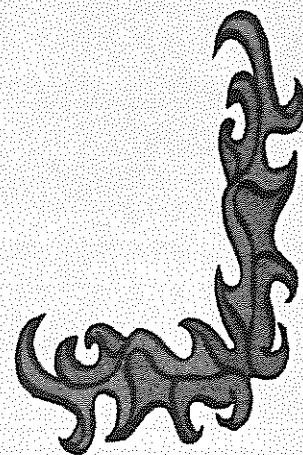
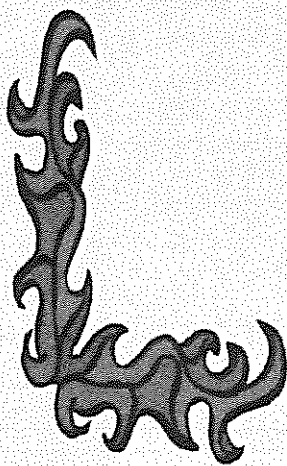
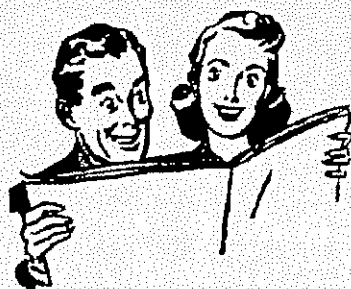


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In addition to all the church news feature articles from regular contributors ensure that readers are kept up to date with village news. The local police, Parish Council and village organisations all provide articles together with local news from 'Parish and People' (Pat Williams), comment from Ross Kilsby in 'Ross's Ramblings' and sometimes more controversial comment in 'Byways' from our anonymous reporter 'Magpie'. Many other articles add interest and variety.

Two pages of 'Useful Telephone Numbers' have been enthusiastically received and these, together with numerous adverts, provide valuable information.

We take this opportunity to invite all non-subscribers to become regular readers of 'The Hambleton Parish Magazine'. If you would like to receive a copy every month please complete the form below and hand it in at the Village Shop or Meadow Cottage, Church Lane, Hambleton  
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### **Sunday Services**

Full details of these and any other services are set out in the Calendar for the month in the body of the magazine

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### **Other Information**

Several Home Groups meet regularly, usually on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings in the month, at various locations. Further information from the Churchwardens or the Curate.

The Women's Fellowship meets on the fourth Wednesday in the month at 3.00 pm.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals should be arranged in consultation with the curate.

Where there is sickness or where a visit would be valued, the Curate would like to hear as soon as possible.

The Rector and Curate are normally off duty on Thursdays.

# Thought for December 1998

**"Christmas is not a date - It is a state of mind"**

Dear Friends

## **A Christmas Gift – ( a Parable )**



Last Christmas I had the task of distributing gifts in the parish from a generous benefactor I know.

I was surprised how many of those I approached with their gift who said "NO THANKS". They were very nice about it, some of them quite appreciative, but nonetheless definite in saying "No". And, as I discovered, they had their reasons.

I offered the gift to Mr. A. "Who is it from?" he asked. "From G\*", I said. "Oh, I don't really know him. What is the gift?" he asked. "It's an S+." I replied. "Oh, I don't know what that is, or how it works", he said, "NO THANKS".

I offered the gift to Mrs. B. "Who is it from?" From G\*, I said. "Well, what is the gift?" she asked. "It's an S+", I replied. "Oh, I don't deserve anything as costly as that. I'd be ashamed to accept. NO THANKS," she said.

I offered the gift to young Mr. C. "Who is it from?" he asked. "It's from G\*", I said. "Well, what is the gift?" he asked. "It's an S+", I said. "That's a laugh", he said. "What a joke to offer that to me at my age. I can get along nicely without one of those. Might be different when I'm old, but not now. NO THANKS."

I offered the gift to Mrs. D. "Who is it from?" she asked. "It's from G\*", I replied. "Well, what is the gift?" she asked. "It's an S+", I said. "A what!" she exclaimed. "How dare you. Fancy suggesting I need one of those. I've got my pride. NO THANKS."

I offered the gift to Mr. E. "Who is it from?" he asked. "It's from G\*", I replied. "Well what is the gift?" he asked. "It's an S+", I said. "That's nice, but I don't think I'll accept it", he said. "You see," he went on "I wouldn't want to feel under any obligation to him. I don't know what I might be letting myself in for. NO THANKS."

I offered the gift to Mrs. F. "Who is it from?" he asked. "It's from G\*", I replied. "Well what is the gift?" he asked. "It's an S+", I replied. "Oh well, not at the moment" she said, "I'll have to think it over. Perhaps I'll get another chance next Christmas. But at present, NO THANKS."

I'm going to call on all of them again this year. I'll let you know how I get on.

*Je Posui*

\* John 3.16

+ Luke 2.11

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 1998

1 <sup>st</sup> (Tues)	7.45pm	Alpha – "What about the Church"	Busbridge Church Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Wed)	8.00pm	Intercession Evening for the Christmas services.	Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	8.00am	Millennium Prayer Breakfast	St. Mark's Ockford Ridge
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>ADVENT 2</u> 8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662) FAMILY SERVICE – with baptism - crèche and coffee	
		• <b>No Evening Worship</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	8.00pm	P.C.C. meeting	Tigbourne Wood Wormley
8 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	7.45pm	Alpha – "A story to tell"	Busbridge Church Centre
13 <sup>th</sup>	<u>ADVENT 3</u> 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP ) with hymns Morning Worship (New format)	
		• <b>No Evening Worship</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>ADVENT 4</u> 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) FAMILY CAROLS PARISH CAROLS (old and new)	
24 <sup>th</sup>	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> 11.30pm 4.00pm	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION Crib Service (short and simple, for under 5's and their families)	
25 <sup>th</sup>	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Worship	
27 <sup>th</sup>	<u>CHRISTMAS 1</u> 9.30am 11.00am	Morning Prayer – with hymns/canticles Holy Communion (New Format)	
		• <b>No Evening Worship</b>	



# HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL



The agenda for the last Parish Council Meeting included an item related to the provision of 'Affordable Housing'. Mary Allwood from The Rural Housing Trust had been invited to attend in order to advise on procedures which would be necessary if such a project were to be undertaken in Hambledon.

She explained that the Rural Housing Trust (RHT) is a registered charity which provides affordable housing for local people in villages throughout England. It works with village communities to establish the scale and nature of housing need, and to identify suitable sites, arranging funding, negotiating planning agreements and building contracts. The trust also manages the completed houses.

The RHT has gained experience for over 20 years and has built nearly 2000 houses in over 200 villages.

Before even considering looking for a site the advice was to establish the need for new houses. To this end it will be necessary to carry out a carefully designed survey.

If support is forthcoming a further survey will be carried out at a later date to determine the quantity, size and type (e.g. rent or shared ownership) of housing required.

Since the houses have to be 'affordable', there is no point in looking for land for which the full development price has to be paid. The RHT only develops sites which can be acquired for a fraction of what would be the value of normal development land, by using special planning agreements on land which would not otherwise attract planning permission.

It was asked, who would qualify for occupancy? The clear answer was local people and those with close connections to Hambledon and in housing need.

Assurance that the houses will always be available at less than market rents or selling prices is covered by the policy outlined in 'Local Needs Statements'. This ensures that the houses built on exceptions sites remain permanently in the low cost sector. The policy is enforced through Section 106 Planning Agreements. These agreements ensure that the housing association's lettings must give priority to local people.

A survey to establish need and support within the village will be carried out in January 1999. The form will be circulated with the January Parish Magazine.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> , at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

The meetings are open to the public and you will be very welcome. The meeting is open to questions from the floor from 9.30 to 9.45 and you will find the agenda on the notice boards at the Village Hall, Hydestile Crossroads and the Village Shop



**Ada says :**

Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives – except in our village!

## Lilian Rosina Sage.

When Christine asked me on behalf of the family to say a few words about Aunt Rose at her funeral service on Wednesday 11th November, my immediate thought was how can I sum up Aunt Rose in a few words?. However I jotted down one or two things that I felt was the essence of Rose, the qualities that made her the person we knew and loved. Many of us will remember her warm welcome when calling at Oliver Cottage. Rose, or Aunt Rose as we all knew her was so pleased to see everyone who popped in for a chat. To visit her was a real pleasure, for Rose was not a person to complain but always found the good in everyone and was interested in everything. Her little cottage had a special peaceful atmosphere, time stood still as it remained much the same as when she was a child, with the range burning brightly and the kettle singing on the top. Her recollections of village life in her younger days always fascinating and certainly made me aware of the vast changes she saw in her life time.

Hambledon was just a small hamlet a hundred years ago. The Doctor came on horseback with his leather medicine bag, but Rose was quick to point out he only came when people were very ill as they couldn't afford him for any minor ailment. Life was very different then, no National Health Service, in fact, no electricity, no running water and they walked most places. Goods were delivered by the carrier from Godalming with his horse and cart.

Last year when Rose fell and broke her hip I called at the hospital to pray with her before her operation. There seemed endless delay before the actual surgery took place, for a lady of 103 it seemed a great deal to ask of a frail body to respond to anaesthetic, major surgery and the healing process. When I phoned the following morning the nurse said she was awake and having a wash. Rose sent me a message via the nurse over the phone. "Tell her the Lord is still with me." This was the secret of Rose's enduring strength through every challenge of life. She put her trust in the Lord Jesus, and was a lady of living faith. I say this because Rose lived what she believed and knew the presence of the Lord everyday, and saw his hand of provision in all she needed. Often she described this as marvellous and wonderful Gods faithfulness to her in life. The Rev John Venus, myself, and more recently Rev John Postill took her communion, her face would light up when we arrived as Rose loved this simple service. We would end with prayer which was so important to her for she believed all her requests were heard and God in His grace would answer. I will long treasure these times we had together.

Rose had many friends through the generosity of heart she gave everyone. She was a wise counsellor to her family and friends who turned to her for advice, being a lady of integrity, principle and true character her words were valued.

For a lady of her age Rose had a great capacity to enjoy the ordinary things of life with a heart to appreciate the smallest thought. In more recent times when she was less able, she was so thankful for the fire wood that arrived ready chopped for use, the errands made on her behalf to collect items and shopping she needed. The fire a kind neighbour lit every morning in the range so Rose came down to a warm cosy room. The Doctors and nurses who looked after her, the months she stayed with Neville and Jan Cherriman and the children at the farm. The care she received from her family, all these she counted as blessings with great appreciation and joy. The many letters and cards received, each one treasured for the message inside which gave her such

pleasure. Rose loved life, she loved the countryside and Hambledon, she loved animals, she loved her friends and above all she loved and cherished her family. They made it possible for her to return to the place she had known as home all her life and where she wanted to be, Oliver cottage. It was there life ended on Friday 6th of November 1998, after a 104 years.

We all have special memories of Aunt Rose that will stay with us. Her example encourages us to embrace the same values, the same outlook on life, and the same faith to find God for the strength she found.

Rose told me she heard the angels singing and it was wonderful. What a welcome I believe awaited her into the presence of the Lord. As she knew and trusted him as friend and saviour in this life, she is with Him now and eternity. We will remember her with great affection and join in sympathy with her family as they mourn her passing.

Rosalind Mason  
Pastoral Assistant of St. Peter's Church, Hambledon.

### **Thank you!**

Christine, John and Michael Blanchard would like to thank everyone for the welcome given to them as they moved to Hambledon on completing the updating of Oliver Cottage. A special thank you to everyone who kindly visited Aunt Rose on her return home. She was so excited to be in familiar surroundings with the family she loved around her and enjoy the rest of her days there. We miss her dearly.

With thanks from Christine.



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Dear Michael

I was very sorry to hear of Aunt Rose's passing, but grateful you'd taken the time to tell me.

As you know, the list of people we interview is numbered in the hundreds - including film stars, politicians and world famous sportsmen, but I will always remember meeting the lovely Aunt Rose.

Please pass on my condolences to the rest of the family.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ross Kelly'.

Ross Kelly

## PARISH & PEOPLE



Thoughts for December are being assembled at the time of Remembrance and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War in 1918. How much we are reminded of our village 'elderly' Auntie Rose Sage when seeing veterans of the war on our television programmes who are all nearly equal to her in age. What a coincidence it was that "Auntie" should have left us on November 6<sup>th</sup> and that her funeral service should have been held in St Peter's on November 11<sup>th</sup> just two hours following the two minutes' silence. We are grateful to Ros Mason for contributing an appreciation elsewhere in this magazine. The current burials register in use at St Peter's was started in November 1915 and for interest a quick run through revealed that in fact "Auntie" was the oldest resident recorded. She has topped the poll by 2 years just ahead of Mrs Anna Phillips who died in June 1971 aged 102 years. All at St Peter's and Hambledon Village wish to send to the family their loving sympathy at the loss of a lady whose life touched so many of us.

Many congratulations to the Pollock family who are celebrating two recent engagements: Robert has become engaged to Agnes Cramer, a Dutch lady who attended University at Salamanca in Northern Spain at the same time as Robert. The wedding will take place shortly in Holland.

Nick Pollock is engaged to Lucy Shedden whose home is in Winchester and who teaches in London. We pray that God will bless them in the days that lie ahead in all the plans that are being made.

Mary and Hampden Parker have levelled out on their grandchildren with the arrival of Phoebe Mary Maude Parker; they now have 4 of each variety! Many congratulations to Tim and Laurie Parker on the birth of their daughter, a sister to Oscar.

Sue and Harry Hinton also have a new grandchild; their first granddaughter whose name is Eleanor Claire. Well done to all 5 Hinton!

Both Molly Vacher and Ruth Steel have suffered strokes recently. Ruth is now at home; Molly is now in Cedar Ward at Milford Hospital where visiting is considerably easier than the County Hospital in Guildford. Visitors are always welcome and we hope that Molly will now be able to enter into a period of some physiotherapy to help her mobility.

Please continue to remember in your prayers all our sick friends and in particular: Jay Jervis and Ruth who gives him such support; for Peter Todd and for John Venus praising God that John has felt well enough to spend a few days in the Chichester area staying with some old friends.

Ann Disney has managed to break a wrist which we hope is now well on the way to being back in use.

Peter Gardner is suffering from an attack of shingles. A miserable business as many will agree; we send to Peter our love for a quick return to health and strength. We have missed seeing both Peter and Brenda at St Peter's lately.

Norman and Paddy Gravestock have recently only had to switch on the BBC radio news bulletins to hear their son-in-law, Peter Greste, bringing us news of the harrowing conditions overtaking the people who live in Central America during and immediately after the hurricane Mitch disaster. Peter is the BBC Correspondent in Central America and he and

Charley (Gravestock) had only just arrived at their base in Mexico when the hurricane struck. Peter was certainly busy at the commencement of this new assignment; the only other event of note was when they were invited to attend a reception given by the British Council and met Virginia Bottomley!

I wonder if you have thought yet about New Year resolutions? How about doing something different for a change? Flower arrangers and folk to clean are always in demand at St Peter's! Muriel Campbell can always give you the low-down on flower arranging if low-down is needed and the rota for the New Year can be found in the church porch. Do please put your name down for one Sunday out of the 52 – it does so help if many rather than few undertake these tasks.

Pat Williams keeps an eye on the cleaning and is most grateful to the few stalwarts who so nobly undertake this task. It is unfair to ask people to do it too often but with few of us it does mean that some names appear all too frequently! Be brave and have a go!

Pat Williams 01428 6824

Muriel Campbell 01483 8600264

We have recently learned of the death of Mrs Doris Faulkner, the mother of Jan Kilsby. To Jan and her family we extend our loving sympathy. Also the death recently of Mrs Georgiana Cave; known to many of her village friends and acquaintances as "Georgie". The Service of Thanksgiving for her life is taking place at St Peter's Church on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon. To her daughter, Jennifer Corbett and her family, we send our condolences on the loss of a much loved mother, grandmother and friend to many.

We are always grateful to Mr Michael Bailey of Court Farm for so kindly letting us use his courtyard for "overflow" car parking; but please remember that "overflow" is really the operative word. Mr. Bailey asks that we would please use up all the available parking in the road and upper car park before using his courtyard. If you do have to use the courtyard, always make sure that you park on the left-hand side and **NEVER** block the access in any way.

There are no birthdays to record this month, except the most special of all on the 25<sup>th</sup>. May your celebration of the birth of Jesus put Him at the centre and may your Christmastide be happy and much blessed.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PARISH AND PEOPLE !!!

*Pat Williams*

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## **MR NIGEL FISH**

Although living on the fringes of our parish, the Fish family have played a prominent part in the life of St Peter's over the 50 years that Nigel and Doreen have lived in Salt Lane. It came as a great blow to us all, having so recently recorded the excitement in the family who were arranging a celebration to mark the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Nigel and Doreen on 27<sup>th</sup> November, to learn that Nigel had fallen ill with a virus and died on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Nigel and Doreen moved to their present house when they married in 1948 on Nigel's demobilisation from the RAF and from where he conducted a car hire service; latterly taking over the funeral firm of Mullards from which he only retired in 1997 when he was diagnosed with cancer and underwent major surgery. He made a wonderful recovery from his illness and was determined to be better in time to visit once again his beloved Alderney; this he achieved in the summer of 1997 and again in 1998.

Nigel and Doreen had 8 children, most of whom were associated with Hambledon Church and Village through choir, brownies, and the like, but most of us will chiefly remember Keith, who is in fact the youngest boy, for he made such a contribution in so many ways, not least by training to become a Reader. It was with considerable pride that Nigel joined several of us at St Martin's Church in Dorking to witness the licensing of Keith as a Reader.

Nigel always brought to his job a friendly compassion, which endeared him to all who came to him following a bereavement. You always felt that he was one of the family and he showed many acts of kindness that usually go unnoticed but are remembered by many to whom Nigel showed such understanding. We in Hambledon have particular reason to remember Nigel with gratitude for the various jobs he carried out in the churchyard of his own free will, quietly and without waiting to be asked.

Nigel loved his garden, which brought him much joy. To Doreen, his children and grandchildren we send much love from the friends in Hambledon Village and Church and our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

We particularly remember Doreen at this time, especially as she has been unwell and pray for God's uplifting presence in the days that lie ahead, knowing that she is surrounded and supported by so loving and united a family.

Ray and Pat Williams

## **Parish Registers**

### **BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Church Family – Jack Michael JEFFERIES - December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **BURIAL**

We send our love and sympathy to the family and many friends of :–  
Lillian Rosina SAGE – November 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Freewill Offering Scheme**

Planned giving, as recorded, amounted to £1,619.95 in October

## DID YOU KNOW THAT.....



The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra in Asia in the fourth century and that one day, being very shy and liking to give money anonymously to the needy, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse with money down the chimney .... And, as they say, the rest is history.



The first Christmas card was made in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, founder of the V & A Museum in London.



The Christmas tree was introduced into England in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband.



The first Christians in the New Testament did not know the exact date of Jesus' birth, neither was there any annual celebration of the event.

The first evidence for the celebration of Jesus' birth on 25<sup>th</sup> December is found in a Roman document dated AD 336.

The date was chosen as a Christian take-over of the pagan Festival of the Sun.



It is more than likely that, though Jesus may have been conceived in December, He was born during the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles (Sept/Oct) – see John 1 verse 14 – “the Word became flesh and “tabernacled” (lived) among us” – that’s the Greek meaning for “dwelt/lived. – Interesting !!



## A CHRISTMAS PAST

The boys came rushing into the kitchen, into the spicy warmth of a special baking day, it was nearly dark. Sam was out of breath trying to keep up with William who was a good two years his senior. It takes a lot of puff to run and chant in a flat monotone "It's Christmas Eve" when you're only six.

"Where have you been? I've put the hens in, there's still the wood to bring in, will you bring in extra then there will be no need on Christmas day" Mam said. "We carried some wood for old Mrs. Fitch and she gave us a drink of ginger beer." "That was good of you" replied Mam giving them both a hug, making Sam burp.

Four year old Katie sat scraping out the mixing bowl using her finger to what she couldn't get with a spoon. Sam looked on "Can I have a lick?" "Bring in the wood then you can both have a mince pie, your Dad will be in late, he has extra to do at the big house tonight."

The boys stacked the wood in the big inglenook fireplace and brought in a large faggot of brushwood to put in the brick bread oven to dry for the next baking day, when Mam had finished the baking. There were some spiced buns and secretly some gingerbread men still in the oven, in the corner was a chicken ready to be browned in front of the fire on Christmas day.

A rabbit stew for supper simmered at the side of the fire, "I'll put in the dumplings now, your Dad shouldn't be too long. Lay the table Katie". The firelight made her hair look like gold. Mam lit a candle and took it to the kitchen. "I'll go and get some water as your Dad's late". William helped to carry the buckets from the well for her.

Supper was a jolly meal, with the firelight casting dancing shadows round the room and the table lit with the candle. Dad teased them saying Father Christmas would miss the cottage tucked here at the edge of the wood.



Mam washed up the dishes at the table on a tray taking the water from the kettle over the fire. Katie dried and Sam put away.

Dad brought in a great armful of holly, ivy, fir, yew and a bunch of mistletoe from the apple tree. He kissed Mam and Katie, William said "yuck" and pretended not to look. They sang the Holly and the Ivy as they fixed the greenery to the beams.

Time for bed. There were no objections as they hung their stockings on the mantelpiece. The children in bed "now straight off to sleep", they all giggled.

Mam and Dad toasted each other with parsnip wine, "best you made Ma, let's have a mince pie to go with it".

The children were up, padding down the cold stairs in their bare feet. It was barely light, William threw some brushwood on the fire embers and blew it into a blaze carefully putting on some bigger pieces of wood. Christmas Day! They took down their stockings.

Mam and Dad crept down to watch, Sam just tipped his out he couldn't wait. Katie cuddles the rag doll, she thought it was the most beautiful doll in all the world, a princess with it's yellow wool hair and the bright stitched eyes. A pocket knife for William, "Just what I wanted" and couldn't wait to try it on a bit of wood. Sam was making a terrible din blowing on his tin whistle. In the toe of each sock was an apple, an orange a few hazel nuts (the squirrels got there first) and a gingerbread man.



They were glad when it was dinner time just to shut up Sam trying to play carols. Dad had fixed up the sit and the chicken was browning nicely in front of the fire. The Christmas pudding, round as a cannon ball tied in a floured cloth, simmered at the side while the potatoes and greens cooked at the other side. Mam had put some parsnips and potatoes to brown and catch the drips from the chicken. Sage and onion dumplings cooked with the potatoes. Katie stirred the white sauce while she crooned to her princess Mary, Dad tipped in a generous amount of brandy that was really supposed to be kept for emergencies.

When all was ready they all sat round the table. "I wonder what they are having at the big House?" "I wouldn't change this for anything, I thank the Lord for my family and this food." "Amen to that" said Mam.



William carried in the Christmas pudding round and brown like a speckled cannon ball with the flue flames slightly scorching the sprig of holly.

Such may have been a Christmas at a cottage in Hambledon in the mid 1800's.

Anon

## The Cellar

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, The Cellar are having a Cake Stall in Crown Court, Godalming (opposite the Cellar Coffee Bar). Any cakes, biscuits, preserves would be appreciated and can be brought to the Cellar at any time on the day from 9.00am. Or come and support them by buying from the stall.

**Auction of promises** - The Cellar team wants to thank all those from Hambledon who so generously gave promises. A record £2,000 was raised.

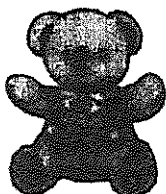
People to help in the Cellar Coffee Bar, mainly to serve behind the counter, are so needed that the Cellar team has come up with a new scheme: if we cannot volunteer ourselves, can we consider sponsoring a paid helper by contributing to his/her wages.

For more details contact Debbie at the Cellar (01483 417097) or Jacqueline Hindley (01483 860219)

*Jacqueline Hindley*

# WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

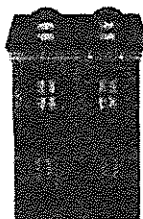
Don Nicholson paid a welcome return visit to the November meeting of WAG in the village hall.



He is a photographer who specialises in dolls and dolls houses and has illustrated many books on the subject. Don also produces lovely postcards of dolls and teddy bears in various delightful poses.



The dolls are housed in museums here and abroad and many of them are unique, all beautifully dressed and correct quality of the photography it workmanship involved in contents, all to scale including and expressions - a fascinating slides were shown from the should be on your list of places to visit -I'm sure a number of grannies will be going!! Forget the children!



Our Christmas party is on  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm in the  
village hall.  
All are welcome.



## Thank You!

May I, on behalf of my mother and through the medium of the 'improved' Village Magazine, thank all those who have visited her and sent cards and good wishes following the stroke that laid her on October 20<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing (November 15<sup>th</sup>) she is still in The Royal Surrey awaiting referral to Milford for more intensive physiotherapy, she has not yet regained the use of her right arm or leg (and, being right handed, she cannot yet reply to all the cards she has received – or sign the W.A.G's cheque book!!) however her speech is improving and she has not lost her sense of humour.

She (and we) are comforted by the incredible amount of love and concern that has been expressed by all her friends in and around Hambledon, than you all very much.

*Paul Vacher*

PS. We understand she is 'top of the list' for referral to Milford and can only think the delay is something to do with where to hang or pin the 70/80 cards that currently surround her bed in Guildford!!

PPS. Mother has now moved to Milford Hospital and is in Cedar Ward (Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>).

## HENRY SMITH'S CHARITY

Each year Hambledon receives a grant from the Trustees of Henry Smith's charity which has its origins under the Will of Henry Smith who died in 1628. He established the Trust in his lifetime "for his own maintenance and for such charitable uses as he should think fit"; and directed his Trustees that they should distribute the rents of his "manors, lands and tenements ... for the relief of aged poor or infirm people, married persons having more children born in lawful wedlock than their labours could maintain, poor orphans, such poor people as should keep themselves and families to labour, and should put forth their children apprentices at the age of 15, and not to or for the relief of any persons who are given to excessive drinking, whoremongers, common swearers, pilferers, or otherwise notoriously scandalous ...".

The judicious purchase of "other manors, lands and tenements" in the ensuing 350 years has extended the Charity's agricultural estate to about 6,500 acres. Additional income derives from a portfolio of stock market investments. The income of each of the country estates is divided each year between various parishes in accordance with Deeds of Assignment made in 1641. It is income from the Warbleton Estate in Sussex - a few miles to the south-east of Heathfield - that funds the annual grant to Hambledon and 36 other parishes in Surrey.

One hundred years ago Hambledon received £3.10s.0d (£3.50)<sup>1</sup> enabling the parish to purchase 140 loaves of bread, each weighing 4lbs and costing 6d (just over 2p). Between one and four loaves were distributed to each of 53 parishioners. Thereafter the number of recipients grew steadily and in 1931 it peaked at 85, by which time the funds received had risen to £4.18s.6d. - but the weight of a loaf had fallen to 2lbs.

The present custom of distributing the grant only amongst retired people was established in 1938. In 1943, instead of loaves of bread 24 recipients had the choice of either one hundredweight (50 kilos) of coal or three bags of wood. For 20 years after the second world war the size of the grant decreased (to as little as £1.10s.0d on nine occasions) but the price of fuel increased five-fold. Even though the number of recipients was sometimes as few as 10, throughout this period no-one received more than a single bag of wood.

Things started to look up in the late 1960s and in 1970 a grant of £2210s.0d<sup>2</sup> was used to purchase either a bag of coal or a parcel of groceries for 14 recipients. Vouchers, redeemable at either Freemantles (for fuel) or the Village Stores, Hambledon (for groceries), were introduced in 1971 - along with decimal currency.

During the next 20 years the number of recipients grew to over 30 and the grant went up by an average of about 15 per cent a year, from £30 to nearly £500 in 1991, when it once again became possible to purchase loaves of bread through the redemption of vouchers at Hammonds bakery in Milford. However, with the closure of Hammonds last year and the discontinuation a few years previously of the facility to purchase coal (which hardly anyone was doing), all vouchers are now spent at the village shop.

Since 1994 Hambledon has received a grant of £600 a year. However, in both 1993 and 1996 supplementary distributions were made "without affecting the Trustees' ability to maintain the existing level of the annual ongoing gift for future years". In the long term Henry Smith's "manors, lands and tenements" have turned out to be shrewd investments.

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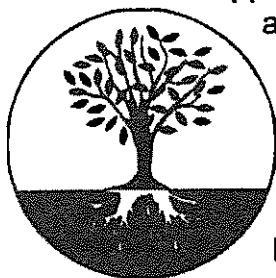
<sup>1</sup> In to-day's money, worth £408.21.

<sup>2</sup> £180 to-day.

# TREES FOR THE MILLENNIUM?

Last year the Parish Council organised a meeting to discuss ideas for celebrating the millennium. Over 20 projects were suggested and a wider survey was then undertaken to determine which of these commanded the greatest support. Three of the front runners which the Parish Council has decided to pursue are starter homes, a village family record and tree planting. A survey by the Rural Housing Trust to gauge the need and level of support for affordable housing and the initiation of a "village snapshot" are the subject of separate articles. This note invites further comments on tree planting.

The original suggestion was to plant a commemorative oak; but there was also considerable support for a yew tree. The planting of yew trees nation-wide is being actively promoted by the Conservation Fund which aims to provide every parish with a young yew tree propagated from an ancient yew estimated to be at least 2000 years old and therefore growing at the time of the birth of Jesus. Another initiative, "Trees of time and place", has been launched by the Woodlands Trust whereby every local council is being encouraged to make at least one patch of land available for the planting of young trees (mainly native hard woods) grown from the seeds of existing trees. This project could be used to replant the area opposite the Village Hall from which the dead elm trees were recently removed. Or would another area be more appropriate?



Please let the magazine editor, Derek Miller, know what tree planting in Hambledon you would like done to celebrate the millennium - a single commemorative oak? a yew tree with a 2,000 year old pedigree? a selection of hard wood tree seedlings? And what would be your preferred site for any or all of these ventures?

## A VILLAGE SNAPSHOT

Compiling a village family record was one of the millennium projects which commanded considerable support. Further discussion by the Parish Council has resulted in the suggestion that this should comprise a village snapshot - a written and pictorial record of all properties in the parish plus brief descriptions of other events and organisations. Individual households will be asked to provide brief descriptions of their properties and families, plus photographs or other illustrations. The aim is not to be intrusive but, drawing on freely-given information, to build up a picture of life in Hambledon that will convey to future generations a snapshot of our village community as it was in 1999.

Guidance notes will be circulated with a future issue of the Parish Magazine and each household, if it so wishes, will be able to call on the assistance and advice of one of 20 or so co-ordinators, who have already held their first meeting to discuss the project in more detail.

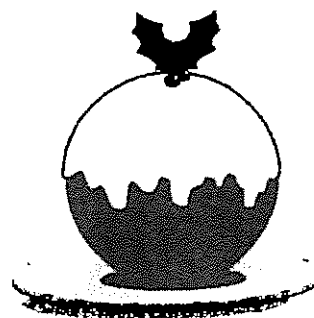
All the records will be bound together in a single volume and a grant to fund its publication is being sought from the Millennium Festival Fund. The result should be a fascinating social account of life in Hambledon throughout the last year of the present millennium.

Audrey Monk and Jane Woolley  
Project leaders

# Welcome to "The Best" Cookery Corner in the South East

*If time is running out and you have forgotten to make the Christmas pudding, why not try this simple recipe.*

*Guy Lemieux*



## Quick & Easy Christmas Puddings

4 oz Butter  
2 oz Dark Brown Sugar  
1 Tablespoon Black Treacle  
6 oz Self Raising Flour  
2 Teaspoons Mixed Spice  
2 Eggs – Beaten up  
3 Tablespoons Brandy  
8 oz Mixed Fruit  
2 oz Mixed Peel

**Serves 6**

Place butter, sugar, treacle, flour, mixed spice, eggs and brandy in a bowl and beat together until thoroughly mixed. Stir in fruit and mixed peel. Divide the mixture between six thoroughly greased dariole moulds. Cover tightly with foil and steam for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. When cooked turn out the moulds and serve with brandy butter or cream. Alternatively cook in a pudding basin and steam for 2 hours.

## Spicy Brandy Butter

**Serves 6**

8 oz Unsalted Butter  
8 oz Caster Sugar

1 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon  
4 tablespoons Brandy

Cream butter and sugar together till it is pale yellow. Add cinnamon and brandy and blend well. Chill for 24 hours and serve with the puddings above.



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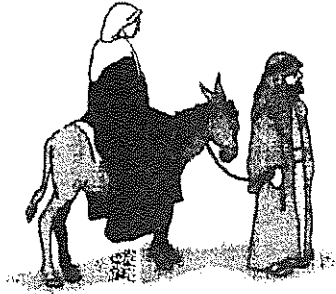


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# Poetry Corner

## "NO ROOM"

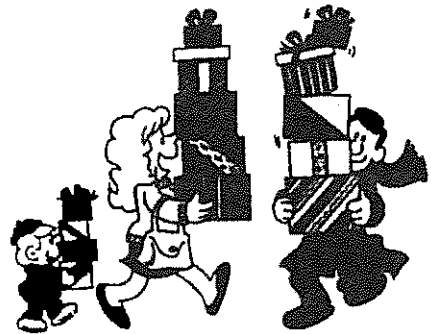


To Bethlehem, a long time ago  
Two travellers wearily came.  
And tho' they knocked on many doors,  
The answer was always the same.  
'I'm sorry sir, there's no room here.  
You'll have to go away'.  
So Joseph, with Mary, expecting a child,  
Could find no place to stay.

The child Mary bore, was born to be King.  
God's Son to save us from sin.  
We did not give Him a crib soft and warm,  
But cried: 'No room at the inn'.  
His palace was stable dark.  
His bed, a manger of hay.  
Man found no place for Jesus Christ  
On that first Christmas Day.

Today we don't give Him a manger bare,  
Or frankincense, myrrh and gold.  
Instead, we slam the door in His face  
And leave Him in the cold.  
We have no time to lift the latch  
As to purchase our gifts we fly.  
We give Him no thought as we post our cards:  
In the streets we pass Him by.

We leave our Christ at Christmas-time.  
The Saviour we send away.  
And yet, audaciously, we claim  
To celebrate Christmas Day.  
So amidst the glitter of tinsel and foil,  
This season please make room for Him.  
Don't be guilty of having your fun,  
And crying 'No room at the inn!'



## "BYWAYS"

An Occasional Column From Around Our Plot.

Last week I counted the road works in a six mile radius of the village. How many do you think, five, ten, twenty? No I counted thirty-five sets of road works, traffic lights, road closures, holes in the road and various cones and flashing lights. And guess what? A good 50% were our old pals "Pipeway". You might think it was only this year that they were around the village digging up lanes – you'd be right! How about a nice trip down Vann Lane? Forget it!



A little bird told me that one of their generators was stolen from Lane End by some men in an old maroon pick up truck, I wonder who they were?

**THOU  
SHALT  
NOT  
PARK  
HERE**

Did you hear the tale about a local publican who had a Pipeway's water browser left in his car park for months, despite many phone calls to the company. In the end he had a letter head printed and sent them a substantial bill for parking. They paid, and still failed to collect the equipment. The publican then moved the browser and sent another bill for parking and "Removing to a secure compound". They paid and collected the equipment. So if anything is left on your land – "Take Note".

If you have tried any of the Sunday lunch venues please let the editor know your views.



# Merry Christmas

*Magpie*

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We arrange one-off weekend visits to hosts who volunteer to join the scheme, which was founded by the British Council and the Commonwealth Office, as a valuable way of fostering international understanding. Both students and hosts learn about each other's culture and beliefs and students of all faiths and none are often glad to accompany their hosts to church, as a way of enhancing their experience of Britain.

Weekend visits take place throughout the year, but there is particularly great need at Christmas when students can find themselves in almost empty halls of residence, aware that other people are enjoying a festival from which they may be excluded.

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## *Hambledon Heritage*

Last month prompted the thought that extracts from Mary Parker's reminiscence of the War of 1939 – 45 contained in her booklet 'Memories of Hambledon' might prove interesting to readers.

'The saddest thing that happened to Hambledon in the War was the bombing of 'Mann's Cottage', on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1940. On this particular night a German bomber flew over the village and saw a light on the top of Mervel Hill; whereupon it turned and dropped five bombs in a row. They missed the light, but one of them hit the cottage at the bottom of the hill, killing three people and two children. The only survivor was a baby asleep upstairs in a cot which was blown straight up in the air, and descended onto the top of rubble, with its occupant unharmed.'

'Another property to suffer during the War was Court Farm, where a fire bomb was dropped, destroying several buildings, but mercifully nobody was hurt.'

'When the war began, Hambledon was filled with children from Battersea. I was one of the people who collected children from the school, which was the starting point, and took them to their various destinations. I took three small girls to a neighbour of ours, who was reputed to eat grey squirrels, which he said tasted like rabbit. But he was nonplussed at the idea of looking after children. As he stood forlornly on his doorstep, he looked at me in despair. "What am I going to feed them on?" he wailed. I could only think of the grey squirrels, but I didn't think this was a very helpful answer, so I drove away quickly.'

'In our case, we were asked originally to take twenty nurses, who would be on duty at Hydestile Hospital, built as an emergency hospital for air raid casualties. We were told that all we need do was to empty three bedrooms, and the nurses would bring everything they needed. So we moved the furniture out of three bedrooms and waited. As it turned out only ten nurses arrived, which was just as well, because they brought nothing with them at all. Fortunately we had a number of mattresses and blankets stored in the house, left by my sister who had gone to join her husband in Haifa; so by putting mattresses on the floor, and sewing face towels onto bolsters, we were able to fix up beds of some sort. In any case, the nurses did not stay with us for very long. In order to get to the hospital, they had to walk through a wood. On one occasion, when a kind farmer thought he would help by escorting them back in the dark, they thought they were being followed by an undesirable character, and begged to be sent back to London. The bombs were preferable to the terror of living in the country.'

'After our nurses left us, we were given seven evacuee boys, who we kept for three years. Not the same seven all the time, but a variety of boys between seven and fourteen. As I had been leader of a Cub Scout Pack for many years, I was used to boys, but I found it quite impossible to make friends with this lot. They resented being sent away from home and treated me as if I was Public Enemy No. 1. Sometimes however, their consciences pricked them, and they tried to make amends. On one occasion I found a bar of chocolate on my writing table, and this was at a time when chocolate was rationed and therefore very precious. With it was a note, which read. 'Dear Miss, we are sorry for what the BAD things we have done since we have been here, and hope we will be able to help you more till the end of the war. If you have anything you would like us to do, we would not mind doing it.'

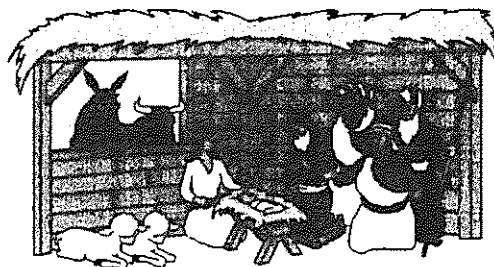
'And then, nearly twenty years later, two of them came back. On the first occasion, a large car drove in, a young man sprang out and gave me a big hug, and said, "Do you remember me, Miss Parker? I'm Ron. I have brought my wife, to show her where I was so happy during the War." Now Ron was a very difficult boy, one of the worst offenders. So that, after he had gone, I was left wondering – was my war effort a complete failure, or wasn't it?'

## A FURTHER THOUGHT AT CHRISTMAS –

### A SEASONAL MEDITATION

by Susan Lenzkes

“What have we done to your birthday, Lord?  
You came in the dark of night  
with softly muffled stable sounds.  
We ‘remember’ with stereos on high volume,  
jingling bells and loud parties.  
You came to us surrounded by brown animals,  
dirt floor, straw and wooden manger.  
We ‘remember’ with brilliant reds,  
greens and glittery tinsel.  
With our sounds and colours of celebration,  
do we truly remember,  
or simply refashion  
and thus reduce the glory?”



## HAMBLEDON VILLAGE SHOP

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We are so lucky to have our Post Office facilities at the shop – especially now that the Christmas rush is here. The queues at major Post Offices have to be seen to be believed. We must treasure Alison, Guy and all other helpers.

On the subject of Christmas, of course we are hoping that you will be doing lots of shopping with us. You will find the shop order form with this magazine. Please fill this in by December 14<sup>th</sup> to give Guy enough time to organise supplies. Please notice especially our smoked salmon which has been tasted at previous Christmases and is really delicious. In the wine section notice the superb offer of six bottles for the price of five, which must offer excellent value.

Making up Christmas orders requires a great deal of man/woman power, so any extra offers of help will be gratefully received by Guy.

*Caroline Pitt*

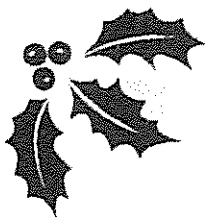


*Hambledon Village Shop*

*Wishes all our customers a*

*Happy Christmas*

*and good shopping in 1999*



# On the Hambledon Beat

By PC Kit Lewis



**W**elcome to this month's news from around the Hambledon Beat.

I know it's not Christmas yet, but you can certainly feel it coming, and hear it slumbering around the corner - so let me be one of the first to wish all those in Hambledon a very merry Christmas.

Christmas is traditionally supposed to be a time of enjoyment for the whole family, but unfortunately it can also be a period of stress and disputes not only within the family but also amongst neighbours.

So this month I would like to highlight the work of the Waverley Community Mediation Service (WCMS). The WCMS deal with all sorts of disputes and neighbourly

conflicts, and try to reach agreements that satisfy everyone. It is an independent voluntary organisation and offers specially trained mediators free of charge to any member of the community who applies for support. The aim is to reach an agreement quickly, confidentially and without the expense of going to court. Just talking to an independent person can often be a great help to all concerned. The WCMS are based in Farnham and can be contacted on 01252-338335. They are impartial, completely confidential and free of charge.



As a rural community we all depend on cars to get us around and many people forget that a driving license is a privilege and not a right. At this time of the year when social events begin to line up one after another, there is often the temptation to drink and drive rather than make other arrangements.

The costs of this anti-social behaviour are as immense as the misery it brings. There is no excuse for drinking and driving at any time of the year but some people take the 'Christmas Spirit' too far - with tragic results. You can be certain that my colleagues and I will be on the lookout for drivers who think that they are able to get away with this dangerous and potentially lethal behaviour. For those who might be tempted to 'risk' it please consider the consequences. When you are caught you are likely to face a minimum of a 12-month driving ban and a large fine. Could you do without a car for 12 months? Would you be able to afford the increased insurance premiums? And in the worst case scenario could you live with the knowledge that you had caused other road users serious injury or worse? **It really isn't worth it!**



Please enjoy yourselves this coming Christmas and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

*If anyone has a topic that they would like me to address in these pages, or any other feedback on my efforts above then please address these to the Editor Derek Miller or to me at Godalming Police Station. For those with access my e-mail address is:*  
*2069@surrey.police.uk*



# Ross's Ramblings

## *December :*

Remember last year when you decided yet again to buy the Christmas presents all through the year and stagger the expense? Well you didn't did you! Nor did I, apart from the raffle prize I won at Bramley fête. So if you know someone who wants a free singing lesson, let me know.

Sad to hear that Auntie Rose (Rose Sage) has died aged 104. If she had lived for another fourteen months she would have seen three centuries.

I remember a few years ago getting a phone call to say her TV had gone wrong, so I popped round to see an eighteen year old sixteen inch Phillips with the tube gone, sitting on the shelf. After trying to explain that I couldn't repair it, and Rose saying that it wasn't worth her getting a new one, I gave up and drove home, picked up my TV and installed it in her house. I was just leaving when she stopped me and gave me five pounds for my trouble, (and the TV).....

When you buy your Christmas cards this year please buy an extra one and send it to the editor and his wife, to thank them for all the hard work that they have put into our super new Parish Mag. Derek suggested enclosing a fiver, but I don't think that's cricket do you? (*Nice to know it's appreciated but please don't take Ross too seriously. Ed.*)

Good wife Jan has come up with another piece of mystery poetry. This one she has known since she was a little girl. (An awfully long time.)

I walked a mile with pleasure  
She chatted all the way  
Yet not a thing I learned from her  
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow  
And not a word said she  
But oh the things I learned that day  
As sorrow walked with me.

Has anyone got any clues?



### **Tailpiece**

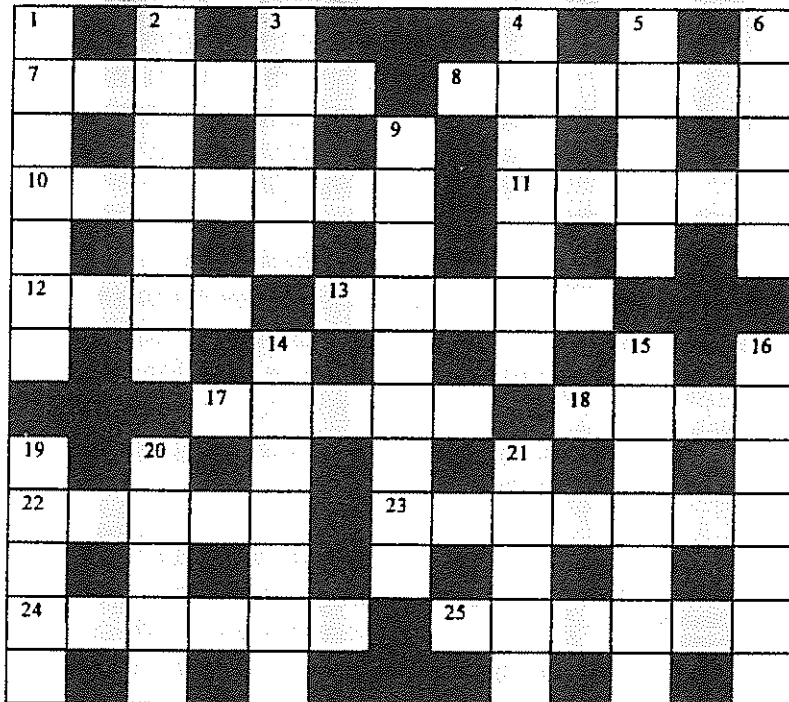
What annual visitor has returned to our village again this year to help clog up the works? Clue: P\*P\* W\*Y

Ross's claim to fame in '98. "I sold Ringo Starr a hairdryer!"

**Happy Christmas**

*Ross Kilsby*

# Easy Crossword



## Across

- 7 Jeer (6)
- 8 Real, genuine (6)
- 10 Discover (7)
- 11 Personal servant (5)
- 12 Chop violently (4)
- 13 Arm joint (5)
- 17 Supple (5)
- 18 Scalp growth (4)
- 22 Move around in search of prey (5)
- 23 Scottish region (7)
- 24 An urgent claim (6)
- 25 Advertising phrase (6)

## Down

- 1 Notion (7)
- 2 High-pitched scream (7)
- 3 Distress signal (5)
- 4 Condition (7)
- 5 Fire lighter (5)
- 6 Faith (5)
- 9 Britain's wartime leader (9)
- 14 Forceful (7)
- 15 Viewing figures (7)
- 16 Household chore (7)
- 19 English porcelain (5)
- 20 Pause mark (5)
- 21 Stop (a motor) (5)

## Solution to the November issue

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## Logic (Answers to November teasers)

1. Two    2. Half way    3. All of them    4. None    5. 10p and 1p

## Now you have got the idea try these!

1. If you drove a bus leaving Waterloo with 40 passengers and dropped off seven and picked up 2 at Aldwich, stopped at Holburn and drove on to arrive at Liverpool St. 5 mins later, what would the drivers name be?
2. Is it legal for a man to marry his widows sisters?
3. If you were alone in a house at night and there was a lamp, firewood and a candle and only one match, which one would you light first?
4. How many birthdays does the average man have?
5. Why can't a man living in York be buried West of the Trent?

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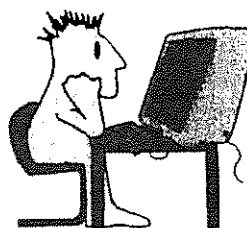
Regular readers of the Parish Magazine will be aware of the concern that is frequently expressed in this column regarding traffic travelling at excessive speed through the village.

No excuse is offered for taking this opportunity, when every household in the village will receive a copy of the magazine, to make a plea for every care and consideration to be taken by all road users when travelling through the village.

We are particularly anxious to receive reports of incidents, no matter how trivial they may appear so that a dossier can be compiled to aid in future negotiations for 'Traffic Calming' measures to be implemented.

**Help make Hambledon Road safe!**

**Editor**



## Editors Note !

Material for inclusion in the January edition of the magazine must be received at the address below no later than Sunday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> in order that the magazine is available for distribution on the last Sunday in the month.

**Derek Miller**  
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## HAMBLEDON FOOTBALL CLUB

### Latest Results

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Queen St. Rangers 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI No game – ground unfit	Won 2.1
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	No game - ground unfit	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Bedfont 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Surrey University	Won 3.2 Won 1.3
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Staines Lammas 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Thorpe Green Res.	Won 3.1 Lost 3.1
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Limpsfield Blues (3 <sup>rd</sup> round junior cup) 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI No game	Won 6.3

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI is still top of the first division of Guildford and Woking Alliance – indeed they have not lost a game in the league for a year.

M.F.C.

## 1998 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year Hambledon and Hydestile raised a total of £664.32 - which, as the total population of the village is 664, works out at a pound a head. A very creditable sum, even if it is a bit down on the previous few years' totals. The breakdown was

House-to-house collection	£439.45
Church collection	£204.87
Donations	£ 20.00

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all of you who contributed to this amount.

I would also like to thank our team of collectors, several of whom were doing it for the first time and all of whom were out collecting on what must have been two of the wettest Saturdays of the year - as well as on many other days throughout an extremely damp couple of weeks.

Jane Woolley  
Co-ordinator, Hambledon and Hydestile

## Relate needs good neighbours

The Right Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, recently launched his "Neighbours in Need" campaign encouraging parishioners to be good neighbours.

At Relate, we rely heavily on "good neighbours" giving their time help us to provide valuable couple counselling work. Apart from just a few paid members of staff, the rest of the team (Counsellors, Trustees, Receptionists, Committee members and fund raisers) are volunteers.

In the past Relate in Guildford has appealed through Parish Magazines for people to give a little of their time to help Relate and we have been delighted with the response we have received, particularly to our requests for additional Receptionists. Our team of Receptionists has been enriched by highly committed people who willingly help us out. We usually ask Receptionists to cover just one evening or Saturday morning a fortnight and they enjoy being here and being part of the team.

Do you find yourself sitting at home watching the telly in the evenings when you could be out helping in the community and meeting new friends? If so, Relate needs people like you. In particular, we would welcome people to help as Receptionists or to join our fund raising committee.

If you can help, please phone and talk to me, **Rosemary Stables**, on my direct line:

**01483 306076.**

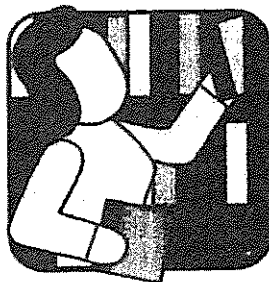
**I look forward to your call.**

## Tuesday Coffee Morning



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## SURREY VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL

### SURREY BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1998-11-15 JUDGES REPORT

Thank you for taking part in our competition this year. Thirty-nine villages entered. The first three places were:

1<sup>st</sup> Buckland

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackheath

3<sup>rd</sup> Hambledon

It has been shown time and again that any and every village, regardless of size, can win. Our motto makes this clear –

*'Not the Most Picturesque  
Nor the Most Ancient  
But, for all Forms of Life,  
Just the Best Kept'*

**VILLAGE** Hambledon

**CATEGORY** Small Village

#### **Village (General)**

A lovely generally well kept village.

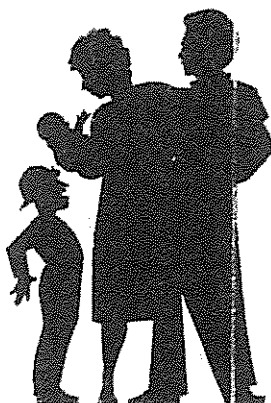
Some comment about untidy stacking of pipes etc. at rear of pavilion.

Minimal amount of litter in the village., judges commented ' the whole village must be interested in litter picking and care generally.'

The area around the church is lovely and the gardens and houses are beautiful. A real picture postcard corner of Hambledon. 'A privilege to visit this village in early summer glory'

**A well deserved 3<sup>rd</sup> place.**

### *Santa's Christmas Mail*

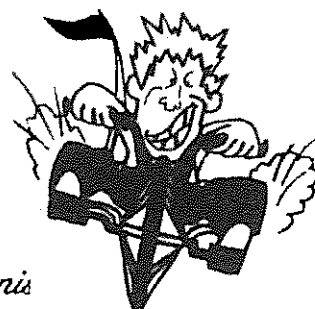


*Dear Santa Claus*

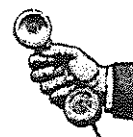
*Last year I got a sister instead of a bike.*

*Maybe some other boy wanted a sister ,  
and got my bike - we kept the sister, but  
I would still like a bike !*

*Dennis*



# Useful Information & Telephone Numbers



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<b>Tel:</b> Doctors	01483 414461
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<b>Chiddingfold</b> – Woodside Road, Chiddingfold, Godalming GU8 4QD	
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Community Nurses	01428 683735

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<b>Royal Surrey County Hospital</b>	01483 571122
<b>Milford Hospital</b>	01483 782000

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**Contact:** Medical Loans Service, British Red Cross, Woodlands Road, Slyfield Green, Guildford GU1 1RL (10-1230pm Mon-Fri, 10-11.30 Sat) **Tel:** 01483 532117

## POLICE

<b>Godalming Police Station</b>	01483 414343
<b>Local Information Centre</b>	01252 716262

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

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Area 4	Mrs C. Pitt	Malthouse Lane	01428 682940
Area 5	Mr A. Hammond	Cricket Green	01428 683625
Area 6	Mr J. Tidmarsh	Lane End	01428 682067
Area 7	Mr I. Campbell	Feathercombe Lane	01483 860264
Parish Council Representative	Mr R. Vickery		01428 682036

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<b>Library</b>	01483 422743
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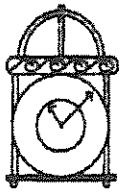
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If the ground is suitably friable, broad beans can be sown now, these early sowings often escape attack from black aphids in the spring.

This is also a good time to prepare a trench for next summer's runner beans, tea bags and other kitchen waste can be put in the trench to over winter.

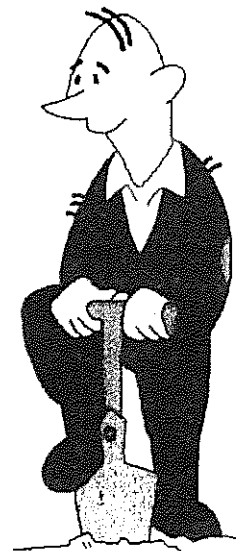
To prevent wind rock on standard roses and tall bushes, long stems can be cut back by about half, but delay pruning until March.

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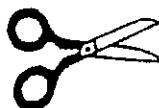
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