



**Hambledon Parish Magazine**

# **St Peter's Church**



## **& Village News**

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## Pastoral Letter – December



Dear all,

It gives me great pleasure that the pastoral letter for this month is written by Alwyn Webb. Alwyn is a great guy; has an infectious smile and a welcoming heart. He is a vicar in training. His primary role is to oversee and develop work with children and young people in Hambledon Church. This includes linking closely with the excellent nursery school where he already started. He will look at how he can grow and develop our lovely Sunday school and work in the week with children and families.


As an ordinand in training he also has to experience, lead and get involved in Hambledon in other ways too. He needs to lead services, preach from time to time and do other 'vicar like' activities. He intends to visit the shop and pub. He is similar to our reader David Jenkins, who is also in training. In this role he will be the eyes and ears on the ground in Hambledon church for hearing what is going well, and what is falling through the net, sharing any problems with myself or Margot.

Alwyn also has to have time to study. He goes to London twice a week – Once to St Mellitus Theological College and once to Kings College, London where he is taking an MA in theology.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the many residents and in particular certain people (whether they are involved in the heritage society, the parish council or the village trust and of course the church PCC) who have visibility in the village, for their support for the church in the past year. It has been a very difficult time but it looks as if human endurance and a hefty dose of God at work are bringing possibilities to the fore. I am personally quite excited but maybe this is because it is nearly my favourite time of year? I cannot think of anything better than church, candles, carols and the atmosphere.

I would also like to thank everyone who has quietly approached Alison Martin (church treasurer) regarding giving to the work of the church locally. I can now say that the only reason we still have a church, have Alwyn starting and have short listed\* clergy is because there is real hope for a vibrant church for the village, that the village wants this and it has been demonstrated to those who make key decisions. Thank you. (\*See page 7 for update - Ed.)

For those wondering about the Ministry Support Trust (MST) which was mooted earlier this year: this is moving forward. It is in the process of being set up with the Charity Commission. Its aim will be to ensure that local giving gives local ministry a very secure and long term future and that part of my legacy to Hambledon is a church that is still here in 100 years time.

Yours in Christ, 

Simon Taylor, Rector,  
Hambledon and Busbridge

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Dear all

It is with a sense of privilege and pleasure that I have accepted Simon's invitation to write part of the introduction for this month's magazine.

Firstly, I would like to express once again, how grateful are my wife Kate, Matthew (21 months old) and myself for the warmth and generosity of the welcome extended to us by the Christian community within the Hambledon/Busbridge parishes. For those who remain blissfully unaware of our arrival – you are probably in a good place! On the other hand, if you are in that category but would like a little more insight with regards to my background and why we are here, it is as follows:

After leaving school, I spent seven years in the Army (7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery) and later on, having left, I went to college then trained as a teacher and taught at secondary level for fifteen years. I now believe God is calling me into ordained ministry within the Church of England. Subsequently, as an 'ordinand in training' (which effectively means that I am training to be a vicar) I am on placement here in the parish for the next twenty-one months.

As a family, Kate, plus 'bump' (she is fifteen weeks pregnant), myself and (*hopefully!*) Matthew are really looking forward to our first Christmas in the parish. With Christmas almost upon us, naturally, thoughts are traditionally centred on celebrating the birth of the infant Christ.

It is however, the words (or invitation) of the ‘adult’ Christ, which I believe hold particular relevance for many individuals and families during the festive season:

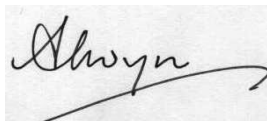
**“Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest”.**

Although for all of us, I hope the feeling of being ‘heavy laden’ will only be the glorious aftermath of our Christmas dinner, most of us are probably aware that for many individuals and families Christmas can be *the most* stressful period (for any number of reasons) of the year. The prophet Isaiah, looking ahead to the birth of Christ referred to Him as the ‘Prince of Peace’.

Those who know Jesus are able to testify both to the validity of this ‘title’ and the invitation quoted earlier, extended by Him. Some, I’m sure, will have cause over the next few weeks in particular, to draw on the resources promised by Jesus. The good news is that these resources are (as they have been for the last 2,000 years) available to *all*.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Yours in Christ*



Alwyn Webb, Ordinand in Training,  
Hambledon and Busbridge

## CHURCH CALENDAR

December 2011

<b>4th December</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns Morning Worship (with children’s groups)
<b>11th December</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP) said Holy Communion (with children’s groups)
Saturday <b>17th December</b>	8.30 am to 10.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church Rooms A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome
<b>18th December</b> 4th Sunday of Advent	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns Christmas Adventure - Messy Church at Christmas (for all ages) Carol Service by candlelight (then mincepies, mulled wine)
<b>Saturday 24th December</b> Christmas Eve	4.00 pm 11.00 pm	<b>Crib Service</b> <b>Christmas Communion (CW)</b>
<b>25th December</b> Christmas Day	9.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) with carols Family Celebration
<b>and in January</b>		
<b>1st January</b> <b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>No services in Hambledon or Busbridge</b> <b>10.30 a.m.</b>	Churches Together United Service at St. Peter & St. Paul, Godalming

### Services at St. John’s, Busbridge

<b>8.30 am</b>	1st & 3rd Sundays 2nd & 4th Sundays	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
<b>10.00 am</b>	Every Sunday	“Classic” service in Church “Contemporary” service in Busbridge Junior School Groups for children of all ages in various locations – just turn up
<b>6.30 pm</b>	Evening Worship	

## PARISH & PEOPLE



**W**elcome to Sophia Underwood who arrived on a very auspicious day during November. Neither her grandparents, Philip and Pauline, nor her parents, Chris and Christina and brother Alexander will forget her emergence on 11.11.11! Well done and many congratulations.

Well done to Jo Ingham and her parents John and Annie Tidmarsh, for once again organizing the Hambledon Poppy Appeal. Jo has now moved to Haslemere so will not be taking on this task in future. We are greatly indebted to her. As this magazine goes to press it is some four days since Remembrance Sunday. Hambledon turned out in good numbers to mark this event and it was encouraging to see the village showing such united support.

Congratulations to Rebecca Vacher who, with her sister and a couple of friends, ran as 'Team Bethan' in the Great South Run on October 30th. All four completed the run in under 2 hours and raised around £1,500.00 for the charity 'Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research'. A brilliant result, despite some aching joints on the day after!

Many congratulations to Brian and Ann Roe who celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary this month.

**Mr. John Dunkley** John Dunkley died on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the age of 97.

Only known to a few in Hambledon we expect, but he is well remembered by some of us when he looked after some beef cattle that were kept by Judith Ledebouer at Hilltop Farm. Those of us who walked our dogs in this area were always interested to meet up with John, a true gentleman, who had a great concern for the welfare of the animals in his care. This he did well into his retirement years, having worked previously at Tigbourne Farm for the family of Judith Ledebouer.

John was a keen gardener, especially in growing chrysanthemums in his Combe Lane garden. He had a very distinguished war record and was awarded the Military Medal. He took a keen interest in the work of the Royal British Legion through the Chiddingfold Branch and was president for many years.

A proud moment in John's life was when he was invited by his son in law, Ray Blackman, to Buckingham Palace where Ray received the honour of the MBE.

We send to John's daughters, Barbara and Karen, our sincere sympathy in the loss of such a loving father.

**The 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 (01428 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 is £15.50 for the year and

cheques (again payable to Hambledon Parish Magazine) should be sent to :

The Treasurer, R.G. Williams, Bermonde,

Hambledon Road, Hambledon, Surrey, GU8 4DR

Those receiving the magazine by post are asked to let the Treasurer know by 31st December if they do NOT wish to continue.

Our special grateful thanks to all our wonderful distributors whose efforts we greatly appreciate.

And finally ... from Parish and People all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our readers! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this column during the year. Items are always welcome – direct to the Editor please.

### Royal British Legion Appeal 2011 :

**A**s many know, the Ingham family have now moved to Haslemere. Jo has done sterling work for the last four years coordinating the Appeal for the village (with little help and four small children) so we all owe her a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you Jo.

**We are now looking for her replacement.** Is there anyone who would like to take on this worthwhile cause? Perhaps a newcomer to the village?

### Thanks to all and a new appeal...

We will help as much as is necessary. It would indeed be sad if we had no collection next year. Our telephone number is 01428 682067.

This year's grand total came to £1,865.94p – thank you very much to all our kind stalwart collectors – we could not manage without you

*John and Annie Tidmarsh*

# Superfast web campaign

The parish council has plans to help culture secretary and local MP Jeremy Hunt in his campaign to get superfast broadband into our part of Surrey



As part of his brief as Secretary of State for Media, Culture and Sport, Jeremy Hunt has launched a campaign to promote superfast broadband. As our local MP, he is also working closely with Surrey County Council to ensure that, by 2015, everyone in South West Surrey will be able to access speeds of at least 2 Mbps and that 90 per cent of households and businesses will have access to the superfast variety.

Quite likely, these will soon be necessities of everyday life so, to ensure that Hambledon does not get left behind, it is important for all of us to register a demand now. The best way of doing this is by completing the Surrey Strategic Partnership's Superfast Broadband survey.

The Parish Council has therefore arranged for everyone to receive a copy of the survey and hopes that all households and businesses in the village will complete and return it, either by e-mail or by post. The responses will be used by Surrey County Council



Jeremy wants a superfast web

to support its conversations with industry and help secure funding for the project. It is currently in discussions with five selected companies and aims to place a contract with one by next July.

■ At its meeting on 1 November, the Parish Council reviewed the **interim financial statement for 2011-12** as a prelude to looking at a first draft of the budget for 2012-13. It decided that, where possible, next year's expenditure should be held at this year's levels, subject to the inclusion of a one-off amount in support of the village fete and other activities which may be organised next June in conjunction with the Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council was also delighted to receive a cheque for £2,000 from the Henry Smith Charity. As usual, some of this will fund Hambledon Village Shop vouchers for older villagers and the balance will be given to the Trustees of the Hambledon Almshouses.

The **monthly police report** showed that crime statistics in the village rose to six incidents in October. Hopefully this will not become a pattern. One or, at the most, two crimes in a month is the usual exception to the normal nil return.

The owners of **Dunsfold Aerodrome** have appealed against refusal of permission to use the site for aviation activities and the Parish Council decided to request a copy of the Planning Inspector's decision. Discussions about a Hambledon Village Design Statement continued and it was agreed to proceed with a first draft. This will be used to kick-start a wider consultation process, which is a pre-requisite to Waverley accepting a Design Statement as a material planning consideration.

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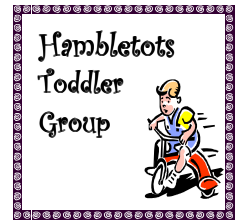
## STOP PRESS: Major Church news from Simon Taylor

We are pleased, nay, absolutely and completely delighted to announce that after two days of interviews and tours we have made an appointment to the person who will be the associate vicar. For those unsure of titles, this means they will be Simon's appointment within Hambledon and Hambledon will again have a member of the clergy living in the village. We cannot give more detail yet because of checks, forms and letters of approval from and to various Bishops. We can though say that those involved are delighted with the person. They have made it clear they see the shop, meeting people and having the church at the very heart of the village as key to their calling by Christ in this area. Their rather grand title will be 'Director of Discipleship for the congrega-

tions of Busbridge and Hambledon and also Vicar in Hambledon'. It is likely they will devote about three days a week to Hambledon based things. At a time when much of the Church of England is cutting back on clergy posts and parishes are being closed or turned into retirement positions this is a very significant and positive development for us across Hambledon and Busbridge. More detail when it is available. Thank you to Philip Underwood and many villagers for giving their time to meeting the candidates and sharing their thoughts and ideas. Thank you also to those of the church who spent much time praying for God's guidance. It became very clear indeed as to which person was definitely called by God into the growth of both Hambledon and Busbridge. *Simon*

What's happening . . .  
..around the village

## Calling all Mums, babies & toddlers



Julia and Ronnie bring us news of the lively Toddler Group and December dates

**T**he friendly 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. Weekly activities for the children are organised. As we approach Christmas the activities will be themed as such.

We also serve tea and coffee and end the session with music-time.

**Come and try it! All are most welcome**

The dates for December 2011 are:

Weds 7th and 14th December (we don't meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and then it is the holidays).

The cost is £1 for under 1 year olds and £2 for over 1 year olds. **For more info: please call Julia on 01483 415764**



### Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20th December,  
at 11am in the Church Room  
and the third Tuesday each month

**All welcome - do come**

More information from Jacqui Rook 01428-684390



### WAGs Wednesday Afternoon Group

Our next meeting is to be held on  
Wednesday 21st December  
in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

### WAGs Christmas Party

Do please come and join in the fun. Everyone welcome – bring a friend  
and please bring a small wrapped gift of approx £2 value



Jan Kilsby 01483 423637, Joyce Dougans 01428 687851 or Julie Atkin 01428 684519



## Carols in the Merry Harriers

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

**All are welcome!**







# Hambleton Christmas Party

Hambleton Village Hall  
Saturday 10th December 2011  
8pm til midnight

Tickets £12.50 from:  
Martyn & Mary Grove 01483 415815  
or The Merry Harriers

Bar - Nibbles - Raffle  
Live Band "The Likeness" (Rock classics)

Proceeds in aid of Boost Charitable Trust ([www.boostct.org](http://www.boostct.org)) / Hambleton FC

## A Celebration for The Christmas Season



Join with friends and neighbours in a café style evening of entertainment: songs, sketches, music & fun

Hambleton Village Hall,  
Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 from  
Hambleton Village Shop  
or Cynthia Miller 01428 684362  
includes a glass of mulled wine on arrival,  
and coffee and mince pie later  
*BYO liquid refreshment and additional snacks*



# HAMBLEDON LADIES BREAKFAST

Do come along to our  
**2nd Ladies Breakfast**  
on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

at 8.30am at our new venue,  
West Surrey Golf Club, Enton Green.

Our Guest Speaker  
is the well known  
Author and  
Inspirational  
Speaker  
**Jennifer  
Rees Larcombe.**



Tickets (£8) available at  
the Hambledon Village Shop  
or Sue Blackman on 01428 683871

All are very welcome – don't miss out  
on this special event and  
an opportunity to have breakfast  
prepared for YOU!

## Prepare to Fête the Diamond Jubilee

**The Village Fete and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, next year over the weekend of 2nd-4th June, are going to be rather special for Hambledon, as Philip Underwood here reports. Come and join the team.**

**T**he fête is scheduled for Saturday 2nd June at 2pm, with a formal dinner/dance in the evening. Over this period the marquee will be available for other organizations to use, and already I understand the Church will be using it on the Sunday morning for a service.

We are being asked by the Pageant master of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons to light a bonfire at 10pm on Monday 4th June to join all the other bonfires scattered over the whole country. This ought to be somewhere high-up so that it can be seen from long distances. I have all the details of this and it could be rather a jolly thing to do.

If interested and able, with ideas, could you please contact me. Referring back to the marquee, if

you feel you would like to take a slot, once more come back to me. This leaves the fête.

The idea is that the proceeds are split between the organizations running it. It seems that the cricket club, the football club and the Church have the greatest need of funds this time.

Please would they consider what they can do on the day and what help they can provide. The format of the occasion is well known. Could all other helpers please register an interest with me.

Within the marquee on the Saturday afternoon, I have the National Trust who have booked a stall.

What about all the other organizations? Please contact me if you are able to help, in any form.

P. J. Underwood 0777 1633599 - or in the shop.

**Virgin mother** A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

# An overview of continuing progress

**Philip Underwood provides an overview: how the Shop has progressed in recent years and months: flourishing developments, and opportunities.**

It is now some five years that I have been working in the shop, together with Amanda and Michelle. Alison has now clocked up fifteen years and Jane Woolley seems to have been helping for ever. With Alan and Cyril I think we present a formidable team.

Our strength has been shown by everyone coming together and pulling their weight during the recent period of Amanda's absence. Fortunately her daughter is now much improved and she should be returning to her previous role. We have managed well, but it has been a strain at times, with the excellent back up team of volunteers. We are really grateful to those who put their personal lives on hold and came to help.

Since I last wrote an article the shop has changed in a subtle way. It is more attractive with designs using fine old wooden boxes. It has a greater range of local products and speciality items. We are getting more people from afar, perhaps for the fresh vegetables with which other small shops have tried and failed.

**Missing the guest of honour** "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" (*Matthew 2:2*) There was a mayor of a small town who had brought in many improvements to local life transforming the town over several years. So the community decided it was high time to pay him tribute.

The party was held at the local town hall, and all agreed it was a great celebration. The decorations were superb, the music was loud, the room crowded and noisy. The food was delicious, and the wine flowed. It was the best party the town had ever had.

Over coffee the next morning in the local cafe, someone wondered aloud if the mayor had enjoyed it. No one knew. In fact, as the day wore on, people began to realise that actually, no one had even seen the mayor there that night. Later they discovered that the mayor had been waiting at home all evening, for the lift that he had been promised into town. But people were so busy preparing for the party, that no one had remembered him. So he had missed the party in his honour. Apparently no one had even noticed his absence.

It sounds a lot like Christmas. People get together to celebrate, the food is great, the music warms the heart – but has anyone seen the guest of honour? We sing about him, we act out nativity plays about him, but in reality, the season has become about **us**. Our menus, our travel plans, our presents, our decorations. When do we give time to notice whether he is among us, or not?



We have more newspapers and magazines on general sale. Soon we hope to have a range of items for the Hambledon Village Trust. We must be doing things properly as the sales figures are good. I should know, I see them every day.

Another aspect is that the shop is being used by outside agencies as a way of meeting the residents. The police come to hold their surgeries. Our borough councillors have started the same. Then the two candidates for Associate vicar came along to meet us and chat with some of the residents. This is something that could grow. Oh for a room on the side for these occasions, as a chat room, and in which to house local things for sale and other items. It would be nice if this happened during my lifetime! P.J.U.



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think the Angel of the Lord texting the shepherds would have the same dramatic effect."





# Brickworks: evolving heritage

In association with *Hambledon Heritage Society*, Nigel Minchin's update on the brickworks site. As it was then: a frosty winter scene, and is now 11 months later: a moonscape fit for a mansion, or palace?



Then:  
Nutbourne brickworks  
Roundals Lane,  
Hambledon.  
December 2010

a. Nov 2011 from same angle



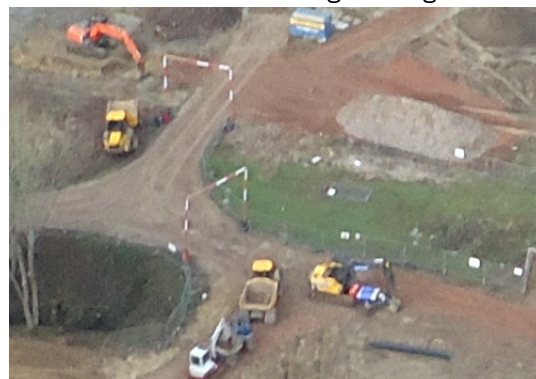
**Now:**  
Nutbourne brickworks  
November 2011

Watch this space...  
3 more Aerial photographs  
by Nigel Minchin  
The magazine is grateful for  
all the flying hours he did

b. different angle, clearer



c. detail showing building vehicles



# Sniffing change in the air?



Not prognostications, but from the pungent depths of the torridly steaming pile of yet to be turned goodness, the detritus that forms the origins of a good drop of stuff, Earthworm focuses his wise philosophy in musing on approaching Christmas and the state of the nation's social economy

Earthworm has read with interest that November has been the warmest for 100 years. Certainly, with temperatures climbing to 16° or 17° some days, it was positively balmy shirtsleeve weather. Even the flowers and shrubs are confused with winter flowerers bursting in to bloom as early as July, primroses and even a cowslip have been seen in a shady nook.

So what will December bring wonders Earthworm? It will bring Christmas, that is for sure! Christmas-mania has already arrived as Earthworm pens this in mid-November. The Christmas lights are out, santas, reindeer, and snowy scenes fill the shop windows, and it seems that in spite of the financial squeeze plenty of people have money to spend. They push their way along the pavements, their hands clutching large bags of purchases. Perhaps, thinks Earthworm, they have lots of savings that they are happy to spend rather than keep in a saver account at the bank which is earning such low interest?

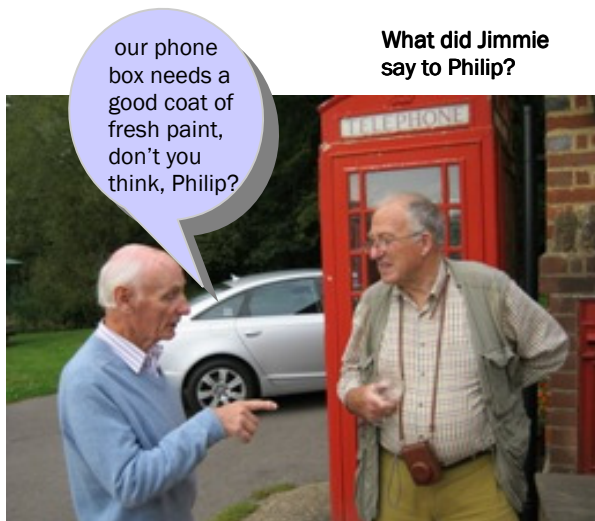
But not every-one is going to be out there buying. There are plenty of people who have lost their jobs, and so many of the young, some recently qualified or out of university, can find no work, while others have gone home to live with the parents again. Earthworm thinks the parents will be pleased.

Or will they? Just when they have got acclimatized to their "empty-nest" syndrome, there are knocks at the door and the offspring are back! Earthworm would welcome back them, especially if they earned their keep with a helping hand. The compost heap needs a good "turn-over" and it is very hard work!

Come the time this magazine goes to press much may have changed weather-wise, and a more "normal" December may be here with chilly dark evenings, cold nights, frosts and even a bit of snow. Who knows? No-one is being bold enough to make prognostications!

Certainly the water levels are still very low and there has been talk of a "winter drought." Ponds are well below their usual autumn levels, which is very unusual for winter-time, with many plants and shrubs quite stressed already from the summer drought. These are the ones which will succumb if the weather does turn very cold.

So as you readers stir up your Christmas puddings, cook the mince pies, rehearse your favourite carols and wrap the presents, and your children rehearse their Christmas productions: Earthworm will snuggle in to his warm heap, and dream of all the things that he wanted so much, and hopes he will find under his Christmas tree.



**Godalming Choral Society**

**December Concert**

**Sunday 11 December 7.30 pm**

**Puccini: *Messa di Gloria***

**Rutter: *Magnificat***

**Verdi: *Te Deum***

**The Great Hall, Charterhouse, GU7 2DX**

**Conductor : Michael Veazey**

**Soprano: Eleanor Rastall Tenor: Robert Forbes**

**Baritone: Dhilan Gnanadurai**

**Godalming Choral Sinfonia Orchestra**

**Manager: Roy Bell, Leader: Harry Kerr**

**Tickets £13, Students £8 From:  
Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming,  
choir members, at the door,  
Guildford Tourist Information Centre  
01483 444333 or [tic@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:tic@guildford.gov.uk), or  
tel 07505 203468**

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# Ross's ramblings

## Local and traditional

The heading isn't just Ross's idea of a good Christmas. It also refers to his line-up of things that are happening in the vicinity of the village over the festive season

**D**ecember! Whoopee. Time for Christmas celebrations. Christmas services at the church. Christmas cards. Pressies. Carols. Lunch. Crackers (and mottos). Christmas spirit. And loads of turkey, which seems to last for months.

Roast turkey. Curried turkey. Turkey casserole. Turkey soup. Turkey salad. Turkey sandwiches. Then cold turkey after too much Christmas spirit. Until you start longing for something different. Like a cheese sandwich, or a kebab.

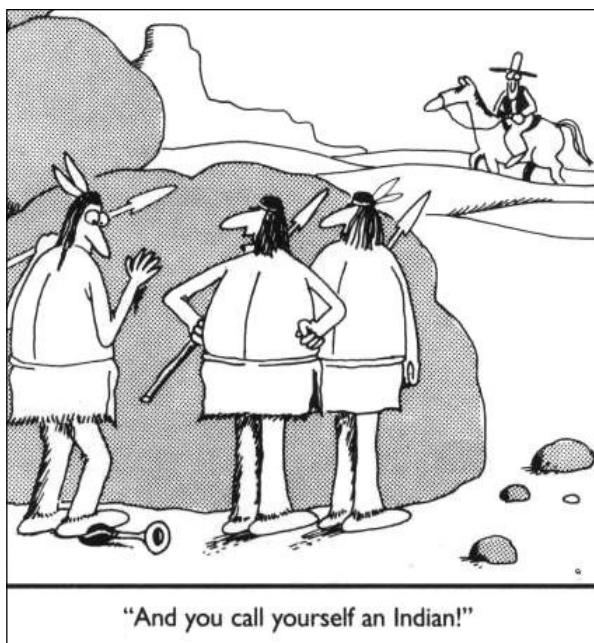
So, will I see you at the church, the kebab shop in Godalming, or on the 15th at 7:30pm at The Merry Harriers for carols singing. Don't miss it. Carols and beer – what a combination.

Right, local tradition stuff around Christmas

■ **The Haslemere Mummers** Saturday, December 17. 11am at Haslemere Museum; 12 noon at the Town Hall

■ **Cup Hill Morris Men** (we may struggle to put this one on). Boxing Day lunchtime at The Anchor, Ockford Road, Godalming, which has turned into the Godalming Tandoori (Information from Ross Kilsby 01483 423637).

■ **The Chiddingfold Tipteerers** (all blacked up and ready to go). Plenty of music and songs. Tuesday, 27 December. This is the eighth performance since the script was re-discovered in Devon. Starting in Chiddingfold, but we usually get a good turn out from Hambledon folk at The Winterton Arms.



### Goodwife Jan's mini column

Dear Friends,

How do you feel about Christmas? Too commercial? Too early every year? One thing that does seem to happen is visiting and socialising more. But why only at Christmas? How about spending less money on food and presents, leaving those "terribly important" jobs and getting along to see those folk you promised to see – even if it means taking a train journey or, perhaps, spending a night in a b&b. Then try to do it more often. Hopefully, you will find it rewarding in the nicest way. Most people enjoy having visitors, so long as they don't stay too long. And if it's a reciprocal arrangement – so much the better. Make it an all-the-year-round resolution. It's worth it.

Jan

Approximate times: 1:00pm The Crown, Chiddingfold; 1:45pm The Swan; 2:30pm The Crown (possibly); 3:30pm The Winterton Arms. Information from John Cowburn (01428 685940) or Ross Kilsby (01483 423637).

■ **Wassail!** January 6, 6:30pm, The White Hart, Witley. Very pagan. Contact Ross for details.

### Now more about the Ins and Outs of Inns:

This time animals' names in pub signs.

Some of these are corrupted or shortened forms of heraldic names. Others are connected with those times when agriculture was important. Into the former category might come Lion, Boar, Hart or Swan. Into the latter might be Bull, Cow, Goat or Horse. Hunting was represented by such names as Fox, Hare and Stag and by Cock, Falcon, and Bear. Often these animal names were preceded by colour adjectives — for example, the Black Bull, the White Horse. Now let's deal with a couple of familiar examples.

**The Black Lion** – the heraldic sign of Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III. Black is also a common colour in pub names, possibly because the Gin Act of 1736 made landlords drape their signs in black velvet

**The Cat and Fiddle** – various suggestions as to the origin. It might refer to Catherine la Fidèle, French wife of Peter the Great of Russia; to Catherine of Aragon, or to Caton le Fidèle, a brave and faithful knight who became governor of Calais in the late 16th century.

Don't forget a card for Mr Coleman on 23 December. And a happy Christmas from Ross, Goodwife Jan (and not forgetting Pusskins, the cat).

# Winter preparations for Hambledon

**Hambledon has an emergency plan in place in the event of severe weather this coming winter. Stewart Payne, our parish councillor, describes the measures for bracing the fierce winter which may lie ahead.**

**T**he plan, prepared by the parish council, links in with arrangements in place at both Waverley Borough and Surrey County Councils. The village suffered considerable disruption following heavy snow falls during the last two winters, largely because of a failure to grit roads in advance.

The parish has been assured that if snow is forecast Hambledon Road, from Lane End to Hydestile and beyond, will be gritted by Surrey County Council. This same stretch of road is also listed as a priority route for snow clearance.

Once again Peter Knight of Burgate Farm has agreed to use a plough blade provided by the county council, fitted to one of his tractors, to clear roads that will not be swept by SCC. These include Salt Lane, Vann Lane, Roundals Lane and Cricket Green.

The two SCC grit bins at Roundals Lane and Church Lane, together with the one outside the parish at the top of Lodge Bottom near Busbridge Lakes, have been filled.

The parish council has provided an additional bin at the top of Woodlands Road, and this is also full. It has been locked during the summer but will be unlocked if severe frost or snow is forecast.

The council is also negotiating for an additional SCC bin which it is hoped will be placed near the village shop

Please remember that the contents of bins are for footpath and highways use only.

A sensible precaution is for residents to stock up on salt and grit for use on drives and garden paths and to have a shovel at the ready. Phillips Garage is selling rock salt for this purpose.

The parish council's emergency plan co-ordinator is Stewart Payne, helped by Tim Coleman and Nick Watson. Please contact them if you need help in bad weather (numbers below). They have four-wheel drive utility vehicles, chain saws and digging equipment at their disposal.

Surrey County Council is responsible for gritting and snow ploughing roads. Details of its preparations can be found at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/winter](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/winter)

Waverley is responsible for the welfare of householders in the borough and for essential services such as refuse collection, which may be disrupted during bad weather. Its website will carry updates at [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk) or contact the council on 01483 523333 or 02392 242161 out of hours.

The parish council will be liaising with both authorities in the event of severe weather and will be carrying updates on the village website [www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk](http://www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk) which will also have information about the shop and nursery school. Local radio will also be carrying updates.

If you need further help or assistance in bad weather please contact Stewart Payne on 07831 393561, Tim Coleman on 07838 763767 or Nick Watson on 07770 553686.

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## From the PCC Minutes of 19 October 2011

**Progress\* with vicar, new youth worker, a better roof and carols for all. [*\*Since then even more - see p 7 - ed*]**

**T**hanks to the extraordinary generosity of the local community, the church funds are on a level footing.

There are 4 candidates for the post of the associate vicar, interviews to be held in November.

There is also a new, part-time youth worker, Alwyn who has moved to the area with his wife and young son. He is a full-time theological student and

working with children in Hambledon will help towards his master's degree.

The new roof to the church will be a mixture including a single ply membrane plastic substitute on the flat section which is unseen from the ground.

Carols at the Merry Harriers are on Thursday, 15 December, it is always great fun and everyone is welcome.



# Tips from our local police

**Christmas Crime Prevention: Neighbourhood P C Tracey Taylor brings us Crime prevention tips in the run-up to the Christmas season:**

*PCSO Dave Boxall and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**At Home** As we approach Christmas, please remember – don't leave your wrapped Christmas presents under the tree in the full view of windows for opportunist burglars to see.

Also, remember to dispose of any packaging carefully in the New Year – don't let the burglar know what delightful presents are inside your house by displaying empty cardboard boxes outside awaiting collection with the refuse.

Now that the clocks have gone back an hour, please remember to leave a light on in your property so that your home is not in darkness when you return from work; use dusk to dawn light bulbs or timer switches to illuminate your home.

Don't keep large amounts of cash at home.

Always lock your shed and garage and secure ladders and garden tools inside so that thieves cannot use them to gain access to your home. A low cost shed alarm can be purchased from any DIY store.

If you are away over Christmas, remember to inform trusted neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your home. Remember to cancel any deliveries of papers or milk and ask a neighbour to collect any post on a regular basis. Use timer switches for lights, television, and radio to make it look as if you are home.

If there is an unexpected stranger at your door, keep your door shut and look through a spy-hole or window to check who is outside. If they won't go away telephone the Police on 101 or 999

**When Shopping** Make sure your purse or handbag is closed and secure – never leave it unattended.

Always keep your pin number confidential. When typing ensure that it cannot be seen.

Never keep your cheque book and card together. Go to cash points with a friend and use the cash point inside the bank if possible. If you see someone suspicious hanging around, leave and come back later or use another cash point. Before using the cash point machine, check that there is nothing unusual about it.

Only withdraw as much money as you need and avoid carrying large sums of money. Put your money and card away safely before leaving the machine.

**In the Car** Always park in a well lit area or an attended car park. Always close windows, engage steering locks and lock doors when leaving the car.

If you have to keep presents in a car, make sure that they are well hidden in the boot and the car is locked.

Ensure Satellite Navigation devices are removed from the car and remove the suction mounted fitting from the windscreen (and any tell tale marks) as this gives potential thieves the idea that the car has a Sat Nav device that could be in the car somewhere.

**Going out for the Evening** Before going out, plan how you will get home. If with friends, make sure you come home together – never leave anyone behind.

Drink responsibly, never accept drink from a stranger or leave drink unattended. **Don't drink & drive!**

Always check a taxi driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi.

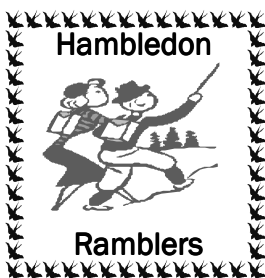
Never walk home alone and always choose well lit, busy streets – do not take short cuts down alley ways or large open spaces. *Tracey*

When Dave and I are out on duty, please feel free to stop either of us. If you would like to contact us please call on 01483 630086 or email:

[waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk) or see our website:

<http://www.surrey.police.uk/neighbourhood>





# S,W Harting-Torberry HillDown

**Spectacular views hidden by low cloud – but most enjoyable!  
Deer sightings and a hearty lunch**

A splendid circular walk with varied scenery, spectacular views (if only we could have seen them through the low cloud) and a good pub at the end. The later was certainly true, more about that later.

The walk started in the pretty village of South Harting and climbed the South Downs Way. We had been promised the chance to see some deer and sure enough while we were taking a well earned coffee break a small group of deer ran out of the wood and made their way across a field pausing from time to time to have a good look at us. The Sussex Border path took us through woodland at the bottom of Torberry Hill, and from there through open fields back to South Harting Church where we saw the village stocks and whipping post which still stand outside the church. The churchyard contains a memorial to the fallen soldiers of the first world war by controversial (all right, weird) Sussex artist Eric Gill.

Arrangements had previously been made for us to have lunch at The White Hart Inn, well known throughout the area for its relaxed, warm atmosphere. There are 3 open fire places, situated in the main bar, private snug and restaurant making the pub a lovely warm place to spend time and since we were all a little damp from our excursion the cosy atmosphere was appreciated.

Nor were we disappointed with the food on offer. There was unanimous agreement that not only



was the food good to eat but also excellent value for money - highly recommended!

Our thanks are due to the Alison, Sue and Sheila who checked the walk during the previous week and expertly led by Alison on the day.

**Next Walk      Tuesday December 13th**  
**Meet at Hambledon Village Hall 9.00 am,**  
Leader Derek Miller

**Lunch in Hambledon Village Hall**  
**BYO liquid refreshment**

**Short Walk      Tuesday December 20**  
**Meet at Hambledon Village Hall 2.00 pm**

**Further details from:**

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

**THE WITLEY & MILFORD MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP**  
(Dr P R Wilks and Partners)

**Your Views on Local NHS Healthcare**

This document comes to you from the **Witley and Milford Medical Partnership** in conjunction with the **Patients' Participation Group**. It is being sent to all households in the Parish of Witley (including Brook, Enton, Milford and Wormley), and is also available online at the Practice website. If no member of your household is a registered patient of the Practice, we apologise for troubling you.

YOUR VIEWS COUNT!

The purpose is to invite comments and ideas about aspects of healthcare provided to NHS patients in the Practice area. If you or any member of your household would like to contribute, we should be most grateful.

**Replies can be returned by hand or by post to either Witley or Crossroads Surgery or submitted online at [www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk](http://www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk).**

A reply by 30 November would be appreciated.

**1 Access to a doctor**

Do you and other members of your household find it easy to see (or speak to) a doctor when you need to?

Always . . . . ☐ Usually . . . ☐  
Not often . . . ☐ Never . . . ☐

If not, what improvements do you suggest?

## Are you a patient at Witley or Milford Crossroads Surgeries?

If so and you would like to take part in a short survey, please pop in to either Surgery and pick a copy up or alternatively download it from the Practice website

**[www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk](http://www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk)**

The closing date is 30th November but I'm sure we can stretch a point!

The Patient Participation Group has, for the first time, worked on this annual survey with the Practice. Your comments and ideas about aspects of healthcare provided to NHS patients in the Practice area would be very welcome.

*Julie Grist, Chairman, Patient Participation Group*  
01428 683448 email [julie.grist@lineone.net](mailto:julie.grist@lineone.net)



## Season ends

The cricket season over, but join the final get together, all welcome, as Arthur Blackman invites us.

**W**e plan for the final year end get together in the Merry Harriers on Wednesday 14 December at 8.00pm, for all members and supporters. All welcome.

**Fund Raising:** The Final Grand Draw event of the 200 Club winners are: £125 G. Walker; £75 G. Thompson; £50 Sue Blackman

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

the Club Captain, Martin Johnson (01483 452811); the Secretary: Bruce Sleep (01428 684454), or our President, Mic. Coleman, (01428 682977).

Hambledon Cricket Club has its own Web Site on the World Wide Web where many items of news, history, and the results etc. for 2011 will be held.

You can find us on [www.hambledon.play-cricket.com](http://www.hambledon.play-cricket.com)

Arthur Blackman, Chairman

## HFC Christmas present

The Lions raise nice cheque for HFC, towards building new changing rooms, thanks to Cyril, reports Mic Coleman

**T**he Football Club had a very pleasant early Christmas present on 21 October when a cheque for £1,000 to help towards the building of changing rooms was presented to the Secretary Matt Kiley at the end of a successful Quiz Evening, held at Priorsfield School, organised by the Godalming and Villages Lions Club.

The idea came from Cyril Netley, the Lions immediate Past President, who can often be found working in the village shop. The Godalming and Villages Lions Club raises a large amount of money for local organisations and Cyril put our name forward. We didn't win the Quiz but some 150 people helped to raise some more money towards the much needed changing rooms. Many thanks.

*Mic Coleman, President, Hambledon FC*

**Christmas pageant** My three children were in the Christmas pageant. I was so proud. My daughter was playing Mary. One son was a Wise Man. My other son was a shepherd, who had practised his lines over and over. But when the time came, he was nervous and said, "We found the babe wrapped in wrinkled clothes." To which Mary replied, "That's not wrinkled clothes, that's dirty rotten clothes!"

Giggles from the audience followed, but the play went on. My Wise Man son, wearing his dad's bath robe and paper crown knelt by the manger and said: "We are the three Wise Men and we bring gifts of gold, common sense and fur"

## CHIDDINGFOLD VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January



Doors open at 7:00pm  
Film starts at 7:45pm

Tickets for each film £5 on the door  
Season Tickets also available  
Refreshments/Licensed Bar

# Title challenge almost gone



**Sad, but true. As the headline says, the chances that Hambleton can retain its status as the Guildford & Woking Alliance champions is slim following one of its worst performances in years, as club skipper Matt Kiley reports**

**A**fter suffering their first defeat against Holm-bury, Hambleton looked to bounce back away to newly-promoted Lyne. However, they turned in probably one of their worst performances since being in the Premier League, being thumped 6-1 by a very average Lyne team.

The Dons were second best to every ball and really looked out of sorts. The normally dependable Leeroy Gaywood in goal and the solid back four were no more to be found. With the midfield second best, Lyne took an early lead when a long distance shot bounced in front of Leeroy in goal. The Dons had a chance to equalise when a penalty was awarded, but Brown's soft penalty kick was easily saved. Two more soft goals followed and the Dons were shell shocked.

Carlo Moriano, the boss, rang the changes at half time, but to little effect as Lyne scored their fourth barely a minute into the second half. The Dons were pushing forward to get back into the game, but were being punished on the counter attack. The Dons were awarded another penalty with Parker stepping up this time to score after Matt Dean had been felled in the area. But Lyne added two more to run out 6-1 winners.

## Unlikely equaliser

Next up was Royal Holloway Old Boys in the County Cup. The Dons were on top from the first whistle but lacked the quality in the final third to punish Royal Holloway. Paul Wicks put the Dons ahead and they really should have pushed on and punished the Old Boys. But they failed to add to the one goal and were made to pay when Royal Holloway snatched an unlikely equaliser five minutes from the end to force extra time.

This gave the Dons the wake up call they needed and they started to play some nice football with Wicks and Stuart Cook both scoring to finally put the game to bed and book their place in the second round of the County Cup against French's Athletic from Reigate.

The Dons then had their biggest game of the season against unbeaten Millmead. Given Millmead's 100 per cent record, it was a must-win game if the Dons were to keep alive their faint hopes of defending their league title. They got off to the worst possible start, conceding after barely a minute after a series of sloppy mistakes lead to a corner and a free header.

The Dons recovered well and started to dominate Millmead, but again struggled when they got into the final third. With the Millmead keeper sweeping up any through balls. Suarez had a long range shoot tipped onto the bar.

The second half continued in the same vein, but the Dons were being frustrated as Millmead were holding firm and looking to hit Hambleton on the break. The Millmead keeper made a great point-blank save from Wicks. And the Dons finally had the ball in the back of the net from a great finish from Will Grove, but the ref chalked this off for a push by Will Walsh. The score finished 1-0 in a game from which Hambleton really should have got something.

## Sense of belief

With a new sense of belief, the Dons travelled to Windlesham confident of the points. But their small squad was really being pushed to the limits – losing Mat Dean and Stu Parker to long term injuries and Simon Ricketts unavailable. That said, the 12 the Dons took were strong, with Cookie and Rich Stone back.

The Dons for once this season started quickly and the movement and pace of the attack and midfield were too much for Windlesham. Cookie finished well early on, followed by a tap in for Wicks after good work by Will Grove. Wicks was everywhere on the pitch and Windlesham had no answer to the big man's movement, with Brown making it 3-0 after he put in a pinpoint cross.

Windlesham were given a life line when a long range shot deceived Lee in goal. But Hambleton were soon 4-1 up with Will Grove finishing well. The second half started, but the Dons were still enjoying the half-time oranges when Windlesham took the game firmly to them. But the Dons back four held firm and the whole team settled back into their rhythm. Soon Windlesham were being torn to pieces at will. But the Dons could only add two more goals, first Brown notching from the spot after Cookie was fouled, then Cookie making no mistake after a mazy run.

### Guildford & Woking Alliance

Lyne 6	Hambleton 1 Parker
Millmead 1	Hambleton 0
Windlesham 1	Hambleton 6 Wicks, Brown 2, Cook 2, Grove

### County Cup

Hambleton 3 Wicks, Cook 2	Royal Holloway Old Boys 1 (aet)
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## BYWAYS

An occasional  
column  
from  
around  
our  
plot



# Travel woes and the nation

**Magpie protests at the problems and challenges of modern ground travel here in UK, nostalgically recalling times of old**

**W**e all get very twitchy when confronted by those ladies in gigantic people movers tearing down the middle of the road, while conducting a telephone call! Or white van man, inches from your back bumper, while conducting a telephone call, or those supermarket home delivery vans, badly parked on the apex of a hill, while conducting a telephone call.

But last week I was surrounded by hordes of cyclists on a long distance race, they were riding three abreast, so passing was impossible, and on every short cut I tried, I met more of them!

It seems that our patch is favoured by all sorts of blood pressure raising means of transport, not to mention the early morning joggers dressed in dark clothes to render them invisible, or the Sunday morning motorcyclists mistaking our lanes for the Isle of Man.

So let's take a bus, a good old English bus. But wait a minute – I hear that all our London, and most country busses are owned by Johnny Foreigner!!

Abellio = Nederlandse Spoorwegen - Dutch !

Arriva = Deutsche Bahn – German!

London Sovereign = Veolia Transdev - French!

London United = RATP – French!

Metroline = Singapore!

Who owns Gatwick Airport? Well it sure enough isn't us.

The French already own our Electricity, and now they even own Newhaven Harbour – local residents have been forbidden to sit on their beach!...

Let's hear from Dorothy Watt who has lived in Australia for 50 years.

### THE OLD COUNTRY

I think of England in the spring,  
I think of English lanes,  
Of bluebell woods and primroses  
And gentle English rains.

I smell the scent of wild dog rose  
And frothing hawthorn flowers,  
And see again those lush hedgerows  
Kept green by summer showers.

I hear the crunch of fallen leaves  
Beneath my childish tread,  
As autumn hues tint English trees  
And withered leaves are shed.

I see again the falling snow  
As light as thistledown,  
The sculptured frost on window panes,  
The stark hills' frozen crown.

Though I've been here nigh forty years  
And love this sunburned land,  
'Twas first on English beaches  
I left footprints in the sand.

Keep a tight hold on your Englishness – Europe and the East are trying hard to drive it underground.

Ho-hum. A pleasant Christmas to you all from  
*Magpie and the other half.*

### Visit to Scargill House North Yorkshire

In autumn, a party from Hambledon and Busbridge travelled to visit The Rev Stephanie Couvela, our Assistant Minister until last year, where she is Chaplain to this retreat centre and growing community.

*Photo Dave Chadwick*



# Actions for colder times

With December and the approach of winter, the garden takes on an air of quietness. After the activity of summer and autumn, there is now an absence of urgency. But a few useful things to preserve and prepare.



**C**old but clear wintry days may be used to tackle those jobs which are forgotten during busier times.

## Shrubs and trees

This is the best month to do any major pruning on ornamental trees and shrubs.

Prune bush roses back by half or so to stop them being damaged in the wind.

December is a good month to take cuttings of rhododendrons, azaleas, and other evergreen shrubs. The cutting should be taken from new tip growth, and kept in bright light, at about 20° C or 70° F.

This a good time of the year to plant bare root shrubs and trees while the ground is warm.

If there is little colour in the garden buy some plants in flower or with attractive bark or foliage.

## Watering

Winter rains tend to make one forget about watering. However, plants and shrubs which are growing beneath large evergreens or under the eaves of the house, may be bone dry by this time.

Lack of water in the cold winter months can be fatal to many of these plants. A quick check will let you know if you need to do a little winter watering.

## Provide extra protection

for more tender flowering plants like Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas, if there is a sudden drop in the temperature,

For temporary, emergency protection drive in three of four stakes around the plant, and then simply cover it with some type of cloth, like a sheet or an old blanket. Don't let the material make contact with the leaves of the plant. Remove the cover completely, as soon as the weather moderates.

**Lawns** Stay off frozen grass.

## Indoors plants/Greenhouses

Keep house plants in good light but not direct sun and water sparingly.

Now is the time to fire up greenhouse heaters to protect any tender plants and cuttings.

Unless already done, insulate the inside of the greenhouse with bubble wrap. Also insulate cold frames and on really cold nights cover the cold frame with an extra layer.

While the air is colder now it does not mean avoiding to ventilate the greenhouse and cold frames on the sunnier days of the month. This prevents stale air and the dreaded spread of damping off.

**Maintenance** Take care of our feathered friends! Keep the bird feeder filled, especially when there is snow on the ground.

Don't let hoses freeze and burst. Stretch them out with both ends open, to allow the water to drain completely. Coil up and put them away. Ensure outdoor taps are covered to protect them from freezing.

Ditches, gulleys and drains cleaned out and kept clear will prevent a build-up of surface water during periods of heavy rainfall.

Apply wood preservative to garden seats and sheds and structures such as pergolas, archways and trellises.

Look carefully and critically at the hard landscaping and structure of the garden, noting how it may be improved in the coming year. Indeed, one of the delights of winter is to see the bare bones of the garden, liberated for a short while from the colour and frippery of summer.

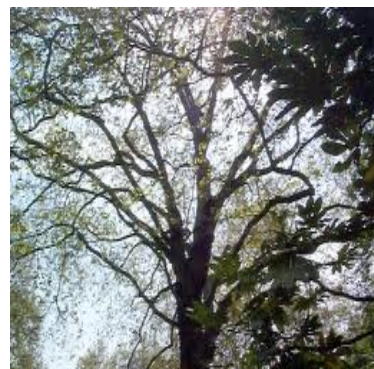
**All the best until 2012 – The Garden editor**

Our most soothing companionship we can find in trees among which we have lived, some of which we ourselves may have planted. We lean against them and they never betray our trust; they shield us from the sun and from the rain; their spring welcome is a new birth which never loses its freshness, they lay their beautiful robes at our feet in autumn; in winter they stand and wait, emblems of patience and of truth. **O.W. Holmes**

Veggies with more frequent flyer points than I do tend to lack flavour.

It's time to turn off the Christmas lights and install more grow lights.

There may be some resistance to this idea as I know there are members of the family who would prefer Christmas lights to spinach. **David Hobson**





# Christmas specials

Something a bit different for Christmas? Try our variation on the traditional whole salmon. Then house chef Guy Lemieux rounds it off with a wonderfully indulgent chocolate roulade

## Festive whole salmon with clementines

*Preparation time 15 minutes*

*Cooking time 25 mins, plus 15 mins resting*

*1 Scottish salmon (2–3kg), gutted with head removed*

*50g chilled butter, cubed*

*6 clementines*

*10 fresh flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped*

*1 shallot, finely sliced*

*Serves 8 - 12*

Preheat the oven to 220°C (gas mark 7). Rinse the salmon under cold running water. Take two sheets of kitchen foil (each piece large enough to cover the salmon) and use a little of the butter to grease 1 sheet. Set aside. Place the salmon on its side on the other sheet. Season its cavity.

Place the clementines in a heatproof bowl and pour over enough boiling water to cover them. Leave to stand for 5 minutes, then drain and refresh under cold running water. Cut and discard the top and bottom from each clementine. Cut the remainder, with the skin on, into horizontal slices about the thickness of a pound coin.

Fill the fish cavity with the parsley, a quarter of the fruit slices and the remaining butter. Cover the top of the fish with the remaining fruit slices, scatter over the shallot, then season and sprinkle with 4 tablespoons of cold water. Place the top sheet of kitchen foil over the fish, butter-side down and pull

the sheet edges together to seal tightly.

Cook for 30-40 minutes or until the fish is just firm to touch and flakes easily.

Remove the parcel and place on a heatproof surface. Leave to stand for 15 minutes before opening.



## Classic chocolate roulade

*10oz plain chocolate*

*8oz caster sugar*

*7 eggs (separated)*

*¾ pint double cream*

This rich, squidgy chocolate roll should be made at least eight hours before serving to allow it to soften. Expect the roulade to crack a little when you roll it up. It's great served as a special Christmas dessert, says Guy.

1) Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4. Grease and line a 13x9 inch Swiss-roll tin with baking parchment.

2) Break the chocolate into squares and melt in a bowl over boiling water. Remove from heat and leave to cool for about 5 minutes.

3) In a large bowl, whisk the sugar and egg yolks until light and fluffy. Stir in the melted chocolate.

4) Whisk the egg whites until stiff, then gently fold into the chocolate mixture.

5) Pour the mixture into the prepared tin, spreading

level with a palette knife. Bake for about 25 minutes or until firm. Leave the cake in the tin and cover with a cooling rack, make sure it doesn't touch the cake.

6) Cover the rack with a damp dishtowel, then wrap in cling film. Leave in a cool place overnight.

7) Dust a sheet of greaseproof paper with icing sugar and turn roulade out onto it. Peel off the lining paper.

8) Whip the cream until soft peaks. Spread over the roulade. Starting with one of the short ends, very carefully roll it up, using the paper to help.

9) Place the roulade, seam-side down, on a serving plate and dust generously with more icing sugar.

Serves 8





## CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When does Christmas start? Does it start when the shops begin playing Christmas carols and putting up decorations?

Or is it at the beginning of Advent which starts 4 weeks before the 25<sup>th</sup> December and is a special time for us to use to get ready for the birth of Jesus?



The word Advent means 'coming' and the season of Advent before Christmas, like Lent before Easter, is a time to get ready. A time to look forward and prepare, not just by writing Christmas cards and wrapping presents, but by inviting Jesus into our hearts and lives today.

So perhaps the question isn't when does your Christmas start, but when does it finish?

## CHRISTMAS EVE

24<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Eve and the answer to each of these questions starts with the letters EVE. Answers below.

1. What EVE is equal?
2. What EVE is a swamp in Florida?
3. What EVE is a happening?
4. What EVE is a dried flower?
5. What EVE is the end of the day?
6. What EVE is the world's highest mountain?
7. What EVE never loses its leaves?



**What goes red, white, red,  
white, red, white?**  
Santa rolling down a hill.

**What did the snowman and  
his wife hang over their baby's  
cot?**

A snow mobile.

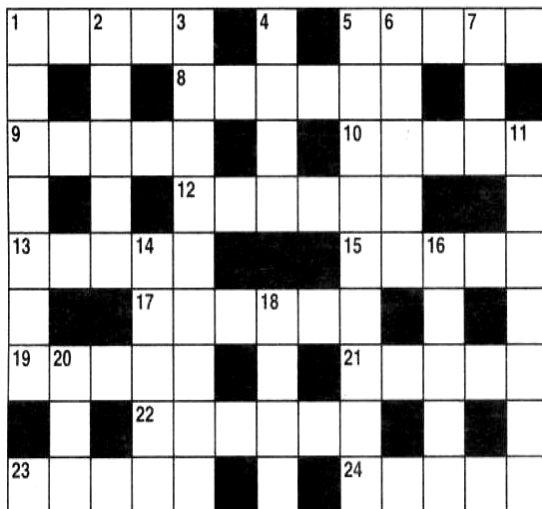
**What's brown and sneaks  
round the kitchen?**

Mince spies.



Answers: 1 even 2 Everglades 3 event  
4 everlasting 5 evening 6 Everest  
7 evergreen

# Puzzle Page



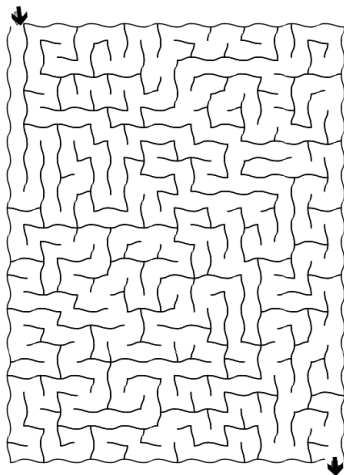
## ACROSS

- 1 Public transport vehicles (5)
- 5 Later than (5)
- 8 Advantageous (6)
- 9 Dominion (5)
- 10 Accumulate (3,2)
- 12 South American outer garment (6)
- 13 Assign (5)
- 15 Satellite's path (5)
- 17 Set of bridge games (6)
- 19 Australian wild dog (5)
- 21 Inuit dwelling (5)
- 22 31 day summer month(6)
- 23 Peels (5)
- 24 Crave (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Public house employee (7)
- 2 Play for time (5)
- 3 Costly, luxurious (9)
- 4 Adolescent (4)
- 5 Legal power (9)
- 6 Lower surface of a room (5)
- 7 French for 'water' (3)
- 11 Sarcastic remark (3-4)
- 14 Instrument with keyboard and pipes (5)
- 16 Tree yielding a very light wood (5)
- 18 Colour associated with the Tories (4)
- 20 Ruffle the feathers of (3)

## Maze



## Word Search

December again! The nights are long and cold, and the days short and dull. But Christmas lights are everywhere, and throughout the month

anticipation grows:

Christmas is coming!

December is never dull:

there are Christmas cards to

write, Christmas presents to

be bought and wrapped,

Christmas trees to drag

home and decorate,

Christmas parties to attend,

Christmas puddings and

cakes to make, Christmas

concerts and carols to enjoy.

All to celebrate the coming of

the most precious gift of all:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

the Messiah,

God's present to us.

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

## Easy

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

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## Sudoku

## Intermediate

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

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Answers to all puzzles on page 31



# Jesus the light

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with *The Vision of St Francis* by Ludovico Carracci of Bologna. It hangs in The National Gallery in London

## GOD IN THE ARTS

**L**onging for light is primal. When the light shines, people gather and creatures are attracted. We see the light in the darkness and we move towards it to find reassurance and comfort. The Bible's diagnosis of the human condition is that we are so often blind to that light. We can't see, we won't see.

Bartimaeus in the synoptic gospels, and the man born blind in St John's Gospel – they both stand for all of us. Like them we need sight and we need insight. This month we focus on the light that brings that sight and insight – the light who is Jesus.

Over the last months we have reflected on a variety of images, of faces of Jesus portrayed in art: the babe in the temple, the adult in the wilderness, the man of prayer, the shepherd, the vine, the door, the giver of food, the healer, the clown, the risen Lord. In this month of December we travel full circle to the babe who began the year: the Christ-Child who comes as light and life in the gloom of winter and the darkness of sin.

*The Vision of St Francis* by Ludovico Carracci of Bologna tells the story of a young friar who wakes one night to find his hut empty and the saint gone. He travels by water and wood to find St Francis with our Lady. Mary has given him the Christ-Child to hold.

### **Tender moment**

This work was painted around 1584, and Carracci has captured wonderfully this human, tender moment. The saint gazes into the face of the babe, whose left hand reaches up to touch St Francis. Mary looks on amid the trees of the vision. The light in the painting shines out from the newborn child. We can just see the young companion in the shadows on the left. All is focused on St Francis whose own face is suffused with joy and wonder as he cradles the tiny, vulnerable babe.

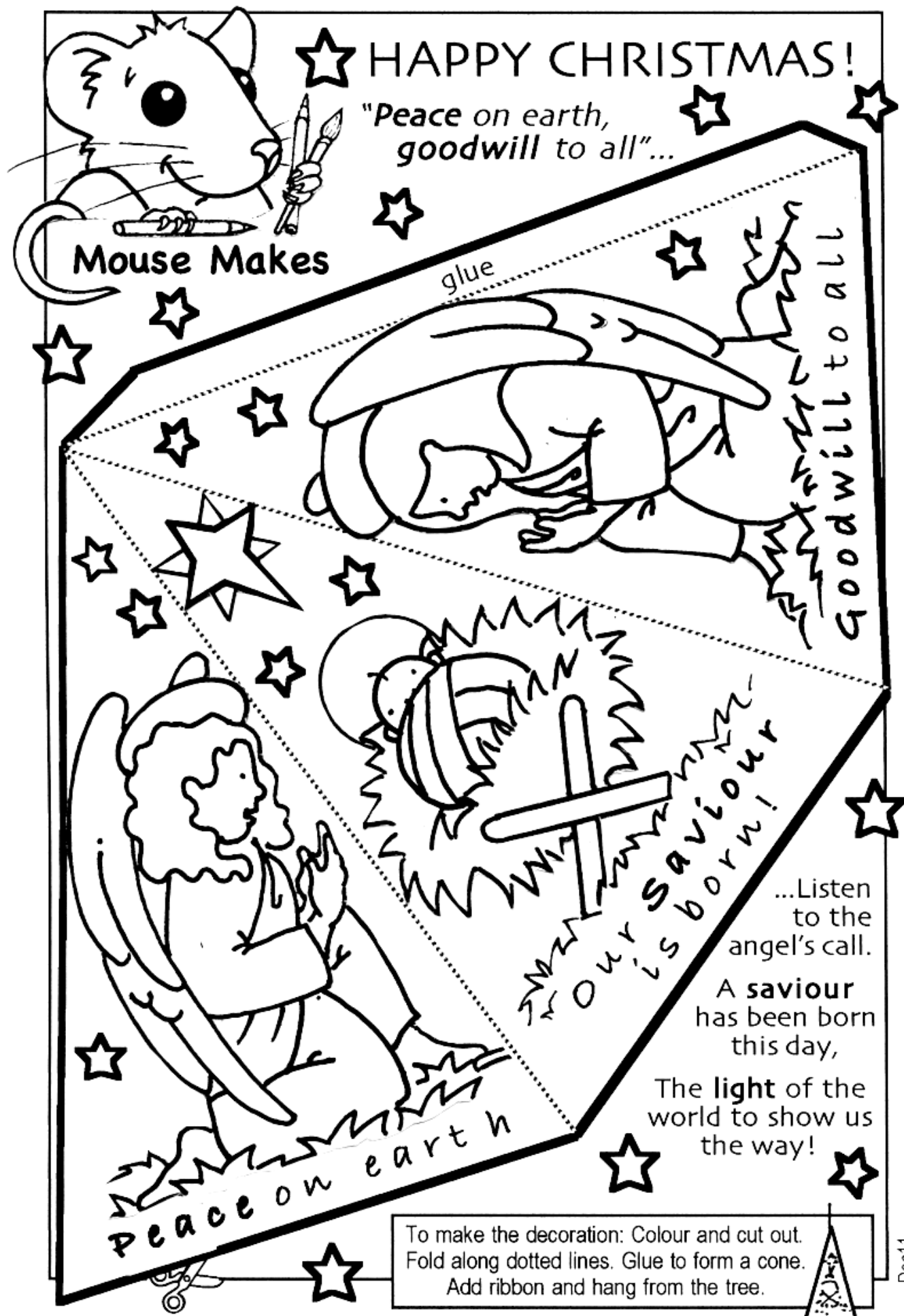
We know St Francis re-awakened the love of the Christ-Child in the people of Greccio when he invited them to a cave

outside the town to see and ponder anew the first Christmas scene of a mother and child, with St Joseph and the animals. From that arose the tradition of having a Christmas crib in our churches and in our homes at this season. The manger scene says 'Don't pass by amid the rush of this month. You have eyes: pause, see and wonder.' Each time we look at the crib, like the people of Greccio, we are reminded of the simplicity and the mystery of that gift of light and of life in the Saviour.

When we look at the face of Jesus on the cross, perhaps we hear him saying, 'I do this for you.' When we make our communion at the Eucharist, we may hear Jesus saying 'I come to feed you.' And when we look at the Christ-Child in the crib at this holy time, like St Francis looking in this painting, we can hear Jesus say, 'I am born for you.'

You can view this painting at [www.nationalgallery.org.uk/artists/ludovico-carracci](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/artists/ludovico-carracci)





# An angel appears to Mary

**Bible story: Luke 1:26–38**

**Activity: An angel ornament or handprint puppet**

## You will need:

- Half a paper plate per child
- Coloured crayons or felt-tipped pens
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Pencils
- Paper doilies
- Glue
- White craft foam
- Glitter

## Other ideas

- Colour the angel with crayons or felt-tipped pens.
- Use glitter or sequins to decorate the angel's robe. Add wool, lametta or tinsel for hair.
- Glue pieces of the paper doily over the wings.
- Completely cover the hand prints with glue and then dip them into glitter.



## Instructions

Staple the edges of the half plate to make a cone shape. Draw a line to separate the robe and head. Draw a face and hair.

Trim a paper doily to fit the angel's body and glue in place. Trace and cut out two craft foam hand prints. Swirl glue on to each hand print and sprinkle on glitter. Glue the hand prints to the back of the angel for wings.

Stand the angel as a table decoration, place it on top of a Christmas tree, or hang it as an ornament.

# 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: British Red Cross, Equipment Loan Centre,

Wey Court, off Meadow, Godalming, GU7 3JE. Tel: 01483 429253

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

## POLICE

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer: PC Tracey Taylor

PCSO Dave Boxall

01483 630086

Email address

taylor3071@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Urgent calls

999

Non-urgent and crime reporting

0845 125 2222

## 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		
	Mike Parry	01428 682303
	Stewart Payne	01483 425250
	Paul Pattinson	01428 682000
	Sarah Stuckey	01428 683406
	Mike Whittall	01428 681423
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
St Peter's Hambledon – church office (see page 3 for more information)	01483 421267
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**

### **Milford Veterinary Surgery**

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**

	<b>Shop</b>	<b>Post Office</b>	
<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





# December at The Merry Harriers



**Date's in History**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1956: Fidel Castro lands in Cuba

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>COME DINE WITH US Mondays</b>			1 Movember Shave Off 8pm	2	3 He's back Ian Gallagher is Frank Sinatra Dinner & Show £45 Book early
4 Sunday Lunch Don't forget to book! Our Christmas decorations will be up today	5 & 12 Come Dine with Us! Just like on TV; book now, tell us what you don't eat, pay us £16 in advance for a 3 course meal and we serve you something delicious that you're not expecting	6 	7 	8	9	10
11 Sunday Lunch Don't forget to book! Kids movies on the big screen at 3.30pm		13 Christmas Quiz Night. Bob & Colin's special seasonal variety including some hideous Christmas No 8's and a few turkeys! Starts 8pm, £20 first prize. <b>£350.</b>	14 Our National Dish - Fish & Chips for two with a bottle of house wine £24	15 Christmas Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm 	16	17
18 Last Sunday Lunch before Christmas Day. Don't forget to book!	19	20 <b>STEAK NIGHT</b> 2 rumps with chips or salad & a bottle of house wine for £28 per couple. Please book - we're getting busier and busier	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas to you all from The Merry Harriers	26	27	28	29	30	



**December 1<sup>st</sup> Movember 2011 Shave Off!**

Our Mo Bros now get the chance to shave off their Mo's. Wives And Girlfriends they need your support at The Merry Mo Shave Off!

## 2012

**31 NYE Party 2011 - Dancing & Buffet with bubbly & Sky lanterns at midnight. Fancy dress theme every body's talking about it - Downton Abbey! From gamekeepers & army officers to butlers and scullery maids, Ladies and royalty there's something in there for everyone. Tickets £10**



### Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carols by Candlelight

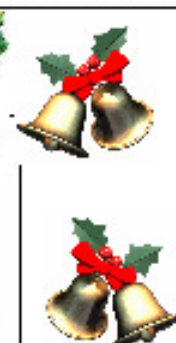
Church and Pub come together for the now traditional Christmas Carols in the pub at 7:30pm



The Merry Harriers is the perfect place to celebrate Christmas with friends and family. Our Christmas Fayre & Christmas Day Menus have been designed by Head Chef Richard Matthews and showcase the fresh local producers we use not just at Christmas but all year round.



Christmas Fayre Menu available 4<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> December  
2 courses £20 - 3 Courses £26  
Christmas Day Menu 25<sup>th</sup> December £59.50  
You can view our menus on line at [www.merryharriers.com](http://www.merryharriers.com)  
Or why not pop in and pick one up. Booking essential



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# Puzzle Solutions

## Crossword

B	U	S	E	S	T	A	F	T	E	R
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## Word Search

December Manger  
Cold Bethlehem  
Cards Angels  
Presents Shepherds  
Mistletoe Birth  
Trees Busy  
Concerts Joyful  
Carols Celebrate  
Pudding Gift  
Cake Son  
Messiah Magi

C	S	N	O	Y	L	R	R	M	O	T	A	T
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5	1	4	9	7	6	3	8	2
2	3	7	8	4	5	1	6	9
6	9	8	2	3	1	5	4	7

Easy

## Sudoku

Intermediate

1	5	7	3	2	4	8	6	9
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