Word Search

It's Advent, with Christmas fast approaching....  
 Get in a bit of searching.....

C A R D S T W N A N L R E S  
 A N G E L S C L O M Y I M S  
 U H I C O A A R L V K B M N  
 N E T O S T E L I E L S A C  
 A C P R E S E N T S A G N B  
 T E J A E S H L R M N E U G  
 I L O T N E M E T I C X E N  
 V N N I L U K S P S D E L I  
 I E T O Y C I P J H I D A K  
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 Y A A R H R A R S N S R M O  
 C L C C W K X M U L L E D T  
 R P H H C L I B S E A B P S  
 I T T U S S G Y V Y L L O H

## Easy

9			6					
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## Sudoku

## Intermediate

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

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Answers to all puzzles on page 35

# The annual dementia test

So your body's about to get punished with vast excess ☐ or has been, depending on when you're reading this. How about your brain? Don't take it for granted that the little grey cells are functioning. Take our annual dementia test

**I**t's that time of year for us to take our senior citizens to take their annual mental agility test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it!

Below is a very simple way to gauge how your memory compares with last year. Some of you may think it is too easy, don't be fooled. Get your nearest and dearest to read out the questions slowly and loudly, enunciating clearly.

Okay, first of all, relax ☐ you can't function well if you're tense. Ready? Let's begin.

## 1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: 'bread.' If you said 'toast' give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself.

If you said, bread, that's promising. Go to the second question.

## 2 Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' Alright, here

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## comes the question. What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is overstressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature, such as the *Daily Express*. However, if you said 'water', gosh, you're smart. Now proceed to the third question.

## 3 If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks,' why are you still reading this? If you said 'glass,' don't get complacent but go to Question 4.

## 4. Without using a calculator. You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on. In Swindon, 2 people get off and 4 get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. In Carmarthen, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. Without scrolling back, how old is the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own age? It was YOU driving the bus!

If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you. But if you failed the test, don't be too disappointed ☐ that's what happens to 95 per cent who try.

## It's a man thing

**Because I'm a man,** I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole programme looking for it, though once I was able to survive by holding a calculator.

**Because I'm a man,** there is no need to ask me what I'm thinking about. The truth is always sex, cars, or sport. I have to make up something else when you ask, so don't ask.

**Because I'm a man,** I can buy basic groceries at the supermarket, like bread or beer. It's unfair to ask to me to get exotic items like coriander or cumin. For all I know, they are the same thing.

# Winter news from Bishop of Guildford's Foundation



In this letter we focus on The Cellar in Godalming. In 2011 please also support local schools MEGA MUFTI, Sue in the Virgin London Marathon, and our Quiz packs. You can also soon follow us on Facebook.

Our Winter Newsletter is brought to you courtesy of some very dedicated volunteers. There is a lot of news to convey in this newsletter, so there is only room for "headlines". For more details please visit our website [www.bgf.org.uk](http://www.bgf.org.uk). If you would like us to email it please let us know.

Facebook – We now have a Facebook page – please be our "friend" and tell all your "friends" to be our "friend. We've not quite managed to tweet or blog yet – but if anyone can help us.....

**MEGA MUFTI 2011** – please encourage your local school to take part in the mufti day in January 2011 to raise funds for The Foundation. Schools should know about it, but please ask them to contact us if they have not received the information and would like to Jane Schofield, Project Officer

## Virgin London Marathon 2011

This is Sue Phillips – housewife superstar from Dorking who is going to run the London Marathon for the Foundation. Sue is aiming to raise AT LEAST £5,000.



To sponsor her – and please do! – either contact Jane or visit [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com)

**Quiz packs:** As promised, quiz packs are now available. Each one comprises 3 posters for you to personalise, tickets, winners certificates, hints on running a quiz., and importantly some questions and answers. We have trialled the questions with a few people and we hope they are neither too difficult nor too easy nor too specialised!

We are asking groups or Parishes to hold Quiz nights (or afternoons or mornings) to raise funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation. Please let us know if you are holding such an event and we will put it on our website.

**Recent grants.** Grants were made to the following organisations at the last trustees meeting.

Parity for Disability – Cove Cool2Care – Womersley Farnborough Deaf Church Priory School – Dorking The Cellar – Godalming Step by Step – Aldershot. Churches Together in Camberley Pain Support Group – Normandy

## Project Profile: The Cellar, Godalming

**For over 25 years** the Cellar Christian Cafe in Crown Court has served the local community. The Cafe is open to everyone in the area and also provides a friendly meeting place where people with problems can meet and discuss them amongst themselves and with our staff and volunteer helpers.

For those in need, being a non-threatening environment, it provides accepting love, a sense of belonging to an extended family where joys and sorrows are shared. Help can be asked for without a sense of embarrassment. People of all faiths and none are encouraged to visit the Cellar and take part in activities with no strings attached.

There is an atmosphere of acceptance, openness, hope, fun and friendship offered to all.

Over the years the Cellar has opened its arms to many different disadvantaged or misunderstood groups of people in the community: squatters, people with drug or alcohol problems, unmarried mothers and single parents, the unemployed, the homeless and people who have suffered breakdowns or serious illness have been helped. The Cellar has always provided a listening ear and prayerful support to their problems. A free simple meal is always available to any who come in need, and at Christmas time about 25 food parcels are distributed to known needy families.

The Cellar welcomes all donations, but has especially asked us to ask for donations of home made cakes throughout the year.

**To contact them 01483 417097, or [info@thecellarcafe.co.uk](mailto:info@thecellarcafe.co.uk), or visit 42, High Street, Godalming GU7 1DY**

Even more than ever, in the light of recent cuts in Government spending, demands on our funds far outweigh the money available. Help us to help those in need in Surrey and North East Hampshire by supporting our events.

Please watch out for more news about these projects and follow our work at [www.bgf.org.uk](http://www.bgf.org.uk) or tel:

07771591457, email: [info@bgf.org.uk](mailto:info@bgf.org.uk), or by post: Jane Schofield, BGF, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3XQ or soon on Facebook.

*Please let us know if you can think of anyone else who might like to receive a copy of this newsletter*

**Thank you very much for your continued interest and support**

# Mainly 'don't-dos'

While there are things to attend to outside, the main action is indoors, as we all know, by season if not choice. But why not buy a Christmas tree – and plant it outside for next year.

December sees most people scurrying about with a long 'to-do' list. Probably the last thing on anyone's mind is working in the garden. Fortunately, the list of gardening 'to-dos' for this month is more like a list of 'don't-dos'.

If you have been keeping up with your gardening tasks for the last few months, you should be able to take it pretty easy this month; (at least in the garden). There are a few things to keep an eye on, and a few optional things you can do in the garden. Your biggest concern will probably be tending to your house plants.

This year, consider buying a living Christmas tree for your home. They really aren't that much more expensive than a cut tree. This is an excellent way to improve your landscape, and at the same time, save a tree. Before bringing a living tree into the house, water it thoroughly. Living Christmas trees should not be kept in the house for any longer than 10 days.

**Shrubs and Trees** This is the best time to spray fruit trees and roses with a recommended tar oil winter wash to kill off any blackspot spores on the plants or in the soil.

## Plants in the garden that look good this month

Mahonia x media 'Charity', Viburnum x bodnantense, 'Dawn' Salix alba 'Britenensis', Cyclamen coum, Cotoneaster horizontalis, Chimonanthus praecox, Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea' Deschampsia 'Goldtau' Clematis armandii 'Apple Blossom' Hamamelis mollis, Jasminum nudiflorum, Iris unguicularis Cornus mas

**Lawns** You may still have time to repair lawns if the weather allows. Make sure you don't walk, let alone drive on the lawn when there is a frost, all you will do is leave big brown foot or tyre prints where you have broken the brittle grass stalks.

**Wild life** Look out for the wild life in the garden: keep birds stocked up with fresh water, seeds and any scraps from the house but brown not white bread.



## Preparation for next season

Now the new seed catalogues are out for next spring, now is a best time to sit down with a cup of tea and decide what you want to grow next year. Order it as soon as possible before supplies are depleted.

Continue with your winter digging but only if the soil conditions and weather suit - not too wet or frozen. If you are on clay I would imagine that you can probably forget about it.

Now and over the next couple of months is a good time to visit your garden centre to seek out those plants which look good through the winter. When you find them, purchase and plant in your garden.

**House Plants** Glossy leaved house plants such as Philodendrons, Rubber plants, and Palms should be sponged off periodically, to allow them to breathe.

Plants which have fuzzy, textured, or other non-glossy type leaves should be set in the sink and sprayed gently with room temperature water, until the dust is cleaned away. Be sure that the foliage is allowed to dry completely.

Provide house plants with extra humidity by grouping plants together, or by setting the pots on leak proof trays filled with moistened pebbles.

Poinsettias and Christmas cactus: If you successfully kept last years' plants alive, e.g. in 14 hours darkness since September, they should be ready to bring back into the living room. With the proper care, these Christmas plants will remain beautiful for many weeks. They prefer to be kept on the cool side, 65-70 degrees during the day and 55-60 at night, in bright, natural light, away from heat sources, out of drafts. Only water when they get dry. Never allow them to stand in water for more than an hour.

**All the best until 2011 – The Garden editor**

## The Mechanic and the Heart Surgeon.

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands

on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."



# Our wond'ring sight

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *The Adoration of the Shepherds* by Georges de la Tour. It is housed in The Louvre in Paris.

## GOD IN THE ARTS

Have you ever considered the place of light in worship? Think about the glory of the sun, streaming through stained glass windows. Or the soft warm glow of the Advents candles as Christmas approaches. What about 'being in the limelight'? That is the bright, vivid light that was produced originally on a surface of lime, and which transformed theatre lighting. To be in the limelight is to be at the centre of public attention – like the birth of the Christ-Child whom we prepare to welcome this month.

It is the subject of this painting by Georges de la Tour. He lived from 1593 to 1652 in Lorraine, and much of his art shows his fascination with the effect of candlelight on people's faces and clothes. After his death his work was neglected as art lovers preferred the classical refinements of Poussin and Lorrain, rather than the peasant life portrayed by de la Tour.

But he is now regarded as a great 17th century artist, and this painting, *The Adoration of the Shepherds* shows why. Certainly there is no elegance in his portrayal of the manger scene, but, with his use of light and shadow, he has captured the stillness and serenity of the birth of Jesus. We can see Mary and Joseph, who holds the candle. A lamb is nuzzling his way into the scene, and there is a woman holding a

bowl and two shepherds, one gazing in wrapt attention, the other doffing his hat. The candle lights up their faces, but more importantly allows the holy babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying on a bed of straw, to somehow glow in the quiet joy of new birth.

We can sense the coldness of the night around, but at the manger scene the holy child is in the limelight for those gathered there. It is a painting that reminds one of the Hymn of the Nativity Sung by the Shepherds in Richard Crashaw's poem, written in the same period as Georges de la Tour was painting on the continent.:

'Welcome to our wond'ring sight  
Eternity shut in a span!  
Summer in Winter! Day in Night!  
Heaven in Earth! and God in Man!  
Great little one, whose glorious Birth  
Lifts Earth to Heaven, stoops heaven to earth.'

The poem moves from words of praise and adoration to offering. The light of life, the babe of Bethlehem, calls us to offer our lives to burn and be used up in his service, as we see the candlelight burning in this painting:

'At last, in fire of thy fair Eyes,  
We'll burn, our own best sacrifice.'





## DECEMBER AT THE MERRY HARRIERS



*"Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!"*  
- Charles Dickens

**Christmas Lunch throughout December £19.50 for 2 courses or  
£26 for 3 courses**

**WEDNESDAY 1ST: Book Club.** Currently reading 'Ashes to Dust' by Yrsa Sigurdardottir. Newcomers contact Camilla on [camilla.edmiston@btinternet.com](mailto:camilla.edmiston@btinternet.com).



**SATURDAY 4TH: An evening with Sinatra.** Ian Gallagher the UK's No. 1 Frank Sinatra Tribute act will be live at the Merry Harriers. Ian has sung at Sir Andrew Lloyd Webbers wedding and at Buckingham Palace. He's as close to the real thing you are ever likely to see! 3 Course Dinner and Cabaret £45.00. A few tables left - **BOOK NOW!**

**TUESDAY 7TH: Steak night** (early this month) - 2 rumps with chips or salad and a bottle of house wine for £25 per couple. Don't forget to book!

**THURSDAY 9TH: Hambledon Curry Club.** On the second Thursday of each month, we check out a local curry house. This month, the Gurkha Durba in Grayshott. Want to join? Just email us.

**TUESDAY 14TH: Wine Club trip to Vinopolis.** All welcome. Taste 10 wines including 3 superior classics. £31 plus train fare. Booking essential by 9<sup>th</sup> Dec please.

**THURSDAY 16TH:** Church and Pub come together for the now traditional **Christmas Carols in the pub at 7:30pm** (a good chance to meet Simon, the new Rector).

**TUESDAY 21ST: Christmas Quiz Night.** Bob & Colin's special seasonal variety including some hideous Christmas No 1's and a few turkeys! Starts 8pm, £20 first prize.

**FRIDAY 24TH:** The fun starts here!

**SATURDAY 25TH: Merry Christmas to all.** Have lunch with us on **Christmas Day** £69.00.

**SUNDAY 26TH:** Open All Day & llama trekking on most days until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**FRIDAY 31ST:** Another cracking **New Years Eve party** with **The Likeness**, lots of entertainment for everyone and a 4am finish. No Fancy dress theme this year but a **masked ball** will add to the fun! £10 per ticket including buffet and a glass of fizz at midnight.

***Don't forget to come and sample our Winter Warmers:***

***Hot Toddies, Hot Mead, Mulled Wine and Seasonal Ales.***

**The Merry Harriers, Hambledon. 01428 682883. [merryharriers@btconnect.com](mailto:merryharriers@btconnect.com)  
[www.merryharriers.com](http://www.merryharriers.com)**



### **This Christmas...**

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance. There are only two things a child will share willingly - communicable diseases and his mother's age.

# Unbeaten run extended



**Hambledon football club's 1st XI continues strongly, with two draws in the league and a win the cup, reports the team captain, Matt Kiley**

**T**he first team kept pace with the front runners in the premier league of the Guildford and Woking Alliance, extending their unbeaten run to four games. First was a disappointing 2-2 draw against Ockham at Badger Park. Even that required a last minute equaliser from Nick Brown in a game that could have easily finished 6-6 thanks to a mixture of great defending and poor finishing.

Hambledon got off to their customary slow start at home and soon found themselves 2-0 down. The first going in direct from a corner and the second a deflected long range effort.

The second half was all Hambledon and they found the opposition keeper in inspired form and their strikers in a wasteful mood. However, after a ball into the box by Russ Howe caused panic, Liam Poupart made no mistake smashing in and it was game on. The Dons threw the proverbial kitchen sink at the opposition and it looked to be one of those days. The Ockham keeper saved his best till last, with a brilliant one-handed save from Nick Brown. However, Nick was to have the last laugh, poking home a loose ball with the last kick of the game.

Next up was a trip to Reigate in the county cup against a team that looked more suited to rugby than football. What the Dons lacked in height and weight they more than matched in football ability and spirit and ran out comfortable 2-0 winners to progress safely into the next round at home to Repton, with Nick Brown and Paul Wicks both scoring.

The Dons then welcomed Millmead to Badger Park still looking for their first win of the season at home against a side averaging five goals a game. The Dons started slowly and found themselves under pressure, but managed to keep the score to 0-0 with some great defending. The Dons were forced into an early change with Nick Brown suffering a nasty gash to his head with Steve Farmer replacing him. The Dons then took the lead with Stu Cook finishing well after a great ball behind the left back from Stu Parker. They soon found themselves 2-0 up with Wicksy turning well in the area to wrong foot the keeper. The Dons couldn't hold their 2-0 lead with the dangerous Millmead num-

ber 10 taking advantage of a rare defensive mix up to finish well. Hambledon had chances to extend their lead, but Millmead were given a lifeline after a soft penalty was awarded. In the end a draw was probably a fair result, but Hambledon will be disappointed to let a 2-0 lead slip against a very strong Millmead team. Next up is a trip to bitter rivals Pirbright.

## Results

Hambledon 2 (Poupart Brown)	Ockham 2
Reigate Sala 0	Hambledon 2 (Brown Wicks)
Hambledon 2 (Cook Wicks)	Millmead 2

## The groundsman's the star



**The Dons' groundsman, Martyn Grove, was voted the third best groundsman in Surrey, just missing out on a trip to Wembley for the national competition. Here's Martyn receiving his certificate from first-team manager Carlo Moriano with first-team captain Matt Kiley.**

Hambledon FC are continuing to seek funding for the proposed new clubhouse via grants and donations. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so through the club's gift aid site. All donations are warmly received, direct or via <http://www.justgiving.com/hambledonfc/Donate>





# Funky chickens

You could substitute turkey, but this month's recipes are all about chicken. First, Guy Lemieux gives us his yummy take on jerk chicken, followed by Gary Lineker's chicken pie – yes, that's right; for explanation, see below

## Jerk chicken

*2 bonnet chillies chopped, seeds and all  
4 roughly-chopped garlic cloves  
1 thumb-sized roughly-chopped ginger root  
2 tea spoon dried thyme  
1 tea spoon allspice*

*1 tea spoon ground cloves  
2 table spoon malt vinegar  
2 table spoon dark muscovado sugar  
4 large chicken legs  
2 table spoon sunflower oil*

Combine all the spices together in a pestle and mortar, and mash together. Then place in a bowl, add the vinegar, sugar and 2 table spoons of water. Mix well. Score the chicken several times and place in an

airtight container then pour over the marinade. Leave to marinade overnight. The next day, grill the meat for about 10 minutes each side until golden brown. Serve with flavoured rice and green beans. Serves four.

## Waste not, want not

A football legend and a *Strictly Come Dancing* winner are among the stars to contribute to Surrey's first ever celebrity leftover cookbook. *Match of the Day* presenter and ex-England captain Gary Lineker and celebrity dancers, Camilla Dallerup and Flavia Cacace, have given their leftover recipes to a free publication as part of Surrey Waste Partnership's campaign to reduce food waste.

The book, *Why not give your leftovers a makeover*, is part of the campaign to encourage residents to reduce their food waste. Ten celebrities have backed the Love Food Surrey campaign by each offering a leftovers dish. And Gary Lineker's chicken dish is shown opposite.

TV chef Prue Leith said: "Eating up everything or not wasting the leftovers is not just good for the economy and the environment, it is also satisfying and makes you feel happily smug!"

Surrey Waste Partnership chairman Jean Pearson said: "We should not throw away food that can be used again. We hope that people follow the lead of Surrey's famous faces and use these recipes to make significant savings."

To get your free copy send an A5 stamped addressed envelope (1st class - 66p/2nd class - 51p) to Love Food Surrey, County Hall, Penryhn Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 2DN, or visit [www.lovefoodsurrey.com](http://www.lovefoodsurrey.com) to download an electronic copy.

## Gary's chicken pie

<i>250g cooked and chopped leftover chicken (cooked chicken breasts can be added if more chicken is required)</i>	<i>20g plain flour</i>
<i>Packet of ready puffed/shortcrust pastry or 200g homemade pastry</i>	<i>290ml milk</i>
<i>White sauce or can of condensed chicken soup</i>	<i>1 cup of dissolved chicken stock cube or homemade stock</i>
<i>20g butter</i>	<i>1 cup of cooked and chopped leftover veggies eg broccoli/ cauliflower/ handful of frozen peas or sweetcorn</i>
	<i>Salt and pepper to taste</i>

Melt the butter in a saucepan and stir in the flour over a gentle heat. If you use a can of condensed chicken soup, leave out the white sauce and empty the can into a bowl. Fill half of the can with water/ chicken stock and mix well. Gradually add the milk and dissolved stock cube, mix well and whisk until smooth. Season to taste.

Add the chicken and veggies, cook thoroughly and allow to cool. Place this mixture into a greased pie dish. Line the dish with pastry and add the filling. Roll out pastry and cut to make a lid. With the remains, make letters to create names.

Place these on the pie and brush with milk. Prick the pastry a couple of times to allow the steam to escape whilst cooking. Cook for 30 minutes, gas mark 4/180C/350F until the pastry is golden brown.



## Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

### Back to Front Christmas

There's something odd about Christmas,  
In a back to front sort of way.  
I can't help thinking that Christmas  
Is a back to front sort of day.

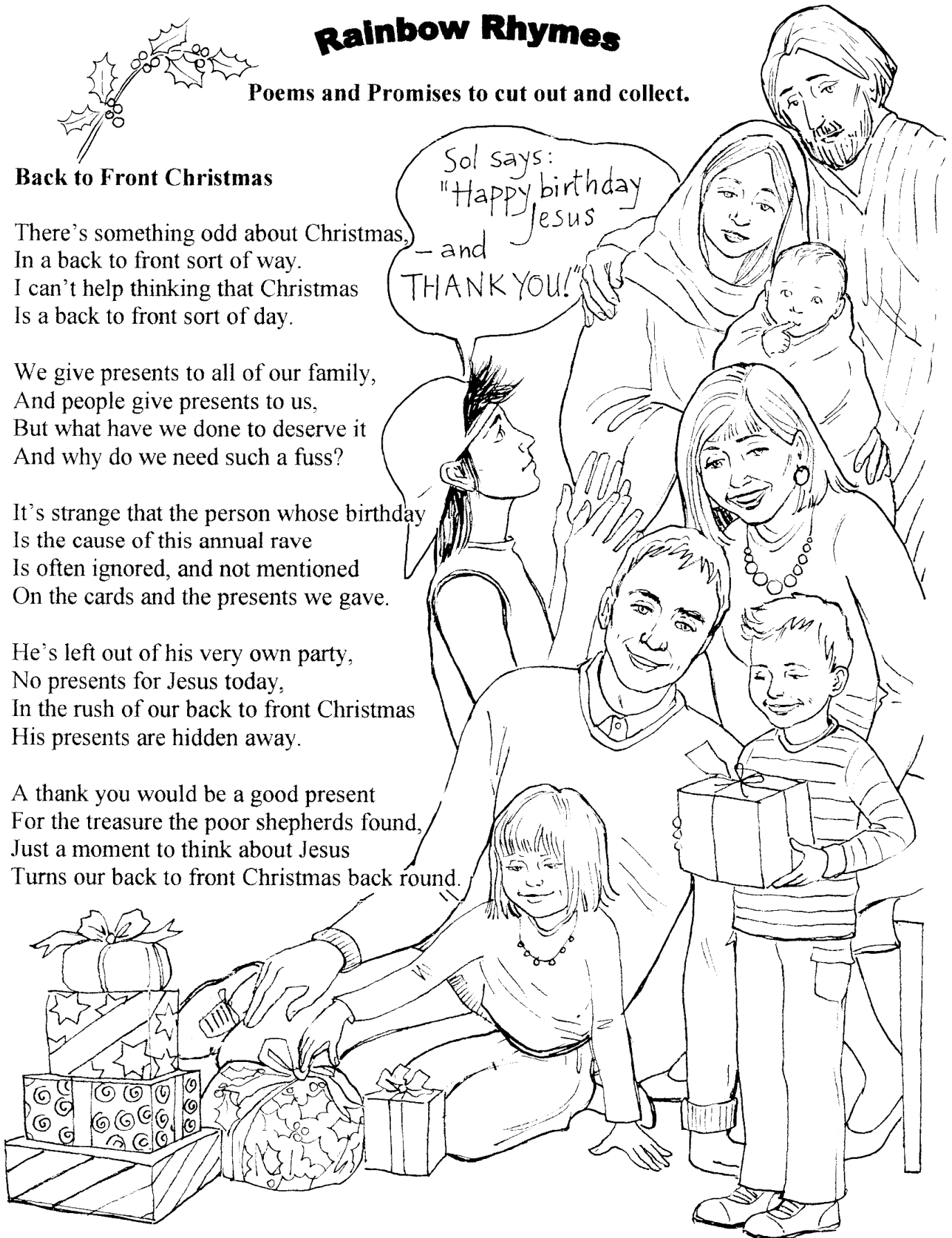
We give presents to all of our family,  
And people give presents to us,  
But what have we done to deserve it  
And why do we need such a fuss?

It's strange that the person whose birthday  
Is the cause of this annual rave  
Is often ignored, and not mentioned  
On the cards and the presents we gave.

He's left out of his very own party,  
No presents for Jesus today,  
In the rush of our back to front Christmas  
His presents are hidden away.

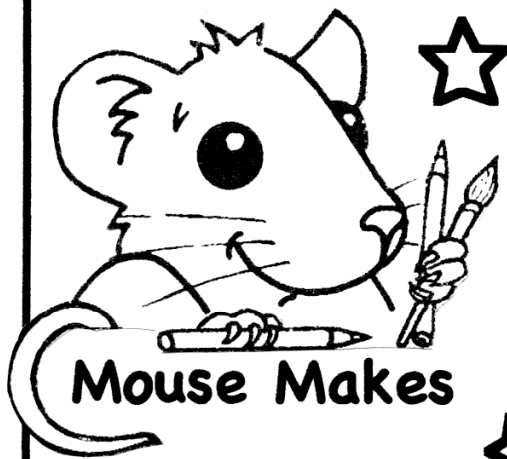
A thank you would be a good present  
For the treasure the poor shepherds found,  
Just a moment to think about Jesus  
Turns our back to front Christmas back round.

Sol says:  
"Happy birthday  
Jesus  
- and  
THANK YOU!"



**"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14 (NLT)**

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



There were shepherds that night  
in the fields taking care of their  
sheep. An angel of the Lord  
appeared and said

*"Don't be afraid, I am here with  
**good news** of great joy that  
will be for **all** people. Today a  
**saviour** has been born to you,  
He is **Christ the Lord**".*

from Luke 2:11-12.

Read The Christmas  
story in  
Luke 2:1-20.



glue

To make this Christmas decoration:

- Carefully cut out around the edge then colour in
- Curl around and glue into a cone shape



- Tie a length of ribbon through each

- Fill with sweets and hang on the tree!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
from all over the world!

**JOYEUX NOEL**

(French)

**GOD JUL**

(Swedish)

**BOUN NATALE**

(Italian)

**FELIZ NAVIDAD**

(Spanish)



## A LIGHT TO WELCOME

Just 30 years ago all people had were decorated trees and a few paper-chains at Christmas, but now we have wreaths on the front door, outdoor lights in gardens; and the most recent addition, those arched candlesticks with 7 or more electric candles to stand on windowsills.

This custom came to us from Scandinavia. The story is that in weeks before Christmas, like that first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago, Mary and Joseph wander the world looking for a

place where they will be safe. They look for a welcome light in the window. And that is why we put the lights in our window: to invite the Holy Family into our

homes at the darkest and coldest part of the year. The candles say that Christ is welcome in our homes, to be born in our hearts and that we invite him to stay with us - not just for Christmas but for all time.



## SKY LIGHTS

Stars are another source of light and the wise men and shepherds followed a star to the baby Jesus.

The answers to this quiz all start with the letters STAR so can you say which Star...

1. is the right-hand side of a ship?
2. is a bird?
3. is used to stiffen things?
4. is to look with wide open eyes?
5. is the US flag?
6. is someone who sets a race off?
7. is suddenly surprised?



### What carol is heard in the dessert?

Camel ye faithful.



### What's impossible to overtake at Christmas?

The three wide men.



Answers: 1 starboard 2 starling 3 starch  
4 stare 5 Stars & Stripes  
6 starter 7 startled

# 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



## HAMBLEDON 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

### North Downs Veterinary Group

37, New Road, Milford

01483 414747

### Rivendell

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



# Puzzle Solutions

## Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Abbot 4 Scram  
 10 Speaker 11 Named 12 Inky  
 13 Somewhat 16 Even up  
 17 Animal 20 Make sure  
 21 Flex 23 Mound  
 25 Vibrant 26 Wears 27 Steep

DOWN: 2 Breakneck  
 3 Oaks 5 Canoeing  
 6 Aim 7 Aspire  
 8 Brood 9 Edit  
 14 Humiliate 15 Outsider  
 18 Laxity 19 Drove  
 20 Mime 22 Abet 24 Use

C	A	R	D	S	T	W	N	A	N	L	R	E	S
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T	E	J	A	E	S	H	L	R	M	N	E	U	G
I	L	O	T	N	E	M	E	T	I	C	X	E	N
V	N	N	I	L	U	K	S	P	S	D	E	L	I
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C	L	C	C	W	K	X	M	U	L	L	E	D	T
R	P	H	H	C	L	I	B	S	E	A	B	P	S
I	T	T	U	S	S	G	Y	V	Y	L	L	O	H

## Word Search

Jesus	wrapping
Emmanuel	tree
Christmas	decoration
Carol	stocking
ivy	nativity
Holly	play
Mistletoe	excitement
Mulled	mary
presents	joseph
cards	shepherds
crackers	angels
tinsel	baby

## Sudoku

Easy

Intermediate

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