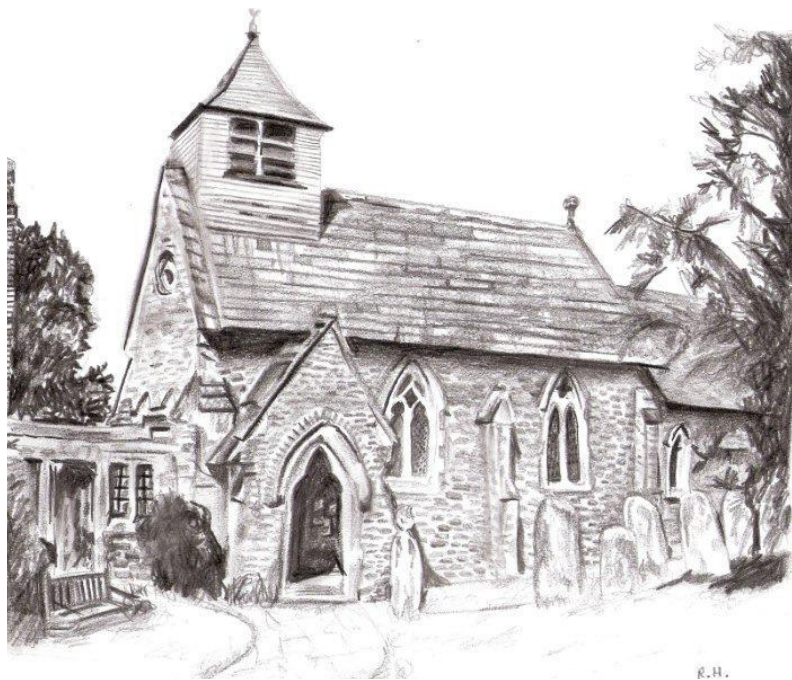


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St Peter's Church



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Rector's Reflections – August

Dear all,

What will our faces say of us in years to come?

Each summer I try and read a book that I would not see myself as being naturally inclined to pick up. This summer I have begun reading a book by a research professor at the Institute of Psychological Sciences in Oxford. The author, Roger Scruton, is a modern philosopher. He also plays the organ at Malmesbury parish church.

I do not know how well Mr Scruton plays the organ but his writing has challenged me in ways I was not expecting. A few weeks ago I was preaching on the importance and centrality of prayer in the Christian life. I found myself quoting Scruton. More recently, I was invited to address a regional meeting of Church of England advisors on Distinctiveness in Church of England schools. Scruton found himself being referenced – twice. Then I sat down to write this Rector's Reflections and I realised that I would be mentioning this philosopher again.

Here is a quote from the book: "The England that I knew as a child in the 1950s was not godless. Most people declared some kind of Christian attachment, and churchgoing, though a minority pursuit, was not a target of ridicule. Those intellectuals who... questioned the dogmas of the... church were not evangelical atheists, but spirited agnostics like Jacob Bronowski, who conceded that they could not be entirely sure about God's non-existence... The Anglican Church was represented in school assemblies... and the Bible was widely read both in the classroom and at home." P4

In another place he makes reference to a piece by Philip Larkin called Church Going where he argues against what he calls "enthusiasm" and "doctrine" (ie, certainty in belief?) and in favour of "seriousness" and "routine" in Christianity and in life. I am not sure I fully agree with him and would say all four as central to Christianity but it certainly challenged me to ask how a routine of Christian faith was expressed in my life.

In another section Scruton explores his personal experience of how Christians walk together yet disagree and compares this to how people with differing (or apparently no) belief and life structures approach conflict or debate. It has led me to reflect on my approach to decision-making. What is distinctive about a Christian view of decisions to be made? Perhaps its foundation is in the requirement of Jesus Christ that I see all people as created in the image of God so having value and being valuable even if I disagree with them?

Scruton says that the Church of England has a theology of what is called a conciliar approach to debate. In an age where almost evangelical extremes of view and position seem to abound around us which reduce at least one 'side' or people to numbers, unpleasant names or ridicule: the black and white of right and wrong: equal vs unequal: where political strength is to be unbending: good leadership in business is maximised profit: education could be interpreted as economics of raising little-adults: tying up beds and pressurising hard-pressed hospital staff is reduced to statistics: the conciliar Christian approach of speaking, listening, seeking to trust, names before reducing people to numbers, time to care, seems like Scruton's age gone by of the 1950s.

And yet the very day I was writing this Rector's Reflections someone came to the door of the church office on Brighton Road. His name was John Graham Taylor and he arrived with his brother, Tim. John had been baptised at Busbridge Church on the 16th July 1933(!) and on the 80th anniversary he had decided to make quite a journey to revisit that place of Christian initiation. There was something timeless – not of the past – but of eternity – in the conversation with the two brothers. They were not "serious". They held a deep joy in their faces. It was not a joy of fleeting enthusiasm but of something else. It was a joy of what I would like to call 'intentionality'. They knew, they just knew, that their faith had meaning, purpose and identity and nothing would shake them in this. It was written on their faces without a word having to be said.

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All this challenges me, as Rector of a growing, vibrant and busy Christian community available for all people that success as a church is not about numbers, economics, time-management, quality of my space, strength of leadership or profit. Success is found in my intentionality of remaining faithful to Jesus Christ to the end of my days. In years to come I long to have a face like those two strangers who became fleeting friends. If it challenges me, I hope it is a positive challenge to you too.

If you would like Roger Scruton's book it is called *Our Church* published by Atlantic Books. My copy came from Waterstones in Godalming High Street.

Yours in Christ, Simon

Simon Taylor, Rector,
Hambledon and Busbridge

CHURCH CALENDAR

August 2013

4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10th Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	All Age Holiday Club Service at Busbridge . No 11.00 am service at Hambledon.
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11th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Holy Communion
		NB: there are no separate children’s groups during August, although activities for the children will be available.
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Saturday 19th	8.30 am to 10.00 am - Prayer Breakfast in Church Rooms <i>A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome</i>	
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18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
12th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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25th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
13th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship
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And in September		
1st	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
14th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	All Age Service
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Services at St. John's, Busbridge

8.30 am	1st & 3rd Sundays	Morning Prayer
	2nd & 4th Sundays	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Every Sunday	"Classic" service in Church "Contemporary" service in Busbridge Junior School Groups for children of all ages in various locations – turn up and ask!
6.30 pm		Benefice Evening Worship

PARISH & PEOPLE



Many congratulations to **Ione Falk** and to Simon Greensmith who are marrying at Hambledon church this month. Village friends and neighbours send their good wishes for a very happy day.

Jenny Halahan's mother has recently celebrated her 104th birthday. What a milestone! The birthday lunch was spent at Polesden Lacey with Jenny and her sister and brother. The visit lasted some three hours which the birthday lady thoroughly enjoyed!

John and Jacqueline Hindley have now moved from Busbridge Copse Farm after 30 years. St Peter's Church have enjoyed the hospitality of their home on many occasions and remember with much affection the happy times spent there. We extend to John and Jacqueline our good wishes as they plan their future.

We have been saddened to learn of the death of **Jim Starling**. Jim and Gay Starling lived at Wormley and were worshippers at St Peter's Church for many years before moving to Wales. To Gay we send the loving sympathy of their Hambledon friends.

Keith McGovern, husband of Brenda – who was formerly Brenda Coles of the village – has had a major operation, and Hambledon sends him best wishes for a speedy recovery. Keith has been in hospital for nearly three months, first in Plymouth and now thankfully closer to home, in Chichester.

A wonderful day was enjoyed by **Tom and Rosalind Mason** of Clock Barn Farm to celebrate their Golden

Wedding anniversary recently. After a blessing in St Peter's Hambledon – with words taken from their wedding service sheet at St Nicholas Church, Cranleigh in 1963 – they enjoyed a special family gathering at The Crown in Chiddingfold.

And finally, an update on Hambledon's walking wounded!

Mary Caroe is getting along well with her new knee and hopes to be back on duty in the Village Shop in the near future.

Judy Leeper on the other hand has not fared so well following a hip replacement operation in May. Many complications have set in following a fall, but Judy is her old self and getting around with the help of family and carers. She would love your company. Call 01428 682700 and you will find her at home most mornings and the lovely coffee shop, now called Treacles, is only next door.

Say a little prayer

From holy doodling to praying the rosary, there is something to inspire everyone at Guildford's Diocesan Day on Prayer on Saturday 7 September at Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford.

The event is open to everyone and the organiser, the Rev Alan Elkins, the faith and spirituality adviser for Guildford Diocese, has assembled a variety of interactive workshops. "We want to offer new and different approaches to prayer that will refresh and reinvigorate our prayer lives," he says.

During the day, which runs from 9.30 until 4pm, participants will be able to choose three sessions to attend; the selection will include Ignatian contemplation, journaling, Celtic spirituality and praying through pain. There will also be a prayer labyrinth to enjoy at your own pace.

Alan has also arranged for trained and experienced spiritual directors to be on hand to offer 'taster sessions' "These walk-in sessions have proved popular in the past with people considering whether spiritual direction might help them on the journey" he says.

There is a booking fee of £10 per person. Brochures containing full details and a booking form are available in churches and to download at: <http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/diocesan-life/what-s-on>. Or you can contact louise.redfern@cofeguildford.org.uk tel: 01483 790320.



"Even though Joe was churchwarden here for 30 years I still don't think they'll allow this headstone in the churchyard".

Lessons learnt the hard way

The parish council thinks that Surrey's other local authorities should learn some lessons from the Milford Hospital homes scheme. Meanwhile, good news on ditches and drains



Surrey County Councillor Victoria Young, whose ward includes Hambledon, attended the first part of the Parish Council meeting on 2 July and made it clear that one of her top priorities is to try to improve the state of the local roads. She was therefore extremely supportive of the request that Surrey should help the Parish Council to undertake its own programme of **ditch, drain, and hedgerow maintenance**. As a result, funding has been promised – the exact amount has yet to be decided but hopefully will be known in time for the work to be put in hand while the dry weather lasts.

Following the granting of outline **planning permission for 120 homes on land adjacent to Milford Hospital**, the Parish Council agreed at its meeting on 2 July that it would be useful to compile a list of “lessons learned”.

The resultant document, prepared by the Chairman, John Anderson, has been sent to Waverley Borough and made two main points. The first was that it became apparent 13 years ago that the site might be earmarked for housing, but throughout this time little or no thought appears to have been given to the impact this would have on the local community. So, when proposals were eventually submitted last September, there were few benchmarks against which they could be investigated and interrogated and so most proposals

were accepted without question by Waverley and Surrey Highways.

Second, had there been more public involvement at the pre-planning stage, the proposals might better have addressed local concerns. As it was, these only surfaced after submission of the outline plans, leaving no time for a lot of them to be taken into account. In particular, traffic and transport issues, and alternative ideas for coping with them, were identified far too late for them to be resolved.

Surrey Police reported one threat and one actual incident of criminal damage in the village during June. The latter was at the football club's pavilion which is under construction.

A structural survey at **Oakhurst Cottage** has identified damp and decay around the dormer windows and various other areas in need of essential repair. The National Trust hopes to undertake the work in September. Meanwhile, because conditions at the cottage fall short of those required by ‘Museum Accreditation Status’, Guildford Museum will be reclaiming its artefacts from the Gertrude Jekyll collection, currently on loan to the Trust and a major feature of the living room and its ingle nook fireplace. How to present the cottage once they have gone will be debated at a meeting of Trust and the village's representatives in August.

How far does a salad leaf?



By the time you read this the Village Shop Wine Tasting evening will have taken place. How was it? Were the best wines the best price? Were the best grapes grown in France or the New World? Did anyone fall over? Hopefully the wines of greatest distinction will now be flying off the shelves – besides, what better way to re-hydrate in such warm weather?

Hungry Corner, that wonderful farm near Chiddingfold, is now supplying mange tout and green beans in addition to its salad leaves, which, by the way, go very well indeed with Jane Cookman's quiche (at £1 a slice – a bargain!). There are more Crosby's cakes on order, to supplement Mary's outstanding creations (secret recipe); and Nellies' scotch eggs are selling like hot cakes ... ummm ... are selling fast.

The great thing about these good-value tasty products is that they are all produced locally. The salad leaves, for instance, have travelled just two miles, and you can save around £3 in petrol and so much more in precious time just to come and pick them up.

Many thanks to Michelle for her seasonal displays – go and see and sample the latest one... the theme begins with a ‘P’ and ends in ‘imm’s’...

Finally, 'tis of course the season of summer holidays: if anyone goes to France and wants salad leaves, ask for ‘feuilles de salade’. The English word ‘salad’ is in fact derived from the French which in turn comes from the Latin ‘salata’ (salty). If you're going to Cornwall, ask for ‘lettuce’.

Tim Parker

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



Hambletots!



We are a friendly, local baby and toddler group who meet on Wednesday mornings in Hambledon Village Hall from 10–11.30am

Unfortunately, Hambletots is taking its summer holiday now. We'll resume in September

We have toys for all ages, a baby area and we organise a craft activity for the older children. Mums, dads and carers with children are welcome along, even if they can't make every week. The cost is £1 for each child under a year and £2 for each child over a year. Come and meet other local parents, carers and children over a cup of tea or coffee.
please call **Anthea Edwards 01428 684369** for more information



WAGs - 21st August 2013

*You are invited to
tea in Jan's garden*



Jan has kindly invited us to
'Tea in her garden'
(weather permitting!)
on Wednesday 21st August

Please meet at Hambledon Village Hall
by 2.00 p.m. so that transport can be arranged
for anyone requiring a lift.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Jan Kilsby and Julie Atkin

Contact Number: Jan Kilsby 01483 423637

Coffee Morning

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

All welcome – do come

More information from Jacqui Rook 01428 684390



Watch out for the next Alpha course. Details to follow

Alpha has provided over 1.7 million people in the UK alone with an opportunity to explore aspects of Christian faith and to discuss their questions in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

Alpha is for everyone, even if you've been a Christian for a long time. No question is off limits and no assumptions are made.
If you're new to Busbridge&Hambledon it's also a great way to make local friends.



explore the meaning of
LIFE

**More information from
John & Jeannie Postill**
01428 687968 or
j.e.postill@talktalk.net or
<http://bhcgodalking.org>

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

QUIZ 'N 'CHIPS (+fish) NIGHT

Saturday November 23rd 2013 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

£10.00 per person

Tickets from the Village Shop

Bar, raffle and a fish'n'chips supper

Come and be entertained, test your knowledge and enjoy good food, good beer
and good company

A maximum team size of 6 is suggested but smaller teams are welcome

All proceeds to the Village Hall

Day on Prayer

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast

James Montgomery.



A GUILDFORD DIOCESAN DAY
RESOURCING GROWTH IN PRAYER

Programme

Day on Prayer

Registration from 9:30

Please don't be early—we have to get ready

Bring a packed lunch (drinks provided)

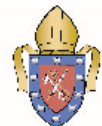
Booking fee of £10 per person

Saturday 7th September, 2013

9:30am—4:00pm

Christ's College, Larch Avenue,

Guildford, GU1 1JY



Diocese of Guildford

Freddie went to the park one Sunday afternoon with his granny. It was late summer, but still many flowers were in bloom. Everything was beautiful. His granny said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?" A few hours later Freddie said: "Yes, God did it and he did it left-handed." Confused, his granny asked him why he thought that. "It's easy," said Freddie. "We learned at Sunday School this morning that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

World hunger, human trafficking and other issues

Here's a round-up of some of the Church of England's efforts worldwide plus other news. It comes from 'Parish Pump', the invaluable website from which we draw our children's pages, many of our cartoons and other bits and pieces

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has supported the recent launch of a campaign to encourage world leaders to tackle world hunger.

The IF campaign is made up of more than 200 charities, faith groups and organisations. The campaign is urging G8 leaders to take big steps that will tackle the global injustice of hunger. Referring to "the opportunity we have to end hunger in our lifetimes", the Archbishop said: "The only way that's going to happen is by mass movements of people, like yourselves, getting together".

The Archbishop went on: "In many parts of the world, the churches are the most effective networks, through which generosity from other people can be used without actually displacing or diminishing the work of the people on the ground locally - local people developing their own countries."

In his message the Archbishop reflected on issues of aid, tax and transparency on the G8 agenda. His prayer would be for worldwide commitment "to enabling people to be self-sustaining, so that global hunger can be ended in our lifetimes." At present, two million children around the world die each year from hunger, and one in eight people do not have enough to eat. More details from: www.enoughfoodif.org

■ Victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse, asylum seekers and prisoners with learning difficulties or mental health issues could be denied legal aid provision under Government proposals, according to a recent submission from the Church of England to the Ministry of Justice consultation Transforming legal aid.

"Our concern is that good legal advice and advocacy should be readily available to all who need it, especially those whose vulnerability places an obligation on society to ensure that they are not defenceless against unjust treatment by any person, organisation or agent of government," the submission says.

The blanket 12-month residence test proposed in the consultation to limit access to legal aid would severely disadvantage victims of human trafficking in relation to compensation claims or immigration status and those who have come to this country with a partner but become victims of domestic violence, the submission explains.

The Government has previously committed itself to giving victims of human trafficking access to free legal advice and representation when they

cannot pay for it. The consultation, however, would delay access to legal aid until the claimant has been legally resident for 12 months, except where there is an exceptional case determination. The submission calls on the Government to maintain access to legal aid in all such cases.

■ The Barnabas Fund is supporting an ambitious new venture in Pakistan which will aim to give disadvantaged and impoverished Christian students the opportunity to learn sought-after trades. The vocational training centre is being built in Narowal, Punjab province, and will help around 100 students a year to become welders, mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and more.

The Fund's church partners in Pakistan have identified such a facility as a 'pressing need' for its vulnerable Christian community. Many Christians face a lethal combination of poverty, which prevents them from educating their children, and discrimination, which restricts their employment opportunities. They are thus condemned to lives of street-sweeping and sewerage work.

■ The Bible was Norway's best-selling book in 2012, with a new translation by the Norwegian Bible Society selling 160,000 copies. Anne Veiteberg, of Norway's Bible Society, explains that immigration has been a factor, with 250,000 immigrants settling in Norway in the past six years, 60% of who claim to be Christian.

■ TWR Mozambique has been granted the first FM Christian network licence in Mozambique. It will cover the city of Mocuba, with an FM signal which will be cheaper to run than current broadcasting on shortwave. TWR has also built a Radio programme production centre in northern Mozambique.

■ MAF – the Mission Aviation Fellowship – is celebrating 50 years of flying in Tanzania. It all began in 1963, when MAF co-founder Stuart King visited the country in response to a request from a bishop there, The Rt Rev Yohana Madinda.

Today, 50 years on, MAF continues to bring the Gospel to people by taking national and missionary staff to remote villages on medical and evangelistic 'safaris'. These safaris enable people in remote and isolated communities around Haydom, Malambo, Mbeya, Mbesa and Kilimatinde to receive medical attention and hear the Gospel.

Football club hit by vandals

Hambledon football club's nearly-completed £100,000 clubhouse has been vandalised and the police are still seeking witnesses



For those who were not aware, during the early part of July the new pavilion for Hambledon Football Club at Badger Park in Hambledon Road, was subject to mindless vandalism, writes PCSO Dave Boxall, one half of Hambledon's neighbourhood police team.

It still aggravates me that there are people who cause mindless vandalism and damage to a community facility, something that many residents will be able to enjoy in the not-too-distant future. We have to ask what drives people to scratch obscene words on the windows and scatter metal bolts over the playing surface? We have carried out a witness appeal, but would still appeal for anyone who may have seen anything to come forward.

On a lighter note, at last the good weather is here and we all have a chance to enjoy summer. However, there is always a 'but'. Please remember that it only takes a few seconds for an unwanted intruder to enter your property, especially if the windows and doors are wide open. I remember that last summer on one of the

few hot days we had, I had to make an afternoon call at a house in one of the other villages we cover. There, I found the windows and door wide open – and the occupant was upstairs having a snooze. It didn't seem to register that a burglar could have strolled in and helped themselves.

Please be careful and remember that if you go out even for a few seconds, close your windows and doors and secure your home. Don't become a victim of crime. PCSO Dave Boxall. Direct Dial: 01483 630086 Mobile: 07967 986110

Matt Kiley, the club skipper and secretary, adds these comments: "Everyone at the club is very disappointed by the vandalism to the clubhouse, especially given all the hard work that has been put into making this new amenity possible. We would ask people to be extra vigilant and please call Martyn Grove on 07768 294845 if you see anything suspicious."

This disc ain't groovy

What wonderful weather – and about blooming time! Mind you, it would be much better for me if I hadn't slipped a disc – preventing me from morris dancing and riding my old vintage Triumph during the best summer weather in years. Not that I'm bitter, cheesed off, peeved or angry about missing the Swanage Folk Festival, the Whitstable Folk Festival and dancing at The Harriers (though I am really). Sob – that's enough self pity.

Besides, look on the bright side – I can sit out outside country pubs in the sun drinking fine English ale; or eat fish'n'chips while gazing out to the sea at Wittering. I can watch Goodwife Jan pushing my motorbike (joke). I could even buy a frock, join Jan's WAGs and eat all those cream teas.

Widen the front door

Perhaps not. Coz if I eat cream teas, drink loads of beer, munch fish'n'chips and get no exercise at all, I will wind up having to widen the front door to get in the house. Still, any suggestions as to what I can get up to while I recuperate – things to amuse and occupy me while my duff bits bet better – would be very much appreciated.

Ross's
ramblings

Oh and don't forget that our (retired) local plumber, James Luck, will be at Godalming Bandstand with his blues band, Lux d' Lux, for the Cornmeter Concert on Sunday August 11, starting at around 3.00pm. Don't miss it!



Regrets about joining the Lib-Dems?

Hambledon Cricket Club



Senior Fixtures

Cricket matches for the 1st XI and the Friendly XI have continued through June and July and there has been a mixed bag of results with some wins, some losses and some draws..

You can find results and information on Hambledon Cricket Club at www.facebook.com/Hambledonccsurrey

Anyone who would like to play for either team, please contact the captains.

Colts

All colts' league games and the coaching sessions were due to finish at the end of July. The colts' training sessions have had good results in that the under 11s have not lost a game and have won the Under 11s league. We have had many colts matches this year with excellent results.

Our thanks go to this year's Colts Managers: **Under 14s** – Simon Rhodes; **Under 13s** – Angus Stovold; **Under 11s** – Richard Lott and Andrew Wilson; **Under 9s** – Jan-Piet Heemskerk. They showed great commitment to the league sides and in the practice sessions. Also thanks to Caroline Tristem for her unstinting organization and all the other helpers, the dads and mums who have helped run the training sessions and help with the matches.

The Colts had a fantastic barbeque on the 5 July. There were matches between the colts and their fathers. A great time was had by all and we ended up the evening

with presentations for best batting, bowling, fielding and the most improved players for all the colts age groups. Again thanks to all helpers.

Hambledon also hosted a match between West Surrey District under 14s colts and an Australian under 14s touring side on Sunday 7 July. It was a fantastic match. The West Surrey colts scored over 300 runs in their 40 overs and beating the under 14s from Australia, who made nearly 200 runs. The afternoon finished with a barbeque. Everyone had a good time and made some new friends.

Further Activities

A Hambledon CC's Presentation Match and BBQ will be held on Saturday 21 September. You are welcome to join us for the evening BBQ. Call Caroline Tristem on 01428 685455 for more details

Fund Raising The Fund raising draw event the "200 Club" will commence next month. Should you require any information about the club, please call the Club Captain, Bob Cunningham (07768 374 921); Club Vice Captain Mark Burton (07722 752465); Friendly XI Captain Peter Woolley (07800 596193); Secretary Bruce Sleep (01428 684457), or our President, Mic Coleman, (01428 682977).

Hambledon Cricket Club has its own Facebook page (see above) where, in addition to results, many items of news and history are available.

Arthur Blackman, Chairman

Fixtures for August and September

	Date		Opposition		Time
August	Sat 3	Friendly XI	Windwick Wanderers	Home	1.30
	Sun 4	1st XI League	Merrow	Home	1.30
	Tues 6		West Surrey under 14s Colts	Home	1.30
	Sun 11	Friendly XI	Ancient Mariners	Home	2.00
	Sun 18	1st XI League	Merrow	Away	1.30
	Sun 25	Friendly XI	Chris Grove XI	Home	2.00
September	Sat 1	1st XI League	Dorking	Home	1.30
	Sat 7	Friendly XI	Flemish Giants	Home	1.30
	Sun 22	Friendly XI	Waverley	Home	1.30

Miscellaneous observations on life . . .

Aim low. Reach your goals. Avoid disappointment

All generalisations are false

All that glitters has a high refractive index

All's well that ends

Make stupid moves, it confuses your opponent

An atheist has no invisible means of support.

A married man should forget his mistakes – there's no use in two people remembering the same thing

Don't need a weatherman



Earthworm is pretty luke-warm about the gorgeous hot hot July spell. He isn't just being a spoil sport. He really does not like the heat, but he is happy for all those whose livelihood depends on summer weather in the summer and hopes that, as the crowds flock to the coast, to the summer festivals, to village fetes and festas, that all these do's – be they for charity or for family fun – are a success.

Certainly the sunshine helps to bring the crowds out. But Earthworm rues our roads. A whisper of summer and anyone or everyone packs their picnic, grabs their bathing towel and jumps into their car. Of course this is the moment when the Highways Department chooses to close the A3, the one arterial road to the sea-side through Earthworm's patch.

Oh the jams – because of course no one seems to have thought to put warning signs up somewhere near the Kingston by-pass where it might have been possible to take an alternative route heading south. Actually, Earthworm did see a sign somewhere nearer to Guildford announcing the closure. But by then one is in a 50-mile tail back!

Mediaeval charts

Earthworm is very cheered to read in a national newspaper about the buff who predicts the weather patterns by his observations of flowers, insects, animals, trees and, in fact, everything about one. This chap reckons he is far more accurate in his predictions than the Met

Office! He is Dave King, an ex policeman. He declares that the pastoral wisdom of Old England, together with “predicter Saints’ days” (not just Saint Swithin!), countryside sayings, observing Mother Nature in the hedgerows and gardens, studying mediaeval monks’ charts, which can be found in 12th-century documents in both Rochester and Canterbury cathedrals, the tides, and the wind direction will tell you all you want or need to know. There is no need for instruments, let alone expensive satellites.

Dave declares that one “ignores the past at one’s peril”. Certainly, concedes Earthworm, there are far too many instances of history repeating itself in all sorts of walks of life, and many a time we as a nation do not seem to learn from our mistakes. However, what Earthworm has failed to uncover is how often Policeman Dave has proved to be right!

Of course, as I write, here we are now only in mid-July yet wishing for rain, preferably a steady fall at night-time to please the gardeners among us. The farmers who have this year got their hay crops in in record time are delighted, especially as the earlier period of wet weather has meant plenty of grass growth, but the cereal farmers must be in near-despair as their crops fail to grow.

I suppose, muses Earthworm, that you cannot keep everyone happy!



"Of course, the main reason churchyards make such good wildlife sanctuaries is that the cars only go at walking pace."

Citizens Advice Waverley

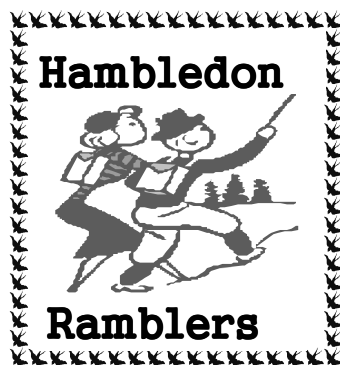
**DUNSFOLD
Wings & Wheels**



2013

Come and buy a Pimm's at Citizens Advice Waverley and Age UK Waverley's joint Pimm's tent at Wings and Wheels on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August**.

You can also buy tickets to the event, which are cheaper in advance, from Citizens Advice Waverley where a small percentage of your ticket price will go to their charity. Details coming soon via their website at www.waverleycab.org.uk/fundraising



Come rain, come shine

Two reports in one coming up: first, June's walk in the wet around Petworth Park; then, in July's burning sun, a meander around Tilford taking in 'Bond' territory'

It rained all day. Last week's warm sunny weather had ceased – we were back in waterproofs, hats and gloves.

Twelve of us set off from the Petworth Park car park and headed south-east to pass round the upper pond (on our right) and bear right to reach New Lodges and leave the park by the gate next to the A272. At least that was my intention (as I'd explained at the start of the walk). By now I was in the middle of the group because I had noticed that someone had been left behind and had stopped to wait for her. Others, busy chatting, had continued ahead and branched left across long grass before I realised that they were heading in the wrong direction. Rain had rendered my glasses opaque. My loud shout brought the wanderers to heel. I was now back in front.

At this point I began to wonder if my boots would remain waterproof. (They didn't.)

We continued west towards Tillington and took refuge in the church as it was likely to be the only dry place we would come across for our coffee stop.

We left Tillington through the graveyard and headed on a footpath across Upperton vineyard. This vineyard was started in 2005. It covers 10n hectares and grows Champagne varieties of grapes (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier) for the production of sparkling wine. It is part of the Nyetimber group of vineyards. The views from here on a clear day are good. One can see as far as the South Downs. Today we saw little further than the next field.

Tentative peek

By the gate at the edge of the vineyard was an unexpected feature – a portalo. A tentative peek inside revealed nothing off-putting, so several of us made use of the facilities.

We crossed a minor road, briefly continued on another and then turned right on a footpath towards Pitshill. Pitshill House, a derelict grade-2 listed building built from 1760, was bought by Charles Pearson, younger son of the Third Viscount Cowdray, in 1997. After a long struggle to have a public right of way re-routed, he was granted permission to do so in 2011 and started work to restore the house, ancillary buildings, park and garden. Since we last walked through the area two years ago the site has been transformed. It is much improved.

We turned east and headed back along the north side of the vineyard to the hamlet of Upperton from where we entered Petworth Park again. Turning south east, we walked through the park round Upper Pond

towards Petworth House. Skirting round this we reached the town itself and stopped in The Star for lunch. It was a relief to sit inside on comfortable chairs out of the rain. The landlord welcomed us, despite our bedraggled appearance, and moved tables so that we could sit as a group. The service was a bit slow but no one minded staying longer. About an hour and a half later, having resisted the puddings, we set off again in the rain and headed on the shortest route across the park back to our cars.

That was June's walk. This month we walked under a cloudless sky. Summer had finally arrived. Nine of us set off from Tilford village green along the Greensand Way, northwards, and in less than a mile we had lost two of our group. Fortunately, mainly owing to the use of mobile phones, we were reunited in about 15 minutes. Analysis later revealed that a combination of factors had led to the separation.

We set off again (this time paying more attention to all in the group) and walked along Sheephatch Lane to cross the north branch of the River Wey at Tilfordmill Bridge. At the end of the road we crossed over Tilford Road and joined a bridleway through woodland. By now it was pleasant to be out of the sun.

We crossed over The Reeds Road, passed Tilford Reeds and Pierpont Farm, crossed over the south branch of the Wey via a wooden bridge and paused for a photo shoot. The photographer ignored suggestions that the best place for her to stand was in the middle of the river. Alongside the river here is the Wey Meadow, an SSSI, or a site of special scientific interest.

Shortly after this we stopped in a car park off Priory Lane for a drink and then continued on a byway across Frensham Common with Frensham Little Pond just visible through trees on our left.

The paths were so dry that the legs of those in shorts were now coated with black dust. Reaching Lowicks, we turned left and came to a ford. Sheelagh, in sandals, waded through and emerged with clean feet and legs; the rest of us crossed on a bridge.

We turned north on a bridleway on the outskirts of Rushmoor, reached Tilford Common and branched off left on a footpath that passed by Meadow End Farm. Here piglets lay in the shade and a large boar

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scratched its backside on a tree trunk. Half a mile later, back in Tilford, we made a beeline for the pub, The Barley Mow, our stop for lunch. Five of our group returned home after this, while the other four drove to Stockbridge Pond for the shorter afternoon walk.

We took the Greensand Way south east across Hankley Common Golf Course to Lion's Mouth – near the part of Hankley Common that – because of its slightly eerie qualities – has been popular with film makers over the years. Scenes for *Doctor Who* and *Blackadder* have both been filmed there, as have two James Bond films. The common featured in the 1999 film, *The World is not enough* and more recently in the latest Bond film, *Skyfall*. We returned to Stockbridge Pond via the East side of Yagden Hill. We saw plenty of cartridges lying in the sand but no reptiles basking in the sun.

Next Walk

August 13

Meet at the Village Hall 9.00am

Leaders – The Three Graces

Exoton – Meon Valley

7 Miles

N.B. The walk starts with a steep climb to Beacon Hill – rewarded by fantastic views

Short Walk

August 27

Meet at the Village Hall 2.30pm

Further details from:

Derek Miller Tel: 01428 684362 – Long Walk

Mary Parker Tel: 01483 860339 – Short Walk

Clubhouse Appeal



Work is almost completed at Badger Park on building the new Clubhouse. The club is still £5,000 short of the total needed, so we are appealing to players past and present, friends and supporters to make a donation however small. Many thanks to all those who have already helped. It is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Matt Kiley 07557479349 if you are able to help.

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If you are able to offer the club an interest free loan, contact Mic Coleman – 01428 682977 or club secretary Matt Kiley on 07810 120452, matt.kiley@uk.ibm.com

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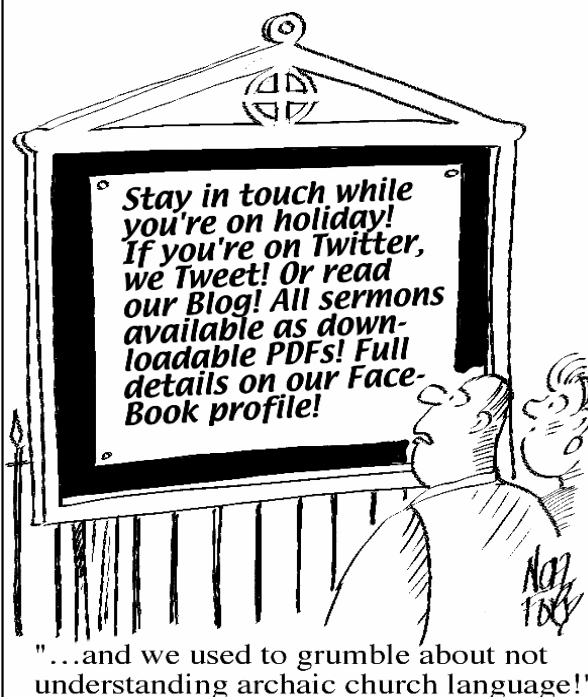
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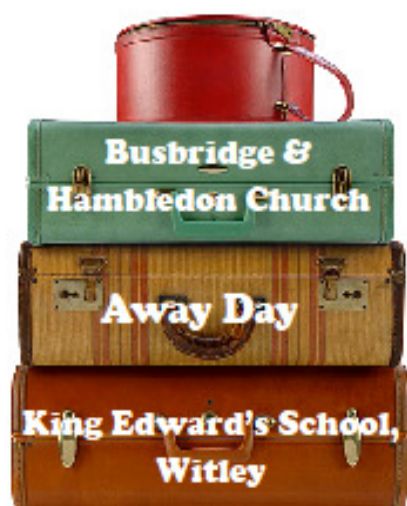
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Over 300 people 'checked in' for our Away Day at King Edward's School, for a day of worship, teaching, friendship and fun!

We worshipped together in the chapel, where our Rector, Simon Taylor, spoke about 'living in the departure lounge' and challenged us to travel lightly through life, making sure we have our essentials and are sure of our destination.



We said a fond farewell to some members of our staff team. Alwyn Webb, our Hambledon Children's Worker, with his wife Kate and children Matthew and Joshua, were moving to Richmond, where Alwyn will be curate.

Anna Brockman, our intern, will be travelling and then working at a Christian activity centre in New Zealand; while Lisa Edge, our Student Youth Worker, will be going to Tennessee to undertake a disciple training programme with *Youth With a Mission*.



There was plenty of time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones, as we chatted during the coffee break or over a great lunch. Our thanks to King Edward's for their hospitality.

Photos Anna Brockman

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Ben Smith ran drum workshops, for all ages to try their hand at....

...and a resident clown was there to teach everyone some circus skills.



Trainers with the charity *Bart's City Life Saver* also gave an excellent session on life-saving skills and our Director of Older People's Ministry, Mark Pateman, gave advice on posture and balance in a session on *Exercise for Healthy Aging*.



We were treated to some excellent seminars by visiting speakers Jonathan Mortimer, vicar of All Saints Peckham, and Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking and soon to be Bishop of Blackburn., as well as our own Peter Shaw and Mark Pateman. Topics included how to share our faith, how we unite young and old in our church and how to make decisions and choices well.

**Up!
Up!
And
Away
Day!**

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 31st August 2013

THE VILLAGE HALL

An informal day's entertainment open to all in the village

Kindly sponsored by The Merry Harriers

The hall will be open for setting up exhibits from 9.30am to 11.30am. Entry fee 10p per exhibit. First and second prizes will be awarded when merited. Please bring your own vases where required.

After judging the show will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at 2pm to 4.30pm. Refreshments available. Best In Show will be awarded at 4pm. Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm.

We need YOU to make the show a success

Ring Andy Falk on 683863 or Vanessa Alexander on 685968 if you need more information

Flower Section

Class

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



Vegetable Section

- 14 5 potatoes, one variety
- 15 5 carrots
- 16 5 onions
- 17 3 beetroot
- 18 3 parsnips
- 19 3 leeks, trimmed
- 20 8 runner beans
- 21 8 French beans
- 22 8 peas
- 23 5 cherry tomatoes
- 24 3 courgettes, between 4 inch & 6 inch long
- 25 5 tomatoes
- 26 1 cucumber
- 27 1 marrow not exceeding 15 inch in length.
- 28 2 artichokes
- 29 2 aubergines
- 30 2 peppers (any colour)
- 31 2 Any other vegetables



Fruit Section

- 32 5 figs
- 33 5 plums, one variety
- 34 5 pears, one variety
- 35 5 dessert apples, one variety
- 36 5 cooking apples, one variety
- 37 Any other fruit exhibited on a plate
- 38 Any berried fruit exhibited on a plate



Miscellaneous Section

- 39 Largest marrow or pumpkin
- 40 Largest runner bean
- 41 Largest potato
- 42 A freak shaped vegetable

Floral Art Section

- 43 An arrangement celebrating the Coronation 1953. Accessories allowed

Cake Section

- 44 Victoria Sponge Cake maximum 8 inches diameter

Jam Section

- 45 Home made jam of your choice in a jar

Photo Section

- 46 Your own photo of Hambledon in the Snow, unframed and unmounted, max 10 x 8 inches (colour or black and white prints)

Knitting Section

- 47 Animal or vegetable of your choice

Children's Section – 12 years and under

- 48 Garden in a tray
- 49 Painting or drawing of a flower, fruit or vegetable
- 50 Largest sunflower head
- 51 3 decorated cup-cakes

Children's Section – 8 years and under

- 52 Garden in a tray
- 53 Painting of a flower or flower arrangement.
- 54 Lego model of your choice and design, no bigger than A4 (NB not straight from the shop)

Children's Section – 5 years and under

- 55 Mustard and/or cress

Happy sunny summer days ahead?

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken – James Dent. The early weeks of August are motionless, and hot. Curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much colour – Natalie Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*



Now is the time to reap a lot of what we have sown. Keep an eye on watering and fingers crossed for good weather.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs: keep watering and feeding container plants with high potassium feed to help them to continue flowering. Deadhead dahlias regularly. Before going on holiday move containers and pots out of direct sunshine into a slightly shady spot as this reduces the need to water and will help them to survive while away. Cut back hardy geraniums and other perennials that have finished flowering for fresh leaves and flowers in the autumn. Trim lavender lightly to remove old flower heads and encourage new shoots. On pansies and violas cut back any straggly parts to help further flowering. Take cuttings of tender perennials such as pelargonium and osteospermum as soon as possible; bring them in a cool green house or conservatory if available, but a windowsill will do. Propagate pinks and carnations by layering and divide the rhizomes of overcrowded irises. Check for any signs of white rust on chrysanthemums and take remedial action immediately.

Shrubs and trees and hedges: midsummer is when most of us tackle the hedges as the new growth begins to make them look untidy; if you are using a hedge trimmer, start at the bottom of each side and work upwards in smooth, continuous swathes; cut the top last; save time by spreading a plastic sheet beside the hedge to catch the clippings. Start to take cuttings of favourite shrubs.

Vegetables: stop outdoor tomatoes after four fruit trusses have set, more would not ripen in time; when fruits are getting bigger, remove the lower leaves and

let the air circulate around the fruit, to reduce the chance of diseases. Remove weeds regularly, they compete with fruit and vegetables for water, and act as hosts for pests and diseases. Sow salad onions and Japanese onions for harvesting next summer. Sow spring cabbage now for a winter crop and stake Brussels sprouts if necessary. Mini-leaves for autumn and winter can be sown – kale, Swiss chard, corn lettuce, land cress and rocket.

Fruit: protect blackberries and hybrid berries, such as tayberries, from birds by covering them with netting; make sure it is well secured to stop birds and cats getting trapped in it. After fruiting lift and if you don't want to create new strawberry plants, it is a good idea to cut them back after they have finished fruiting or they will spread very quickly; remove any straw mulch and take out any weeds; new strawberry leaves will soon appear, so don't worry if your plants look a bit bare after you have pruned them. Blisters on the leaves of currants are caused by aphids; by the time you notice the damage they will have moved on; the plants look awful now, but should not suffer long-term damage and fruiting will not be reduced; using a wash such as Growing Success or Vitax Winter Tree Washes in December may help to solve the problem. Give fruit growing in containers a high potash liquid feed. Provide support for heavily-laden fruit trees and bushes.

Lawn: During dry weather, raise the blades on the mower to allow the grass to grow a bit longer; this will keep it greener and help to retain moisture.

Pond: Look out for any yellowing leaves on water lilies and other water plants and remove them promptly, as allowing them to fall off and rot in the water will decrease water quality.



Websites: to enjoy other gardens, here is some inspiration and up-to-date and easy-to-use information on Britain's open gardens: www.britainsfinest.co.uk which gives a clear layout of some 380 gardens; www.ngs.org.uk, an excellent website showing 3,800 gardens, based on *The Yellow Book* of the National Gardens Scheme, very easy to use as you can search on distance from your postcode or town as well as date; www.rhs.org.uk/rhsgardenfinder, includes details about 150 gardens, most of them are free to RHS members, you can only search by county, but it does include maps and directions.

Lead kindly light

The Rev Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in various museums. This month, portraits of John Henry Newman

**GOD
IN THE
ARTS**

In the 1830s a group of academics came together to promote a new identity for the Church of England. To them the church was not just a department of state for the government to control, but part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Among that group in what became known as the Oxford Movement was John Henry Newman.

In 1816 when Newman was 15 he had a profound religious conversion. Six years later he was elected a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford and after ordination became the vicar of St Mary's, Oxford. When he was touring Italy and southern Europe in 1833, he wrote a poem, which became a popular hymn, *Lead, kindly light*. Newman was anxious to return home to do God's work for his church, and in this poem he prayed that he would be ready to follow that light of God, come what may.

But Newman realised that the more he defended the Church of England, the more he found himself drawn to become a Roman Catholic. He wrote about that struggle of conscience and mind in his *Apologia*. In 1845 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1879 was honoured as a cardinal. He died on the 11th day of this month in 1890.

Inexpressibly touching

In 1875 a visitor meeting Newman described him as "very kindly, with a sort of grave simplicity which, coming from so old a man, has in it something inexpressibly touching. He looks very aged, with an air of melancholy, as of one who has passed through terrible struggles, yet of serenity, as of one who has found peace." There is a portrait of Newman in Manchester Art Gallery by W T Roden, which captures something of the sadness and resignation that struggle had caused him, forcing him to leave friends and colleagues in the Church of England.

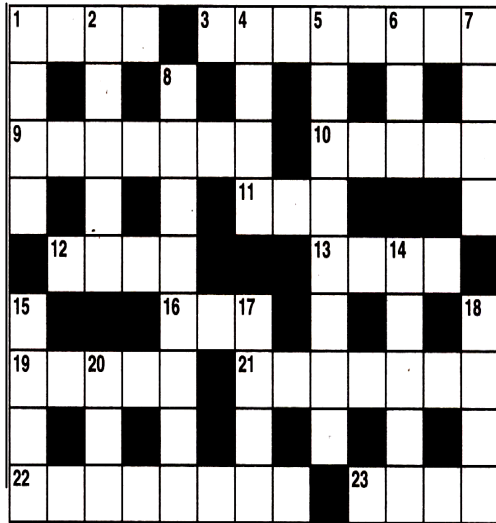
In the National Portrait Gallery in London there is a wonderful collection of paintings and photographs of Newman. The gallery was opened in 1856, the first of its type in displaying portraits of historically important people in the land, including the Chandos portrait of William Shakespeare. The portraits of Newman range throughout his life culminating in a paint-

ing by his cousin, Emmeline Deane, of March 1889. It is a sensitive portrayal that invites the viewer to look beyond the scarlet robes and ring of the cardinal to the face of a pilgrim whose search for the light to guide and illuminate had taken him on what was a long and difficult path. There is a dignity and a gentleness there, but also strength and resolution.

When Newman died in the following year, his pall was embroidered with his motto, "Cor ad cor loquitur": "Heart speaks to heart". The heart of God speaking to the human heart to bring guidance and light. Newman followed that voice and light throughout his life. It was a journey that led him from the shadows and images of this world into the radiance of God's light. That thought was inscribed on his memorial tablet – a reminder that we are all called to journey like John Henry Newman, seeking the light to guide and following that light in faith and perseverance.



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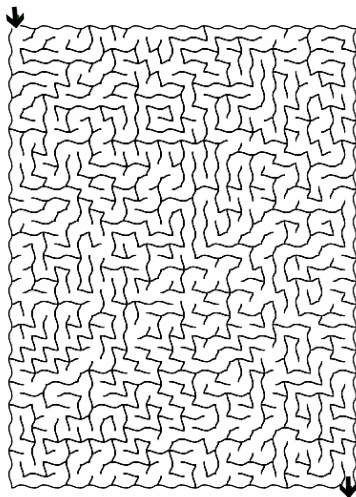
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- 1 Was dressed in (4)
 3 Darkest of colours (3,5)
 9 Refrigerated (7)
 10 Transport from one place to another (5)
 11 Chatter foolishly (3)
 12 Roman garment (4)
 13 Keep for later use (4)
 16 Item at an auction (3)
 19 Forbidden (activity) (5)
 21 Agitate (5,2)
 22 School's senior female prefect (4,4)
 23 Glide smoothly over the surface (4)

DOWN

- 1 Burning part of a candle (4)
 2 Large African animal (5)
 4 Nelson __, 1930s/40s singer and actor (4)
 5 Position in the rear (4,4)
 6 Walking in the __, song from *The Snowman* (3)
 7 Piano levers (4)
 8 From the very beginning (3,5)
 14 Style of sweater (1-4)
 15 Inscribe deeply (4)
 17 Russia's Ivan, e.g. (4)
 18 Tinned luncheon meat (4)
 20 Constricting snake (3)

Maze



Word Search

Psalm 104 is a magnificent song of praise to God for the wonders of Creation. The Psalmist notes that God "set the earth on its foundations", and marked out the seas: "you set a boundary they cannot cross".

The springs that pour into ravines, the wild donkeys that drink there, the birds of the air that nest by the waters and sing in the branches, the grass that grows for the cattle, the wine that gladdens the heart of man, the bread that sustains his heart – all these come from our loving Heavenly Father. Everything is in this Psalm, from lions hunting to leviathan, frolicking in the sea.

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Sudoku

Intermediate

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Answers to all puzzles on page 32

Time to get saucy

The best cookery corner

in the South East



This month's main recipe – and thanks to those nice people at Waitrose for supplying it – is a bit more complicated than usual. And – oh, heavens – it involves making hollandaise sauce. Don't panic. It's easy and it'll be worth it

Ham hock potato cakes with poached eggs and hollandaise

500 grams King Edwards potatoes, cut into chunks
Pulled ham hock
1 table spoon wholegrain mustard
25 grams flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
60 grams soft white breadcrumbs (use a cooks' ingredients pack)
2–3 table spoons olive oil

4 free-range eggs
For the hollandaise sauce:
2 large free-range egg yolks
1 table spoon white-wine vinegar
1 table spoon lemon juice
120 grams butter

Place the potatoes in a pan of water, bring to the boil and simmer for 10–15 minutes until tender. Drain, mash and allow to cool before tipping into a large bowl. Mix the ham hock with the cooled potato, mustard and parsley.

Form the potato mixture into 8 cakes (approximately 100 grams each) and roll in the breadcrumbs to lightly coat. Place in the fridge for at least 30 minutes before cooking.

To make the hollandaise: place the egg yolks in a blender and whisk. Heat the vinegar and lemon juice in a small pan until just starting to bubble then, in a steady stream, pour this onto the egg yolks with the motor running. Melt the butter in an-

other small pan, skim off the foam and add the melted butter, in a steady slow stream, with the motor running.

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry the cakes for 3 minutes on each side until golden and crisp. Set aside to keep warm while you poach the eggs (for about 4 minutes).

The hollandaise should now be thickened and glossy. Scrape down the sides with a spatula and pulse once more.

Scrape into a bowl and keep warm. Place 2 potato cakes on each plate, top with a poached egg, spoon over the hollandaise and serve with freshly ground black pepper.

Perfect scones

300 grams self-raising white flour
75 grams butter, cut into cubes
50 grams caster sugar
150ml milk
Butter, to serve
Strawberry jam, to serve
Whipped or clotted cream, to serve



Preheat the oven to 200°C, gas mark 6. Place the flour in a mixing bowl and stir in the cubes of butter, then rub it in, using your fingertips, until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Lift the mixture to incorporate air and keep it light.

Stir in the sugar, then pour in the milk and mix with a round-bladed knife to make a soft dough. When the mixture forms a rough ball, place on a work surface that has been lightly dusted with flour.

Knead the dough briefly to smooth out the cracks, taking care not to overwork it or your scones will not rise so well. Roll out to about 1½–2cm thick and cut into rounds using a 6cm pastry cutter. Gather up the scraps of dough, knead briefly, roll out again and cut out further scones.

Arrange the scones on a baking sheet. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until they have risen and are golden brown. Transfer to a cooling rack.

Serve warm or cold. Split the scones, spread with butter and strawberry conserve and top with whipped or clotted double cream.