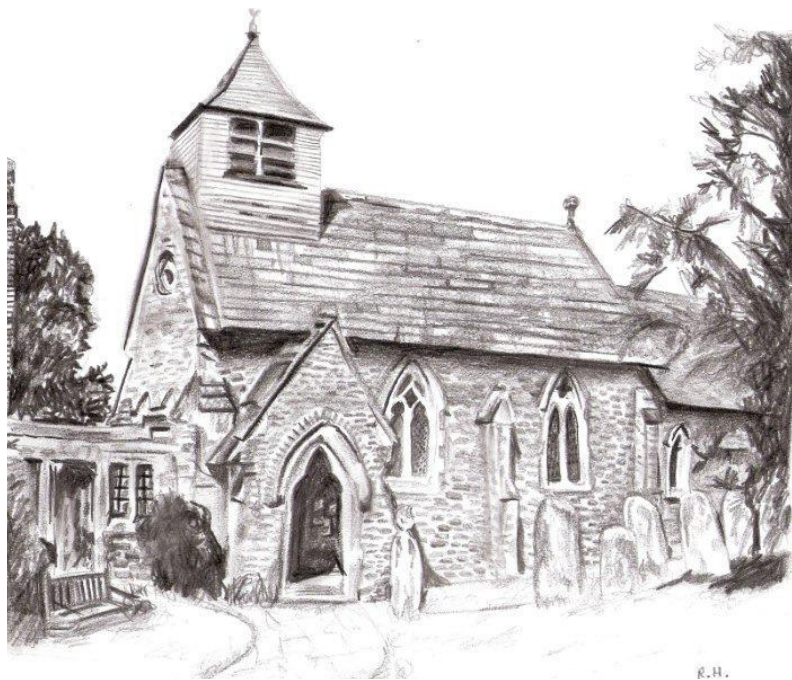


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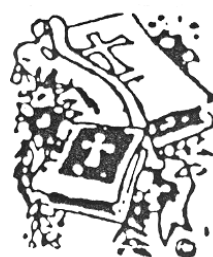
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Full details of these and any other services are set out in the Church Calendar for the month, which is shown on page 5

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Vicar's Views – April

Hello Everyone

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Ever felt like asking that question sometimes? If we're honest, the answer is probably yes. When illness drags on; when family relationships are disintegrating; when financial worries are giving us sleepless nights; when grief and loss are too much to bear... and it feels like anything that might pass for a prayer is falling on deaf ears, I think we can all feel forsaken, forgotten.

'My God, my God why have you forsaken me?' was the question Jesus cried out as he hung on the cross. It's shocking in its unguarded vulnerability; its unvarnished pain. It almost feels like a moment we shouldn't have seen; something that shouldn't have been captured and preserved for ever in the pages of a book for all to read. But I'm glad that question is there.

Because to me that question says 'this is how it really is'. One thing I've always found helpful in the Bible is that much of human experience is captured there – warts and all; and that, alongside passages asserting great confidence in God, there are passages that really express, with searing honesty, how difficult life can be sometimes and God's people don't hold back on telling him that they're finding things hard – even Jesus, the Son of God is crying out to God for some kind of response to his pain. So, I hear that hugely painful question and I breathe a sigh of relief, because it means I can be real with God - real about my insecurities; real about my fears; real about my confusion; real about my pain.

I breathe a sigh of relief because I know I haven't signed up for a religion that says with practice I should be able to detach myself from personal suffering, as if it's all in my mind. Christians do not have to deny their pain exists or put a gloss on life's difficulties. 'My God, my God, why?' is a permission-giving question that says: this is how it really is. It opens up the possibility of honesty –with others, with ourselves and with God and that can be a real turning point when we are in the midst of suffering. It can be a turning point in our relationships; a turning point in our self-awareness and self-understanding and it can be a turning-point in our relationship with God as our self-sufficiency has to take a back seat.

The question says 'I know how you feel' Spike Milligan, once wrote "Listen, someone is crying in agony; fortunately I speak it fluently." God speaks our language fluently. Not just our spoken words – but all the things that worry us, that concern us, that frighten us; all the hurts and joys; our pain, our hopes, our doubts, our aspirations, our disappointments – everything we might possibly want to communicate to God in whatever way possible – he completely understands in the very depth of his being. Jesus' question, 'My God, my God, why?' tells us that God knows how we feel. He speaks our language; he still bears the scars to prove it.

I'm not sure I know of any other religion where one could say 'My God knows how I feel' – not because he has observed my suffering from a distance, not because he can intellectually recognise my pain, but because he has experienced it fully for himself and lived it, as a flesh and blood, fragile and vulnerable human being. There is no suffering or pain or loss where God cannot say 'I know how you feel'.

The question says 'this isn't how it ends' Easter is a roller-coaster of emotions. We have the apparent defeat and despair of Good Friday, followed by the joy and celebration of Easter Sunday. I say apparent defeat and despair of Good Friday, because even in that painful question, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me', there is a ray of hope; the hint that this isn't how it ends.

Those who heard Jesus would have recognised his words as the first line of Psalm 22. Do have a read of it. It goes on to say, 'All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads... they pierce my hands and my feet... They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.' Did Jesus understand that he was living the psalm he was quoting? If so, I wonder if the later verses of the psalm were also in Jesus mind. As he cried out 'why?' and as he felt as if God was a million miles away, I wonder if he remembered, as that Psalm goes on to say, that God had not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; that he had not hidden his face from him, but had listened to his cry for help. He wasn't forsaken or abandoned and this wasn't how things were going to end.

I don't doubt that the pain and anguish in Jesus' question was real, he was living through the horror of the cross and couldn't fast forward to Easter Day – but he trusted that there would be an Easter Day.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! (Psalm 22.30-31)

So, I'm glad this difficult question is preserved in the pages of scripture, because it helps us to be honest about how painful life can be sometimes. It helps us to know that we have a God who understands perfectly how we feel and, most importantly, it helps us to remember this isn't how it ends; that pain, grief, suffering doesn't have the last word; that the one who asked 'why?' is now the one seated in heaven and who says 'See I am making everything new.' (*Revelation 21.5*). **Happy Easter**

God Bless,

Catherine

Catherine McBride, Associate Vicar,
Hambledon and Busbridge

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 2015

HOLY WEEK

Road to Easter at Hambledon Church

Monday 30th March	8.30 pm	Evening Reflections in Hambledon Church
Tuesday 31st March	8.30 pm	Evening Reflections in Hambledon Church
Wednesday 1st April	8.30 pm	Evening Reflections in Hambledon Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2nd April	8.30 pm	Holy Communion at Hambledon Church
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GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April	12.00 noon	Reflective Service at Hambledon Church
	2.00 pm	Family walk starting at Hambledon Church, and finishing at Busbridge Church, with Hot Cross Buns and other refreshments

EASTER DAY

5th April	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	All Age Communion Service

12th April

2nd Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.30 am	Holy Communion

Saturday

18th April	8.30 am to 10.00 am - Prayer Breakfast in Church Rooms	
	<i>A time to meet together for prayer: all are welcome</i>	

19th April

3rd Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Morning Worship

26th April

4th Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.30 am	Morning Worship

And 3rd May

5th Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Messy Church

Services at St. John's, Busbridge

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

PARISH & PEOPLE



We have been saddened to learn of the death of **Doreen Lindley** (known affectionately as 'Dee') who, with her husband, Derek, were very much part of village life when they lived at Hambledon Park. Doreen has been living in residential accommodation since Derek's death and we extend the loving sympathy of Hambledon friends and neighbours to their daughter, Paula Knight, and the family on the loss of a much-loved mother.

Christopher Maclay takes up a new appointment shortly as vicar of Bream in Gloucestershire. Christopher is the younger son of **Elizabeth Waring** and we remember him with much affection as he was one of the original members of Hambledon Youth Fellowship. He and his family have spent the past few years in France, where Christopher was Chaplain of St Mark's Versailles. Now they are returning across the Channel, plus three dogs, to the Forest of Dean and a more rural way of life. We send the good wishes of Hambledon for a successful move and much happiness in their new surroundings.

What a disappointing display of daffodils at Hambledon Church this year! Some of us remember well the kindly parishioners who donated these long ago for us to enjoy and which were planted by Hambledon Youth Fellowship amidst much revelry and larking about! We have enjoyed them for many years and it prompts the sad thought that some of the donors and the youth of bygone years are now sadly, like the daffodils, no longer with us.



■ The new disabled ramp at Busbridge Church was opened by the Rt. Hon Jeremy Hunt MP in March. Since before Christmas, builders had been hard at work digging out a pathway over the hill on which the church sits. Now the plan is to continue the ramp down the hill on the other side. This will provide a clear, easy and safe route from one side of the hill to the other. The Rector of Busbridge&Hambledon Church, Simon Taylor (who is pictured at the microphone with Jeremy Hunt to the right) said: "We are very pleased to be able to build something that is not just for us but can be used by everyone as they walk past the church."

No, that can't be a lesser-spotted Stephen

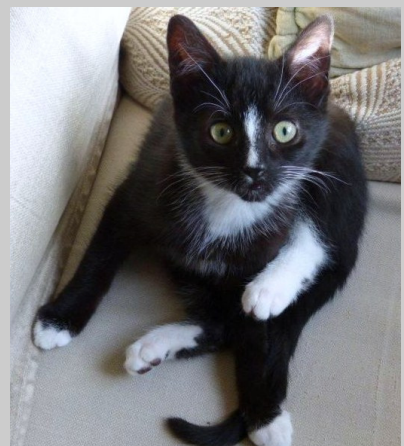
Here we are a month after my previous photo, writes **Philip Underwood**, and the Lord of the Manor, Stephen Dean, is still hard at work amongst the gorse bushes on Hambledon Common. Stephen has been spotted on most days and one does wonder what would happen to our commons without the attention from Stephen and the volunteers he organises.

One also wonders whether Stephen ever bothers to go home. Actually, he does, because he now has a new distraction in

life – Joshua, the cat; well, for now he's still Joshua the kitten.



It's that man again



Joshua the distraction

A plan for a tram to save our lanes

Local roads could not cope with a 3,000-home development at Dunsfold Aerodrome, says a specially-commissioned study. But Hambledon Parish council's transport specialist, Stewart Payne, suggests a radical solution to the transport issue

EIGHT West Surrey parishes – including Hambledon – have commissioned a review to examine the impact that significant new development at Dunsfold Aerodrome would have on local roads and lanes. The review, carried out by Guildford-based road and transport consultants Motion, concludes the site is unsustainable for substantial housing.

The Motion study confirms that the reasons why Waverley Borough Council rejected an “eco-town” proposal for the site in 2009 remain sound.

The parish councils of Dunsfold, Alfold, Bramley, Busbridge, Chiddingfold, Hambledon, Hascombe and Wonersh, asked Motion to examine two recent traffic assessments, one by Surrey County Council and the other for the aerodrome's owners. These assessments have been submitted to Waverley, the local planning authority, as it prepares a new Local Plan which must find sites for 8,500 new homes across the borough by 2031.

As part of this exercise, Waverley produced a consultation document which envisages building between 1,800 and 3,400 houses at Dunsfold Aerodrome.

The aerodrome is surrounded by small villages with mainly narrow country lanes. The only major road is the A281, which is already severely congested at peak times. Among Motion's conclusions are:

- Dunsfold Aerodrome is in an unsustainable area where there is limited choice of transport and where reliance on the car is considerably higher than the borough average.
- The conclusions reached in 2009 by the Secretary of State, from a highways and transportation perspective, remain valid, in particular “the development would generate a considerable amount of additional road traffic and . . . that this would have a severe and unacceptable impact on an overstretched local road network”.
- The assessment for the aerodrome's owner “significantly underestimates” traffic levels and assumptions made by Surrey County Council appear to be inappropriate.

Waverley now plans to produce its own independent assessment of the traffic implications of the various house building scenarios.

Hambledon Parish Council made the following submission to the Joint Parish Councils in advance of the Motion Review.

“Hambledon is a village essentially of lanes rather than roads. Even in its centre parts, Hambledon Road and Malthouse Lane are so narrow as to require passing places. There are no pavements and no street lighting.

“On its outskirts the lanes are typical of the area – narrow, sunken, steep sided and overhung with beech and oak trees. They are very beautiful, admired and appreciated by villagers and visitors.

“In recent years the village has experienced a significant increase in traffic. In particular, Salt lane, which becomes Markwick Lane, is now used as a cut through linking the A3 at Milford with the A281 close to Dunsfold. Clearly this route would be irresistible to any new residents at a redeveloped Dunsfold Aerodrome and faced with the traffic snarl-up on the A281.

“The A281 is already at near-capacity and gridlocked at peak times. Markwick Lane/Salt Lane – narrow with passing places – would provide an alternative, as it already does. It provides access to Milford Station, the A3, Godalming Sixth Form College, supermarkets in Godalming, other schools and surgeries. This lane already has major problems at peak times.

“Vann Lane, which enters the village from the direction of Dunsfold and Chiddingfold is similarly narrow, yet would be used as a cut through to reach Witley station.

“These lanes were never meant to carry a large volume of traffic. Yet it is inconceivable that they will not become congested as well as damaged if there was any further increase in traffic.

“Hambledon is aware that, in seeking to protect its narrow lanes, it does not push the problem somewhere else. We need a bold approach that considers a radical alternative. We would hope that Motion can give detailed consideration to the former Guildford to Horsham railway line, which was closed in 1965. Today it is hard to imagine that the line would have been closed had it survived into the next century, with massive population growth in the south east.

“The course of the line is still largely intact. A light railway (tramway) linking Cranleigh with Guildford must be examined as a solution, particularly as rural subsidised bus routes are under threat again.

“This route should not be lost to yet another road (as has been suggested) but instead provide for a modern light transit railway, taking passengers who would otherwise be using cars to reach Guildford and the main line along the A281.”

The A 281 is already at near capacity and grid-locked at peak times

The full version of Stewart's report is on the village web site: www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk



Results of housing survey

A proposed development at Orchard Farm has focused attention on the village's housing needs. Hence the latest 'housing needs' survey, whose findings are explained by the parish council on the following three pages

Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council has received and adopted the report of the housing needs survey that was carried out on its behalf by Surrey Community Action (SCA) in January/February. 261 of the 314 questionnaires that were delivered to all households and employers in the village were returned to SCA, which represents an 83.12 per cent response rate. The findings indicate that there is currently a need for four market and 15 affordable (rent or shared ownership) properties in Hambledon.

A summary of the report by SCA follows and the full version is on the village web site.

Local households seeking affordable housing in Hambledon are reminded that they must register their need with Waverley Borough Council. No request can be considered unless the applicant is on the housing register.

Orchard Farm

Comments on the proposed development at Orchard Farm – those made at the public meeting on 28 January and those submitted subsequently in writing or via the village web site – have been analysed as follows:

- ▶ those against: 6
- ▶ those in favour but with concerns: 25
- ▶ those in favour: 19

The main concerns were the number of houses proposed; the importance of any development reflecting the findings of the housing needs survey; the design of the development; drainage; and access and traffic. Several respondents commented favourably on the inclusion of a public open space.

The proposed development which English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) presented to the village on 15 January envisaged five market and 12 affordable (rent or shared ownership) properties. The findings of the housing needs survey accord reasonably well with these numbers. It will be incumbent on ERHA to demonstrate in its planning application that its proposal is supported by evidence of the housing needs survey and other sources such as the Waverley Borough Council housing register; and that it reflects the number of homes that it would be appropriate to build in the Parish given site constraints and the local setting.

Ideas put forward by villagers for varying the design of the development are being considered by ERHA. Parish Councillors have consulted with and visited some of the residents adjacent to Orchard Farm. They are thus fully aware of the importance of overcoming drainage problems, both on and off the

site, and are maintaining close liaison with ERHA as it continues its search for drainage solutions. The Parish Council is also mindful of the importance of ERHA liaising closely with SCC Highways regarding access to and from the site, given traffic volumes along the A283 and the rural nature of Wormley Lane.

The Parish Council remains committed to ensuring that, insofar as is possible, villagers' concerns are addressed by ERHA and that whatever proposals come forward in a planning application for the Orchard Farm site are in the best interests of the village as a whole.

Housing and community need in the parish: a summary of the 2015 housing needs survey

Introduction

Following the acquisition of Orchard Farm by the English Rural Housing Association (ERHA), the Parish Council felt it would be appropriate to up-date the 2010 housing needs survey. This further survey was carried out by Surrey Community Action (SCA) in January 2015 and the resultant report has been formally adopted by the Parish Council.

In total, 314 questionnaires were mailed to all households and local employers in the Parish. Of these, 261 questionnaires – 83 per cent – were returned. Across the country a 10 – 35 per cent response rate is generally recorded, so this is outstanding.

Part 1 surveyed all residents about their views on housing development within the Parish. Part 2 was designed to help measure the level of need, both for affordable housing by those with a local connection and for open market housing; and in both cases with particular reference to the needs of older people and emerging households.

Whilst questionnaires were delivered to all households, the results do not represent the views of all residents. No information is available in respect of non-respondents and it is not possible to gross up results to represent all households. Nor does the survey purport to represent the Parish's entire housing need. Not everyone answered every question. Findings are based on responses.

Background information

Property in Hambledon: the open market sector

In February 2015 there were three properties for sale in the Parish. Eight properties had been sold in 2014, ranging from a two-bed flat (£249,950) to a four-bed

detached house (£1,110,000).

A single person wishing to purchase the former would require a gross annual income of £64,272; a couple would require a joint gross annual income of £74,985. These figures assume a minimum deposit of 10 per cent (£24,995) would be required by mortgage lenders (unless the household was able to access Help to Buy, which would require a 5 per cent deposit).

Opportunities to purchase a two-bed property in Hambledon at this price are very limited. The average price of the two-bed cottages that came onto the market in Hambledon in 2014 was £580,000 which would require a joint income of £193,333. Older people looking to downsize and young couples or single people wishing to get on to the housing ladder are thus faced with a lack of small, open market housing.

National Housing Federation data shows that the average (mean) house price in 2012 for Waverley was £423,877. This was the highest in Surrey and 4.9 times higher than in England as a whole; and it equated to 16.2 times the average salary (£26,151) for those living in the Borough.

The rented sector

As of February 2015, one property, a one-bed flat, was available to rent in Hambledon for £875 per month. A three-bed property had recently been let for £1,500 per month.

National Housing Federation data show that in 2012 the average (mean) private sector rent for a one-bed property in Waverley was £269.08 per week, compared with a figure of £162.69 for England as a whole. Housing Association weekly rents for one-bed properties in Waverley were £102.47/£83.21.

Households having difficulty in paying their rent can apply for Local Housing Allowance based on housing needs and size of accommodation. Maximum weekly current rates range from £168.98 (one-bed property) and £214.38 (two bed property) to £346.15 (four-bed)

Council tax

In 2011 Hambledon had a lower number of properties in tax bands A – E than both Surrey and the country as a whole. 0.9 per cent of Hambledon's housing stock fell within Band A, compared with a Surrey average of 1.8 per cent and a national average of 24.8 per cent. At bands F and G the trend was reversed: the Hambledon averages were 22 per cent compared with 13 per cent (Surrey) and 4 per cent (nationally).

Current affordable housing in the Parish

Duncombs Cottages: five properties (two for rent; three shared ownership) built by ERHA in 2000-02. Waverley Borough Council has a total of 22 properties in the Parish.

None of the above has become available since 2010 which means that those on the Waverley housing register who would qualify for affordable housing in Hambledon are likely to have to wait a considerable number of years before a suitable property becomes available.

Hambledon: household characteristics

The survey, Part 1

The responses (ranging from 261 to 253) to the first five questions in Part 1 indicated that

- for 98 per cent their home in Hambledon is their main home
- 70 per cent live in houses, 24 per cent in bungalows and 7 per cent in flats or caravans [this is in line with most rural areas]
- 88 per cent are owner occupiers [this is well above the national average], 7 per cent rent their home [this is well below the national average], 1 per cent share ownership (part rent/part buy) and 3 per cent are in accommodation that goes with the job or other (unspecified)
- 28 per cent of respondents have lived in the Parish for more than 20 years; 15 per cent for 16 – 20 years; 15 per cent for 11 – 15 years; 28 per cent for five – 10 years and 15 per cent for less than five years
- 4 per cent stated that family members had moved away from Hambledon in the last five years due to difficulties in finding a home locally.

There were two further questions in Part 1. The first asked whether a small number of new homes in the Parish would provide any of the following benefits and 93 respondents commented as follows

- meeting housing needs of local people 86 per cent
- maintaining mixed households balance 67 per cent
- supporting the village shop, pub, etc 59 per cent
- helping employers recruit/retain staff 54 per cent
- maintaining local services 54 per cent

The last question sought ideas for a site or sites within the Parish where a small development could be built. Of the respondents, 34 suggested Orchard Farm and 7 per cent the land opposite The Merry Harriers. Other sites were mentioned once or twice and can be assessed by SCA/Waverley if appropriate; but none is known to be on the open market.

Indication of housing needs in Hambledon						
	one-bed	two-bed	two/three-bed	three-bed	three bed +	Total market
Open market		1	1	2		4
						Total non-market
Affordable rent	2	2			1	5
Shared ownership		4		2		6
Affordable rent or shared ownership		2	2			4

The survey, Part 2

Twenty one households stated that they needed to move within the Parish within the next two-five years. All will be reminded that, if they are not already on the Waverley Borough Council housing register, this is a prerequisite for accessing social or affordable housing.

Part 2 sought information on types of accommodation and why it

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was needed; the types of households in need; and the numbers of bedrooms needed. The survey did not collect precise salary figures: instead it asked respondents to indicate, within various ranges, their gross annual income and how much they thought they could pay by way of monthly rent or mortgage.

Taking into account all the information given by respondents to Part 2, there would appear to be a need for the accommodation in the Parish as shown in the table on the previous page.

While the survey indicates the level of housing need shown on page 9, by the time units become avail-

able needs may have been met elsewhere or may have altered. Nor has it yet been assessed whether those who say they are in need actually qualify for affordable or shared ownership housing. This will be ascertained by ERHA and Waverley. As such, the total number of homes, if any were to be built, should reflect the need identified by the survey; the level of need for affordable or shared ownership housing in Hambledon recorded on the Waverley Borough Council housing register; and the number of homes that it would be appropriate to build in the Parish given site constraints and the local setting.

HAMBLEDON PARISH ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 16 APRIL in the Village Hall

**19.00: Doors open
– a chance to meet new arrivals in the village
and chat to them and other friends over a glass of wine**

19.30: Start of meeting

A HAMBLEDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

– TO HAVE OR NOT TO HAVE?

**Presentation by Ian Motuel, Waverley Borough Council,
on the pros and cons
followed by questions**

**An overview of the Parish Council's activities
during the past year**

Representatives' reports on other village activities

AND, ON SATURDAY 18 APRIL,

**THE VILLAGE CLEAN-UP
followed by a barbeque at the Village Shop
starting at 12.00**

There is a change of format for this year's Assembly. Our guest speaker has a long commute so we are bringing the time forward by half an hour and starting off with his presentation.

Neighbourhood Plans enable communities to get the sort of development that they think is right for them. Several adjacent parishes are already preparing theirs and they form part of a planning authority's Local Plan. However, a Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote less development than that required by the Local Plan; and it seems unlikely that the new Waverley Local Plan will list Hambledon as a prospective site for future housing development. There are also financial and administrative consid-

erations that must be taken into account.

Whether Hambledon would be better served by having or not having a Neighbourhood Plan is an important matter for consideration and, in reaching its decision, the village needs to be well informed.

The Parish Council has therefore invited Ian Motuel, Principal Planner (policy) at Waverley Borough Council, to set out the pros and cons of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hambledon and his presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

You can find the full agenda for the meeting on the notice boards and on the village web site at www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk.

St Dominic's offers computer courses

Calling all of Hambledon's techno-phobes. The sixth formers of St Dominic's plan to run free courses for the computer shy, as Jacob Hooper, a sixth-form member involved in the project, explains

St Dominic's is a school for children and young people of the ages 7-19 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder learning difficulties and speech and language difficulties. The school has been lucky and received a grant from Lloyds Bank to help develop its links with the village of Hambledon.

The Sixth form has taken the responsibility of this task and we have all agreed that we have the skills to run a set of workshops offering informal ways to learn a variety of skills on the computer and tablet computers. Some sixth form pupils have spoken to members of the village and to a few others who were interested in the idea. We talked about our plans and when we expect to open.

Sixth formers have decided that they would like to offer free tuition to give people in the village a better understanding of computers and to help them understand the power of the Internet and the doors it can open. We also want to raise awareness of the dangers of the internet, such as fraud and being able to identify spam emails.

The workshop will be offered to about 10 people at first. We would like to run workshops and in each

workshop we will cover different aspects of I.T. (Information Technology)

The workshops we would like to run are:

- Learn the basics of the computer such as mouse, keyboard, webcam and scanner.
- Transferring pictures from a camera to the computer
- Using email
- Downloading and dealing with photographs
- Setting up a profile on social networks
- Facebook and Twitter
- Online banking and shopping
- Video calling services such as Skype
- The basics of Excel and being able to make a simple spreadsheet
- Designing a simple poster or card on publisher
- Using Word to write letters

We are really looking forward to welcoming members of our village community to St Dominic's to share our learning and experiences of IT and internet use. If you are interested in joining us in this exciting technological venture, or would like more information, please call on 01428 684693 or 01428 682741 and ask to speak to a member of the Sixth-form Team.

When dinosaurs roamed the common

The Society held its annual meeting on March 18, writes its secretary, Paul Vacher. Julie Steele, the chairman, reported on the year's events and, once again, reminded those present that one of the prime purposes of the Society was the preservation and upkeep of the Village Albums, which go back over 100 years.

Julie encouraged all present to make available items and photographs of any village event – no matter how mundane – for the albums, which all belong to the village. Elizabeth Waring does sterling work keeping the albums up to date and is always looking for new material. The albums themselves are always available to borrow.

Julie advised that the project to create a viewpoint map on the Common had come to fruition during 2014 and it was opened in June by Stephen Dean (Lord of the Manor) whose land it stood upon. Refreshment for the occasion was taken to the site by llamas from The Merry Harriers.

Julie thanked all who had contributed to the project, especially George Pitt and his company

(Stocksigns) who had given invaluable advice.

The official business of the evening was followed with a talk by Audrey Monk: *Hambledon – How far back in time can we go?*



Audrey (pictured, above), a local historian of renown, took us back to the cretaceous period (when Stephen's ancestors chased dinosaurs from the Common!) and tracked the development of Hambledon, partly through speculation and partly through recorded documentation, to the present day. It was fascinating and we will all look at the landscape and buildings through enlightened eyes.

A big thank you to all who attended and made the evening the success it was. The evening ended with refreshments and a raffle.

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 on will be running on the 15th, 22nd and 29th April

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 21st April at 11am,
in the Church Room and the third Tuesday each month

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

WAGs

Our next meeting will be held at The Merry Harriers
on Wednesday 15th April at 3 p.m.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Vann 2015 Opening times

For the National Gardens Scheme:

Sunday 29 March-Saturday 4 April, 10am - 6pm

Bank Holiday Monday 4 May, 2-6pm (+ Home-made Teas)

Tuesday 5 May-Sunday 10 May, 10am - 6pm

Sunday 7 June - Saturday 13 June, 10am - 6pm

Admission £6.00, children under 16 free

Vann, Hambledon, GU8 4EF



St Dominic's School, Hambledon, GU8 4DX

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ST DOMINIC'S SUMMER FÊTE

Saturday 11th July, on the school's hill-top site

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS, STALLS, AUCTION & MUCH MORE!

Rhubarb, rhubarb

By now spring is well underway and we are being blessed with a few warm days, writes the shop's manager, Jo Jazeel. It shouldn't be long until we are able to get some reasonably-priced rhubarb and we can then enjoy this wonderful fruit in all its glory and various guises.

We have a great range of spring plants available now at terrific prices. Jane Cookman will be cooking a take home curry on Friday, 24 April. Order now to reserve your dinner. We are pleased to announce a new range of fish products from Chapman's in Grimsby available in store this month. We will have fishcakes, breaded cod and haddock and Salmon Wellingtons. So, please, come and try them.

The Easter opening hours are:

Good Friday 8.30 – 1.00; Easter Saturday 8.30 – 5.00
Easter Sunday – closed; Easter Monday 8.30 – 1.00

The winner of last month's Calendar Competition is Kitty Abbott with a beautiful photograph of crocuses (above). Kitty wins a Chocolate Bunny in a Hutch. Well done.

The theme for this month, has to revolve around Easter. Let's call it 'Easter Extravaganza in Hambledon'. Thinking caps on people – especially young ones



– and send me your photos, paintings, poems and recipes. Bring them to the shop, or email shop@hambledonsurrey.co.uk.

Foxway done and dusted

The final section of the Foxway, from Worplesdon Station to Ripley Village Green, was completed in March and what a contrast to the previous section. No mud and therefore no threat of mutiny in the ranks!

The walk took us along the River Wey Navigation for most of the route. A sharp-eyed member of our group spotted a message marked in the grime of a factory window pleading for help. Unable to pass by without taking some action, a man on the other side of the canal was dispatched to investigate and it was only on his return with assurance that slave labour was not hidden behind the factory wall that the walk could proceed.

Having enjoyed a delicious Thai meal at The Lyon and Dragon Inn in Worplesdon in February, it was unanimously agreed that we should return there a second time. We also took the opportunity to visit the 13th century church in Worplesdon. The 17th century altar rails and pulpit were previously used at Eton College.

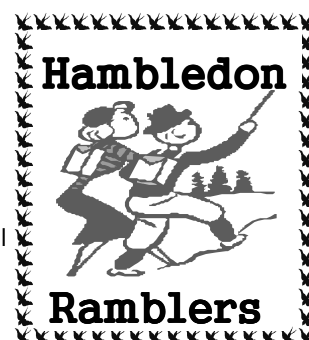
Next Walk

April 14
Meet at The Village Hall
at 9.00am
Leaders Tony and Sue
Pub Lunch

Short Walk

Tuesday 28 April
Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Further details, Derek Miller Tel:01428 684362



Calling early birds

If anyone would like to listen to the dawn chorus and identify some birdsong, join Julie Steele outside the Village Shop on **Sunday 10 May at 5 am.**

Hambleton Ladies Breakfasts 2015

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries, and look out for details of future speakers in the May edition of the Parish Magazine. *Vicki Hinde*



Confirmed dates

Saturday 23 May
Saturday 18 July
Saturday 10 October

Pretty flamingos for breakfast

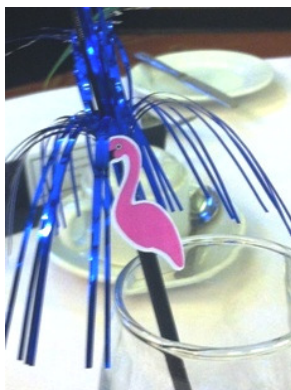


Vicki Hinde, on behalf of the Hambledon Ladies Breakfast team, writes about a wonderful breakfast



Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday 28th February to the Hambledon Ladies Breakfast at the West Surrey Golf Club. We had our maximum number and on this occasion, we welcomed partners and husbands for the first time as well as many new faces.

Looking out from the breakfast room towards the first tee we could see the golfers braving the elements and we were truly grateful to be inside to enjoy the superb full English breakfast and great service from the staff at the WSGC.



orange juice glasses. Lots of our guests commented on the fun breakfast-themed tables and the innovative flower arrangements created by Sue Blackman. Well done to all the team behind the scenes, who always ensure a welcoming and entertaining morning.

Our next breakfast will be on **Saturday 23rd May at 8.30am**. Our guest speaker will be Gail Millar from the Torch Trust Centre which runs holidays for handicapped adults and children.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Torch Trust, their website address is Torchtrust.org. We look forward to welcoming you in May.



Paul and Fiona Jones were our guest speakers and their talk about their Christian life and faith was both humorous and enlightening. The audience were in full voice to sing-a-long with Paul on his harmonica when he played 54321 – a truly memorable moment!

As you may recall, *Pretty Flamingo* was a successful hit for Paul Jones when he was with the band

Manfred Mann, and our own Jill Matthews ensured that Pink Flamingos were depicted on our bible verse card, breakfast menus and on the sparkly straws in our



God's Dream by Charles Péguy

The Lord God said:

I myself will dream a dream within you,
 Good dreaming comes from me, you know.
 My dreams seem impossible, not too practical,
 Nor for the cautious man or woman;
 A little risky sometimes, a trifle brash perhaps.
 Some of my friends prefer to rest more comfortably
 in sounder sleep with visionless eyes.
 But from those who share my dreams
 I ask a little patience, a little humour,
 Some small courage, and a listening heart
 – I will do the rest.
 Then they will risk and wonder at their daring;
 Run, and marvel at their speed;
 Build, and stand in awe
 at the beauty of their building.

You will meet me often as you work
 In your companions who share the risk,
 In your friends who believe in you enough
 To lend their own dreams, their own hands,
 Their own hearts, to your building.
 In the people who will stand in your doorway,
 Stay awhile, and walk away
 knowing that they too can find a dream.
 There will be sun-filled days
 And sometimes a little rain – a little variety
 Both come from me. So come now, be content.
 It is my dream you dream,
 My house you build,
 My caring you witness;
 My love you share
 And this is the heart of the matter.

Winton Dean's Hambledon cricket Part 2

This is the second part of Winton Dean's chronicle of the 'titanic' struggles, in which he describes cricket matches against Feathercombe teams, what happened on Bank Holidays, and some moments of comedy

One of our keenest fixtures was against Feathercombe, a country house eleven named after the residence (in the village) of Eric Parker, the well-known naturalist and writer on sporting and country themes, who had four sons, well spaced out in age.

The Parkers were a very hospitable family, who over a long period organised boys' matches for different age groups for the benefit of their sons, their friends and the village boys. I first played in them at the age of about ten. My younger brothers, Martin and Joe, were contemporary with the youngest Parker; in the matches for their age group I was sometimes called upon to umpire. In those days there was a deep muddy ditch running round the green inside the boundary. In one of the boys' games, I remember, someone hit a ball into the ditch and Hambledon ran nine before 'lost ball' was called.

For the Hambledon matches, Feathercombe used to put out a strong team containing one or two men who had played first-class cricket (one of them a relative) and occasionally young professionals from Lord's. It was against such a team that Bert Jeffery once took four wickets with consecutive balls in the first over of the match.

Antidote to Hitler

Feathercombe played their home matches on the beautiful private ground at Busbridge Hall, where South African and other touring teams sometimes began their season with a one-day game. This had an excellent wicket, and the scoring was generally high. In 1938 during the Munich crisis we played two games there on consecutive Saturdays.

Both were epic struggles: each side in turn declared with a total well over 200, yet lost the match. It was a perfect if temporary antidote to Hitler.

After the war, when Hambledon were trying to raise money for a new pavilion, I published a short history of the Hambledon-Feathercombe matches.



Bank Holiday Match v. St Mary's, August 1935. Note the position of the old pavilion between Cricket Green Cottages and Admers Cottage

For my own amusement I wrote a brief account of every match in which I played for Hambledon.

The matches were played in a keen and competitive spirit, watched by half the population of the village, who were not afraid to give tongue at critical moments. The proceedings ended in the convivial relaxation of beer and darts at *The Merry Harriers*. For away matches we travelled in a hired coach; in those days no one in the team possessed a car.

On Bank Holidays there was an all-day match, with a marquee for the sale of beer and sometimes a band, which played for dancing till long after the sun went down. These were happy and moving occasions; I felt as if I were part of some age-long ritual.

Comic incidents were not infrequent. During one match a swarm of bees crossed the pitch, just as the bowler was running up, circled round and settled on the stumps. The bowler and most of the fielders threw themselves full-length, pointing out that it was the duty of the umpires to deal with the situation. Fortunately the queen decided that her situation was precarious and moved off.

Once when I was batting an exquisitely dressed woman on a smart horse trotted gently along the road at square-leg. The bowler served up a juicy full-toss, which I hit in the meat of the bat straight at them. Suddenly one or other saw the danger and leapt into action; the ball passed between the seat of the woman and that of the horse, and the pair disappeared down the road at a healthy gallop.

Ross's ramblings

Bluebells – present and past

Gosh, April already. Have you noticed that the older you get, the faster the months rush by? I'm still getting over this blooming chest infection. I had something called an 'ECG' and a trip to the optician (double vision). Yes, I know, cut down on Colin's bitter!

But the good news is that Goodwife Jan is fine, as was proven by the fact that she started a few little 'Wags' in the middle of March – a sure sign of improvement.

And April is the time for my favourite wild flower, the bluebell. So get down to the hurst (before our footpaths are pinched) and have a good sniff of that wonderful once-a-year perfume.

Does anyone remember my very own 'Bluebell'? My lovely – yes, lovely – old 1976 Austin Allegro 1300 Super. It was a sad day when it rotted beyond



Not such a lively Allegro

redemption and was towed away by Phil Herbert. Jan was not so sad, however. In fact, she took some photos of Bluebell being taken away back in April 2007. See below (sniff).

Meanwhile, some stuff happening this month:

April 23 – St George's Day

April 26 – Godshill Mummers Play, Old Smithy, Godshill, Isle of Wight

April 30 – May Day eve. Will I get an early night as I'll be climbing Hydon Ball around 4.30am, or will I go down the pub . . .

Don't you feel sorry for the residents of the new, posh housing estate at Milford Hospital when they try to get their huge 4x4 vehicles up Tuesley Lane in the morning? Or maybe they'll be forced to walk at least half a mile to Milford Station to get the train to Waterloo? What do you mean, you don't? How cruel.

Hope to see some of you up Hydon Ball at dawn on May 1. Or perhaps at The Merry Harriers at around 7.00am for breakfast at very reasonable rates. A merry May to you all.



'Outstanding' verdict

Following an Inspection by the Care Quality Commission, the Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery are pleased to announce that Chiddingfold Surgery has been rated as outstanding for the quality of care it provides, as well as being both responsive and well led, writes **Creighton Redman, the chairman of The Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery.**

The findings were based on 38 indicators which highlight a number of areas of outstanding practice. These included:

- Highly effective care planning system for patients with long-term conditions
- Innovative approaches to encourage patients in vulnerable groups to access care services
- A pro-active approach to managing patient

admissions and discharges from hospital.

The report added that staff at Chiddingfold Surgery went out of their way to provide the best service to their patients – especially in their care of older people, families with children and those whose circumstances may make them vulnerable.

Dr Gwen Cameron-Blackie thanked all her surgery staff, both clinical and non-clinical, for their dedication and commitment to the people in their care. It was a team effort and an accolade in which everybody must share.

As I have mentioned before, the plan is to undertake more diagnostic and treatment services locally, which will enable our surgeries to build on the already excellent services they provide.

The Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery hope you will continue to support us financially so that we can provide the doctors with the tools to do their job. <http://friendsofchiddsurgery.org>

It's daffodil time again



Earthworm thought spring had come! Where is there a more beautiful village than Hambledon at this time, with carpets of snowdrops by the green and in the churchyard, and these are now being succeeded by 'General Martin's' daffodils along the lane?

There is the adage that March can come in like a lion, but what of the reverse when it comes in with a blaze of sunshine? There were some wonderfully warm days, such that one could lunch outside. Now a little rain is almost welcome if, like Earthworm, you have started some spring planting. Even the night frosts that followed those sunny days are good for the garden and hopefully will help to control the unwanted bugs. Some of our butterflies were deceived by the warmth and started to emerge. Earthworm spotted a Peacock, a Red Admiral and a Brimstone. As for the frogs and toads, they went wild and have been spawning as if there is no tomorrow.

But, ever cautious, Earthworm has spotted the Blackthorn as he wiggled on to the A3 and recalls that old adage of the Blackthorn winter. So readers, hang on to your winter woollies – who knows what might yet come our way with more cold winter-like weather.

Hopefully nothing so alarming as the cyclone that has hit Vanuatu. It is hard to imagine winds gusting to 185 mph, destroying everything in their path. It

even makes our storm of 1987 seem quite mild. When one looks around now at all that has grown up to fill the gaps of the trees that came down it is astonishing how nature can effect repairs. True, there are still large fallen tree trunks and stumps, but these are doing their bit for the environment by providing food and shelter for insects, woodland creepy-crawlies and birds.

Banks of primroses

Soon Easter will be upon us and the churchyard ablaze with the pretty small 'wild' daffodil, another 'special' about our village. There are a few garden 'escapes' too in the hedgerows – the blue crocus, and some daffodils, but best are the banks of primroses. Earthworm has to admit to a wandering eye for nature as he wiggles along our lanes!

The council seem to have done its worst to cut back all the road side hedges, no doubt to accommodate the ever-increasing number of huge lorries that use our tiny lanes. And, with the cutters, go our lovely catkins just as they were at their best. Surely, thinks Earthworm, it would be better to spend the money on repairing the pot holes? Perhaps that comes from a different purse? But, on the positive side, the cutting back will allow more light on to the road side banks and this should encourage the wild flowers to bloom more freely. Earthworm will keep a watchful eye.

Combat car theft

This month it is time for a reminder about theft from motor vehicles. For some time now our local beauty spot car parks have seen very little crime, even the really out of the way ones, and we would like it to stay that way, writes **PCSO Dave Boxall**, from Hambledon's neighbourhood police team. So here is a little advice which applies across the board.

Parking in public

Look for public car parks approved by the Park Mark scheme. These have been vetted by the police and have measures in place in order to create a safe environment. To find your local Park Mark approved sites, please visit the Park Mark website.

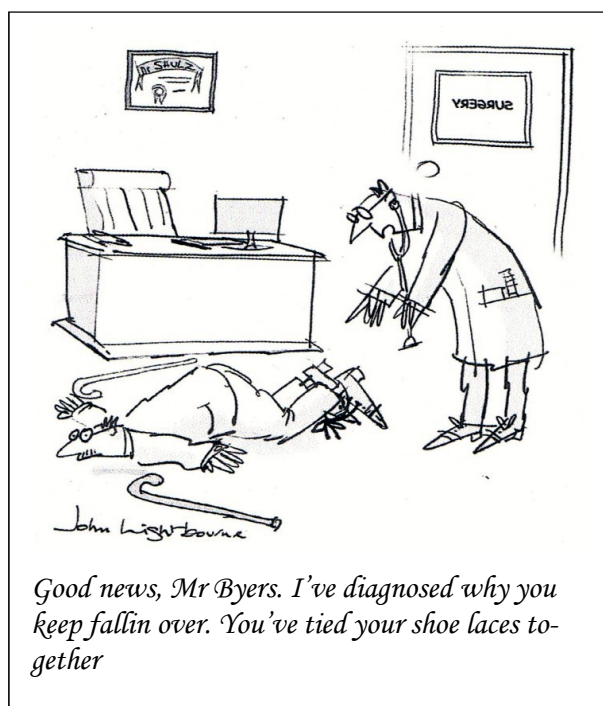
When leaving your car, please close all windows and lock your car. Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle. Take all your personal possessions with you. Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens.

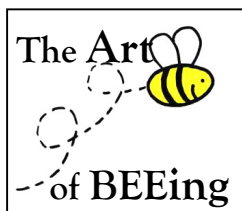
Parking at home

Where possible, secure your car overnight in your garage. If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area. When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car. Don't leave anything on display in your

vehicle. Take all your personal possessions with you and leave the glove box open to show that there is nothing inside.

Regards, Dave





Meads to an end

Hambledon beekeeper Wayne McIntyre reports on the busy period of early spring with hungry bees, the mead brewing for thirsty folk and the village tree planting getting under way

Not many things make me happier than when the sun is shining and you can hear the buzz of bees in the garden. At this time of the year you will find loads of bees drinking from your fish ponds, the old tin can lying in the back garden, in fact any container that can hold rainwater and the reason for this is not because it's hot. They require water to breakdown their winter honey stores into a watery solution which they can feed their young as well as themselves.

As the daylight hours become longer, so the queen starts to accelerate her rate of lay. This is clearly evident from pile of shredded wax lying below the mesh floor of the hive – the work of bees tearing open the lids of sealed cells to get at the stored honey (carbs) and pollen (protein) they stashed away in the autumn. As the weather continues to warm up, so they'll devour their stores at a rate of knots and those who don't keep an eye on this, could lose a colony or two to starvation which is such a shame having brought them through the winter.

I, on the other hand, ran out of time to extract the honey I ought to have done, leaving some of my hives very heavy for this time of the year. I had firsthand experience of this the other day by removing supers from three of my hives which I had placed under the brood nest in the autumn last year, for the bees to clean up. Nearly broke my back trying to manipulate these heavy boxes!

So the task that now awaits me, when it warms up, is to ensure there aren't too many frames of honey in these hives which is preventing the queen from laying up more frames of eggs. Fortunately I have loads of empty drawn frames (drawn frame means frames where the bees have built up the wax completely) which I'll use to replace some of the heavily laden frames and I'll pop these laden frames into the chest freezer for another day to use for those smaller colonies building up.

Two of my colonies went into winter with very young queens and in hindsight I should have put them in 6 frame nucleus boxes instead of 11 frame boxes but with finishing off the build at our house last year, I didn't get round to doing it. Anyway they've both survived, one of which I have already transferred into a smaller box and the other is to be moved once we have warm temps again. Moving them into a smaller box means they don't have to expend energy trying to keep the villa warm when all they need is a bedsit and so the queen's rate of lay will slowly start to accelerate as they have less volume to keep warm.

The first real abundance of good quality pollen we see in the Spring is the willow (salix). It's an unattractive and much underrated family of trees; nonetheless one that is hugely beneficial to the bee world as it provides pollen by the bucket load. All too often gardeners are enticed into buying hybrid varieties of trees and plants, purely because of their looks, but they generally offer little or nothing to the garden insects which is such a shame when they are so many of the older or original varieties which can bring so much life into our gardens.

The cherry blossom is out but at these low temperatures we're having, only these trees will offer up pollen as most plants need temperatures above 14°C to secrete nectar. Last year we were blessed with an early warm spell which gave us a cherry nectar flow but that's the UK weather for you. Who knows how this spring will turn out.

The latest update on my mead brew is that I've done a final rack off of the first batch and had a quick taste – whew – quite strong! It's not the final product as it apparently matures over the next few months but I can tell it's going to be a good party! The second batch is following close behind. I heard that others in the village have also started making their own mead – fantastic! Maybe we can compare notes over a glass....hic.

"Planting up Hambledon" has officially kicked off. We've planted two Crab apples and one junberry tree along Woodlands Road on



land kindly offered by the Timms family. Hopefully this gains momentum and we can transform our village. Those still wishing to plant up a spring hedge of hawthorn, blackthorn, junberry, willow or crab apple etc, or just a few wildlife friendly trees in their back garden, look at websites such as www.hedgesdirect.co.uk soon, as the season will be too advanced to sell the cheaper bareroot stock.

Next month I'll report back on the spring buildup of the colonies. In the meantime there is a lot to do like cleaning up the apiary, repairing hive stands, knocking up frames etc.

Any questions please email: artofbeeing1@gmail.com

Spring time: get going in the garden

“Oh, the lovely fickleness of an April day!” *William Hamilton Gibson*
Those extra hours of daylight will come in handy during one of the busiest months in the garden, with a wealth of planting and sowing to be done



Perennials, annuals, bulbs: around now garden centres sell plug plants for patios, such as petunias and verbenas; their small size means they are cheaper than larger plants – but they are better value still if they are used to create more plants by taking cuttings. Deadhead bulbs by removing dead flowers from spring-bulbs as soon as they fade; this helps the bulb to conserve energy for next year's blooms. Sow annuals: outside when hardy annuals can be sown, but easier to in modular trays in greenhouse or cold frame; then plant out when they reach a reasonable size; sowing and growing direct outside needs much more vigilance and weeding to avoid the seedlings being swamped. Pulmonarias are among the earliest flowering perennials – easy to grow, shade tolerant, ground covering, an amazing range of flowers and foliage; clusters of bell shaped flowers appear in early spring, last for weeks and the foliage remains attractive right through the summer and into autumn; try pulmonaria Diana Clare for a good spring display of blue and pinkish flowers; if cut back, produces large, silvery, lanced-shape leaves, which are slug proof too.

Trees and shrubs: plant evergreen trees and shrubs and hedges and move evergreens. Trim back frost-damaged evergreen foliage and renovate broadleaved evergreen shrubs such as Pittosporum and Photinia, but spread hard pruning over two or three years. Prune early flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, Abeliophyllum, and Chaenomeles after flowering. Some shrubs can be pruned now to make bigger leaves by cutting all stems back to the base; elder and smoke bush are ideal for this. Prune hydrangeas: remove old flower heads from mop-head ones, cutting just above a healthy set of buds; with established plants, cut 1-2 stems back to base to encourage new growth; hydrangeas paniculata and arborescens need tougher treatment: cut all the stems back to healthy buds, 25-60cm above ground level, depending on how tall you want the plant to be when it has grown.

Veg and Fruit: Plant out brassicas: calabrese is fast growing and should be ready to plant out now; for flowering brassicas such as calabrese and cauliflowers, the roots should not be disturbed when transplanting – causing under-sized heads; space calabrese 30cm apart for main heads and a succession of side shoots; if reduced to 15cm they give fewer side shoots; Continue direct-sowing veggies such as beetroot, carrot, lettuce, radish, turnip, peas, spinach, parsnip. Consider growing salad leaves and herbs in growbags.

For early strawberries, cover with a cloche; in a short time there will be bigger plants, flowering earlier than their neighbours; once flowers appear, remove cloches by day so that pollinators can get to flowers, ensuring a good set of early berries. Protect early flowering fruit trees and bushes from frost by covering with a layer of fleece (or better two); this protects against frost while also allowing air, moisture and sunshine to penetrate; ideally put on frost protection towards end of the day and remove when temperature rises next morning. Raspberries are not prone to many pests, but raspberry beetle is a common problem; maggot-like grubs infest the fruits later in the year, seriously spoiling the quality of the berries; put up a raspberry beetle trap, which is designed to resemble a massive raspberry flower and contains a lure to attract the adults and drowns them in a soapy water container below; this should solve most of the problem; for autumn raspberries a new lure should be put into the trap.

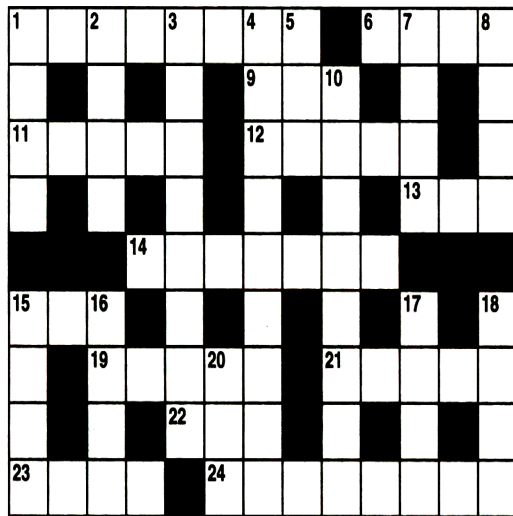
Lawn: after the winter, lawns need a feed to replace nutrients been washed out of the soil; if the lawn is generally trouble free, regular feeding alone should keep it looking lush and green; feeding also encourages the lawn to thicken up and prevent weeds from gaining a foothold; but if the lawn suffers from weeds and moss, use a lawn treatment such as Evergreen feed and weed liquid or Vitax feed & weed + moss killer; if a new lawn is needed or the existing one needs repairs, the warm, moist conditions, at this time of year make it ideal for sowing seed or laying turf.

Pond: how to keep the pond clear of algae? The aim is to out-compete the algae for nutrients and light, so you need a mixture of more desirable plants; the pond should be 60% shaded in the summer; use tall marginal plants such as irises; fast-growing oxygenators, like hornwort or Lagarosiphon major, also known as Elodia crista, use up nutrients quickly in open water; water lilies are good for shading large areas of the surface, but choose a species that is suitable for the size of pond; remove any dead flowers and leaves throughout the summer and cut the plants back come winter.

Pests: aphids multiply very rapidly in warm weather; keep an eye out and squash any you see. Pea and bean weevils nibble the edges of young pea and broad bean plants, but rarely cause severe damage; covering new plants with fleece will keep them out until plants are large enough to fend for themselves. Keep looking out for slug and snail damage.

Puzzle Page

Crossword



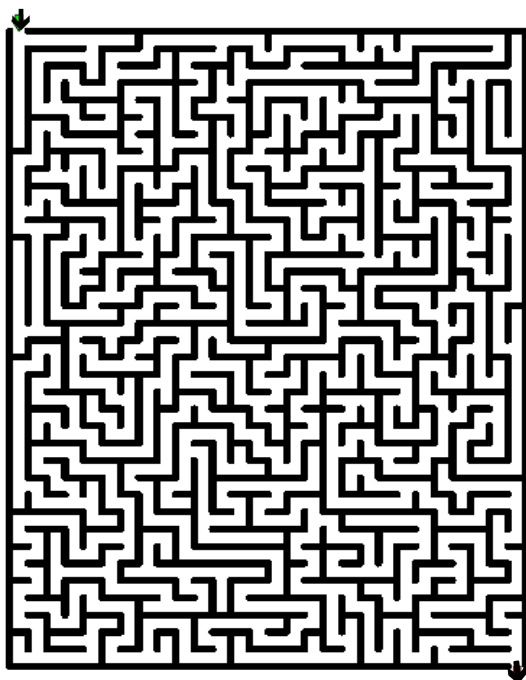
ACROSS

- 1 Country containing St Petersburg (6)
- 4 Cut drastically (5)
- 7 ___ Disney, animator (4)
- 9 Made by or belonging to us (3)
- 10 Little ____, lettuce variety (3)
- 11 Ready to use (2,3)
- 12 Financial check (5,4)
- 17 Mathematical index (5)
- 19 Health provider (inits)(3)
- 21 Dove's cry (3)
- 22 Trademark (4)
- 23 Peyton ____, 1960s TV series (5)
- 24 Performed (a role) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Castle on a chessboard (4)
- 2 Rugby head-to-head! (5)
- 3 Sense of wonder (3)
- 4 Long thick scarf worn by women (5)
- 5 Befitting (3)
- 6 Christian virtue along with faith and charity (4)
- 8 Humorous (7)
- 13 Singer of the James Bond *Skyfall* theme song (5)
- 14 Shabby, in poor taste (5)
- 15 Manner of walking (4)
- 16 Cavity for a ship's cargo (4)
- 18 Prince Andrew's elder daughter (3)
- 20 On the ____, unprepared (3)

Maze



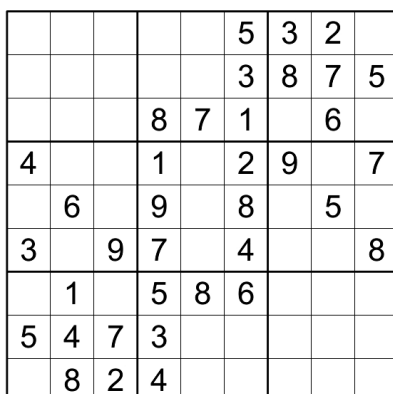
Word Search

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on law, was ticking away its final hours;

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the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and his blood, was about to be ushered in.

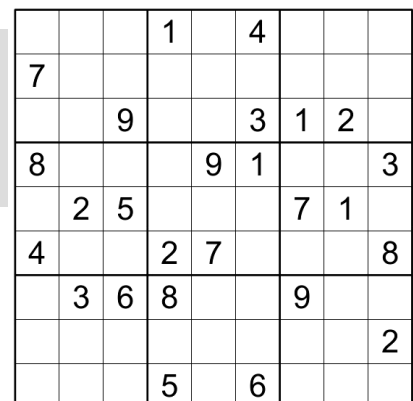
Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.



Easy

Sudoku

Intermediate



Answers to all puzzles on page 27

Cup-final fever



It's not that often that the Dons – Hambleton's football club – get to a cup final, but the reserve team has a final clash late this month. And promotion is in the offing, too, as club skipper Matt Kiley reports

The first team's slump continues with the team being hit by injuries and lack of availability. When everyone is fit this is probably the strongest the Dons have been for many a year, but unfortunately they have struggled to put out a consistent team and this has led to a slide down the table. It's quite a contrast with Christmas, when they were riding high with a title challenge in the offing.

The latest losses came to Worplesdon Phoenix on a dreadful pitch. Hambleton scored after 30 seconds with Kuda turning in a Tom Winter cross. Worplesdon were indebted to their keeper who made save after save. Then they drew level and should have been ahead before the break but for an excellent block on the line from Suarez.

But they had their lead soon after the break with a soft goal from a long ball. The Dons hit back with Rob Green scoring a rare goal with a flick from another Tom Winter delivery. But the Dons again conceded a soft goal with another long ball. The Dons pushed for an equalizer, but Worplesdon were indebted to their keeper who made more excellent saves.

Next up were league leaders Egham Athletic. Hambleton were second best and conceded soft goals again from set pieces. The only bright spot was the first senior goal for Ryan Luff, who came off the bench to head home.

■ The Reserves are faring better with the double still on. They booked their place in the challenge cup final with a superb display against Royal Holloway Old Boys. In the final they will meet local rivals Godalming and Farncombe. The match will be played at Godalming Town FC on the 23 April, with a 7:30pm kick-off (see the poster). It would be great if the team got a big following.

The league is a four-way battle, with Godalming also in the running. The Dons drew at home 2-2 with Laleham, another of their title rivals, fighting back from 2-0 down. The Dons have it in their own hands with games in hand, but the squad is being stretched by injuries. Hopefully, the boys will see the job through in what has been an excellent season; the least they should secure is promotion – but here's hoping for some silverware.

The Vets are still unbeaten this season and will be hoping to keep this run going.

We hope to welcome you down to Badger Park for a game soon to sample the excellent new clubhouse. Come on, you Dons.



Hambleton Community Pavilion for hire

The Hambleton 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
hambletonfc@gmail.com for a booking form

Intermediate Reserve Challenge League Cup Final
Thursday, 23 April
Kick off 7:30pm
Godalming Town Football Club, Wey Court, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3JE
Admission £4

Hambleton Reserves
v
Godalming & Farncombe Res



Come and support the boys in this local derby



Hambleton Cricket Club

Seniors

The first game will be a Non-League Friendly XI playing on Sunday 12 April, at home against Grayswood, weather permitting, writes the club's chairman, Arthur Blackman.

The first league game will be on Sunday 10 May away, against Lockswood. The second Non-League game will be on Sunday 19th. April at home against Uplands. Anyone who would like to play, or help in other ways (for example, making teas or umpiring) please contact the captains.

Juniors

We will be running junior coaching sessions again this year for 7-years-olds to 15-year-olds
The coaching sessions are as follows:

SATURDAY MORNING (10.00 – 12.00) 11 APRIL to 18 JULY for UNDER 9s and UNDER 11s.

MONDAY EVENING (6.00 – 8.00) 13 APRIL to 20 JULY for UNDER 13s and UNDER 15s.

Signing-on and practice will start on the cricket green on Saturday 11 April for the U9s and U11s and on Monday night 13 April for U13s. The age groups will be run by the following team managers:

Under 15s Angus Stovold (07768 721204)

Under 13s Richard Lott (07966 234545)

Under 11s James Willoughby (07973 698022)

Under 9s Andrew Williamson. (07803 582409)

We need Volunteers for all juniors groups. If you can help in anyway, please contact a Team Manager, or email, Caroline Tristem on tristem@btinternet.com.
The season runs from mid April through to end July

and generally involves, training each Saturday morning or a Monday evening. There will also be matches at weekends on a Friday night or Sunday morning.

Training for helpers will be given via the club coaches/managers under the Surrey CC's guidance.

We are also keen to welcome new players of all ages to the club, so please mention it to friends at school and encourage them to come along. Dads, why not join the senior part of the club, with a League XI playing in the local Village League. The League is very friendly but competitive. Also, we have a Friendly XI playing during the season. So, if you fancy turning out, please contact our Club or Friendly XI Captain.

Fund Raising

We aim to run the "The 200 Club" again in 2015, and we hope those who took part in last year's, four monthly draws will choose to participate again. Please contact us if you are interested

Website We have set up a new web site which will cover club information, events and match results. Visit www.pitchero.com/hambledonccsurrey

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



HAMBLEDON VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 7.30PM
HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL

£10 Per person
Teams of 4 to 6

Fish and chips included in the price.
Proceeds to Hambleton Community Pavilion.

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

Mary Grove – 01483 415815
Matt Kiley – hambledonfc@gmail.com



Chocoholic heaven

The best cookery corner

in the South East



You can never have enough chocolate. Debatable, perhaps, but not by the target market for the wonderfully simple Easter chocolate cake that Sam Gates cooks up this month

Cooking with a big class of kids is seriously good fun. But when you're making 30 chocolate cakes with a room full of excitable and somewhat unpredictable mini chefs, you need the ingredients and utensil list to be as short as possible.

So my kids' chocolate cake recipe is absolutely ideal. It uses store cupboard ingredients and tastes divinely chocolatey, even though it uses cocoa rather

than the real thing. It also makes a fabulous Easter cake, with a few chocolate eggs artfully arranged on the top.

You can happily scale up the ingredients if you need to accommodate more mouths. But if you're just making one cake, use a medium-sized round baking tin and expect to keep about six little chocoholics happy at tea time.

Unbelievably easy chocolate Easter-egg cake

Preheat oven to 180 degrees, and liberally grease one round Victoria sandwich baking tin

Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl

In a separate bowl, beat the egg with a fork, then mix in the syrup, oil and milk

Pour the wet mixture into the dry ingredients and mix well until you have a smooth batter

Pour into the tin and bake for 20-25 minutes

Remove the cake from the oven and leave to cool in the tin before turning out

For the icing, mix the icing sugar and cocoa together until all the lumps are gone, then add the butter and milk and make a smooth paste

Ice the cake and decorate with mini chocolate eggs, Easter chicks, sprinkles, chocolate balls or whatever takes your fancy.

Eat and enjoy!

100 grams self-raising flour

1 table spoon cocoa

½ tea spoon baking powder

80 grams caster sugar

1 egg

1 table spoon golden syrup

75 ml sunflower oil; 75ml milk

For the icing:

1 table spoon butter; 1 tea spoon cocoa;

100 grams icing sugar; 1 table spoon milk



Okay, should be chocolatey enough

Sam Gates's books, *Food for your Brood* and *The Royal Marsden Cancer Cookbook*, are out now. Check out the website: www.foodforyourbrood.co.uk



JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene and some other women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they reached the tomb it was open, the big stone that had sealed the entrance was rolled away - and it was empty! They thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body but an angel told Mary what had really happened, that Jesus was alive!

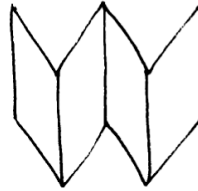
The disciples were all together when Mary arrived back with her news and told them what had happened, but they wouldn't believe her. They were confused and afraid. Sometimes we say 'I can't believe it' if someone tells us really good news. We say 'I'll believe it when I see it with my own eyes' and that is what the disciples said. And when they saw the risen Jesus they believed. Read about what happened that first Easter Day in the four Gospels. And what is the next thing that you do when you hear good news? You want to share it with someone else.

Share the Good News with someone this Easter!

SPREAD THE NEWS

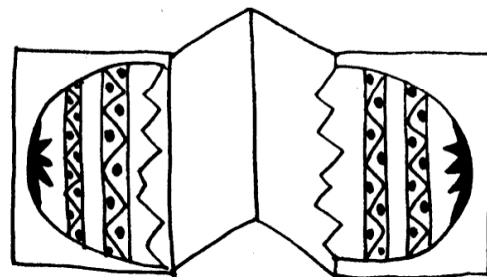
One way you can pass the good news on is to send Easter cards. You could make some of these easy Easter egg cards (the egg is a symbol of new life so that's why we have eggs at Easter). You will need

- a strip of thin card about 10cm by 30cm
- another piece of coloured card for the egg about 9cm by 12cm
- felt tip pens
- a ruler, scissors and a glue stick.



Fold the long strip of card in half and then each half back on itself to make a W shape.

Draw an egg shape on the coloured card and cut round it. Cut the egg in half with a jagged edge and stick it onto the folded card as shown. Decorate it and write your message inside - you could even draw a fluffy yellow chick inside the egg.



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What is smooth, oval and very rich?

An eggstravaganza.

An outsider's end

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his look at great works of art with a Christian theme. This month, *The Funeral of Phocion* by Nicholas Poussin

GOD IN THE ARTS

In the 17th century the name Arcadia evoked an earthly paradise that was celebrated in art and literature as an idyllic place of peace and harmony where humanity and nature were at one. To live in such beautiful surroundings was to find heaven on earth. We sometimes have that feeling when we are out in the countryside amid the hills and woods, the valleys and lakes. The sun shines benevolently down on the scene, and we feel nothing can destroy that happiness and sense of unity we have with creation.

That is the mood shown to us when we first look at this month's painting, *The Funeral of Phocion*, of which there are three known versions, one of which is in Cardiff's National Museum.

The work is by the Baroque artist, Nicholas Poussin, who was born in France but spent most of his working life in Rome, where he died in 1665. In the distance are friendly hills; then, closer at hand, we see the trees and bushes, a winding river, the shepherd and his sheep, a couple walking and talking, and the farmer and his cart. There are also signs of civilization – it is the city of Athens with its temple and buildings, a place where harmony and reason rule.

Poussin presents us with a calm, ordered landscape. But in the foreground we see something that jolts us out of this reverie. Two slaves carry off a body for burial. It is Phocion, an Athenian general.

He was known as "Phocion the good", admired for his honesty and integrity and for his simple way of life. In the 4th century BC Phocion argued for peace when the city around clamoured for war with Macedonia. His enemies won the day and they intrigued to have him condemned. As a traitor, Phocion was denied a burial in Athens, and so his body is being taken outside the city.

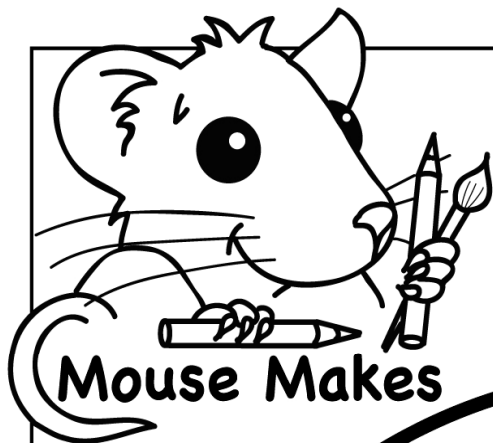
The world of civilization and the world of

nature seem oblivious to this tragedy of a moral life cut down by others. In this month of Eastertide we can think of a similar scene of nature and civilization. The garden of Joseph of Arimathea where a body is brought for burial – someone, who like Phocion, stood out for goodness and peace but who fell victim to the forces of hatred and jealousy within the city walls of Jerusalem.

A second canvas

Poussin painted a second canvas. In that one, the ashes of Phocion are returned to his grieving widow – a sad end to a good life and with no hint of hope for a better future. In this season we rejoice in a different end to the story of Jesus. On Good Friday, his body is laid to rest in a tomb. Two days later the Lord of Easter walks again in that garden to tell a grieving Mary Magdalene that there is hope for her future. There is the promise of transformation – a new creation and a new world where eternal life is triumphant. In such a world, the dwelling places of people and the countryside around can never be the same again. The Easter Alleluia rings out to embrace them all.

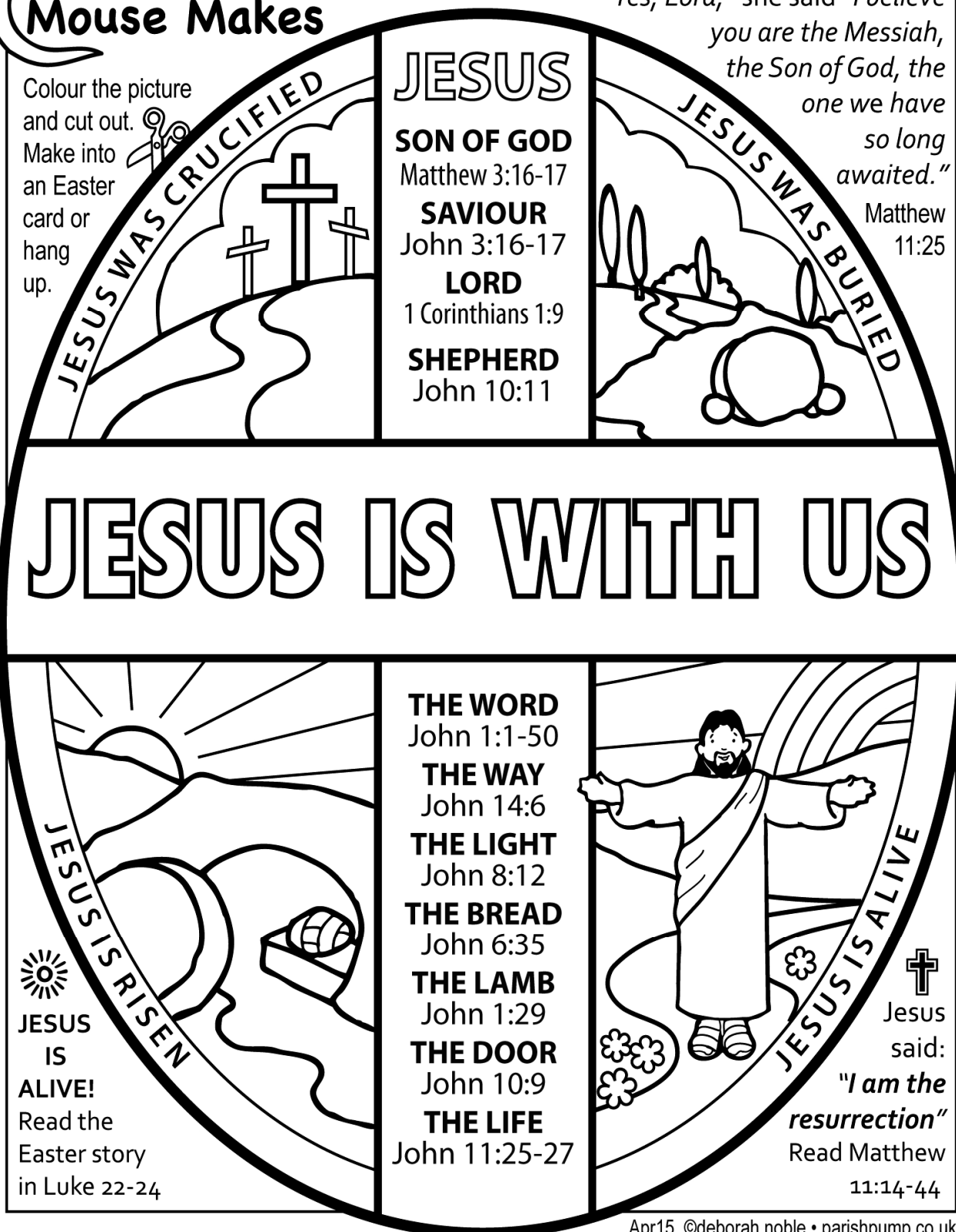




Colour the picture and cut out. Make into an Easter card or hang up.

Jesus said to Martha,
"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish. Do you believe this Martha?"

"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one we have so long awaited."
 Matthew 11:25



JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED

Illustration of three crosses on a hill.

JESUS
SON OF GOD
 Matthew 3:16-17
SAVIOUR
 John 3:16-17
LORD
 1 Corinthians 1:9
SHEPHERD
 John 10:11

JESUS WAS BURIED

Illustration of a tomb with a rolled-away stone.

JESUS IS WITH US

JESUS IS RISEN

Illustration of a sunrise over a landscape with a tomb.

JESUS IS ALIVE!
 Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24

THE WORD
 John 1:1-50
THE WAY
 John 14:6
THE LIGHT
 John 8:12
THE BREAD
 John 6:35
THE LAMB
 John 1:29
THE DOOR
 John 10:9
THE LIFE
 John 11:25-27

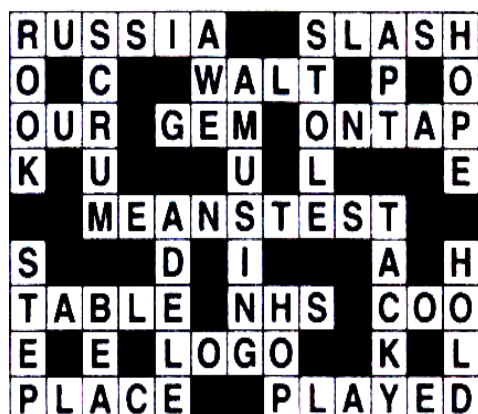
JESUS IS ALIVE

Illustration of Jesus with arms outstretched under a rainbow.

Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection"
 Read Matthew 11:14-44

Puzzle Solutions

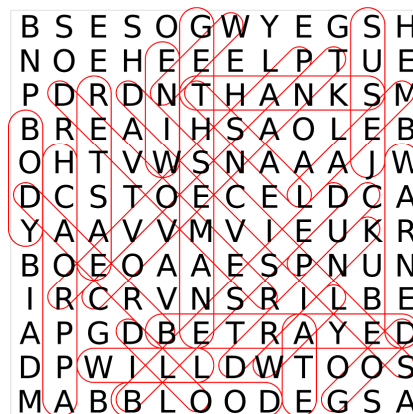
Crossword



Word Search

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Last
Passover
Meal
Disciples
Warned
Betrayed
Bread
Blessed
Wine
Thanks
Drink

Covenant
Law
Old
New
Body
Blood
Gethsemane
Cup
Removed
Will
Easter
Approach
God



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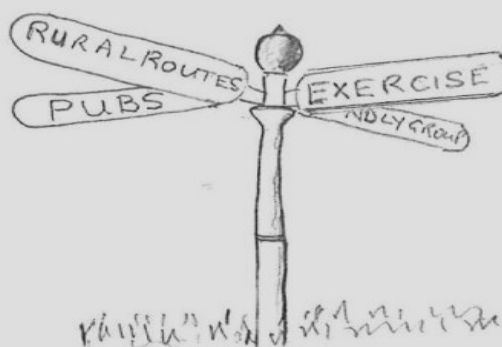
Easy

Sudoku

Intermediate

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

Hambleton Pedallers



Our 23rd Season Starts on 23rd April at 6pm at Hambleton Village Hall

If you are interested in exercise by exploring interesting bridleways and smaller roads and seeing great scenery with a pub stop on the way - Join us !

Hambleton Pedallers are a friendly local group of easy going cyclists who ride on quiet routes each Thursday evening starting at 6pm at Hambleton Village Hall.

Any questions or bike-help/checks to

George & Caroline Pitt

Tel 01428 682940

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01428 683302

Useful Information and Telephone Numbers



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

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

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Chiddingfold – Ridgeley Road, GU8 4QP

Tel: Doctors	01428 683174
Community Nurses	01428 683735

HOSPITALS

Royal Surrey County Hospital

01483 571122

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Equipment for short term use

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

Contact: British Red Cross, Equipment Loan Centre,
Wey Court, off Meadow, Godalming, GU7 3JE. Tel: 01483 429253
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

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Neighbourhood Specialist Officer: PC Tracey Taylor

PCSO Dave Boxall

01483 630086

Email address

waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Urgent calls

999

Non-urgent and crime reporting

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Borough Hall	01483 523333
Cinema Borough Hall (Tickets & Information)	01483 523004
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St Peter's Hambledon – church office (see page 3 for more information)	01483 421267
Hambledon Village Hall – for terms and bookings	01428 683588
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Times and fares for all national services	0845 7484950

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Lifts to medical appointments, collecting prescriptions for Hambledon residents without transport, ring 01428 682959. If no response within 24 hours please call 01428 684390

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Milford Veterinary Surgery

37, New Road, Milford

01483 414747

Rivendell

24, St Johns Street, Farncombe

01483 421833

In an emergency, ring either number

Hambledon Village Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	Shop	Post Office	
Monday	8.15 – 5.30	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Tuesday	8.15 – 5.30	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Wednesday	8.15 – 5.30	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Thursday	8.15 – 5.30	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Friday	8.15 – 5.30	9.30 – 12.30	1.30 – 4.30
Saturday	8.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 12.30	Closed
Sunday	8.30 – 4.00	Closed	Closed