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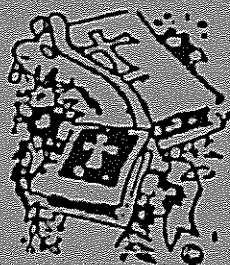
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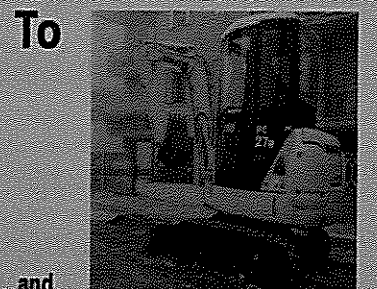
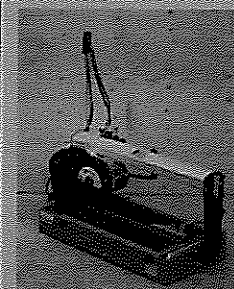
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Pastoral Letter - February

Dear Friends

At this time of year it's important to have some sunshine to look forward to – and I am in the process of arranging a summer holiday with some friends. We are planning to go to Malta – I've never been there before, and my friend tells me we will be just in time for the Malteser harvest. Apparently when they are freshly picked they are completely different from the dried, crunchy ones we get in this country...

One of the things that I'm always keen to establish when arranging a holiday is what the food will be like! My idea of a "self-catering" holiday is to be somewhere surrounded by simple, cheap tavernas so that we can eat out most evenings, sitting on a pavement table watching the people walk by and the sun go down. Much better than cooking! I love those long, lazy conversations you can have over a meal like that – with no pressure or agenda, the chance to talk about deep, important things or joking exchanges of banter, terrible puns and quick wits.

There is something about sharing food together that makes relationships go much deeper. Perhaps it is a long-overdue pub lunch with an old friend – I'm having one tomorrow with my Godmother, who makes me laugh more than anyone else I know, and together we will deepen and re-establish a relationship that has enriched us both all my life. Or maybe its getting your family together for birthdays or Christmas. The quality of the food doesn't matter that much – I remember my brother carving our first grown-up attempt at a proper Christmas turkey, and discovering that it was rather underdone – "Actually," he said, "I think a good vet could get it back on its feet..." But with the strategic use of a microwave and a bit of teamwork we still had a wonderful day. It was what they call a 'bonding experience'!

I was thinking about all this in relation to a verse from Revelation – it's a very well known one – Jesus says: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me." I have thought about that verse so often in terms of the door, the knocking and the opening – Jesus' desire to come in to our lives, our responsibility to open the door – it's all familiar stuff. But somehow I had never thought about the last phrase, until I was challenged to recently by my daily Bible reading notes:

And look – Jesus, the same Jesus who cooked fish and ate breakfast with his friends on that wonderful Galilee morning 2,000 years ago, says to us today that, if we will open the door, he will come in, not to pray with us, not to worship with us, not to read the scriptures with us, not to supervise our quiet times, but to eat with us.

Adrian Plass *When You Walk The Bible Reading Fellowship*, p.133

How wonderful to know that the depth of relationship, sharing and intimacy that we find over a good meal is exactly what Jesus wants to experience with us. What he wants is a warm and relaxed meal, not a formal encounter where he sits behind a desk and you wish you'd worn a smarter tie. He wants to share with you in the deep and important issues in your life, but also to laugh, to joke, to talk about the tiny things that matter to you but have no consequence in the grand scheme of things. After all, when Jesus was at a party and the wine ran out, what



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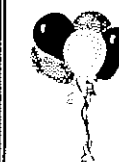
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Stephanie Couvela
Associate Minister: Busbridge and Hambledon



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February 2008

3rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday before Lent	11.00 am	Family Worship with Baptism
6th	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with Ashing
Ash Wednesday		
10th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St. John's,
Busbridge		
1st Sunday of Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
17th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
2nd Sunday of Lent	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
24th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
3rd Sunday of Lent	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) (with Children's Groups)

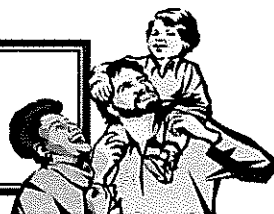
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With Lent in mind

- Man, in his fallen nature, is a dissatisfied and frustrated rainbow-chaser. - *Anon*
- Whatever else is or is not true, this one thing is certain - man is not what he was meant to be. - *G K Chesterton*
- The hearer of God's Word ought to be like those animals that chew the cud; he ought not only to feed upon it, but to ruminate upon it. - *Augustine*

PARISH & PEOPLE



Well done to the "production team" who have produced such a splendid new Brief History of St Peter's Church. The purchase price is £2.00 and the booklet can be obtained from either the church or the village shop.

It is good to see Georgina Aylward about again in the village following (what must seem to her) an all too brief visit to her daughter Charlotte living in New Zealand.

Many congratulations to Chris Underwood and Christina Lam who have announced their engagement and at the time of writing plans seem to be afoot for a Hambledon wedding later in the year. Chris's engineering work has taken him to Denmark for some time now and we are delighted that Christina wishes to be married here in Hambledon. Christina's parents, Henrik and Elin are frequent visitors to the village and have viewed with much interest some of the various events that have taken place. Philip Underwood has found a keen bird-watching friend in Henrik but so far the black woodpecker has eluded them!

Edward Jazwinski of Nutcombe Cottages has recently died and Hambledon friends and neighbours send to June and the family their heartfelt sympathy in their loss. Edward's son inlaw, Peter Little, gave an inspired background into Edward's life at the funeral service, leaving many of us full of admiration for this quiet village man who was a Polish citizen at the outbreak of war in 1939 aged just 18 years. June has kindly said that we may print in this edition of the magazine Peter Little's tribute and we are most grateful to her and to the family for allowing this.

A new arrival has appeared in the village since the January magazine went to press and we are delighted to welcome Fraser David, son of Karen and Julian Sinclair to Upper Vann.

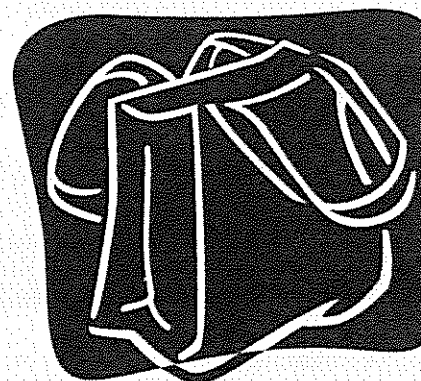
And a welcome gift on New Year's Day - a grandson to Sylvia and Chris Harrison! A son, Benjamin James, to Amanda and Nigel Little, a brother to Martha, who has just celebrated her second birthday!

Many congratulations from village friends and neighbours to the Harrisons, Littles and Sinclairs.

A women's burden in life

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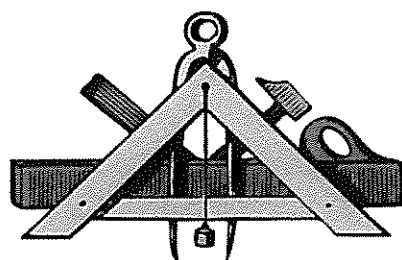
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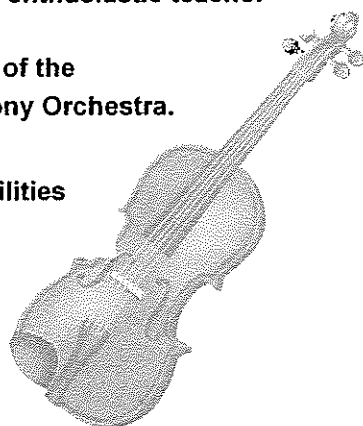


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PC Sam Barnett was welcomed to her first meeting of the Parish Council. She will do her best to be a regular contributor to the Parish Magazine and looks forward to meeting as many villagers as possible at the **Parish Assembly** which this year will be held on Friday 25 April. The agenda will be published in due course but please note the date in the meantime.

Southern Water have issued their first newsletter to households affected by the **mains drainage** works and the scheme's project manager will be attending the Parish Assembly.

Getting **mains gas** installed throughout the village was one of the action points in the Parish Plan. At the time of its publication British Gas showed little inclination to pursue the idea; but after four years the Parish Council has decided to reopen negotiations with the company that provides the majority of piping in the area. To start with, quotes have been obtained for three parts of the village:

- Plan A: Malthouse Lane (from where the existing main stops), Woodlands Road/Beech Hill, Vann Lane from the bottom of Woodlands Road to just before the Cricket Green: £5,080 per property providing at least 12 properties connect.
- Plan B: Plan A plus Hambledon Road as far as Feathercombe Lane, Church Lane, Feathercombe Lane: £10,400 per property with a minimum of 21 connecting.
- Plan C: around the Cricket Green: £6,585 per property with a minimum of 3 connecting.

These are all approximate costs (and remain constant, even if more than the required minimum of properties decides to connect); and they exclude VAT. To help the Parish Council decide whether to take matters further, could people living in any of these three areas please let the Clerk know whether they would or would not be interested in connecting. Depending on the response, a representative of SGN could be invited to the Parish Assembly to talk the idea through in more detail.



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Eulogy for Edward Jazwinski

Edward was many things to many people; to June he was a steadfast and loving husband, to his children and grandchildren a gentle father and grandfather.

But whatever else Edward was to you personally what I will tell you now is that, above all, he was a lucky man and there are three reasons why I believe this

The first was that Edward by rights should never have survived the War; many of you knew Edward was in the Polish army at the end of the war, but the truth is far more remarkable. Edward never really spoke of his war experience and here is perhaps why.

At the start of World War II Edward was a young man living with his family in Belaruse, a part of Russia near the boarder with Poland. The German invasion of Russia in 1941 swept the strong and vigorous Edward, no more than 18, into the German army: you may imagine recruiting methods in those days were not based upon today's inducements to see the world and gain a trade! Edward would most likely have been recruited over the barrel of a gun, probably in 1941.

As a Polish forced conscript, life in the already brutal German army would have been extraordinarily hard - conscripts were used as expendable shock troops. Edward never spoke of this time other than to say "it was hard and there was no choice". All we know is that his regiment fought to the very gates of Moscow, that they suffered terrible casualties fighting through the Russian winter and that the regiment was pulled out of action and sent back to recover in France, in 1942. There, we are not sure how, Edward managed to escape and surrender to Allied jurisdiction.

At that time all captured soldiers were normally sent to their home countries, many to certain death at the hands of Stalin's secret police, but Poles, because of an intercession by Churchill, were sent to join general Anders 2nd Polish Corps in Italy. Edward was allowed to join this army for the rest of the war, fighting as a tank driver through Italy, culminating in the Battle of Monte Casino in 1944, where the Poles' fight has assumed legendry national status.

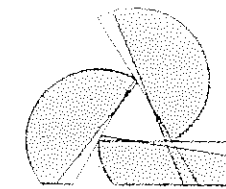
How Edward survived all this we can only, and inadequately, imagine. We know he DID survive but he was never to see his family again - something he regretted for all of his life.

At the end of the war Edward was a tiny part of a huge human tragedy. To have survived this was Edwards first and greatest piece of luck..

Out of this chaos was to emerge a great happiness for Edward. The authorities quite rightly decided his record in the Polish Army showed his extraordinary courage and loyalty and he was granted the right to remain in England and in 1972 Edward was allowed to take British Nationality - perhaps only then would he have really accepted that his war was over.

The end of the war saw Edward's second and most important piece of luck; he was demobbed and at a dance in Petworth he met a beautiful young girl called June. I have seen the pictures of both of them at this time and they were indeed beautiful; if you do not believe me, just look at their children and their grandchildren!

Edward and June started their family and lived near to Northchapel for 6 years and then 52 years ago set up house together in Nutbourne Cottages. Edward worked in the Redlands



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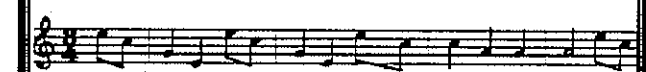
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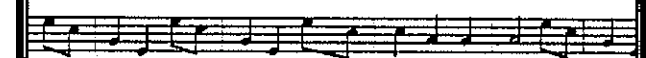
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Brickworks and together they made a home that enabled their children Nicholas and then Elizabeth, to grow up in a wonderful environment supported by the tireless work of June and Edward - Edward forever cutting trees and building wonderfully crafted places to store the hundreds of projects he always had running. He was never happier than when in a car boot sale he found some gadget, preferably very cheap and almost inevitably broken; he did not know the meaning of the words "giving up" and from long struggle with the broken parts would rise some ingenious new creation.

All of his family learnt not to give up; June in particular - perhaps best shown by her extraordinary devotion, love and support, in helping Edward through the long stages of the heart condition that was finally to stop him. June, like Edward, never, never gave up.

All of us have different memories of Edward; I have two favourites I'd like to recount.

In the first we are standing with Edward on a beach in Australia - it is low tide and we drive our car along the sands and in the tyre tracks appears the outlines of a type of clam called a Pipi; you can, if you have strong fingers (and boy, was Edward strong!) crack the shell open and eat the wonderfully sweet flesh straight from the sea. My memory is of Edward's face as it broke into his wonderful smile as he realised here FOOD was for free. Edward was in heaven!

My second memory of Edward is also my last, just this October. Edward had had yet another heart attack and was in hospital when Elizabeth and I arrived; within a day he was out and we got his tractor and trailer going, wrapped him up in a huge coat, lashed him in the back and set off down into the woods. There we propped him up in a chair and he directed the two of us as to where to cut the wood for the fires at home and where the best was to be found. He was in his element and he was clearly and touchingly happy at that moment, despite all of his medical problems and difficulties he was looking after his beloved June, in a place he loved, doing what he still loved best.

And this last memory, ladies and gentleman, brings me to the final piece of Edward's luck. Edward was lucky that he was allowed to develop a sense of place, a sense of home in a world that at times must have been challenging in ways we can only guess. Edward believed England gave him a life after the war and that he and June - and the land - and the trees made a place where he belonged in a way that only a lucky few can really understand. Here was home, here was the very centre of his being and he valued it above everything.

Edward was a lucky man and we are lucky to have known him. He will be remembered by all of us with gratitude and he will be fiercely missed.

Peter Little, son-in-law



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- One loving heart sets another on fire. - Augustine
- Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully. - Phillips Brooks
- The proof of love is its capacity to suffer for the object of its affection. - Anon



Hambledon working with Bolivia

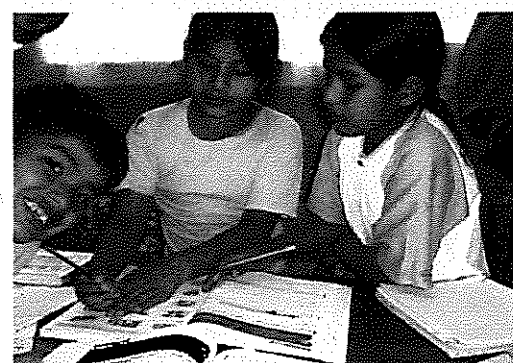
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Christian Centre,
Cochabamba, Bolivia*



(Cochabamba is the second largest city in Bolivia, with a population of 170,000. Fiona has been working together there with Ivar since 1990, and they married in 1995. Ed.)

We have been living in the U.K. for 4 years now, and in June 2007, we returned to Bolivia to visit Mayorazgo Multifunctional Christian Centre, the project which we established and ran while living in Bolivia and which St Peter's Church, Hambledon has supported for the last 15 years.

It was wonderful to walk into the Centre and be overwhelmed by the number of children using the building. Every room seemed to be 'overflowing' with children and all of them with a great sense of joy and purpose. The Centre continues to run a NURSERY for 50 children, 6 months to 6 years old, 5 days a week. It also runs a STUDENT CENTRE which offers support for 200 school age children 3 days a week, providing them with educational support and daily lunch as their parents are working and they only attend school for ½ a day. The Medical Project is offering support to all the children who attend the programmes and also to the local people in the area and church members. The church is integrated with all the activities and providing Christian teaching and discipleship throughout.

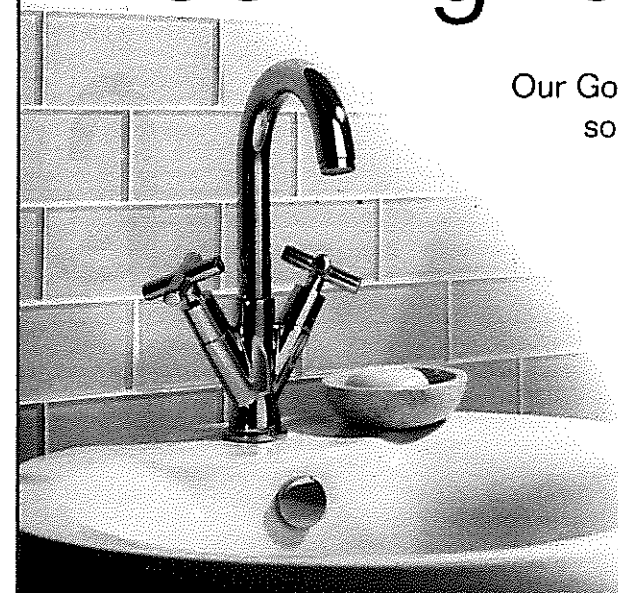


PROGRESS:

We were delighted to see progress within the leadership of the church. The young people have formed a very active and motivated group, which supports the children in their activities and is also looking to reach out to other rural poverty stricken communities. When we lived in Bolivia we had always hoped that the medical project and church members would undertake this work and it was exciting to accompany them on one of their first trips..



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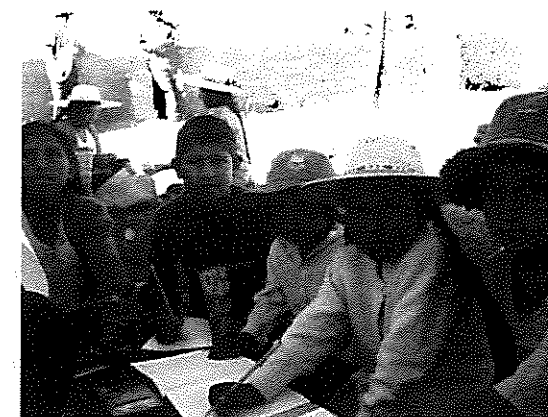
We spent a day working with a small village community 3 hours from Cochabamba, and the 2 doctors and dentists gave treatment to villagers who have very infrequent access to any medical help. It was very moving to see how grateful the children and parents were and how relatively simple medical intervention could be of such benefit.

PLANS for the FUTURE

1. We were very aware of the tremendous support which is being given by the church and centre to so many families in the local area. We are committed to continuing to support this work and feel excited to see how the leadership has effectively used all the support received since we left. We want to continue to assist in the financing of the Nursery, Student Centre, Medical and Dental work and church at Mayorazgo.

2. We want to support the church in the recent initiative to assist more rural poverty stricken communities with medical and dental care. We would like to provide the church with a vehicle to travel fitted with the necessary medical equipment.

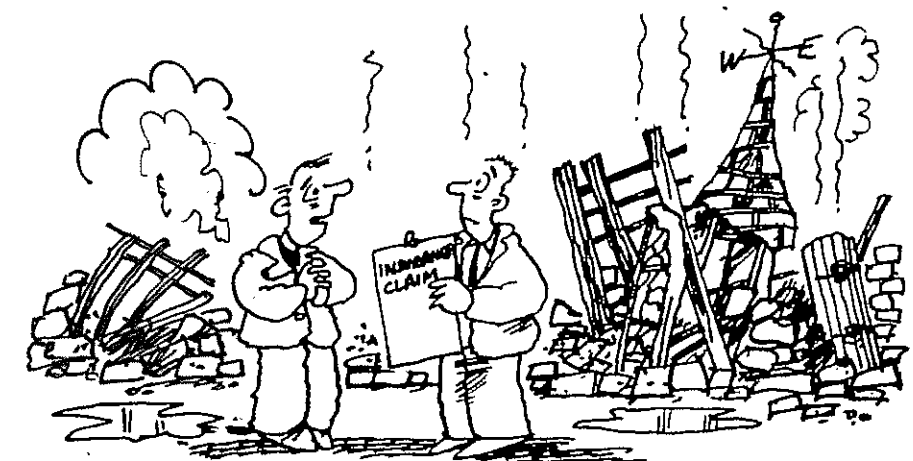
3. As a family we hope to visit in July and spend time working amongst the different programs at the centre.



THANK YOU

We are so grateful for the support that St Peter's Church, Hambleton has given. We are in the wonderful position to visit and speak to the children and parents who have been helped, but without the financial and prayer support from the U K it would not have been possible to touch so many lives. Our very grateful and sincere thanks to all who have given and supported Mayorazgo

IVAR and FIONA ANDRADE-BROWN



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

The German Air Crash at Lodge Bottom (Part 2)

In the Part 1 of this series of articles we learned how Gillian Brunton having moved into North Munstead Farm in 1970 was told of a crashed German bomber which had landed in the field at Lodge Bottom. She painstakingly put together the history of the crash and in this part we see how she was able to discover the identity, not only of the German crew but that of the RAF fighter plane.

Using a metal detector John Castle and his colleague had discovered a metal fragment with the identification marks of the crashed plane. This provided the key for information to be obtained from Croydon Aviation Archaeological Society:

Heinkel 111 P2 wr 1943 5/KG. 55 G1+DN
Shot down by Flight sergeant E.R. Thorn D.F.M. (Pilot) and Sergeant F.J. Barker D.F.M. in a Defiant of 264 Squadron, Biggin Hill.
Crashed Shepherds Hanger, Busbridge, Surrey 11.55 9.4.41.

Uffz A Muller	Killed
Gefr R Langans	Killed
Uffz G Neumann	Killed
Gerf H Berg	P.O.W. - injured

A month later Gillian was sent a copy of the Personal Combat Report accompanied by the understatement of all time "I thought that this might be of interest"

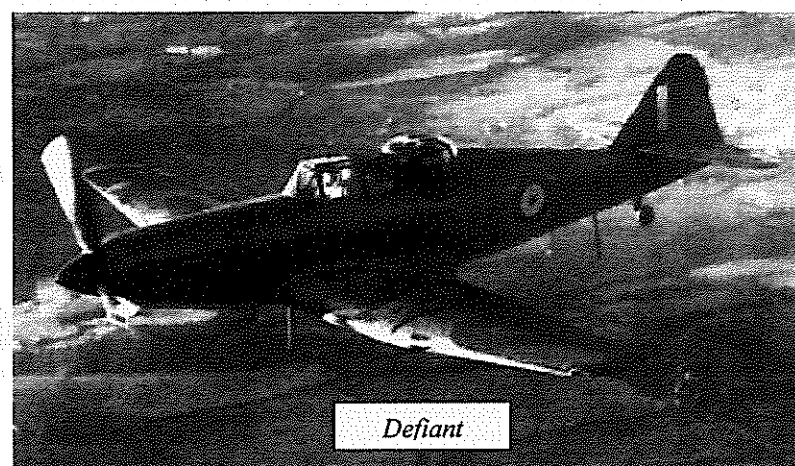
Nothing could more graphically capture the atmosphere the facts or the drama of the situation than the copy of the War Ministry's Official Report on the crash.

Personal Combat Report 9.4.1941

I took off from Biggin Hill at 2250 hours on 9/4/41 being under Kenley G.R. control. We gained height and finally orbited 15,00 feet. We were vectored after our A/E on approx 300 vector but were unable to make contact and so returned to Biggin Hill and once more orbited.

We were then given a great number of vectors rapidly and finally on a 090 vector we sighted E/A (enemy aircraft) at about 1000 yards ahead and 200 feet above us flying on the same course at 18,000 feet.

We closed in on his starboard side and made a beam attack with a burst of 2 seconds. The de Wilde ammunition was observed to be bursting in the fuselage and there was return fire, of which only one hit could be traced subsequently in the starboard wing. We then crossed under the port side and gave another good burst of 2 seconds, and the port engine was seen to glow.



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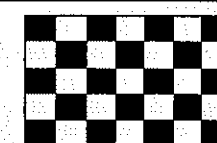
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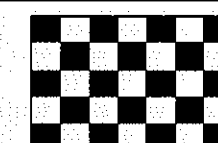
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E/A then started to lose height and turned away to starboard and coming over above him we fired a burst at the pilot. Returning to the port side we gave him another burst in the fuselage, and there was again return fire, but now from one forward gun.

We then asked Control for our position, which was given as approx over Brooklands. We followed the enemy aircraft down to 9,000 feet and it disappeared into cloud in a steep dive with lots of white smoke coming from it, which I thought to be Glycol, heading in approx a southerly direction.

E/A was clearly seen to be HE 111 and is now established to have crashed at Godalming in Surrey.

There was no anti-aircraft or searchlight co-operation and Kenley Control was excellent.

The weather was very clear above a white cloud base 10/10 at 7,000 feet.

We used 1079 rounds of ammunition and landed back at Biggin Hill at 0016 hours on 10.4.41.

We claim one H.E. 111 destroyed. My gunner was Sgt. Barker.

Signed (pilot) E.R. Thorn



This photograph was taken the following morning.

Defiant "Aces" Sergeants E.R. Thorn (left) and F.J. Barker of 264 Squadron, seen here in April 1941, just after adding a night victory to their existing 12 day claims. Note Barker's teddy-bear doll mascot hanging inside the turret.

Sergeants Thorn and Barker proved to be 264 Squadron's most successful fighting partnership, being eventually credited with 13 victories and each receiving a DFM award.

Barker and Thorn's successful partnership ended when Thorn was posted to 32 Squadron and in 1943 Fred was posted to the Middle East Gunnery School as an air-gunnery instructor. He was commissioned as a Pilot Officer in 1944 and released as a Flying Officer in 1946.

E.R. Thorn, the pilot of the Defiant was killed in a flying accident on 12.2.46 and he was buried in St. Peter's churchyard, Bishop Waltham, Hants.

[The complete story is contained in Gillian Brunton's booklet 'The Survivor' in Godalming Museum, or you can buy it for £7.50 from Craddocks, printers, in George Street Godalming.



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Rachel Naomi Remen

The Hambledon Village Fete

Sat June 21st.

The time has come to start putting it together. The format will be the traditional fete in the afternoon and a midsummer ball in the evening. A large marquee complete with fittings has been booked for this. In the afternoon the marquee will be available for all organizations or individuals wanting a table for demonstrations. We hope all Hambledon organizations will have a presence. So far I have a spot requested for the Rambler's photographs. It would be nice to have contributions from all those who have been involved before. Please come and talk to me in the shop to discuss your wants and ideas.

Outside we need some events. I think the Morris Men are coming, but confirmation is needed for this. Once again there will be the fun Dog Show. Another two events will probably be enough. Perhaps a Tug-of-War this time as we have younger and stronger people in the village now. A few teams of eight will be required. Any more ideas?

Then we need static demonstrations. Old motorbikes and an exhibition of NHS memorabilia have been promised. More are required.

Each time we have many stalls and these depend on you. These include Tombola, Garden Plants and Flowers, Local Produce and Cakes, Bric-a-brac, a Bottle Stall, things for the children and perhaps an event. Four years ago it was Punch and Judy, this time it could be something from a Youth Leader.

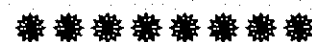
We could also include outside roundabouts or a giant slide.


Finally we shall need groundsmen on the Friday afternoon or Sat morning to put the whole thing together. John Hindley has kindly said he will produce the notices advertising the fete and Jaqueline will be manning a stall on behalf of the Cellar.

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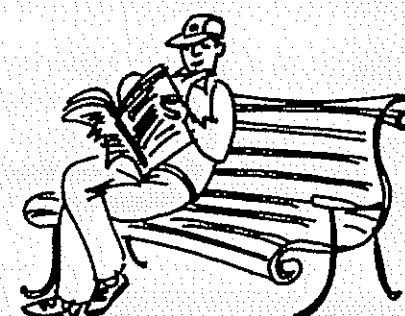
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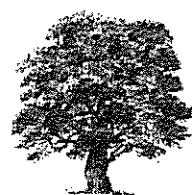
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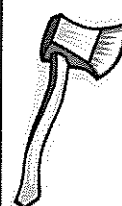
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Letters

Dear Derek

I was pleased to see the picture of St Peter's Church on the cover of the January issue of the Magazine.

Unfortunately this picture is not a representation of St Peter's as it now is but as it was before the modern extension was built on to the side of it. I am sure Sir Winston Churchill would have described this new extension as 'a good example of modern art'.

For those fortunate enough to be saved the external view of the extension in all its lack of splendour or those remaining in any doubt concerning its inappropriate external design I invite them to come into the garden at Court Farm to appreciate its similarity to a carbuncle. It is a pity that it is not amenable to similar surgical treatment.

Yours sincerely

Michael Bailey



A response from Stephanie:

We at St Peter's are delighted with our new rooms, and we have asked our 'resident artist' to update the drawing for the magazine cover to proudly include them!

The walls of the new building have been beautifully tile-hung specifically to co-ordinate with Court Farm, and the roof slates were chosen to match those on the existing church. In order to preserve our neighbours' privacy, the windows that overlook their garden are covered by angled oak louvres (a feature of other historic buildings in Surrey). We consulted very widely and explored a range of options before concluding that this was the best design for the space, and obtaining approval from Waverley planners and the Victorian Society as well as the Chancellor of the Diocese.

The new extension is a considerable improvement on the mismatched and uneven collection of "lean-to" buildings that it replaced, and we are very sad that our neighbour remains unhappy with its appearance. I can only suggest that Hambledon residents visit the church and churchyard, and take Michael up on his invitation, in order to judge for themselves! In fact we are having a special open day to enable you to do just that, on Saturday 23rd February – details elsewhere in this magazine.

Above all we need the space, and are delighted that our thriving and growing children's church is now, as it should be, a part of the whole church and not a separate event held elsewhere. The facilities for refreshments and the disabled are vastly improved, and had a hugely positive impact on our Christmas services. Midweek groups and meetings are also now taking place there and we are planning more exciting activities in the coming months! We trust that these rooms will be an asset to St Peter's and the village for many generations to come.

Yours

Stephanie Couvela



- Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction. *Antoine De Saint-Exupery*

God in the Arts

NUNC DIMITTIS

Waiting is a common human experience. Sometimes the waiting is for good and exciting things: a birthday to arrive or a wedding day to dawn. At other times the waiting is anxious and worrying: exam results or news of loved ones serving in the forces. The waiting rooms at the doctor or dentist often have that air of anxiety and foreboding. Our lives are made up of waiting that leads to encounter, and the waiting requires patience and humility. Milton wrote in his blindness, 'They also serve who only stand and wait' as he wondered what he could do for God's kingdom now that his sight had gone.

Simeon in this month's painting of the 'Presentation of Christ' had been waiting. He belonged to a people who had been waiting for centuries. He was heir to the hopes and dreams of a nation waiting for a better world now that the holy city was in the hands of Roman invaders. With his people he clung to the hope that God would come to bring freedom and a new life. God's chosen one, the Messiah, would bring this about. When it came, there was no fanfare, no warning, just an ordinary family from faraway Nazareth in the Temple, performing the religious duties for the firstborn son. But the waiting led to encounter, and the sight of the newborn child led to insight as Simeon recognised that light and salvation had at last come.

Rembrandt has captured all this in his painting, 'Simeon with the Christ Child in the Temple': the faith and patience, the hope and humility of an old man, a priest, who takes the babe into his arms and blesses God. It was the artist's last painting and left unfinished at his death in 1669. The figure of Mary by Simeon's side may have been painted by another artist at a later stage. It is the aged priest and the newborn babe that impress us as we look: Simeon with his venerable beard and eyes half closed, and the tiny child cradled in his strong arms, looking up intently with his eyes open.

As Rembrandt painted this canvas, was he saying something about his own life? He had not been afraid to paint his portrait at various stages - at 21, at 35, at 53 - a total of 60 portraits covering the span of years. And in all of them, whatever the age, the artist looks out from the canvas at us, asking what a 21 year old, a 35 year old, a 53 year old can say to us and teach us. In this final painting the years have moved on as we see Simeon, mouthing 'Nunc dimittis' with his eyes half closed. Is the waiting over and the journey coming to an end, so that his eyes will fully close? Or will he open them to see that with the babe in his arms, God has more in store: the promise of a future as they step out together on a new journey?



Lot's wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telegraph pole!'



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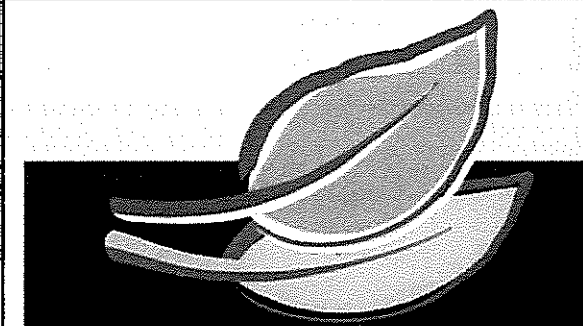
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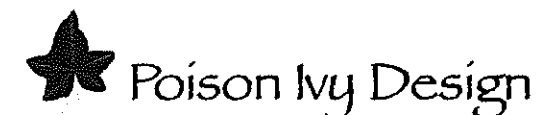
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St Peter's Church

A Brief History.

There is now an updated illustrated history of the Church for sale in the Church and the Village Shop priced at £2.00.

This little booklet has been compiled using Miss Mary Parker's original, published some 50 years ago. Since then there have been additions, not least the dendrological dating of our venerable yew trees, and also some further historical facts uncovered. The “publishing team” are indebted to several parishioners for their valuable input and also Miss Gemima Garthwaite for some of the photographs. We hope it will be of general interest now and during the next fifty years.



St Peter's Church
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A Brief History



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"BYWAYS"

An Occasional Column From Around Our Plot

Something happened on Christmas Day that cast my mind back to an event long ago, that I thought I had forgotten all about.

I was a small boy, of four or five years, and my maiden aunt was taking me to a panto in London. I remember the train journey (steam), I remember the lights and store windows but I cannot remember which theatre it was and alas now there is no one to ask. But the panto was wonderful! It was Peter Pan, and I believed that a boy could fly for many months (although I never threw myself out of a window or tree).

Well my Peter Pan died on Christmas Day. Pat Kirkwood.

Before I forget. A big welcome to the Llewellyn's of Esher who has just moved into the village.

Further to the story of Waverley Council taking the 'pieces of silver' and granting planning permission on Codling Cottage to our favourites 'the property developers, it looks like Babergh Council in Suffolk are just about to sell the country's oldest council houses, but for the right reasons.

The UK's oldest council houses

A legacy of an earlier political regime is the sale of council houses, and in south Suffolk, Babergh District Council has just sold what it believes to be the oldest council houses in the country. Dating from the late 15th-century, the thatched and timber framed cottages in the village of Tattingstone, near Ipswich, were originally acquired as council houses by Samford Rural Council in 1900 for one penny.

Remarkably, nobody has used the upper rooms for decades. The original staircases had become dangerous, were removed for safety, and, at the tenants' own request, were never replaced. Only when one of the tenants died and the other was moved into a nursing home this year did council officers visit and decide that the two houses required a major investment in repairs.

Small thatched cottages in pretty Suffolk villages within commuting distance of London sell for a premium, so the Council hopes to have raised enough money from the sale of its two historic properties to build four modern council houses.

How a superb inn like 'The Crown' on the Green at Chiddingfold can go broke is beyond me. A beautiful old building, said to be one of the oldest licensed premises in Surrey closed on Christmas Eve. One rumour is that Fuller's Brewery from Chiswick has bid for it. They already own the Elstead Mill.

And now, a bit late, a bit of history concerning holly, the church and Charles Dickens.

Holly and History

Holly is an evergreen whose leaves do not fall and die and it was accepted as a symbol carrying life from the Old Year into the New. In pagan times it became part of the ritual of winter. People believed that since the sun was becoming weaker and lower in the sky it appeared to be losing its strength. They thought they could shame it back by lighting enormous bonfires. Their logic said this was effective since the apparent headlong dive into total darkness and cold was reversed by the arrival of spring.

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After the Babylonian culture had been succeeded by the Romans, in 274 Emperor Aurelian announced The Birthday of the Unconquered Sun as a public holiday. Holly then became the symbol of the sun gods. The festival stretched from Dec. 17-23 covering the winter solstice until 323 when the emperor Constantine embraced Christianity. However pagan rites had taken a firm hold especially the public holiday which involved present giving, lighting candles and decorating with holly. Christians conformed with the decorations because formerly when their beliefs were banned if they had not done so would have been dangerous.

Throughout the Middle Ages Holly became increasingly accepted as the appropriate plant to be held sacred to Jesus. Great festivities were held in the days of Henry VIII. Years later in the aftermath of the Civil War Puritans totally banned all Saints Days and Christmas festivities. For 13 years no celebrations were held but on Restoration of the Monarchy Christmas again became a mid-winter Festival.

In Victorian times Christmas was very much the prerogative of the Middle Classes. Unable to profit from their frozen unproductive land country folk made a few pennies selling holly branches to well off urban dwellers. For the first time emphasis was put on children's enjoyment. Outraged employers were put on the spot with the publication of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" suggesting working people should also be entitled to a holiday.



Even so it was not until the end of World War II that a Christmas Day holiday became accepted as the norm in England. In Scotland it was not accepted until 1958.

Magpie



Hambletons Toddler Group

Hambletons is an informal and friendly playgroup held at Hambleton village hall most Wednesday mornings during term-time from 10.00 until 11.30. There is no need to book in advance, you may just turn up when you are able to.

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As well as offering a selection of toys, books and puzzles, the majority of sessions have an activity for the children such as a cookery or craft corner. The children recently decorated biscuits.

The cost of attending a session at Hambletons is £1.50 for one child plus 50p per additional child. Refreshments are provided for the adults at no extra charge.

If you would like any further information about Hambletons, please contact one of the following committee members:

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A Winter's Tale

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up Jack's mini van and headed north. After driving for a few hours, a terrible blizzard hit.

They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night."

"I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Don't worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light."

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

About nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up North?"

"Yes, I do."

"Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Yes," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out. "I have to admit that I did."

"And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned red and he said, "Yeah, sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything."

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you? Now keep that smile for the rest of the day! :)

From our French correspondent – Isabelle Dousseline



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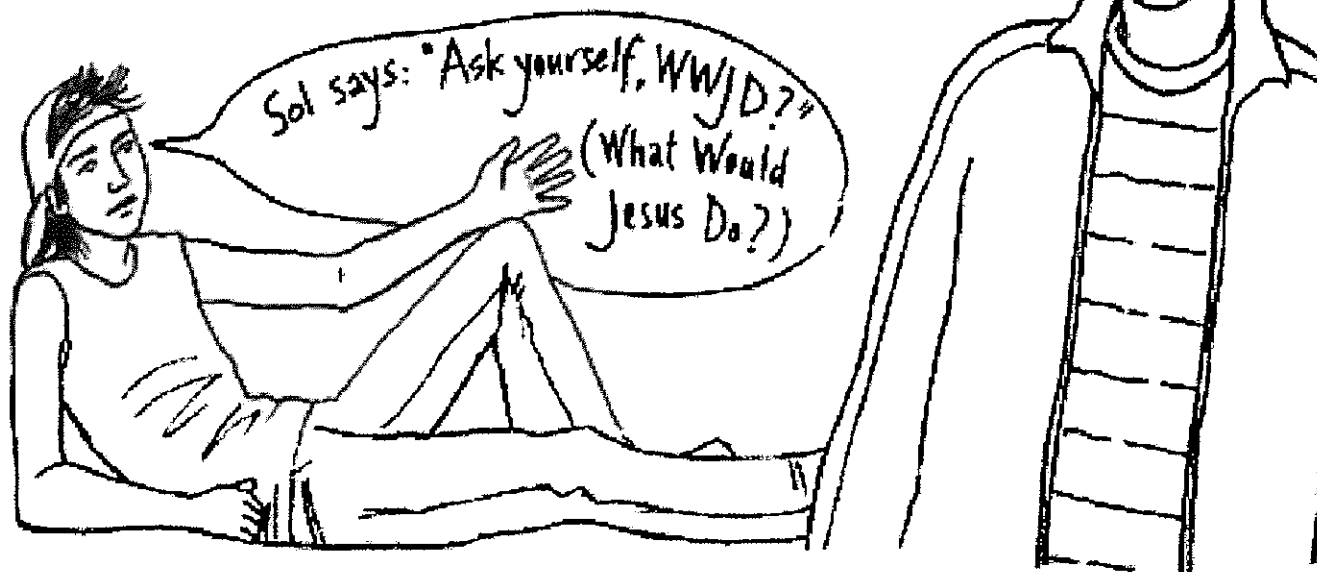
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Temptation

If I want to be part of the gang, they said,
If I really want to belong,
I have to show them I'm good enough,
I have to prove that I'm strong.

So they told me some things that I have to do,
And some things that I have to get,
And I want them to want me,
I want to fit in,
I want to,
I want to,
And yet

Something inside me feels cloudy
And my heart's beating loud as a gong,
Shall I do them and get them, those things that they said,
When to do them and get them feels wrong?



When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

1 Corinth. 10:13(NLT)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by

Des' Deliberations

Continued from last month.

One of the things the meeting at Franks house made me do was to give more serious thought to what I heard at the Kings Own Bible Class.

I must have been about fourteen and attending Meadow Secondary school at Farncombe and was well into football and cricket both at school and Kings Own.

Meadow had an excellent headmaster "Pop" Worthy. He ran the school with fairness and discipline, I got the cane first day at school, I still maintain that he picked me out because I was the biggest boy in the intake. After a lousy start I loved school and made very good friends there.

We had one reunion for the fifty-nine and sixty year olds, I was very disappointed as none of my old school mates turned up and I wondered what I was doing with all these old people, I was reminded by one or two acquaintances that my lack of hair made them feel the same way.

I started thinking about the Christian faith when listening to what the science teacher said about our beginnings, I always felt he had his "tongue in his cheek" when talking about Evolution, it sort of came over as a "faith system" just like Christianity. I remember thinking surely there must be living proof around, like one creature halfway to becoming one higher up the ladder if Evolution was true. "Monkey Millard" our science teacher kept talking about old bones being dug up which did not impress me.

As I considered the possibility of a Creator we had some films shown us at K.O's called "Fact and Faith" produced by The Moody Bible Institute, to me these films were amazing, showing the wonders of the world we live in. These films were made in the fifties and were nowhere near as good as the ones we can see every night on our T.V. screens today. In those days I was most impressed, these films got me thinking that surely all the birds, animals, reptiles, fish and insects did not 'just' happen, surely there was a mind infinitely greater than the human mind 'out there' somewhere? .

Anyhow I continued to expose myself to the teaching of the Bible at K.O's and church, I don't think I learnt very much, but I was still looking for answers.

One weekend we were taken by coach to hear an evangelist called Tom Rees speak at the Royal Albert Hall, somehow, I suddenly realized what Christianity was all about, I came to see that I was a sinner and needed saving from that sin, and that the only way was to accept that Jesus Christ had died on a cross for my own personal sin. That night I asked Him to forgive me and come into my life.

On the following Wednesday Frank asked me to tell the Bible class what Jesus meant to me, this I did surprising Frank and George somewhat as they thought I had been a Christian for two years. I found it interesting that the timing was so right. I have found over the years that is just how God works and in the next few months I will tell a few instances where I believe God was with me in special ways. There is a verse in the Bible that just about applies to me

Luke 11:9-10

- 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (NIV)



The Village Shop

Now that Christmas is over we can start thinking about the year ahead. The past year has seen the shop restored and running as a successful business. It is now making a small profit. This is due to all the voluntary help and a kind landlord so our expenses are kept low. It is also due to all the support from the customers who keep buying the produce and goods. As the shop gets busier we have to work harder replacing the items that go. I think we are just about at the right level now. But we can't just sit back, we have to always try new things and see if we can improve what we already have. So you will notice an improvement in the vegetables. I have altered the wine slightly introducing a cheaper range in addition to the quality ones. The cheese is the next item to receive our attention. All ideas are welcome.

You will see below that the post office appears saved for the moment, so the message must be to use it wherever possible so we can remain free from any future threats. This good news means we can keep all our workforce together.

I have now given my first talk on the Village Shop and it was particularly well received by a group in Guildford. This group is very keen to become the second to organise an afternoon visit for tea and cakes, combined with seeing over Oakhurst Cottage. We might yet feature in the National Trust's places to visit!



HAMBLEDON POST OFFICE

As many of you will already know, the Post Office is undergoing a major restructuring programme which includes the closure of 2,500 rural Post Offices. The best news of 2007 was therefore a letter dated 27 December proposing that Hambledon should stay open. The proposal could change as a result of the six-week public consultation which starts on 29 January; but so far no-one is known to be lobbying for the proposal to be overturned! Nevertheless, please could all of you continue to use the Post Office as much as possible during the next few months: we must remain vigilant.

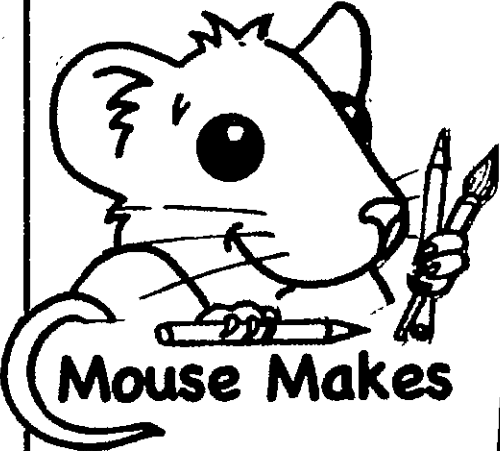
Your support to date, together with that of other well wishers such as our MP and our Borough and County Councillors, will have played a major role in convincing the Post Office that Hambledon should remain in business and thereby continue to provide a vital service for the village. The Post Office is also an important contributor to the success of Hambledon Village Shop: good news for the former is therefore excellent news for the latter.



Miscellaneous observations on life

- Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- The most important things in your house are the people.
- A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
- Laugh every day - it's like inner jogging.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

A Bible bookmark to make for LENT




Mouse Makes

Before Jesus began to preach and heal and tell people about God, he spent 40 days alone in the desert praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.


Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church has set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to think and pray and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**

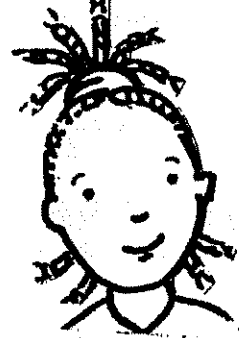
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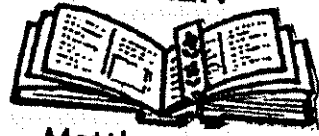


I PRAY for

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The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven
may your holy name be honoured,
may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us.
Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.
AMEN



Matthew 6:9-13

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Use your bookmark each day during LENT to help you as you pray.

To make your bookmark:
Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.

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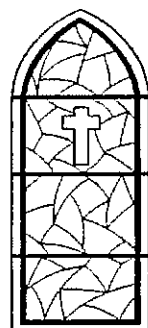


LENT

Lent, before Easter, is like Advent before Christmas, a time of preparation. Lent is when we remember that Jesus prepared himself for starting his ministry by going away by himself for 40 days of fasting and prayer. You can read about it in your Bible: Matthew, chapter 4, verses 1-11; Mark, chapter 1, verses 12-13 and Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Jesus went into the wilderness, a quiet lonely place away from people where he could think things out. He knew that his work would be hard, that many people would not listen to him, or if they listened, they would not believe him. During these 40 days Jesus made his choice: to work in God's way however hard that might be.

This year Lent starts on 6th February and goes three quarters of March: have you thought about how YOU are going to prepare yourself to follow Jesus this Lent?



SPRING COLOURS

The missing words in this puzzle are all colours which are mentioned with these things in the Bible.

1. Pastures, herbs and olives are all _____.
2. A sea, tents and wine are _ _ _.
3. Hangings in the Temple, pomegranates and doors of tents were all _ _ _ _.
4. A horse, robes and teeth were all _ _ _ _.
5. Kings' raiment (clothing), Jesus' robe and the dye that Lydia sold were all _ _ _ _ _.
6. One of the gifts to the baby Jesus, candlesticks and spoons were _ _ _ _.
7. A raven, clouds and chariot horses were _ _ _ _ _.
8. Lips, a thread tied to a window and robes are _ _ _ _ _.

Answers at the bottom of this page.



What do you do with a green monster?

Wait till he's ripe.



Answers: 1.green 2.red 3.blue 4.white 5.purple 6.gold 7.black 8.scarlet



Hambledon Ramblers

January 9th 2008 – Marley Common & Blackdown.

The weather forecast was for showers. Eight of us turned up at the hall and the heavens opened! Our walk leaders were anxious, were we up to it? – of course – silly question. So, off we went in the rain to Haslemere and on to Marley Common. The rain continued while we booted ourselves up as best we could before setting off into the woods. It is surprising how much water is deflected by bare branches.

To start with the going was along woodland paths covered in "shag pile carpet" of fallen leaves and down running watercourses. We came upon a small chimney stack above an inglenook fireplace, was it once a woodsman's cottage? Nothing around to give us a clue.

We came down and across the Midhurst road and on towards Blackdown. Along the way our attention was drawn to a couple of giraffe, mother and calf, peacefully grazing the shrubs. No, they were not alive but statues! Blackdown itself is undergoing major work to restore the heathland by felling most of the old pine plantations. For those of you who know it, it is hardly recognisable. We passed some of the vast machines and even vaster bonfires. It is a mess at the moment but hopefully will regenerate. Even in the mist, the views from the top were wonderful. To the North, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex all adjoining the boundary footpath and rolling hills as far as the eye could see. A little further along we visited The Temple of the Winds. Did Tennyson once come here to versify? A semicircular stone seat commemorates the gift of Blackdown to the National Trust in 1944. The view from here is a bird's eye one, looking down on a patchwork of fields and woods stretching away to the South Downs and eastward towards Reigate. We tore ourselves away and tumbled downhill along paths and tracks to Fernhurst.

A most welcome lunch break at The Red Lion set us up for the homeward leg. Before the serious walking began one of us needed to stop to "sort out her boot". The trouble? A large comb lodged in the boot which she had been walking on for about three hours! The next excitement was a flooded plank bridge, at least six inches under water at one end. Luckily there was a wooden handrail alongside and with great agility the party balanced across on this landing on the far side with no wet feet.



And so, onward and forever upward until we eventually emerged back where we started.

Thank you, John & Jean, for an adventurous but hugely enjoyable walk on a "shucky" day.

Next Walk – 12 February – Leader – Derek Miller

Meet at the Village Hall at 9.00am to consolidate lifts. Pub lunch.

Cutmill Ponds – North Downs Way – Puttenham Common



ST PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLEDON OPEN DAY

**Saturday 23 February 2008
11am – 3pm**

You are warmly invited to come and have a look at the new rooms, recently added to the back of the Church for the children's groups and other various activities.

There will be something to eat and drink – pop in any time, we would love to see you!

For any more information, contact Jacqui Rook (01428 684390)



Wednesday Afternoon Group

Twenty-one of us sat down and enjoyed an excellent New Year three course lunch ably provided by Jan, Joyce and Julie.

Three sweets to choose from – wow! We all decided to be very good and have just one, but who could resist the temptation – not many of us I have to say.

Feeling very replete we enjoyed coffee and mints and, of course, lots of chatter.

A very good raffle was drawn and a few went home with goodies as well as having been well fed.

Many thanks to the WAG's three J's from all of us!

**N.B. There will be no meeting in February.
Next Meeting March 12th**



Chinglish

I have recently returned from a visit to China and have seen firsthand how the Chinese manage to mash up the English language. Here are some signs I saw (grammatical mistakes included):

'cultural relic. No scratch.' (Forbidden City, Beijing)

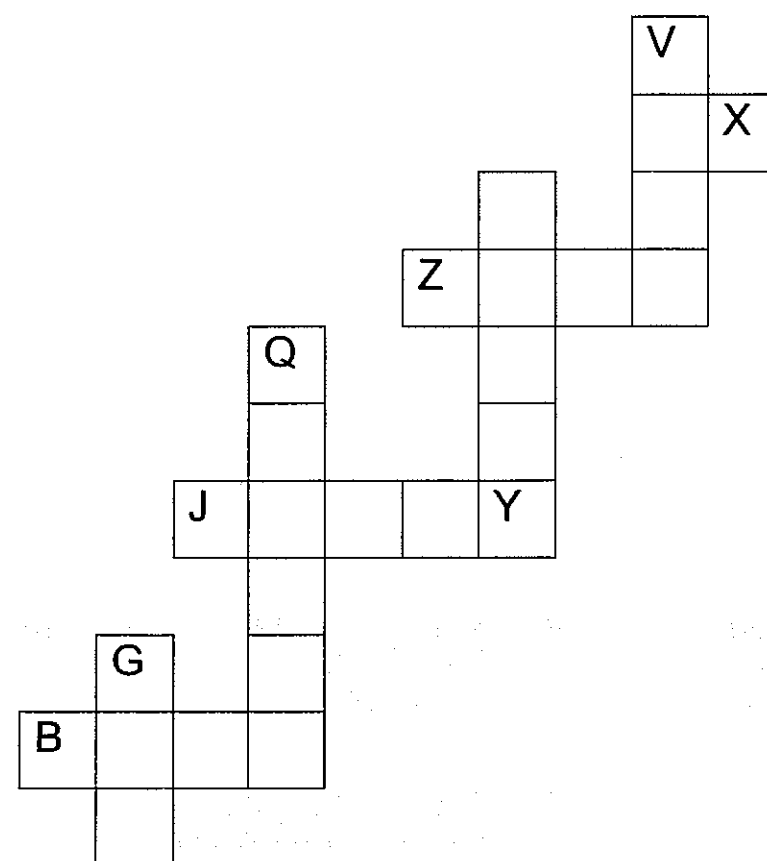
'Way out. Asks you on own initiative to walk according to the scenic area turnover line. Thanks the cooperation.' (Terracotta Army Museum, Xi'an)

'No turning over' (sign on edge of precipice, Three Gorges Dam)

'Please don't cross any railings lest suddenness happens!'

Tim Cross

February Brain Teaser

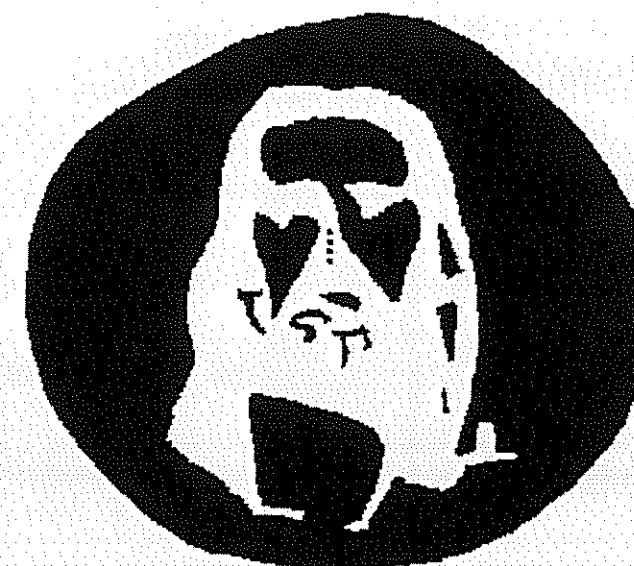


Place the 26 letters of the alphabet in the grid to make a crossword. 9 letters have already been placed

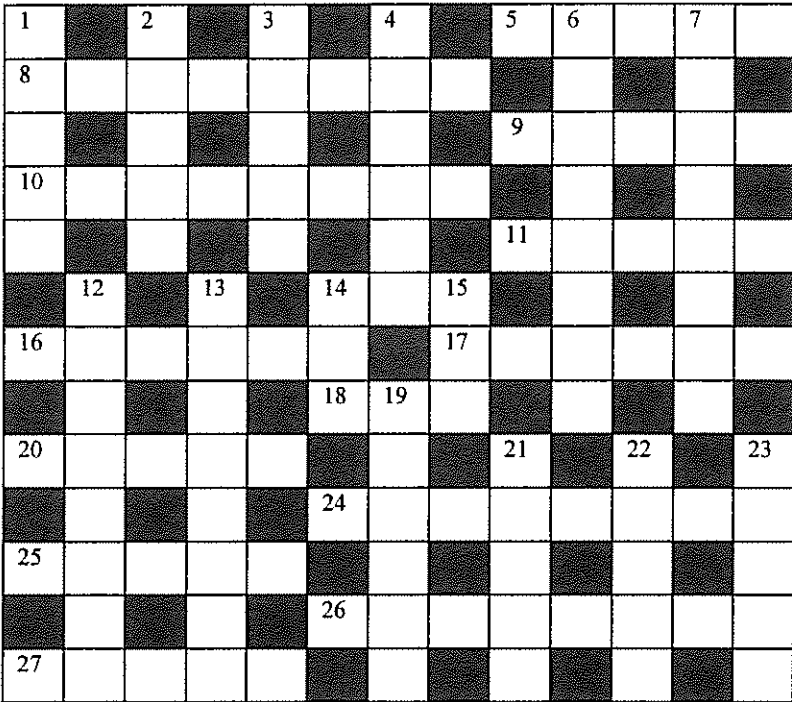
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Stare at the dots in the middle of the picture for 30 seconds then close your eyes and tilt your head back. What do you see?



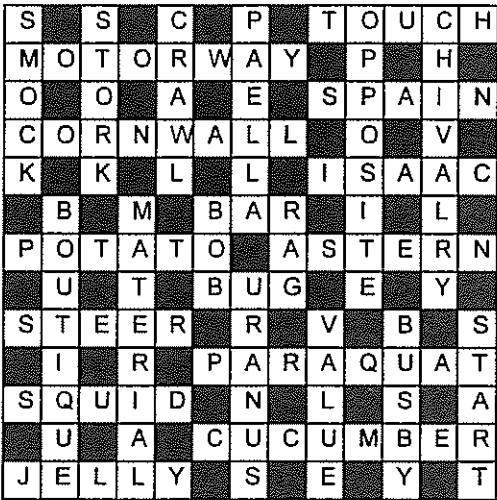
Quick Crossword



- Across
- 5. Capture (5)
 - 8. Stringed Instrument (8)
 - 9. Backbone (5)
 - 10. Unexpected occurrence (8)
 - 11. Backless seat (5)
 - 14. Family vehicle (3)
 - 16. Skin drawing (6)
 - 17. Season of the year (6)
 - 18. Hair decoration (3)
 - 20. Military award (5)
 - 24. Calming drug (8)
 - 25. Pool of money (5)
 - 26. Timber pest (8)
 - 27. Educate (5)

- Down
- 1. Destroy (5)
 - 2. Furious, cross (5)
 - 3. Truck (5)
 - 4. Afternoon sleep (6)
 - 6. Desire for food (8)
 - 7. Clear meat soup (8)
 - 12. Petroleum jelly (8)
 - 13. Ocean (8)
 - 14. Male swan (3)
 - 15. Uncooked (3)
 - 19. Wild American cat (6)
 - 21. Tough, durable (5)
 - 22. Shaggy-haired oxen (5)
 - 23. Actress, Craven (5)

Answers to January Crossword

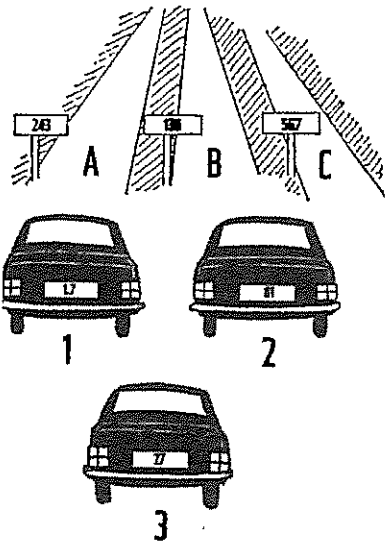


Brainteasers

Answer to New Year Brain Teaser

Which car goes into which road?

Car 1 goes into road B, because 17 goes into 136
Car 2 goes into road C, because 81 goes into 567
Car 3 goes into A, because 27 goes into 243



Hambledon Village Hall Management Committee

We will be holding our 2008 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday
13 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the last AGM held on 7 February 2007 will be read, approved and signed.
- 2. Annual Reports by the Chairman and the Treasurer.
- 3. Elections of Management Committee, Representative and Co-opted members.
- 4. Nomination and election of new members.
- 5. Any other business.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Kim Cross
Hon. Secretary

Family Show in the Village Hall

‘Beauty and the Beast’ was performed to a capacity audience in the Village Hall on Friday 18th January and was voted a huge success by the majority of those who saw it. If the rapt attention of the many children is anything to go by the Village Hall committee’s decision to hire the Proteus Company for this performance was well justified.

One would hope that this is not looked upon as a one off experiment because the continued use of the Village Hall for a variety of functions is vital not only for its upkeep but for the benefit of the community in general.

There exists a large choice of companies who provide affordable entertainment ranging from drama, variety and many types of musical groups and productions, please investigate them further and be assured that you will receive the backing of the village.

Congratulations to the committee for risking this venture.

Lost in translation

Two American preachers were visiting in Germany and attended Sunday services. Since they couldn't speak German, they decided to do as the man sitting in front of them did.

A few minutes into the service the preacher from the pulpit said something and the man in front of them stood, and they stood also. The congregation burst into laughter. They then sat down when the man did.

At the end of the service, they met the pastor and found that he spoke English. They asked him why everyone laughed so much when they stood?

The pastor explained that he had announced that they would have a christening service that evening and would the father of the child please rise.

Ross's Ramblings

If it's February it's time to start planning the Spring cleaning (whoopee) or the first bit of gardening (double whoopee) but if it's February, to me it means those things you have pleaded with me not to put in the magazine. 'The dreaded Christmas cracker jokes!' So off we go

Q. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A. A mince pie! (aaaargh)

Q. What did the snowman say to the other snowman?

A. Can you smell carrots? (aaaaaaaargh)

Q. Why is Santa's little helper depressed?

A. Because he has low elf esteem.

Q. How do snails keep their shells shiny?

A. They use snail polish.

Q. What did the bald man say when he was given a comb for Christmas?

A. I'll never part with it. (No more please!)

Oh, all the rest of the jokes seem to have vanished – who's been tidying up?

A big Ta to all those who turned up at the Mummer's Boxing Day, The Tipteering on the 30th December or the Waassail on Twelve Night. It wouldn't have been the same without you. Although it was a bit strange performing the Tipteering play at the Crown in Chidd as it was closed, so we did it in the car park.

Just between you and me I found something rather worrying tucked behind a cushion last week. It was called 'Springtime Motoring in Northamptonshire'. I hope this doesn't mean what I think it does!

February Birthdays

David Jason	2 nd 1940	John Travolta	18 th 1954
Val Doonican	3 rd 1929	Julie Waters	22 nd 1950
Norman Wisdom	4 th 1920	Dennis Waterman	24 th 1948
Larry Adler (a friend of my inlaws)	10 th 1914	Brian Jones	28 th 1942
St Valentine (don't forget the flowers)	14 th 3 rd c	Jimmy Dorsey	29 th 1904

Try the Dover Castle Ghost Tours – January and February on selected Friday and Saturday nights.
Phone 0870 333 1183 for details.

And finally – to that nice lady with the bad back in Witley. You really will have to sell your hang glider!

Ross

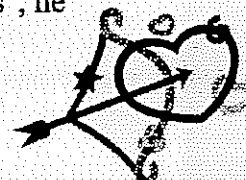


Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. "Yes", he said, "I bought her a belt and a bag."

"That was very nice of you", I replied, "I hope she appreciated the thought."

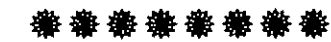
He said, "So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."



Don't forget that Hambledon Cricket Club has its own Web Site on the World Wide Web where many items of news, history, and the results etc. for 2008 are held. If you are computer compliant and use the Internet web, you can find us on www.hambledon.play-cricket.com

You can also see details of the Village League result etc. online on www.village-cricket-league.co.uk

Arthur Blackman, Chairman



In Aid of Hambledon Cricket Club Pavillion Fund Saturday 21st June 2008

The Marquee is now booked

The Band is now booked

For the

Mid Summer Dinner – Dance

To be held on the Green

So gather your friends

For tables of ten

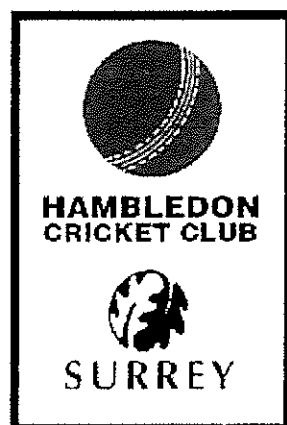
Who will bring their delights

For to eat and to drink

From 7.30 to Midnight

Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suit

**Tickets available from Sue Blackman (01428 683871)
£25.00 per person**



IMPORTANT

The club's "Annual General Meeting" for 2008 will be held on Tuesday 19th. February commencing at 8.00 p.m. at the Cricket Pavilion for Members to attend.

This meeting is important as it is for the election of Club Captains, Club Officers, Colts Organisers etc. for the 2008 season and to discuss the clubs finances and future plans.

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

GENERAL ITEMS:

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB SENIOR SIDES 2008.

We will continue with a 1st. XI League and a 2nd. XI League & Friendly sides this year. Please contact us if you wish to play or would like to help in the running of the Club Matches. ie. scoring, umpiring, making teas, or helping in other ways etc.

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB COLTS SECTION 2008

We will be running Colts sides in 2008 for, Under 9', 11's 13's and 15's. All age groups will be entered into the Berkley Sports League for their relevant age group and we are expecting between 8-10 league games for each age group. More details on training and fixtures later.

We are always looking for a new coach/team manager(s) for all groups. So if you are interested and would like to help out please call Bob Cunningham on either 01428 683970 / 07768 374 921 or email: bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk. The season runs from mid April through to early July and generally involves a training session each Saturday morning or a week day evening and there will be one match each weekend either on a Friday night or Sunday morning. This role could also be shared between two or three people.

Pavilion Fund Raising:-

The "Cricket Club" still has to raise funds to pay off the £20,000.00 loan that we have with Surrey County Playing Fields Association when we built the new pavilion in 2004. This loan repayment is over 10 years and we still have £12,000.00 out-standing to pay off.

We are planning to hold a "Mid-Summer's Dinner/Dance" on the evening of the 21st June 2008, after the afternoon's Village Fete. The dinner/dance will be held in a Marquee to raise funds for the pavilion and will be similar to the one we held in 2004 where a Table (10 chairs per Table) will be provided. Your party will bring their own dinner and drinks. The cost per person will be £25.00. More details will be provided later or contact Sue Blackman (01428 683871) if you want to book a table of 10 now.

The Marquee for the FETE as well as the Band for the Evening Dance has been arranged and we are looking for more sponsors to help pay for the cost. If you feel you can help please contact Sue

We also aim to run the "The 200 Club" in 2008, and we hope all those who took part in last years, 5 monthly draws, will choose to participate again. Please contact us on this if you are interested.

Should you require any information about the club, please call the club captains Bob Cunningham on 01428 683970, Mark Burton 0781 370 8896, or our President, Mic. Coleman, on. 01428 682977.

Length 6 miles – The walk is varied, passing through heathland, farmland and wooded areas, and is generally well drained. There are some fine views particularly from the Upper Puttenham Common Car Park

Short Walk – 26 February

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Further details available from :

Derek Miller Tel: 01428 684362 (Long walk)

Mary Parker Tel: 01483 860339 (Short walk)

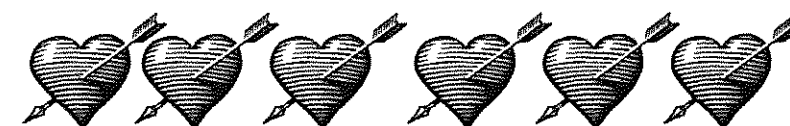


With St Valentine's Day in Mind

What is true love?

Here are the answers that a group of four to eight year olds gave....

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8
- "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4
- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5
- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6
- "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6
- "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4
- "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7
- "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8



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

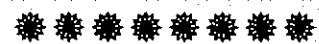
Carrot and Leek Soup

"This is a very easy soup to prepare. If it appears to be too thick when you have pureed it up simply thin it down with water until you get the consistency you like."

Guy Lemieux

- 1½oz Butter
- 2 Finely chopped leeks
- 4 Sliced carrots
- 1½pts Chicken stock
- Salt and milled pepper
- 2tbs Crème fraîche
- Garnish with grated Gruyere cheese & croutons

Melt the butter in a heavy based saucepan. Add the leeks and cover with a lid and let them sweat for about 3 minutes. Add the carrots and stock then simmer for 10 minutes, or until the carrots are tender. Whizz the soup in a blender and return to the pan, season to taste, then stir through the crème fraîche. Ladle into warm bowls and scatter over the cheese and croutons. Serve with baguettes from the Village Shop!



Stilton, onion and potato pie

- 3lb 5oz floury potatoes, quartered salt
- 4 medium onions, halved and cut into 5 or 6 segments
- 3oz butter
- 5fl oz milk
- freshly ground black pepper
- 8oz Stilton
- 1oz grated parmesan

Put a large pan of water on to boil. Peel the potatoes and cut them into halves or quarters, then add them to the boiling water. When it comes back to the boil, add a little salt and turn down to a lively simmer. Check the potatoes now and again; they should be tender in fifteen minutes or so.

Whilst the potatoes cook, peel the onions and cut them in half, then cut each into five or six segments. Put them into a heavy-based frying pan with 40g of the butter and let them cook over a moderate to low heat, stirring from time to time. They will need twenty to twenty-five minutes to become thoroughly soft and sticky.

Bring the milk to the boil and turn off the heat. Drain the potatoes, then tip them into the bowl of a food mixer fitted with a beater attachment. Mix as you slowly add the milk and the remaining butter. Beat to a smooth mash, stopping well before it becomes gluey.

Set the oven at 200C/400F/Gas 6. Butter the base and sides of a heavy 28cm/11in frying pan with a metal handle or a similar diameter baking dish - I use a black, cast-iron frying pan. Spoon in half the mashed potato, smooth the potato a little, then add the onions and a grinding of black pepper. Crumble the Stilton over the onions. Pile the rest of the mashed potato over the top and smooth lightly with the back of the spoon or a rubber spatula.

Dust over the grated Parmesan, then bake for twenty-five to thirty minutes, by which time the top will be pale gold and the filling will be bubbling up around the edges.

Wildlife Gardening

Typically a month that is wet and bitterly cold, but wildlife remains active. Look for tracks in the snow created by birds, foxes or even badgers. Birds are getting ready for Spring and the dawn chorus begins to "get in tune" as birds begin to defend their territory. The bird table will remain busy, and you can watch for birds in flight, such as geese heading north for summer feeding grounds.

Look in the pond, as frogs, toads and newts begin to emerge from hibernation and can be seen in the water. The first spell of sunshine may attract brimstone butterflies and the flowers start to show in the form of catkins on hazel or alder. Celandines, sweet violets and snow drops will light the woodland floor and hopefully inspire similar natural floral arrangements in the gardens.

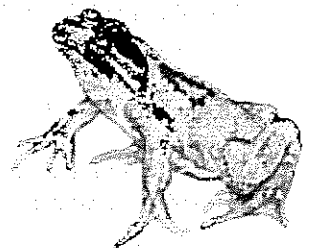
Gardening tips for the month

- Plant seeds in pots on the kitchen window sill.
- Prune fruit trees, trees such as willow and roses. Its the last chance to trim ivy.
- Prune buddleia.
- Trim back full stems of border perennials and place in a sheltered area to protect any mini beasts inside them.
- Lift and divide herbaceous perennials to enable transplanting, for example lily of the valley.
- Trees: replace rotten stakes and re-tie, or remove stakes entirely.

Feature of the month

Rana temporaria

The common frog surprisingly spends much of the time on land. They are largely terrestrial outside the breeding season and can be found in gardens, meadows and woodlands. In January to March they gather in shallow ponds to spawn. The male embraces the female and fertilises her eggs as she lays them in shallow water. Tadpoles hatch from the frog spawn and over a period of 14 weeks change into froglets. These youngsters feed mainly on algae, but then become carnivores as they become adults. Mature frogs get their food entirely on land. This species has smooth skin which varies in colour from olive green, yellow and grey to various shades of brown and is covered with irregular dark blotches. They are able to blend in with their surroundings by lightening and darkening their skin.



Tasks for the month

1. Feed garden birds.
2. Check for icing over of water.
3. Add fruit to the bird table.
4. Stop giving whole peanuts this month.
5. Plan to plant winter flowering plants such as winter aconite, to provide a source of nectar next year.
6. Use any cut wood to make woodpiles in the garden for next year.
7. Start to check for signs of spring again.

