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## **St Peter's Church**



## **& Village News**



**February 2015**

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### Sunday Services

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

The Church has a number of Home Groups which meet regularly during the week at various locations. Details from Catherine McBride Tel: 01483 421267

Alpha details and information from  
The Rev Catherine McBride Tel: 01483 421267

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals contact  
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Tel No: 01483 421267 (Mon – Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm)

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

The Rector is normally off duty on Fridays

The Associate Vicar is normally off duty on Fridays

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Hello Everyone

Last month's terrorist attacks in Paris, on the offices of the satirical newspaper 'Charlie Hebdo' and on a Jewish supermarket, saw 17 people killed and sent shock waves around Europe and the world and our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Paris and especially those who lost loved ones. It also raised uncomfortable questions about issues such as freedom of speech, to which there are no easy or straight-forward answers.

Is freedom of speech something to be upheld at any cost? Is such a violent reaction ever justified?

To the second question, my own view is: no, it isn't. In saying that, I am acutely aware that, historically, Christianity – or rather humanity's sometimes distorted interpretation of Christianity – doesn't have a spotless track record in terms of violent intolerance. But I would strongly maintain that Christ's teaching is clear about our need to love our neighbour, indeed to love our enemy, and to seek other, more creative and constructive ways of responding to conflict.

Questions around freedom of speech and the importance of maintaining it are more complex, it seems to me. Does freedom of speech boil down to permission to say whatever we want, about whom-ever we want, in whatever way we want? Is it the right to offend?

I must admit I feel very conflicted about it. On the one hand, I've been in the audience when a stand-up comic has lampooned Christianity and know that it can almost feel physically painful to hear one's beliefs being ridiculed. But, on the other hand I understand – and believe – that no one should be above reproach and, in particular, satire is a vital way to 'challenge the pretensions of authority'. Even some Biblical writers in the Old Testament weren't above being a bit subversive and using satire to challenge the religious assumptions of their own day. I also know that there are places in the world which would love to have the luxury of even debating the issue of the pros and cons of freedom of speech and the very fact that I'm writing this is something I shouldn't take for granted.

It's all left me wondering how, in practical everyday terms, I steer a course between using my right to freedom of speech and at the same time not abusing it.

Maybe the French are on the right track with their national motto: *Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité* – Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. Yes, our freedom is vital, it is precious; and yes, equality is crucial and something we should continually strive for; but fraternity is equally important. Fraternity is about brotherhood, fellowship, mutual support, community and togetherness. Now imagine those three values, liberty, equality and fraternity, as three legs of a stool. They are all important, but they also all need to be equally important if the stool is to be stable.

Our pursuit of liberty and personal freedom, including the freedom of speech, might sometimes need to be tempered and balanced by the just as important pursuit of brotherhood, community and mutual support. So, whilst I cherish my right to freedom of speech, I might sometimes choose not to exercise it, or to use it sparingly, judiciously and in the spirit of brotherhood and unity.

St Paul talked about our duty to speak out for what is right, but when we do this to '*speaking the truth in love*' (Ephesians 4.15). As St Peter puts it, '*In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect*' (1 Peter 3.15).

We may find ourselves having to put this into practice closer to home than we might like over the coming months, as we discuss possible changes in the village, and various building proposals are debated. I know feelings are running high on both sides of the argument, but I hope we will all exercise our right to express those feelings with 'gentleness and respect', for sake of 'fraternity' and the mutual benefit of all in our community.

Thank you, Catherine.

Catherine McBride, Associate Vicar,  
Hambleton and Busbridge

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## February 2015

<b>1st February</b>	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>4th Sunday of Epiphany</b>	10.30 am	All Age Service

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<b>8th February</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>	10.30 am	Holy Communion

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<b>15th February</b>	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	10.30 am	Morning Worship

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<b>Wednesday 18 th February</b>	8.00pm	Holy Communion (CW), with
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		ashing <b>at Busbridge Church</b>

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LENT  2015

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30 am to 10.00 am</b> - Prayer Breakfast in Church Rooms	
<b>21st February</b>	<i>A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome</i>	

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<b>22nd February</b>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30 am	Morning Worship

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Hambledon Ladies &amp; Men's! Breakfast</b> at the West Surrey Golf Club, Eton Green
<b>28th February</b>		<b>Speakers:</b> Paul and Fiona Jones <i>see page 11</i>

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**And in March**

<b>1st March</b>	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30 am	All Age Service

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

<b>8.30 am</b>	1st & 3rd Sundays	Morning Prayer
	2nd & 4th Sundays	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 – turn up and ask!
<b>6.30 pm</b>		<b>Benefice</b> Evening Worship

# PARISH & PEOPLE



We are delighted to learn of a new arrival in the village. **Matilda Rose Masterton** (to be known as Tilly) was born on January 4<sup>th</sup>, a first daughter to **Julia and Ali** and a sister to Freddie, George and Jack.

**Sylvia Harrison** is doing well following a second hip replacement operation and Hambledon friends send their good wishes.

We were amused to read from the Christmas letter from **Marilyn Sertin** that following the ordination of her eldest son, **Johnny** at Southwark Cathedral back in June, he is settling into his curacy in Eastfield. Johnny is also 'farming' with pigs on the Wandsworth prison field, beehives and an allotment in the church grounds and planting orchards in the area – he is helped in all this by the mission community that he leads! Johnny was a teenage schoolboy when his father Peter was our Rector here in Hambledon from 1985 – 89.

We learned with some sorrow of the death of **Chris Ridsdale-Smith** at the beginning of December. Chris and his family lived at Lane End in Hambledon for many years and he was the church organist here at St Peter's. We remember them all with much affection and send the loving sympathy of Hambledon friends and neighbours to Clare, Mark and Paul.

A thanksgiving service for Chris is to be held at Worplesdon church at 2.30pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The **Committee of Hambledon Village Hall** thank all who supported the Curry'n'Quiz evening in November, writes committee chairman, **John Tidmarsh**: "I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Financially, the evening was a great success, making a profit of £800. Indeed, this is why this thank-you note has been so long delayed – I've been too busy counting the money. On another, though important, matter, the hall's wooden raffle box has disappeared. I believe it was last used during the village fete in June. This is a fine relic and still much used. If anyone knows anything of its whereabouts, please contact me on 01428 682067.

**Mary Grove and Tim Coleman** thank all who helped organise the Village Christmas party. It raised £1100 approx, half each to GUTS and Community Pavilion.

**Have you paid?** The annual subscription for the parish magazine is £5. There is a tin in the village shop where money can be left but please indicate it is from you. Subscriptions can also be sent to the treasurer : Derek Miller, 2 Church Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4DS

## Battling the elements... or Love is...

With so much good stuff in store, you're invited to come and try the range of fresh local veg, or turn your hand to themed photos for a new calendar

**H**aving recovered from a wonderfully busy Christmas, restocked and tidied up the shop and so far having dodged the "white stuff" we are really enjoying the start of the growing year.

In Season at the moment and in stock in the Farm Shop are Seville Oranges, Kale, Leeks, Cauliflowers and delicious Purple Sprouting Broccoli. With the exception of the oranges of course all the rest are local and very fresh. Come and buy them now whilst they are at their best. You will also find seasonal recipes and ideas on our web page on the Village Website: [hambledonsurrey.co.uk/shop/village-shop.html](http://hambledonsurrey.co.uk/shop/village-shop.html)

We have also re-launched our Facebook page and you can find us under: [hambledonvillagesstoresandpostoffice](https://www.facebook.com/hambledonvillagesstoresandpostoffice). Please like and share us. We will be posting regular news, tips and promotions on Facebook so join in and keep up with our news.

As a lot of you are aware we didn't produce our calendar this year. Thankfully Local Photographer and Writer Timothy Coleman did produce a delightful

### *The Village Shop*



calendar of Hambledon and the Surrey Hills in aid of his family's forthcoming trip to Kenya to work as Missionaries for the Christian Aid Agency. These are still available to buy in the shop, now priced at £8 per calendar.

In order to prepare a calendar for this year we thought we would set a theme each month and welcome photos, drawings, poems or recipes from adults and children of the village. Each month we will pick a winner and runner up who will win goodie bags from the shop. Hopefully then we will have enough lovely images to put together a unique village calendar later in the year.

To kick things off we are going to have two themes to choose from:

**Battling the elements or Love is.....**

Have fun, be inventive and enjoy. Please either bring in your entry to the shop or email it to [shop@hambledonsurrey.co.uk](mailto:shop@hambledonsurrey.co.uk)

Looking forward to your participation *Jo & The Team*

# Just a bit more, please – we are nearly there

Andy Falk, Chairman of the Trustees, calls for a little more help from the village, after the astonishing success of the extension and refurbishment of No. 2

**T**he money raised (given or pledged) to complete the Almshouses Project has reached £32.5K.

This is most encouraging and with some generous donations, for which the Almshouses Trustees are very grateful, we are well on the way to reaching a position where we can finance the extension and refurbishment of the remaining almshouse.

**Hambledon (Surrey)  
Almshouses  
Hambledon  
Charity no. 201850**

*A Success!  
One Almshouse completed  
... ON with the Next!*

Our target is to raise at least £50K in cash to enable us to raise the balance by loan.



**Celebrating the opening by Audrey Monk  
of No.2 –occasion for a glass & a shower  
Photo Philip Underwood**

The work on the first almshouse was carried out last year, so the completion of the work on the remaining almshouse would mean the successful completion of the Village Almshouses Project, launched back in 2012. These almshouses, part of the village's historic legacy, would then be set up for many years to come.

If you would like to help, there is a Donor Form on the village website, or contact the Trustees' Chairman on 01428 683863 ([andrewfalk@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewfalk@btinternet.com)). Gift Aid is available.

## Bus route challenged again... ACT NOW !

Stewart Payne on behalf of Hambledon Parish Council invites us to act fast on receipt of this magazine, as you only have until February 2nd to complete the survey.

**O**nce again Surrey County Council is looking to make savings from its expenditure on subsidising bus services in rural areas such as Hambledon.

This has been necessitated by a reduction in Government funding to Surrey CC and increased expenditure elsewhere within the CC budget.

This is likely to have major implications on buses in and around the village and, in particular, the 503 which runs three days a week between Hambledon Lane End, Milford, Godalming and Guildford.

The 71, which passes along the Petworth Road on the service between Haslemere, Godalming and Guildford, may also be under threat.

In October of last year SCC announced it was to review its spending on public transport and entered into a period of public consultation. This period has been extended to **Monday February 2nd 2015** because of the "high level of interest" in the issue.

This review follows closely on the heels of a previous review in 2011/12, with the same aim of reducing costs. In this exercise it was proposed that Hambledon's only bus service, the 503, be scrapped.

The Parish Council sought the views of regular users of this service, all of whom relied upon it to reach shops, medical services and visit family and friends. The council put forward a strong case for the retention of the 503.

In the event the 503 was not scrapped. Indeed, its frequency was increased from twice a week to three times a week. The Council also requested the return of bus stop signs in the village which had been removed years ago, and these were reinstated.

The arguments that the Parish Council put forward in 2011/12 are just as valid today.

The latest review is being conducted differently and it does not yet highlight services under threat. [www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview) provides a link to an on-line survey. Please complete it if you care about the future of Hambledon's bus service.

If you are unable to use the on-line survey a paper copy can be requested by calling 0300 200 1003. Copies are also available in local libraries.

Please remember that you must act fast on receipt of this magazine, as you only have until **2nd February** to complete the survey.



# First one comes along, then...

Now there are two plans to build 'affordable homes' in the village. That means twice the public angst and twice the work for the parish council, but other council business continues. (*more about affordable homes issues see pp14-18*)

Once again there was a good turnout at the meeting on 7 January, not just to continue the debate about the proposed development at Orchard Farm but to express views on the planning application to build four affordable and two market houses on the site of the **Merry Harriers** car park, which had been registered shortly before Christmas. This raised a number of concerns, which are well articulated in the responses on Waverley Council's web site: <http://waverweb.waverley.gov.uk/live/wbc/pwl.nsf/webdisplaypubliclist?OpenForm&Seq=3>

No planning application has been registered for **Orchard Farm**. The public consultation on outline proposals for the site was held on 15 January and the Parish Council looks forward to receiving feed-back at the public meeting on 28 January. There will be opportunities to comment both at that meeting and on a special forum on the Hambledon Village website. It's easiest to log on to Hambledon Village website [www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk](http://www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk) and click on News. For those who are not web-savvy, views can be sent to the Parish Clerk by e-mail or letter. All reasonable views expressed will be taken into account by the Parish Council as and when a detailed planning application is submitted to Waverley.

Two general concerns, associated with both sites, continue to be expressed.

■ First, the seeming **lack of information about affordable housing** – its purpose, who it is for, where it can be built, how it can be financed.

■ Second, the need for an early meeting to discuss and reach conclusions on **affordable housing and its wider implications** for Hambledon.

The first point is addressed in the article on the following page. Meanwhile, two alternatives for dealing with the second were posed on 7 January: an early public meeting and a Hambledon Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans enable communities to get the sort of development, including affordable housing, that they think is right for them. Such plans form part of a planning authority's Local Plan, but they cannot promote less development than that required by the Local Plan.

They cannot, therefore, be vehicles for preventing development. Their aim is rather to help local planning authorities to meet the development needs of the communities in their area. To help the village decide how to proceed, a Hambledon Neighbourhood Plan will be the discussion topic at the Parish Assembly on 16 April, with a guest speaker from Waverley.

It would be very difficult to get a full turn-out at a public meeting to discuss affordable housing that was called at short notice; whatever conclusions such a meeting might reach would thus be very unlikely to represent the views of the village as a whole; and they would in consequence carry little influence with Waverley. Only a Neighbourhood Plan adopted by the village in a referendum would be capable of delivering meaningful views on housing development within the village. As everyone has already been notified about the public meeting to be held on 28 January, the Parish Council has therefore decided to divide it into two

parts: a) to clarify matters arising from the affordable housing article and b) to seek villagers' views and comments on the proposed scheme for Orchard Farm.

On other matters, the **Parish Council set its budget for 2015-16** on 7 January and approved additional payments from reserve funds that are expected to be incurred during the current financial year. These include a contribution

towards a multi-Parish attempt to lessen the effects of **traffic on local roads** in the event of there being substantial housing development at Dunsfold aerodrome. A request for a further grant under the Surrey County Council **localism initiative**, to enable the Parish Council to continue undertaking hedge/ditch/drains maintenance throughout the village in 2015-16, has been submitted.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Stewart Payne will be responding to SCC in response to yet another attempt to reduce **local bus services**. It is important to retain not only the 503 route through the village but also the present level of support provided by Hoppa community transport.

## Hambledon Parish Council

### PUBLIC MEETING

**Wednesday 28 January,  
at 8pm, at the Village Hall  
regarding the proposed  
Orchard Farm development,  
and to clarify issues relating  
to affordable housing**



# All about 'affordable homes'

**With some input from Waverley Council, this is the parish council's 'take' on the how, why and what of so-called 'affordable housing', the issue that's rocking the village**

Research from the National Housing Federation (2014) highlighted Waverley as the fourth 'least affordable area' in rural England, with average house prices over 17 times average earnings.

## **What is affordable housing?**

Affordable housing aims to provide homes for people on modest incomes who cannot afford to buy or rent a home on the open market. The definition of affordable housing is provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): "Social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision."

This article deals with affordable rented and intermediate housing. Affordable rented housing is let by local authorities or private registered providers of social housing to households who are eligible for social rented housing. It is subject to rent controls of no more than 80 per cent of the local market rent (including service charges, where applicable). 'Intermediate housing' is homes for sale and rent provided at a cost above social rent, but below market levels subject to the criteria in the affordable housing definition above. These can include shared equity (shared ownership and equity loans), other low cost homes for sale and intermediate rent, but not affordable rented housing.

Households in receipt of benefits can access affordable rented housing as affordable rent levels are set below the local housing allowance (housing benefit) rate for the area.

Shared ownership offers the opportunity to part purchase a property whilst paying a subsidised rent on the outstanding share. Extra shares can be purchased later on, but on Rural Exception Sites, the share that can be purchased is capped at 80 per cent. This ensures that the affordable housing is secured for future generations.

## **How is affordable housing allocated?**

In Waverley, affordable housing for rent is allocated to eligible households on the Council's Housing Register, in line with the Council's Housing Allocation Scheme. Shared ownership homes are allocated, on a prioritised basis ([www.waverley.gov.uk/sharedownership](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/sharedownership)) to eligible households through the BPHA Help to Buy Register or directly with a housing association.

## **Affordable housing on Rural Exception Sites**

The NPPF defines Rural Exception Site as: "Small sites used for affordable housing in perpetuity where sites would not normally be used for housing. Rural exception sites seek to address the needs of the local community by accommodating households who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection. Small numbers of market homes may be allowed at the local authority's discretion, for example where essential to enable the delivery of affordable units without grant funding."

On a Rural Exception Site, 'local' generally means a person who is currently resident in the parish, was previously resident in the parish, is permanently employed in the parish or is connected by close family still living in the parish. These details would be secured through planning obligations between the developer and local planning authority and a nomination agreement which sets out how any affordable homes for rent will be let.

When a vacancy arises on a Rural Exception Site and there is no suitable applicant with a local connection, a cascade policy operates whereby applicants are considered from neighbouring parishes. Only if there is no suitable applicant from a neighbouring parish would applicants from elsewhere in the local authority be considered. Regardless of this outcome, each time a property becomes available the lettings priority reverts back to people with a local connection to the parish.

Prior to 2012, all homes on Rural Exception Sites had to be in the form of affordable housing. However, the NPPF now enables the inclusion of private market homes where it can be demonstrated that these are needed "to facilitate the provision of significant additional affordable housing to meet local housing needs." In practice, this means private market homes on Rural Exception Sites will only be allowed if a developer is able to provide robust financial evidence at planning application stage, that it would not be viable to deliver the affordable homes without the private market homes.

New affordable homes help sustain communities by offering local families, couples and single people the chance to stay living in the place where they have local connections, rather than pricing them out of the village in which they grew up. Enabling people to stay in their own community can invigorate local businesses and services – a proportion of suitably designed affordable homes in the right location can make a real difference to the sustainability of village services.

## 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

**Hambletots will be running February 4th, 11th and 25th (off on the 18th for half term)**

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



### Coffee Morning



**Tuesday 17th February at 11am,**  
in the Church Room and the third Tuesday each month

**All welcome – do come** More information from Jacqui Rook 01428 684390

### WAGs

Julie and Jan have retired from WAGs, but members are cordially invited to The Merry Harriers every third Wednesday of the month for tea at 3pm.

Our first gathering is on February 18 and the cost is £4 each.

If you're planning to come, please contact Jan on 01483 423637 so that we can finalize the catering numbers

## HAMBLEDON HERITAGE SOCIETY AGM 2015

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:30 for 8pm  
WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2015, VILLAGE HALL**

**AUDREY MONK**

**Hambledon resident and local Historian will be our guide for the evening**

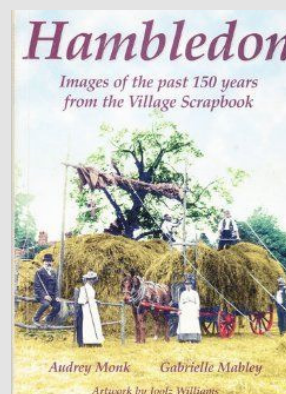
**"Hambledon – How far can we go back in time?"**

So please join the Hambledon Heritage Society Committee, supporters & friends for an informative, fun and social evening – all are welcome

**There is no entrance fee and refreshments, light snacks and a raffle are all available in return for a small donation**

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

**YOUR VILLAGE HERITAGE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**



## Come along to our next **HAMBLEDON LADIES' & GENTS' ! BREAKFAST**

***We start our breakfasts in 2015 with a DIFFERENCE***

***by welcoming men on this special occasion only.***

**Saturday 28 February, 8.30am at West Surrey Golf Club, Enton**

**Fiona and Paul Jones will be our guest speakers**

Paul's distinguished career includes being the lead singer with Manfred Mann (Do Wah Diddy) and The Blues Band.

He is currently hosting a Radio 2 show on Monday evenings and has success on stage with the Royal National Theatre and the RSC.

Fiona is an accomplished actress and singer – her credits include the TV series 'Widows' to leading roles in West End productions.



Paul and Fiona will be sharing their testimony with us – their story is both humorous and compassionate.

We invite Ladies and friends and partners to join us in hearing their story.

We can guarantee a warm welcome and a delicious full English Breakfast.

Tickets are available from Sue Blackman 01428 683871, Vicki Hinde 01428 682153 and the Village Shop. Places are limited so do get your tickets early. Tickets £10 each.

We will host three further breakfasts in 2015 so please put the dates in your diaries: Saturday 23 May, Saturday **11(not 25)** July and Saturday 10 October. Full details of the speakers will appear throughout the year in the Parish Magazine *What's Happening* section and the Hambledon website.



## **Hambledon Village Hall Management Committee**

**The Committee will hold its 2015 Annual General Meeting  
on Thursday February 12, at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall**

Members of the Public are most welcome to attend

### **AGENDA**

Minutes of the AGM held on February 13, 2014 to be approved and signed  
Annual reports by the Chairman and Treasurer  
Election of Management Committee, Representatives and Co-opted Members  
Nomination and election of new members  
Any other business

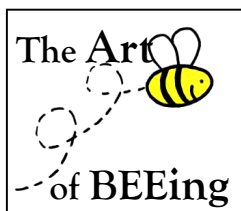
Paul Vacher, Hon. Secretary

### **2nd February is Bus survey deadline:**

**Act fast** on receipt of this magazine to help save the 503 bus (*see more page 7*)



**Cricket Club Annual General Meeting for 2015** will be held on  
**Tuesday 24 February, at 8pm at the Cricket Pavilion** (*see page 24*)



## 2x double, toil trouble, fire burn, caldron bubble

**Hambleton beekeeper Wayne McIntyre gets innovating, fighting the mite, beautifying the village & cackling like Shakespeare's 3 witches.. is he about to become Macbeth and move to Dunsinane, or er, the pub?**



**T**ired of rolling about the sofa between bouts of truffling leftover Christmas snacks and dinner, I decided I needed a purpose – either something to repair or make. The first option didn't seem that attractive but the second offered all kinds of possibilities. I had been pondering for some time over whether to make some Mead and this Christmas break seemed the right moment! To those who don't know what Mead is and its story: it's an alcoholic beverage made from honey which is very delicate in body but rich in texture. Allegedly, during medieval times, Mead formed part of the marriage ritual and that after the wedding, the bride and groom were given enough mead to last one full moon. They consumed this for good luck in their marriage and to promote fertility and virility, hence the term "honeymoon." Now I know what you Hambleton gents are thinking and no, it's only a myth. I'd happily flog you a bottle for a handsome price should you wish to try however you may find that flowers and dinner provide better results.

So I dropped by the local home brew outlet in Aldershot and bought a basic Mead making kit for £30.

I reckon this kit presents excellent value given the volume



I could push through it. Now that I had the kit I had to find how to make this stuff. The internet offers a mind boggling collection of Mead recipes, all with their own twist. I chose one that seemed full of promise. I used these components:

4lbs of honey (local of course!)	wine yeast
1 gallon spring/filtered water	24 raisins
2 tbsps lemon juice	zest of 1 lemon

Simply warm the water to just below boiling point and add the honey. Let it cool and decant into the demijohn at which point you add the rest of the ingredients. Within no time at all it's giving off more gas than our Labrador, fortunately with the more pleasant aroma of honey. After 2 months of bubbling away it's drained into a clean demijohn where it is left for a further 2 months to complete fermentation. The now clear liquid is siphoned off into clean bottles and voila! Party time!

So you see us beekeepers can apply ourselves to such important matters, just as the Monks used to do during their cold Medieval winters however the proof will be in the test. I'll let you know how it turns out.

Back to the bees themselves. January is also the month for treating bees for the Varroa mite, just as we had to do in the Autumn except this time we use Oxalic acid as it doesn't need warm temperatures. It sounds like tough treatment but this solution, dribbled over the bees, contains only 3.2% acid with the rest being water and sugar. Still, best avoided if ones bees show little sign of Varroa infestation but essential if they do as these critters proliferate at an alarming rate if left unchecked. Understandably the bees are never too charmed to have their roofs removed in the depths of winter and to be dosed in this solution acid but if you get in and out as quickly as possible their discomfort and possibly yours!! are minimized. The kill rate following this treatment is between 90-95% which is essential in creating strong spring bees. At the same time you're treating the hives it's also important to heft (lift) your hives to establish whether they have enough honey stores to live off until the first nectar is brought through their front door. If the hives feel light, slap on a 1kg bag of fondant over the frames which the girls will chew on, dissolve with water into a liquid and duly pass mouth-to-mouth around the hive to ensure each member of the colony is fed. This fondant is in fact white baking fondant which we buy every year from Hillyers' Bakery in 12.5kg boxes, kindly offered to local beekeepers at a very good price. I never have a problem asking my kids to help cut up this large block of sugary gloop into 1 kg blocks as there are always enough off-cuts to make it a tasty proposition.

In the next few weeks the Snowdrops will be out then Crocuses and other bulbs, all offering their pollen hoard to bees that are prepared to brace the sometimes brisk weather. It also a timely reminder to myself to order in some fresh wax foundation and knock together a fresh batch of frames for what is hopefully a busy season ahead.

If anyone is interested in taking up this rewarding hobby, I'd be more than happy to meet at the pub and point you towards local beekeeping associations who run courses, mentorship etc. Once confident, they'll help with getting your first package of bees.

I'm also on a quest this year to enhance our Hambleton lanes by planting them up with some lovely trees like the Malus Everest (Crab Apple), Rowan or Mountain Ash, False Acacia, Cherry (single flower types only), Tiliac (Limes) etc. These trees encourage an abundance of wildlife, not to mention a splash of colour and fragrance enjoyed by all. Buying these trees in winter as bare root stock is a very cheap option so let me know if you're interested.

My email is: [artofbeeing1@gmail.com](mailto:artofbeeing1@gmail.com)



# A Big Thank You to Jane Woolley

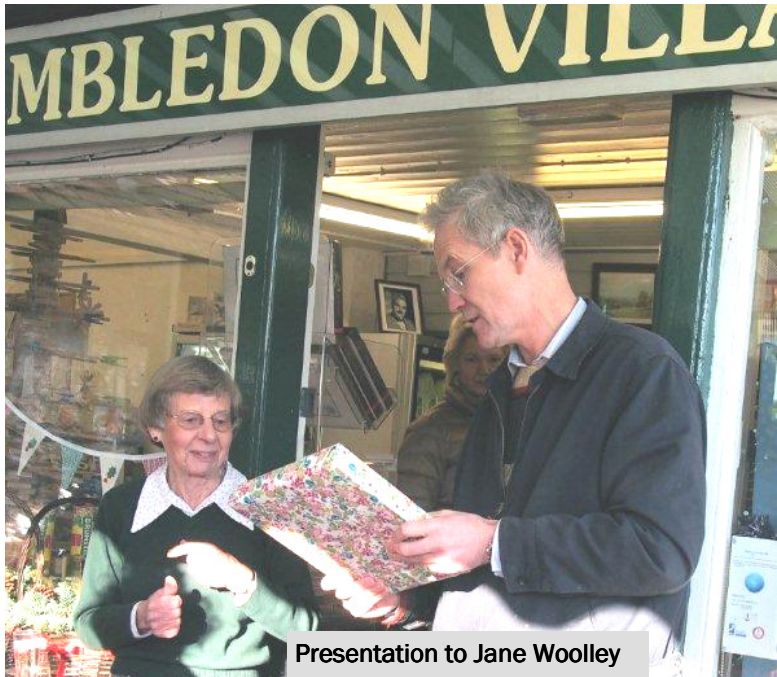


Tim Parker, Chairman of Hambledon Village Shop, writes a glowing account of a very active, village-loving and unique Hambledonian. A crowd of villagers were there for the presentation. Retiring from one role... she moves seamlessly on with others.

**A**t Noon on 13th December 2014 Jane Woolley cashed up and closed the Post Office till for the last time on the last of her weekly Saturday duties. I think she was 3p short. As you will know, she has borne the responsibility of being Hambledon's Post Mistress since the Shop's re-opening some 23 years ago and has seldom been inaccurate or imprecise in her adding up or accounting to customers.

But just in case she felt that the Shop may be in need of a cash injection, she decided, on her 70th birthday to walk 70 miles (with Derek Miller) and raise a huge sum in sponsorship. And her fund-raising doesn't end there: her success in obtaining grants for the Shop's benefit has been outstanding and has quite simply ensured the Shop's nurture and prosperity.

Oh, and did I mention the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator? Again, supremely well organised and well done.



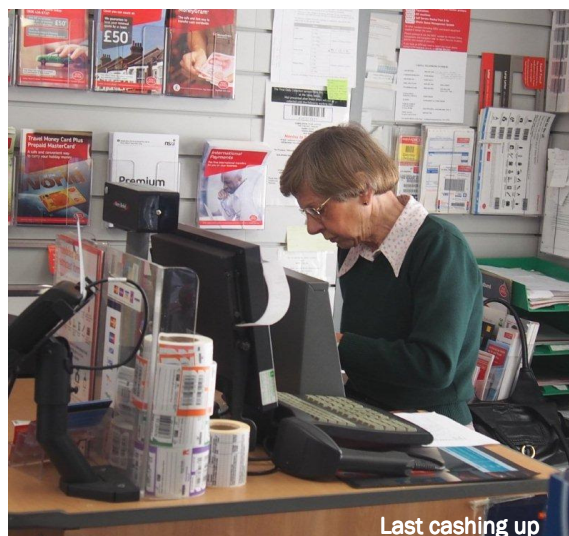
Presentation to Jane Woolley

Jane's tireless efforts continue elsewhere in the village: Parish Clerk, Oakhurst Volunteers and the Hambledon Village Trust are just some of the duties undertaken.



Being presented with a £1000 cheque from Southern Water

Jane's unstinting contribution to the village in general, and the Village Shop in particular, has been incalculable. She's been honoured in public with an MBE, but those involved in running the Shop just want to say their own 'Thank You... we'll try not to let you down!'



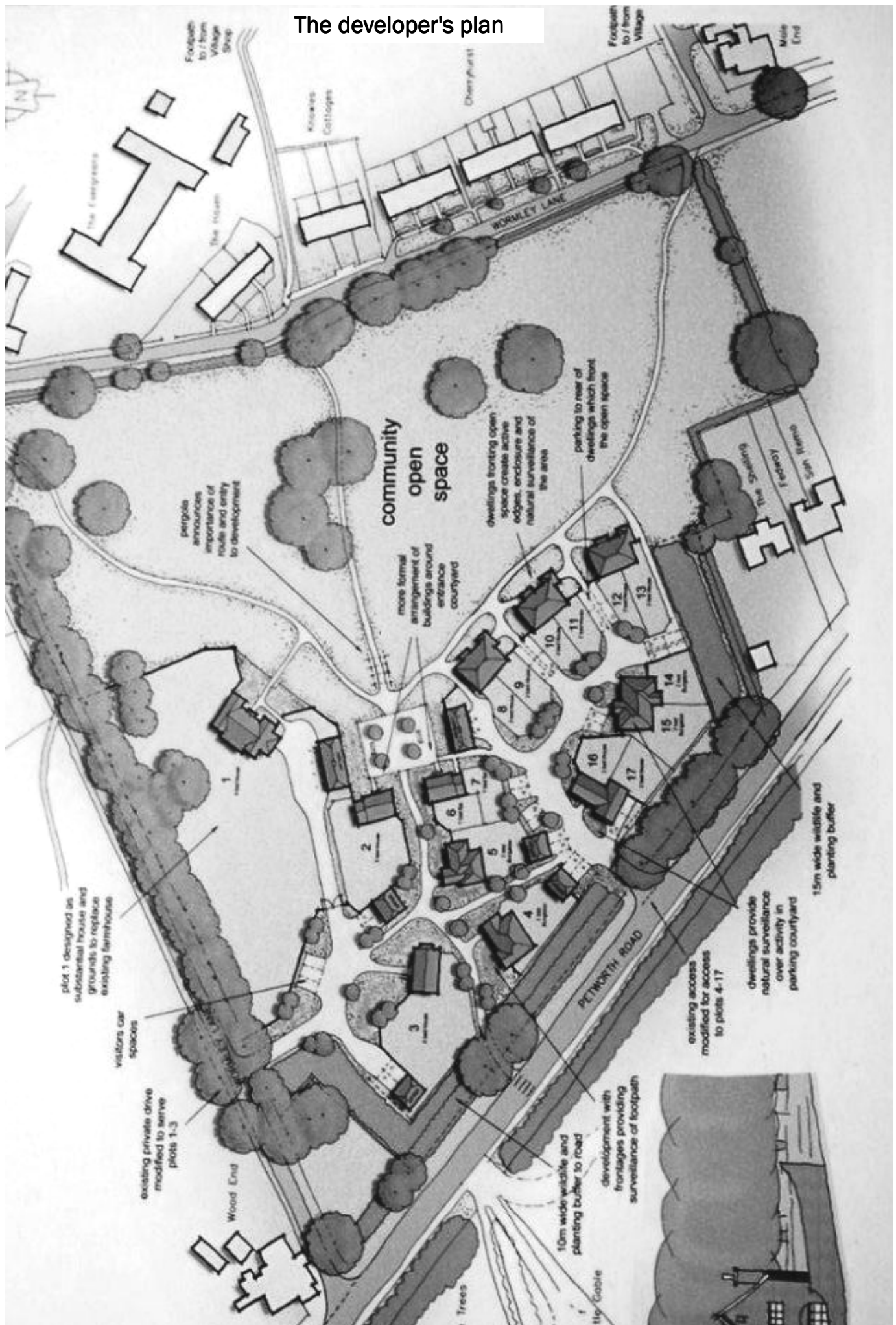
Last cashing up

I hope she'll have time just to pause for 5 minutes and come and have a cup of tea at the Shop. She may even wish to buy a postage stamp.

*Photos Philip Underwood*

**Little Teapot** Our new curate had young children and they insisted he choose for his screensaver a picture of a dancing teapot, playing the children's song 'I'm a Little Teapot'. When the earnest young HR officer for the diocese came to call, she sent back a message to the bishop: "The curate may be suffering from an identity disorder."

# The developer's plan



# Hambledon affordable housing consultation

Nick Hughes, Regional Development Manager, English Rural Housing Association, wrote that Thursday 15th January was an opportunity for local parishioners and others to have early sight of outline proposals for the redevelopment of Orchard Farm and discuss any aspects with the developers.

**The Scheme** includes 12 new affordable homes for local people, a replacement of the existing dwelling and 4 new open market dwellings, together with a large new area of public parkland/open space.

**What is Affordable Housing?** The aim is to provide homes for people on modest incomes, who cannot afford to rent or buy a home on the open market. The term includes rented accommodation and home ownership initiatives such as shared ownership.

**How Affordable?** Rents (include all service charges) and are anticipated to set at 72 % of the current market for similar type and size of properties. This equates to: 1 Bed Flat £ 152 per week; 2 Bed House £ 192; 3 Bed House £238. These rents are on average 10% below the Local Housing Allowance (Housing Benefit level) for the area. Properties sold under the Home Ownership Initiative will be sold at discounted market value, with English Rural retaining a share of the property.

**Who are the properties for?** people who are unable to afford to buy in the Parish, who cannot find rented accommodation and who have a strong local connection to the village and the community.

**What is a "local connection"?** This includes:

- > Now living in parish able to demonstrate several years of residence.
- > Previously resident in parish, unable afford to move back, strong family and social links with the village.
- > Need to live in the parish close to older relatives who need family support.
- > Currently employed or about to be in or near the parish.

**What if there is no-one in need – do you bring in people from further away?** In the unlikely event, a vacancy occurs in one of the properties and no one from the Parish, with the qualifying connection, is in need at that time, then applicants with similar connections to neighbouring Parishes will be considered. The Parishes will be specified in the planning agreement.

**Are there plans for a second phase of development?** No. The proposals specifically show a comprehensive and balanced approach for the whole site, new properties in keeping with the locality, centred on the brown-field area of the site and a restoration and enhancement of the remaining land as new public open space.

**What is to prevent further development on the "new public open space"?** To ensure the permanence of the public open space in perpetuity, English Rural propose to gift this land to the community. Ideally, the ownership of the land would be transferred to a local body or organisation together with a legal duty to protect and manage the area, for the benefit of the parishioners of Hambledon.

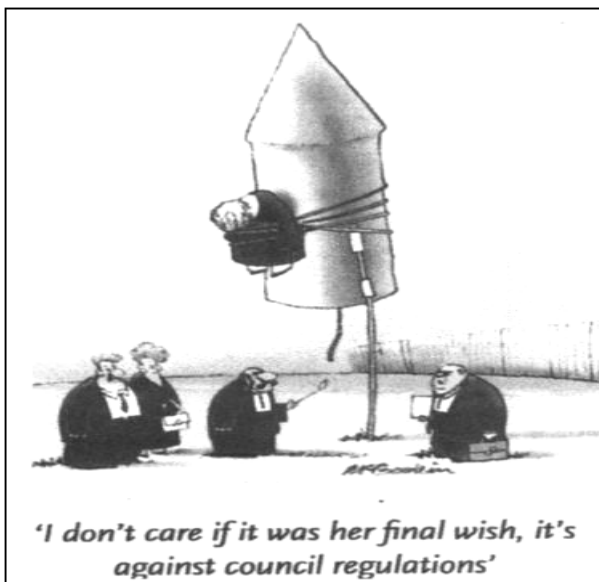
**Who is behind this proposal?** Formed in 1991, English Rural Housing Association is a not for profit organisation and is registered with the Homes and Communities Agency, the government regulatory authority. We currently manage a portfolio of over 1000 properties in villages, primarily in South East of England. For further information, please contact: Nick Hughes, Regional Development Manager, English Rural Housing Association. Tel: 01483 563758 or email [nick.hughes@englishrural.org.uk](mailto:nick.hughes@englishrural.org.uk)

## Clarification

■ Nick Hughes, regional development manager of English Rural Housing Association also writes:

"I refer to Mr Dick Young's article in the January issue concerning Orchard Farm, *Not so rare an opportunity*. This suggests that English Rural would seek to 'retain an area of land for future development. Thus it would seem the eventual development might well comprise of not 16 new homes, but many more'.

"This is not the case. On the contrary, at the Parish Council meeting on 29 October I said that English Rural was proposing a restoration and enhancement of the open space that forms half the site; and I subsequently offered on behalf of English Rural to gift this piece of land to the village. I would be grateful if this clarification could be published in the magazine".





# Confused? Aren't we all

**Paul Stone of Hambledon Park thinks that housing plans for the village are in a muddle and that some fuzzy questions in the parish council's latest housing-needs survey do not help**

I am sure that many Hambledon parishioners are as confused as I am regarding all the new housing that's proposed in Hambledon. In no time at all, we have had:

■ On 15 January an Exhibition by English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) of their proposed development at Orchard Farm, comprising 12 affordable houses and five open market properties.

■ On 16 January the closing date for public comments regarding the proposed development on land opposite the Merry Harriers Pub, comprising four affordable houses and two open-market properties

■ A letter and Housing Needs Survey from Hambledon Parish Council (HPC) dated 10 January, with the objective of identifying the needs of Hambledon Parish as to Affordable Housing.

How can we comment in a thoughtful and informed manner on current development proposals, whilst a survey is being embarked upon regarding the needs for Affordable Housing in the Village? I would have thought that HPC would have recommended to Waverley Borough Council that development proposals should be deferred until the needs of Hambledon Parish are clearly identified, but this does not appear to have happened.

As the deadline for public comments on the development at the Merry Harriers has passed, I would like to focus my observations on the ongoing Housing Needs Survey and development proposal at Orchard Farm following the ERHA Exhibition.

## **Hambledon's Housing Needs Survey**

Although I am pleased that an up-to-date survey is underway, I am disappointed by confusing questions and terminology. Let me give you some examples:

The term 'local' is used in both the covering letter and the survey, but it is not clear whether it refers to the Parish of Hambledon or to Hambledon and surrounding parishes or Waverley Borough. Different assumptions are likely to give differing responses and thus flawed conclusions from the Survey.

Question 7 asks about a 'small number of new homes in the Parish', but what does that really mean? For me two to four would be a small number, but the ERHA development proposal still on the table proposes 17 in total, so what is a "small number".

There seems to be no obvious way for parishioners to give narrative comments that will be collated in the final survey report, as to their views regarding new housing development in general in Hambledon, as I am sure that several will want to. This was certainly

the case in the last Hambledon Housing Needs survey and surveys conducted in other parishes. This always adds to the value of information and data collected.

It is a pity that no question is made as to whether parishioners feel it would be better to have small sites of two or three affordable houses widely dispersed across the parish or one large development.

To be fair to all, there is nowhere for those who don't want any sort of housing development on the Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to say exactly that.

As we are due to have the parish council's public meeting on 28 January, which hopefully will give further background on Affordable Housing, I would suggest that Parishioners wait until after that meeting to fill in the Housing Needs Survey, as hopefully some of the ambiguity above will be clarified.

## **ERHA exhibition of proposed development at Orchard Farm**

The ERHA exhibition on 15 January certainly opened my eyes as to what's really being proposed on the Orchard Farm site. I find it confusing that from, having an identified need of six affordable houses in the most recent survey of four years ago, there is a proposal on the table for 12 affordable Homes and five open-market houses on Orchard Farm. When summed with the Merry Harriers proposal, this gives a total of 23 new houses on two plots in Hambledon.

The exhibition had a poster which described what ERHA is about and who can benefit from affordable housing, much of which many of us would support, but when I came across "discounted housing" for people "downsizing" I just had to wonder who is this proposed development for?

Well, what a confusing situation we're in. Thank goodness we will have the opportunity to air our views and comments on this proposed development at the public meeting on 28 January.

The recently-distributed letter from the Campaign for Appropriate Hambledon Housing, said: "Affordable Housing will continue to be important for Hambledon. Let's do our best to make sure it is the most appropriate to our wants and needs." What sensible words.

**There is nowhere  
for those who  
don't want any  
housing on green  
belt land to say  
exactly that**



From a former parish councillor

# CAHH born to fulfil a campaigning role

Campaign for Appropriate Hambledon Housing (CAHH) was born to fill a gap, writes Edward Uren, a former Hambledon Parish Councillor

**T**he story so far: Like many who have served on Hambledon Parish Council (HPC) my knowledge and understanding of planning matters was limited. Indeed it still is. My initial reaction to hearing of the purchase of Orchard Farm by English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) was one of shock, swiftly followed by relief that if the house and outbuildings were going to be renovated or replaced, at least it was being done by a Housing Association so it might not be too bad. The written communications and some of the anger expressed at that first HPC meeting with Orchard Farm on the agenda (29th October) made me a bit uncomfortable.

Gradually, as I began to explore planning policies, my concerns grew. All of Hambledon is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This provides important protection from developers and is not a protection we want to give up. The protection means developers can only build on Hambledon land under the "Rural Exception Site" policies which relate to Affordable Housing. The clue here is in the word "Exception". Historically, Rural Exception Sites have only been developed for those who fulfil local (i.e. parish) connection criteria and have not included market housing. For this reason it has been difficult to find a site for Hambledon's modest Affordable Housing needs. Policies have now changed in a significant way.

Rural Exception Sites can now include market housing.

National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF) policy has put the meaning of the word "local" in jeopardy. It may well slide from meaning Hambledon Parish in our case, to meaning Waverley Borough.

This has three effects:

- ◆ It makes selling land more attractive to property owners;
- ◆ It means developers can make more money;
- ◆ It means more houses get built.

The last of these is good if it means the modest needs of Hambledon can be met. It is not so good if it means an explosion of development on Hambledon's AONB.

Surely Hambledon Parish Council would have alerted us if changed housing policies were a real issue?

I thought the same and for several difficult weeks tried to engage HPC to alert parishioners about the changes. Finally, at the HPC meeting on 7th January the penny dropped. HPC cannot fulfil this role. I'll say that again – HPC cannot fulfil this role.

It is not allowed to express views about government and borough housing policy – in particular Rural Exception Site policy – and how it may be applied by Waverley. It can only comment on specific planning applications.

It is because HPC is unable to fulfil a campaigning role that CAHH was born and you received the hand distributed letter from us on 11th January. Our role is complementary to HPC's role because we can campaign on things that HPC cannot.

Make no mistake about it; unless we lobby successfully to keep Rural Exception Sites solely for those with justifiable Hambledon connections, we will see a growth of Rural Exception Site proposals on our AONB that will change the rural nature of our Parish.

Proper decision making requires good information. I had hoped the recent housing survey questionnaire would provide some and we would understand better our parishioners' wishes. An extract from the draft minutes of the last HPC meeting says: "Noted that the housing needs survey should help identify whether villagers wanted affordable housing and if so, where." Unfortunately, Part 1 of the questionnaire has no question about "where" or "how big" and uses ambiguous terminology like "local" and "small" and has no narrative comment section.

We had asked HPC whether a group of Councillors and Parishioners could be established to help with the survey but the offer was rejected because the Survey was being carried out by Surrey Community Action (SCA). This is an organisation whose surveys are funded by government and, it should be noted, works closely with ERHA and WBC. One of its primary concerns is establishing housing need so that houses can be built. HPC has now issued the survey questionnaire but the questions don't address many of the issues that concern Parishioners. HPC has been alerted to some of the more obvious deficiencies in the questionnaire and we must wait and see how HPC/SCA address them.

We all need to understand our housing issues better and the public meeting on 28th January at the Village Hall is an opportunity to do just that. Please do attend if you possibly can.

**Rural Exception  
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An outsider's view, from a knowledgeable former resident

# Memories of a Hambledon childhood

**Paul Collier, from Lincolnshire, sends us his memories of growing up in Hambledon during the 1950s, where his parents ran Hambledon Homes. That included playing at Orchard Farm, which was just next door, and Paul offers an outsider's view of the proposed development of Bill Gray's old farm**

**M**y old mate Ron Vickery sent me a copy of December's Hambledon Parish Magazine, which I found most interesting. So I thought readers might want to hear about my memories of a boyhood spent in the village during the 1950s.

I moved to Hambledon in 1950 at the age of five with my mother and father. Mum was a hospital matron and Dad was a superintendent. Their job was to re-open Hambledon Homes, which is now part of the Hambledon Park development at the top of Wormley Lane. The hospital was empty and unstaffed except for a resident maintenance engineer – Mr Wheel.

That first summer I had a fantastic time exploring the grounds of the hospital, then up onto the common, finding the sand pit, Sweet Water Lake and so on. The summer holidays passed and I was sent to a school in Witley. The only recollection I have of that school is walking to the village hall near the Witley cricket green for lunch. Then I moved to Hambledon School of which I hold fond memories. Mrs Peer was the head mistress. Mrs Freemantle and Mrs Goad, who lived in Church Lane, were also on the staff.

Mr Goad used to repair shoes in a wooden shed on the path behind the village shop. It was at school that Ron and I became firm friends and have remained so for 65 years. I noted Alf Hammond's name in the magazine. Alf was also with us. I remember the village pond near the shop being dug and the Coronation celebrations on the green. I remember returning home from school touring the wards that were now full of patients to find my mum. Those were the days.

When I was 11 I moved to Rodborough School, then on the A3. It used to be an army camp. This was before the new school was built in Milford.



**1953 –Hambledon Homes decked in coronation bunting**

The children from the other end of the village went to the secondary school in Godalming and that is when, you could say, Ron and I parted.

In 1950, my father bought a Standard Flying 9 second-hand from Phillips garage on the Petworth Road while he waited delivery of an Austin A40. That car eventually arrived in October 1953. Hard to believe now – isn't it? – a three-year wait for a new car.

In October 1958 I had helped my father wash the car in the morning and that evening he died very suddenly at the age of 52. I was just 14. Mother carried on until 1959 when she retired. I was nearing school-leaving age and interested in agriculture so we moved to Lincolnshire where my mother had roots. We left Hambledon, but a little bit of my heart stayed there.

## Playing in Orchard Farm

On reading December's magazine, I was very interested by the articles on Orchard Farm because I used to play with Edgar Gray from Orchard Farm.

Now, of course, I'm an outsider with no interest either way in the proposed development. Though I have to ask: if the smart houses in Hambledon Park had been built before the houses at Cherryhurst on Wormley Lane, would there have been a lot of opposition? I think so.

No way could you say that Orchard Farm is beautiful. New, tastefully-built houses on Orchard Farm will look a lot better than the old Hambledon Homes did when I arrived in 1950 or when they were finally closed down – what a sight they had become by the mid 1970s.

It's true, none of us old ones like change, but our future is with the younger generation and they have to live somewhere. Yes, Hambledon is a lovely village and has changed very little in the past 65 years. But Orchard Farm is on the outskirts of the village and, if the development was done sympathetically, you need hardly know it was there.

In the Lincolnshire village where I live, there are eight new affordable homes, and a crematorium was built in the past 12 months on class-one agricultural land. Yes, green belt is fine and we all want to see it. We all also want to eat locally-produced food and 33 per cent of our food is grown on green-belt land. But that means we have to share the housing problem. It's too easy to say, "Not in my back yard". Meanwhile, may I wish everyone in Hambledon a happy new year.

# Two vicars... and a prize to win

Two vicars? Who do you recognise?

This photograph was taken at a recent local birthday party at which two vicars were overheard discussing whether one should come to a party in ones working clothes.

A small prize is offered to the first correct answer, identifying the two people involved, e-mailed to the editor.



## ... and two more – plus shed with message

How many vicars does it take to move a shed ?

The advent shed in the weeks leading up to Christmas was sited at Busbridge Church, until ... the Council said it must move.



The gang moving it included **Curate Rev. James**, **office manager Nick**, and **Rector Rev. Simon** ....

...to a final position outside the church office.



**The Shed** had a message for all people passing by on the Brighton Road. Each night it had a different crew, and this is how it looked on the evening it was staffed by the **Hambleton Adams home group**





# More re-heaping and shock



**Disturbance again, then some comfort, but Earthworm is too big not to notice things beyond his heap, the weird winter and dreadful events beyond these shores**

**I**t's a funny old winter muses Earthworm. He has had to move house again because (they said) they needed the contents to spread all over the flower beds and veg garden, "Good for growing" they said. So now he is re-installed in the next door heap and making himself once again at home. Apart from other worms he thinks he has it to himself though he is uncertain of the whereabouts of those large grass snakes that were to be seen in the summer, let alone their hatchlings.

December brought a very varied weather picture, but hardly truly a winter: a couple only of really cold frosts (down to -5°C). Were they enough, he wonders to kill off the bugs and diseases? January too has been amazingly mild most of the time in the south, though the midlands and north did get some snow after Christmas. Only Spring will tell, unless we get some more harder and longer frosts.

But there has been a lot of rain. The ground is very wet and each time it pours it takes longer on the clay soil that some in the village have, to soak away. Ditches have been full and the roads flooded making

driving quite hazardous. It all comes back to years of no maintenance by the council. Earthworm well remembers "Jack the road-man" of his childhood who would work his way along all the country roads and lanes and there was never the problem we see today. Now they have the machinery to do the job but no money to pay some one to ride it!

As we go to press for the February Mag the world is appalled and the French in a state of shock about the recent massacre at Charlie Hebdo. In the last six months we have read of the two shootings in schools in the States, and we hear of the appalling massacres in Nigeria by Boko Haram.

Suddenly these episodes are closer to our own shores. Earthworm shivers in alarm lest such a thing might happen in our own country. We are dependant on intelligence services and our police and ever-decreasing army. These extremists are cunning and very well trained.

Let us hope and pray there are no further incidents anywhere else. It has made a sad start to our New Year and all it had to promise.



## Shedding shed crime

**PCSO Dave Boxall advises on practical measures to ensure safety from shed crime**

**A**s we move further into the new year, and away from the darkness of midwinter it is an opportune time for me to discuss the issue of shed, garage and outbuilding security. Sadly it had become a bit of a tradition that sheds always seemed to be targetted as soon as the darker evenings came in October. However after last winter and the never ending rain and flooding that occurred, there seemed to be a change in the dynamics, as even those with criminal tendencies were not out and about. It was the arrival of the better weather at the beginning of April, which brought forth the spate of shed and garage thefts.

So, in an effort to try to avoid this happening again, and bearing in mind that there can be a tendency to forget the shed and its contents over the winter until it is too late, Please see the following advice:

Use a good quality hasp and padlock to British Standard, to secure the door. To prevent a thief unscrewing the door hinges, (and it does happen) use a "superglue" to fill the screw heads.

If possible, lock any windows, or cover the windows with an opaque film (available from hardware shops) to prevent anyone seeing the shed contents.

Install a shed alarm, either battery or mains, these have come down in price considerably in recent years. Use an ultra-violet property marking pen to mark tools and garden equipment, with a unique marking. We have these available if anyone is interested, please let us know. Register valuable equipment with serial numbers on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com), and record the serial numbers in a safe place.

Hopefully, by using these simple steps we can prevent the upset and annoyance connected with thefts.

Regards, Dave

Police Community Support Officer David Boxall, Milford, Witley, Hambledon & Brook, Surrey Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, Tel 101 Ext: 30086 Direct: 01483 630086, Mob: 07967 986110 Web: [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) Please note I work a shift pattern and it may take up to 4 days to reply to your email

For non-urgent also notification of a minor crime use online crime reporting page [www.surrey.police.uk/minorcrime](http://www.surrey.police.uk/minorcrime)

Local news, local surgery dates or Police-Public panel meeting please visit [www.surrey.police.uk/neighbourhood](http://www.surrey.police.uk/neighbourhood)



# Oakhurst Cottage readying for new season

**Jane Woolley, Chair of the Oakhurst advisory committee reports that after last year's investment in conservation, to repair the roof structure on the front, it will soon reopen but needs some more volunteers.**

**F**our hundred years have taken their toll on Oakhurst and throughout 2014 it has been a high-priority item for the National Trust. £25,000 has been invested in conserving and repairing the roof structure on the front of the cottage, including the rafters, ceiling joists and dormer window, using traditional materials such as lime plaster and riven lathes.

The structural work has been complemented by an equally important programme of research, carried out over the year by Sarah Munford, the NT's regional curator, assisted by Sophie Clarke. Paint analyses helped determine the history of the cottage. The Hambledon scrapbook gave a good idea of traditional clothing and the role of a 19th century farm labourer; the Rural Life Centre museum at Tilford and Gertrude Jekyll's Old West Surrey were useful sources of information on furnishings and ornamentation.

All of these details are being taken into account in deciding how to present the cottage when it reopens in April; and appropriate (and authentic) items of furniture and other contents are now being sourced.

There is one more thing that Oakhurst needs: **more volunteer cottage guides.** The National Trust will be concentrating on a recruitment drive, but the best source of recruits is the village itself. Does anyone reading this article feel that he or she – or anyone else – might be interested? Ideally it would mean giving up two afternoons per month – but those who could only manage one will not be turned away!

The cottage is open from 2–5pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons for three pre-booked tours of 45 minutes, each for a maximum of six people. It helps to have two guides on duty – if you're guiding and the next party turns up a bit early



it's helpful if someone else is there to welcome and chat to them before their tour can start.

Training is given; expenses (travel and out-of-pocket) are reimbursed; and expenses and other administrative details can be logged on the NT's MyVolunteering web site. All guides also get a volunteer NT membership card which, in an area like ours, with so many NT properties, is a nice add-on.

The NT's visitor services centre at Winkworth Arboretum administers Oakhurst, including bookings and organisation of the guides' rota. Anyone interested in joining the team or who would like to know more should contact Michelle Kent or Mike Smythe at Winkworth Arboretum, telephone no. 01483 208936 or e-mail [oakhurstcottage@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:oakhurstcottage@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Alternatively, or in addition, join the present group of volunteers at their pre-season briefing meeting on **Saturday 7 March** in Hambledon Village Hall (if you plan to come it would be helpful if you could let Michelle or Mike know). The meeting will start at 10.30 and end with a buffet lunch; and it will include presentations by Sarah Woodcock and Sophie Clarke on the research project and on how the cottage will be displayed when it reopens at the beginning of April.



## Weather meant no walk, but a stroll for some

**Derek reports more challenging times in prospect**

**N**o walk in January by mutual consent of everybody. The prospect of mud up to the knees and soaking rain was the decisive factor. I know, time was when we would not have been deterred, but age brings wisdom, and common sense, at least that's my excuse.

Next walk weather permitting will be the penultimate section of the Fox Way. This will take us from Puttenham to Worplesdon Station. Armchair research, indicates that the six plus miles will be interesting.

Incidentally the Hambledon Strollers Managed to have a short walk in glorious sunshine!

### **Next Walk Tuesday 10 February**

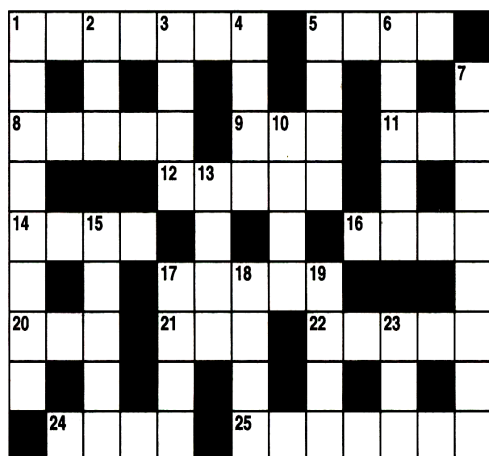
Meet at the Village Hall at 9am  
Pub lunch. Leader Derek Miller

### **Short Walk Tuesday 24th February**

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.30pm  
Further details Derek Miller Tel: 01428 684362

# Puzzle Page

## Crossword



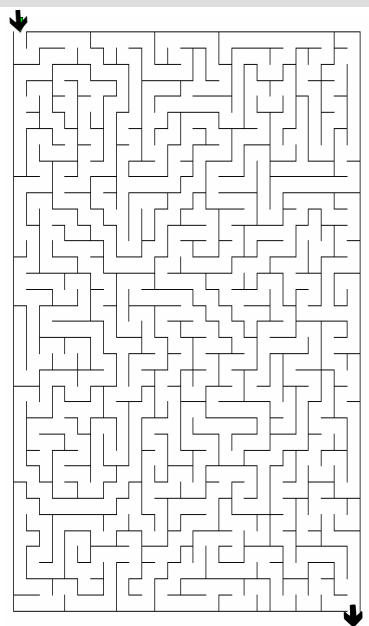
### ACROSS

- 1 In a tired manner (7)
- 5 Soccer match infringement (4)
- 8 Highly satisfactory (5)
- 9 American film actress  
Miss Thurman (3)
- 11 Scarcely any (3)
- 12 \_\_\_ Fool, victim of a hoax (5)
- 14 \_\_\_ in Boots, panto (4)
- 16 Make briefly unconscious (4)
- 17 First name shared by actresses  
Roberts and Stiles (5)
- 20 Richard Briers' character in  
*The Good Life* (3)
- 21 Will Smith boxing film (3)
- 22 Brand-name gravy powder (5)
- 24 Move along leisurely (4)
- 25 Showing compassion for (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Racing dogs (8)
- 2 100 square metres (3)
- 3 *La\_\_\_ Bonita*, 1987  
No. 1 for Madonna (4)
- 4 On \_\_\_ marks, get ready (4)
- 5 Baby animal (4)
- 6 Out of shape (5)
- 7 Last performance (8)
- 10 Undersized (4)
- 13 \_\_\_ Ross, TV presenter  
brother of Jonathan (4)
- 15 Lively ballroom dance  
originating in Brazil (5)
- 17 Car-raising device (4)
- 18 Pronunciation problem (4)
- 19 Encourage to do wrong (4)
- 23 Runner for snow travel (3)

## Maze



In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when he made his first 'public appearance'.

Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child – to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas.

Jesus is described in the Bible as the Light of the World, and so early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

The story can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith, and recognition of who Jesus was, is of course found in the *Nunc Dimittis*, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West.

## Word Search

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## Sudoku

Easy

Intermediate

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Answers to all puzzles on page 30

# Winter, but jobs to do, spring in sight

## The Garden



in February

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky, Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields  
Seems nowhere to alight: the withered air hides hills and woods, the river, and heaven,  
and veils the farm-house at the garden's end. Delayed, friends shut out, all sit around  
radiant fireplace, enclosed in tumultuous privacy of storm – Ralph Waldo Emerson

**P**lanning for the spring can all be done this month. There are seeds to be bought and plug plants to be ordered.

**Perennials, annuals, bulbs:** nurseries, garden centres and mail-order companies are now offering seedlings and larger plug plants for growing on, to flower outdoors during summer. An enormous range is available from mini seed trays to small individual pots; they are great value for money, being a fraction of the cost of fully grown plants, and with the advantage of being past the tricky germination stage; however, if you do not have well-lit windowsills, a greenhouse or a conservatory, then avoid buying the plants too early and do not keep them too warm or they will become leggy; pot the seedlings on into modules or 9cm pots if large enough; larger plug plants can be potted on straight into 9cm pots; place in good light and ideally keep around 16-18°C; water plants carefully with watering can fitted with fine rose, to avoid disturbance; feed bigger plug plants with balanced fertiliser fortnightly and seedlings only monthly, or incorporate slow release fertiliser granules in the growing medium; space the plants well apart, do not overwater and ventilate well to avoid risk of disease; only plant outdoors when danger of frost has passed. Start repotting permanent container plants; if a larger pot is no longer convenient, replant in the same pot, removing about a third of the root ball and replant with fresh compost around it. Cut back herbaceous perennials and deciduous grasses, left for winter interest, before new growth starts.

For early displays, sow **sweetpeas** in a greenhouse or cold frame. Increasing light levels and temperatures should stimulate growth from overwintered **pelargoniums**; if plants that were lifted, cut back hard to 10cm; if potted up and kept in a frost-free place, they do not need further pruning; plants kept in their pots, but not pruned in autumn, can be renovated by hard pruning, then repot, removing some of the old growing medium and adding some new; when new growth starts, pinch back to encourage branching. Well tended plants can last several years, but do take cuttings regularly to keep stock vigorous.

**Shrubs and trees:** finish pruning climbing and rambling roses; prune bush roses toward end of the month. Renovate overgrown deciduous hedges such as beech and hornbeam; if reducing by 50% or more, stagger pruning over two seasons, tackling one side per year.

**Veg and Fruit:** sow veg such as broad beans, leeks, peas, onions and salads under cover for early planting. Start warming the soil for early sowing of veg, by covering the soil with polythene or cloches; Prune **autumn-fruiting raspberries** close to ground level;

to get a small early crop, a few strong shoots can be left unpruned. Chit the **potato tubers** in the middle of the month; growing tubers in potato bags is a space saving way of growing potatoes; good potatoes to grow in this way are Casablanca, Lady Christl, Maris Bard and Charlotte among others; as a general rule each tuber needs eight litres of compost to produce good results; 40 litre special potato bags can be used for five tubers; half fill the bag with compost into which 125g of potato fertiliser has been incorporated, and space the five tubers evenly and sink into the compost; as the haulms (stems) develop, the bags need to be gradually filled with more compost almost to the brim; the most important factor of success is keeping compost moist but not saturated, especially for the first six weeks until the plants are well established; this minimises the risk of getting a lot of "pinheads" where tubers failed to develop; as plants grow, watering can be increased – especially during warmer weather, feed potatoes with nitrogen when first planted, but after that feed with high potash for most of the growing period; you can experiment with container shapes and sizes and spacing of tubers.

**Greenhouse and indoors:** if a temperature of 10°C can be maintained, pot up **dahlia tubers**. Prune overwintered fuchsias to one or two buds on each shoot. Prune indoor Bougainvillea and Passiflora.

**Cut spring flowers** It is the season for cut spring flowers with daffodils and tulips for sale in abundance; here are some tips to help **tulips** last longer and prevent them from drooping the day after they were bought: *before putting them in a vase*, cut the bottom 2cm off with a diagonal cut, holding the place where the cut is made under running tepid water to stop air getting into the stem; use cut flower food if provided and put the stems into the water; after 3-4 days repeat the cutting and refresh the water; continue this routine and you will find they will last much longer.

Cut **daffodils and hyacinths** last longer in shallow water, so when you re-cut their stems and change their water (adding additional floral food) every two or three days, fill the vase only partway; you can leave the protective husks on or gently remove them.

When **daffodil stems** are cut, they release sap that can shorten the life of other flowers; to prevent this, after cutting their stems, place them in a bucket of water for at least 12 hours on their own before mixing them with other flowers; some modern designs use daffodils with the bulb and roots still intact on the stems; the soil is washed from the root system – and you can enjoy the full botany of the flower from roots to stem, leaves and blossoms.



Hambledon Cricket Club

# A call to join the thriving whites

**Club Chairman Arthur Blackman announces the AGM, and calls for even more...  
Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Volunteers for the all important teas etc**

## IMPORTANT DATE FOR 2015 DIARY.

The club's **Annual General Meeting for 2015** will be held on **Tuesday 24 February, at 8pm at the Cricket Pavilion**, for Members to attend.

This meeting is important as it is for the election of Club Captains, Club Officers, Welfare Officer, Colts Organisers etc. for the 2015 season and to discuss the clubs finances and future plans.

Anyone wishing to become new or non playing member is welcome to attend and take part at the meeting and add to the discussions.

## GENERAL ITEMS:

**Senior Sides 2015.** We will be running a 1st XI League and Friendly XI sides this year.

**PLAYERS.** We need more players for both League and Friendly Fixtures.

Games are played either on a Saturday or Sunday Please contact us if you wish to play or would like to help in the running of the Club Matches. i.e. scoring, umpiring, making teas, or helping in other ways etc.

**Juniors' Section 2015.** We will run Junior Sides in 2015 for: Under 9s, 11s, 13s and possibly U15s.

All age groups will be entered into the Berkeley Sports League for their relevant age group and we are expecting between 8-10 league games for each age group. More details on training and fixtures later.

*Junior Coaching & Team Managers & Volunteers for all groups.* We need help in running the Junior Teams etc this year.

If you can help in anyway, please contact, Caroline Tristem – email [tristem@btinternet.com](mailto:tristem@btinternet.com) or Bob Cunningham – email [bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk](mailto:bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk). The season runs from early April through to end July and generally involves training each Saturday morning or a week day evening. There will also be matches at the weekend either on a Friday night or Sunday morning. Training for helpers will be given via the Club Coaches/Managers under the Surrey CC guidance etc.

## Fund Raising:

We aim to run the "The 200 Club" again in 2015, and we hope all those who took part in last year's, 4 monthly draws, will choose to participate again. Please contact Bruce Sleep (01428 684457) if you are interested or require further information.

Should you require any information about the club, please call the Club Captain, Mark Burton (07722 752465) ; Friendly Captain, Peter Woolley, (07800 596193); Secretary, Bruce Sleep (01428 684457), or our President, Mic. Coleman, ( 01428 682977).

*Arthur Blackman, Chairman*

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## Love is...

*A group of 4 to 8 year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....*

~ "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

~ "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

~ "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

~ "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

~ "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

~ "Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

~ "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily - age 8

~ "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

**Marriage is....** a very good way to promote civilisation – according to Socrates, if you get a good partner you will be happy, if you get a bad one you will become a philosopher.



# The breaks that hurt



**The fine form of the Dons – Hambleton FC – was interrupted first by the Christmas break and then by a questionable free kick conceded against a promotion rival, as club skipper Matt Kiley explains**

**H**ambleton first team kept their excellent current form going with a hard-fought victory over Worplesdon Phoenix. The Dons went 1-0 up after a great finish from Ollie Moseley from outside the box despite the best efforts of their left back. However, Worplesdon were soon on level terms when they broke down the right and the cross was converted unchallenged at the far post.

Level pegging at half time, but the Dons were ahead again after the break. After a great maizey run from Jonny Suarez from left back led to a throw-in deep in the opposition half. Kuda dummied the throw in and Max Dodson smashed home. At that point, the Dons should have finished the game off. However Will Grove was introduced and his first contribution was to give a needless penalty away when there was no danger and their striker made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Will's day was made even worse when he was forced off with a bad injury that looks to have ended his season. But Hambleton didn't let their heads drop and took the game to Worplesdon again. The Dons had their lead back with a great team goal. Neil Evans won the ball and played to Rob Green who found Tom Winter. A great piece of skill out wide and combination play between Tom and Kuda let the striker fire home.

Worplesdon Phoenix threw everything at the Dons for the last 10 minutes, but the Dons held firm to take all three points.

## **Worst possible time**

This was the last game before Christmas and the break came at the worst possible time as the team was on a great run. Worse followed with the first game back – away to Ockham – was called off because of a waterlogged pitch.

This led to a top-of-the-table clash with fellow promotion hopefuls Woking and Horsell. In the first half each team cancelled out each other, with limited sights on goal.

Woking upped their game in the second half and Hambleton were indebted to Nathan Dear as he made a great save from a header. The Dons had a lot of joy down the wings. Their approach play was fantastic, with some super football being played, but there was no end product.

With the game looking to be heading towards a draw Woking were given a questionable free kick, which they took quickly and smashed home to their delight. The Dons pushed forward in numbers and had

chances – Adam Rogers put a good chance just over the bar and a Jonny Suarez header failed to test the keeper. Last, special mention should go to Ryan Luff, who was handed his debut and gave a composed performance.

The Reserves kept up their fine form, with two more excellent wins at Badger Park. First, Ockham were dispatched 5-1 with goals from Scott Fitzsimmons (2), Luke Winter, Dom Piatek and Chris Diaz. Next up were Windlesham and, despite 10 minutes of madness, the Dons ran out 6-3 winners. Chris Diaz helped himself to four goals, while Myles Golden-Oliver and Dom Piatek grabbed the others.

It is turning into a two-horse race at the top of the division, with Hambleton and Laleham leading the way, followed by Knaphill and Godalming & Farncombe. It is a big month for the Dons as they also face the University of Surrey in the League Cup quarter final, with the students currently top of the Premier Reserve Division.

Hambleton Vets had enjoyed an unbeaten season, but came unstuck against Hambleton A team in the Presidents Cup, which enjoyed a bumper crowd at Badger Park. Darren Martin scored the all-important goal in a close match. The A team will be looking to add to its silverware after beating Shalford Social Reserves to progress into the next round of the League Cup.



**Chris Diaz – helping himself to goals**

## GOD IN THE ARTS

# The visionary dissenter

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his look at great works of Christian art. This month, William Blake's *The Ancient of Days*

“Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool...All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 66.1-2). Each month we are exploring a work of art that invites us to look from canvas to creation and see there signs of wonder and of glory – signs of God the creator of all that is. The prophet Isaiah invites us to look in humility and awe at creation and so be led into praise of God the creator.

Medieval paintings often showed God the creator as an architect with his compass marking out the universe. It is an image caught up in William Blake's illustration for *The Ancient of Days* in 1794. We see God leaning down from eternity, with the swirl of fire and wind moving through his hair and beard. His compass is stretched out as he brings into being this universe of time and space. It is a powerful and dynamic portrayal of God the creator, the one named by Daniel as the ancient of days, the one before time began.

William Blake was born in 1757 and became a poet, engraver and painter. Although he lived in poverty and died unrecognized, he is now acclaimed as a great artist and visionary whose perception of creation around enabled him to “see a world in a grain of sand”. He wrote of the sun in the sky: “What, it will be questioned, when the sun rises, do you not see a round disc of fire somewhat like a guinea? Oh no, I see an innumerable company of the heavenly hosts crying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.”

### Ponder creation

That kind of visionary power can open our own eyes. As we look and ponder creation, we can ask ourselves, does it evoke a sense of wonder, or is it just a means to an end, a resource for us to use and exploit? And more than that: does this world lead us into an awareness of the cause of all that is?

Another visionary and poet, Paul Claudel wrote: “When we want to look at a picture, we make use of our eyes. When we listen to music, we make use of our ears. When we think about God and meditate on him, we can let eyes and ears lead us to the idea of cause to guide us. As a creating and sustaining cause, God is everywhere present.

Everything is as a result of him, but he himself remains always cause and never result.”

With William Blake and with Paul Claudel, we can look and listen to the world in which we live, and so think about the origin of such wonder and beauty. It is work that requires patience and attention and the willingness to be surprised. But it is work that will take us from creation to creator as we realise that this world is the result of his will, his compass reaching out from eternity into time and space.

Blake was revising *The Ancient of Days* right up to his death in 1827. “I have done all I can,” he said. “It is the best I ever finished.” With that he died on 12 August, singing of the wondrous things he saw in heaven. As we look on this painting, his work may move us to song as we echo the psalmist: “The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.”







# Small, but perfectly formed

**Yellow is the colour to banish winter blues, says the magazine's cookery writer, Sam Gates. And, in cookery, yellow means lemon – hence this tasty little lemon drizzle cake**

**S**tep aside Winter, with your banshee winds, boring rain and biting cold, and make room for my favourite season to sidle up and take us away from all this mud.

Spring is mostly about green and yellow things – like daffodils, new shoots, watery sunshine and emerald fields full of white furry things. I admit, lemons aren't exactly falling off the trees of Hambledon at this time of year (or any time of the year in these latitudes), but this drizzle cake – with its light, airy sponge and sharp, sugary topping – feels so Spring-like that it'll soon have you shaking off your dark side and gambolling around the village with renewed vigour.

True, this isn't exactly huge, but after all that Christmas indulgence, you probably don't want too

much cake. This is the perfect size to pep up four sluggish people on a drizzly day in February. Use a small round cake tin.



## Lemon drizzle cake

60 grams butter  
100 grams caster sugar  
1 egg  
½ tea spoon baking powder  
100 grams self-raising flour  
2 table spoons milk  
1 table spoon lemon juice  
For the icing  
4 table spoons icing sugar  
1 table spoon lemon juice



### Method

Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees and grease your cake tin.

Beat butter and sugar together until creamy, then beat in the egg.

Mix in the baking powder and the flour, then add the milk and the lemon juice

Pour into the baking tin and bake for about 20 minutes until golden.

Mix icing sugar and lemon juice to make the icing. Remove from the oven, and make little holes in the cake with a thin stick, like a cake tester or a kebab stick. Pour the icing over cake while still warm.

Wait until it cools, then eat and enjoy!

**Two books by Sam Gates, *Food for your Brood* and *The Royal Marsden Cancer Cookbook*, will be published in Spring 2015**

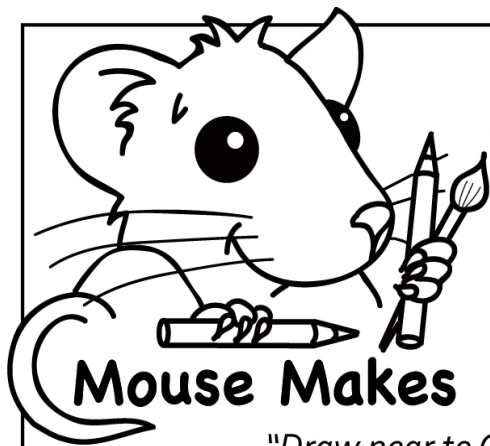


**The Hambledon Community Pavilion is now open and available for hire. It's the perfect venue for:**

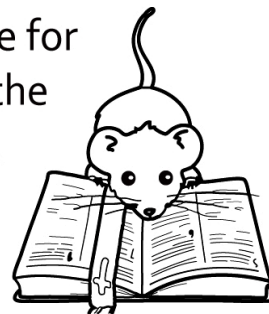
- Day and evening classes
- Group and activities meetings
- Sports games
- Children's birthday parties

*If you are interested in hiring the pavilion, please contact Matt Kiley on 07557 479349 or email*

*[hambledonfc@gmail.com](mailto:hambledonfc@gmail.com) for a booking form*

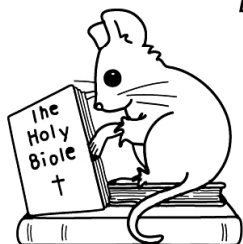


The 40 days before Easter are called **LENT**. Lent is a time for Christians to pray, read the bible and turn to God.



"Draw near to God"  
James 4:8

During Lent read  
Matthew's Gospel



The first day  
of Lent is  
ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
It is a day of  
**repentance**,  
a day for  
saying  
**sorry** to God  
for any  
wrong things  
you have said  
or thought  
or done.

"Love God with all  
your heart, mind  
and soul"  
Matthew  
22:37



During Lent  
**pray** for someone,  
**encourage** someone  
and **tell** someone  
about Jesus

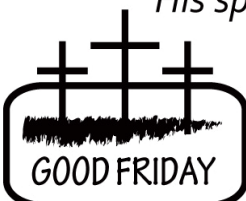
Tuesday

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

The Lord is here,  
His spirit is with us



40  
PALM SUNDAY

Saturday



LENT CALENDAR  
Colour in a square  
each day to Easter





Of mnemonics and corny jokes, and a note of concern for the ever evolving land- or house-scape. A puff for The Heritage Society, which stands ready to joust with all comers

**OK,** so I have missed the deadline for the January Parish Mag! Not bad though, first time in around 18 years!!

## First, the answer to December's riddle:

"what was this supposed to remind me of when I was at school?" and "what was it called?". "Richard of York gave battle in vain" (the word "gave" was missed out in December's issue).

It's called a "mnemonic aid" and it's to help you remember things. This one was to help you remember the colours of the rainbow, by its initials = red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. If you knew this, go and pour yourself a large gin as a reward!

And now, only one month late:

This season's awful cracker jokes/mottos, from the lovely Nicky Cornell.

Q: what do you call a bunch of chess players, bragging about their game in a hotel lobby?

A: Chessnut boasting over an open foyer (aaarch!).

Q: What says oh, oh, oh?

A: Santa walking backwards. (groan!)

Q: What do you give a reindeer with a sore tummy?

A: Elk-a-seltzer (no more!)

Q: What did one snowman say to another?

A: Can you smell carrots?

Thanks, Nicky (I think?)

## So how was 2014 then?

Farm Cottage Planning Application – hmmm. Orchard Farm Planning application – bigger hmmm. Brickworks Company nicking our footpath – hmmm with bells on!

The Hambledon Heritage Society is always involved in anything that we think may affect our village and environs, so if you think that you may have something to contribute, please get in touch with one of us. Me, 01483 423637, Julie Steel 01428 682853 or any other member of the society.

Have you seen the size of the houses at Milford Hospital? A snip at only £1.2 million! And of course loads of access..... Tuesley Lane!

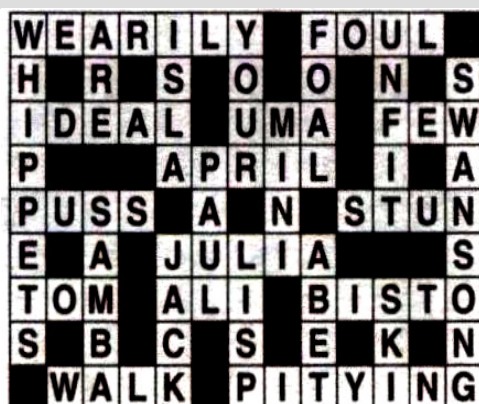
A belated Happy New Year from

Ross and GWJ xx



# Puzzle Solutions

## Crossword



## Word Search

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Mothers  
Temple  
Jesus  
Purified  
Present

Lord  
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Presentation  
Light  
World  
Candlemas  
Simeon  
Nunc  
Dimittis  
Office  
Evening  
Prayer  
West



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

Easy **Sudoku** Intermediate

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

## Hambledon - Milford - Guildford

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Stagecoach Hants & Surrey

Timetable effective September 3rd 2012

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Only

Wormley Lane End	0915	1215			
Hambledon Common, Cricket Grn	0916	1216	Guildford Friary Bus Station	1005	1345
Hydestile Cross Roads	0923	1223	Tillingbourne Road	1013	/
Milford Manor Fields	0930	1230	Chilworth Hornhatch	1019	/
Milford Chapel Lane	0935	1235	Blackheath	1028	/
Godalming Bridge St	0941	1241	Wonersh Barnett Lane	1033	/
Godalming Sainsbury's	0945	1245	Bramley Grange	1038	/
Farncombe The Oval	/	1250	Peasmarsh The Green	1044	1352
Peasmarsh The Green	0950	1255	Farncombe The Oval	1049	/
Bramley Grange	/	1301	Godalming Sainsbury's	1054	1138 1400
Wonersh Barnett Lane	/	1306	Godalming The Square	1058	1140 1402
Blackheath	/	1311	Milford Chapel Lane	...	1147 1412
Chilworth Hornhatch	/	1320	Milford Manor Fields	...	1152 1417
Tillingbourne Road	/	1326R	Hydestile Cross Roads	...	1159 1424
Guildford Friary Bus Station	1000	1334	Hambledon Common	...	1206 1431
			Wormley Lane End	...	1207 1432

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