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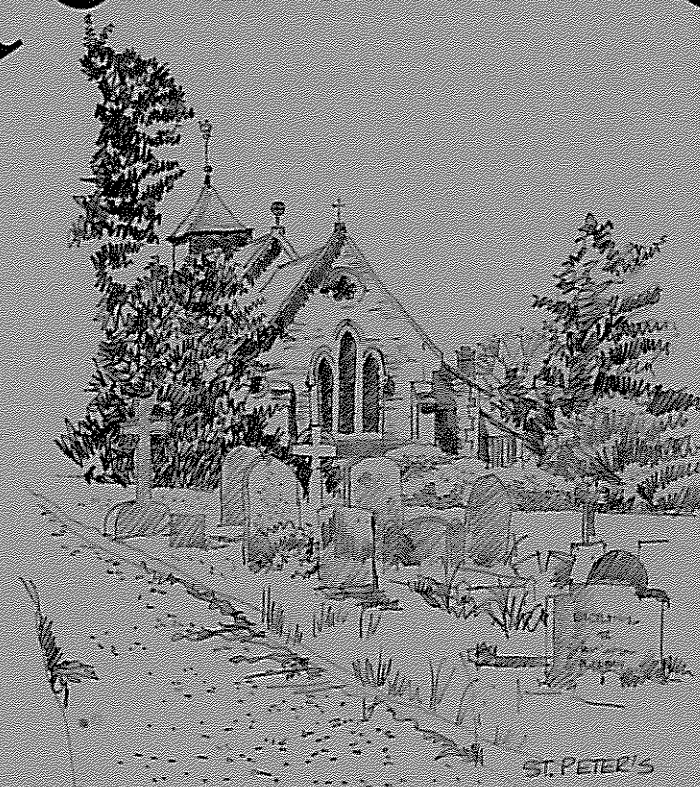
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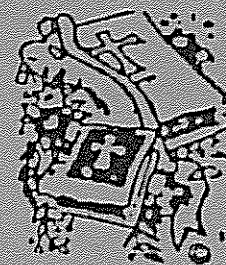
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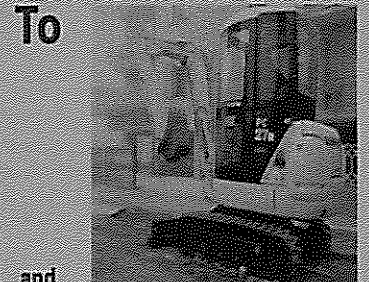
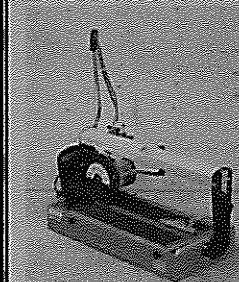
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Pastoral Letter - January

Dear Friends

When my older brother and I were quite little, my grandparents went on holiday somewhere in Africa. I can remember going to meet them at the airport, and naturally the most exciting bit was seeing what presents they had brought back for us. They handed my brother Paul a little carved wooden figure, carrying a spear and a large shield.

"He's a warrior," said my Grandfather. Paul looked puzzled.

"What does he worry about?" he asked.

I wonder if you are a worrier, as we start this new year? Jesus gave some clear advice on the subject: "Do no worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Jesus calls his followers to total, wholehearted commitment – to make God their top priority. He goes on to say, "Seek first God's kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." What does that mean? Well, God's Kingdom simply means God's rule, God being in charge in our hearts and lives. Righteousness is an idea that gets a lot of bad press – we tend to think of people who are self-righteous or judgmental. But to be righteous just means to be right with God – to be in a right relationship with him. So 'Kingdom' and 'Righteousness' go together – if God rules our hearts and we obey him, then we'll be righteous – right with God.

That is what Jesus tells us to 'seek' – not in the sense of looking for something that's lost, but by putting it in the centre of our lives – Jesus calls us to an ongoing, constant duty to make being right with God the very heart of who we are. So Jesus is talking about our priorities. If we're always worrying about practical needs then we're not putting God first – it gets in the way between us and God. When Jesus called his first disciples to follow him, they didn't say – "Hang on a minute, where will we have tea tonight?" They just got up and followed. If they had stopped to worry about how they would live, they wouldn't have done it – we know that because we see others in the Gospel stories who promise to follow Jesus once they've sorted out their practical needs, and we never hear of them again.

If we make following God our first priority, God can take care of the rest, and we don't have to worry. This doesn't mean that we don't have to work – God is not in the business of feeding and clothing us just because we can't be bothered to do it for ourselves. But we don't have to worry – because as Jesus points out, worrying is pointless anyway... "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Worrying achieves nothing so why do we let it fill our heads?

When I was at college just before I got ordained, I met a lovely retired Bishop who asked how I felt about ordination. I told him I was terrified. He said he'd been terrified when they made him a Bishop, but someone gave him a prayer to say – "Lord, I can't, but you can."

It's a prayer I use all the time! The more I understand that God is in charge, the more I try to do things his way, the more I realise that *he can* – he can do it, he can take care of all the details. And



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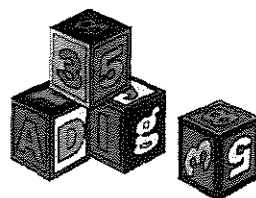
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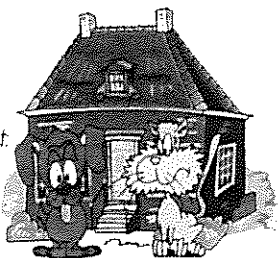


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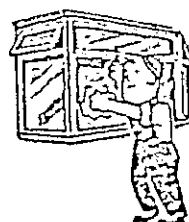
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that's when I stop worrying. Well, alright, that's when I worry a bit less... I'm not that good at this!

The way to stop worrying is not to screw up all our energy and say, "I mustn't worry, I mustn't worry," until we start to worry about not being able to stop worrying... The way to stop worrying is to put God in charge – so when he asks us to do something we don't say "Yes, but..." – we simply say "Yes." The more we can do that, the more we find he can be trusted to take care of the details – "all these things will be given to you as well."

Perhaps you can say to God, "Father, you know how worried I am about what it might mean to follow you in this coming year, but I'm going to do it anyway," and then do it. After all, he's our heavenly Father. So what's to worry about?

Stephanie Couvela

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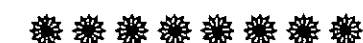
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1st Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am	Family Worship
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13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St. John's, Busbridge
2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00 am	Morning Worship and Baptism (with Children's Groups)
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20th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
3rd Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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27th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
4th Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) (with Children's Groups)

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- No amount of falls will really undo us if we keep picking ourselves up each time. - CS Lewis
- The greatest failure is the failure to try. - William A Ward

PARISH & PEOPLE



Many congratulations to Jo Ingham who did such a good job in organising the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Hambledon last November. It was her first attempt and considering she is a fairly recent resident to the area she is to be warmly thanked. Jo is of course from Tidmarsh stock, so we were fairly confident that all would be well! We just want her to know how much we appreciated her efforts, which we know was time-consuming and not always easy with a young family.

Anthony Wieler is now back behind the wheel! Well done to him and we are glad to know that the shoulder operation is progressing to the satisfaction of his surgeon and, we hope, to Anthony himself. He says that we may pull his leg but not his arm!

Christmas news from Marilyn Sertin indicates that she has taken delivery of her 8th grandchild during 2007. It is hard to believe that her much-loved Peter has been dead now for 10 years. How fond we all were of Peter and Marilyn when they lived amongst us at the Rectory and how much Peter would have enjoyed these eight grandchildren, sadly all born after his death.

Mary Caroe tells us that her youngest brother, Christopher, has recently died. To Mary and her family we send the loving sympathy of Hambledon friends and neighbours.

We recently had a fleeting glimpse of Christopher and Freda Blissard-Barnes when they came to borrow the church key to have a look at the new church room. They are well and enjoying retirement in Winchester which is where Christopher grew up and went to school. The Blissard-Barnes followed the Sertin's at St Peter's.

Following on from the Blissard-Barnes came Geoffrey and Pamela Charrett, now retired in Lincolnshire. Their daughter, Rachel, and son-in-law Patrick, lived in Witley and we have had news of them from time to time. Rachel and Patrick had three children, Samuel, Isaac and Flora but sadly Rachel died three years ago when Flora was quite a baby. Patrick and the children are flying out to Washington on January 1st to take up a Government appointment and will probably be away for something like three years. We wish them well and remember them all fondly as they embark on this new adventure.

We have been saddened to learn of the recent sudden death of Michael Fellingham and the departure of Harold White who is moving north to live nearer to his daughter. Both gentlemen have been pillars to many proceedings in Chiddingfold over the years and to our friends there we send the sympathy of Hambledon residents as they come to terms with two gaps in their village life that will be slow to heal and fill.



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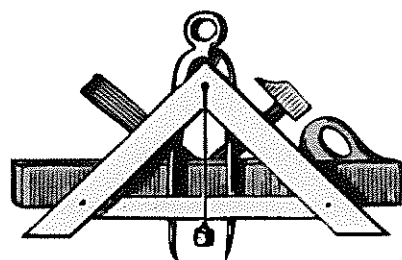
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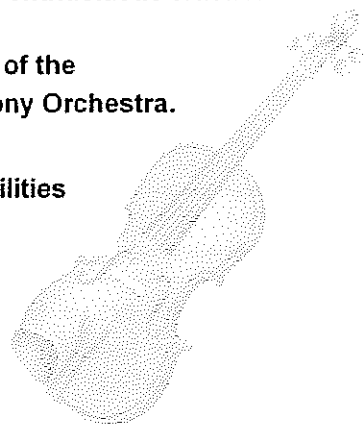
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It was good to have a written report from our new **neighbourhood specialist Police officer**, Sam Barnett, at the last Parish Council meeting. Sam and her husband are both full-time policemen so juggling shifts and children makes it difficult for Sam to attend meetings. However, she is hoping to come along in January and she already has the date of the next Parish Assembly in her diary.

The first progress report has been received from the Project Manager for the Hambledon and Wormley **mains drainage scheme**. Work has been slowed down by the recent heavy rain but the team are hoping to get off to a good start in the new year. The ground is already being prepared for laying pipes across the land at Ram Alley Cluns and Tigbourne Farms; and the contractor's tree specialists have undertaken extensive surveys to ensure the protection of trees in the vicinity of the works. A newsletter is due to be sent out by Southern Water to affected residents before the end of the year and further issues are planned on a quarterly basis.



Hambletons Toddler Group



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Ross's Ramblings

Crumbs 2008! And no doubt some resolutions are in order to mark the occasion. I suggested to Goodwife Jan that we resolve to drink more red wine next year, and thankfully our new neighbours seem to be as keen as the rest of us in our little hamlet, so it seems possible, but she said, "Don't be ridiculous!" I intend to try anyway, so if anyone fancies giving ma a hand to accomplish this difficult task give a ring. But don't tell GWJ!

Only one birthday I forgot in December – Mic Coleman, December 23rd, so send a belated card

And now "A Politically Correct Christmas Story"

'Twas the night before Christmas
and Santa's a wreck ...
How to live in a world that's
politically correct?
His workers no longer would
answer to "Elves".
"Vertically Challenged"
they were calling themselves.
And labour conditions
at the North Pole
were alleged by the union
to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished
without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by
the Humane Society.
And equal employment
had made it quite clear
That Santa had better
not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner,
Comet and Cupid
Were replaced with four pigs,
and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been
removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed
dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started
to call for the cops
when they heard sled
noises on their roof tops.
Second-hand smoke from his
pipe had his workers
quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit
was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness
of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over
unauthorised use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo,
in front of the nation,
Demanding millions
in over-due compensation.
So, half of the reindeer
were gone; and his wife,
who suddenly said she'd
enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group,
packed and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on
her title was Ms.
And as for the gifts, why,
he'd never had a notion
that making a choice could
cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him.
And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be
construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamoured
or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls,
or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed
to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike
or non-pacifistic.

No candy or sweets ..
they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed
to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales,

while not yet forbidden,
were like Ken and Barbie,
better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles
of those psychological
who claimed the only
good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football. ..
someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports
exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist
and should be passe;
And Nintendo would rot
your entire brain away.
So Santa just stood there,
dishevelled, perplexed;
He just could not figure
out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful
with that word today.
His sack was quite empty,
limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable
was to be found.
Something special was needed,
a gift that he might
give to all without angering
the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy,
with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion.
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So here is that gift,
it's price beyond worth ...
May you and your loved ones,
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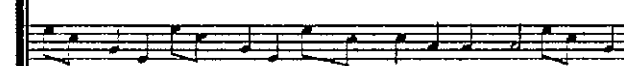
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And to finish a recipe (don't panic Guy)

"Night Before Christmas" Cake

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 1/4 cup of butter
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup of warm milk
- 1 package of yeast dissolved in 45ml warm water
- 3 cups of flour
- 1tsp salt
- 1/2tsp vanilla

Topping

- 5oz sugar
- 3tsp cinnamon
- 2oz melted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup of nuts

Directions:

Cream together sugar and butter. Then add eggs, milk, 1 package of yeast dissolved in 15 ml of warm water, flour, salt and vanilla. Beat all of these ingredients together. Then set dough aside and let it rise, until double in size. When your cake dough has risen to double the size (this may take about 2 hours) put it in a greased pan and spread with topping; Combine sugar, cinnamon, melted butter and nuts. Now place in a cold oven and leave it in there overnight to rise. The next morning turn oven to 175 degrees celsius and bake for 1/2 hour. Take out and serve warm. This makes a large cake or you can put the dough in two round pans instead.

Folksy Events over Christmas

- 1 Mummers Play at the Anchor, Ockford Road in Godalming. Wednesday 26 December – lunchtime.
- 2 Chiddingfold Tipteers – starts at the Swan, Chiddingfold 12.30 Sunday 30 December
- 3 Wassailing the Apple Trees, White Hart, Witley, Sunday 6 January at 7pm

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The German Air Crash at Lodge Bottom (Part 1)

How many times have you driven through Lodge Bottom on the Hambledon Road and glanced over to the statue standing at the far side of the dewpond? One or two may know some of the history behind it but the whole story is full of fascination. Over the next few editions, with the help of a wealth of material provided by Lady Gillian Brunton who lives at North Munstead Farm and articles written by Frances Morris, I will attempt to bring to life the characters who took part in the events of 9 April 1941.

There was a survivor, a young girl involved in the rescue of the survivor, and the air crew who shot the plane down and all have a story to tell. Our story must start however with Gillian Brunton because little would have been known about the crash if she had not researched it in the first place.

Her story started when the Brunton family moved into North Munstead Farm in 1970.

She tells us, "Soon after moving to the farm, an old gardener who had worked there since he was a boy, told us about 'The German bomber that crashed in the pond field'. He led us through the garden and down a steep slope until we reached the dewpond at Lodge Bottom. On the way he described how the disabled plane had crashed through the treetops and swerved into the valley before coming to land on the bank at the edge of the pond."

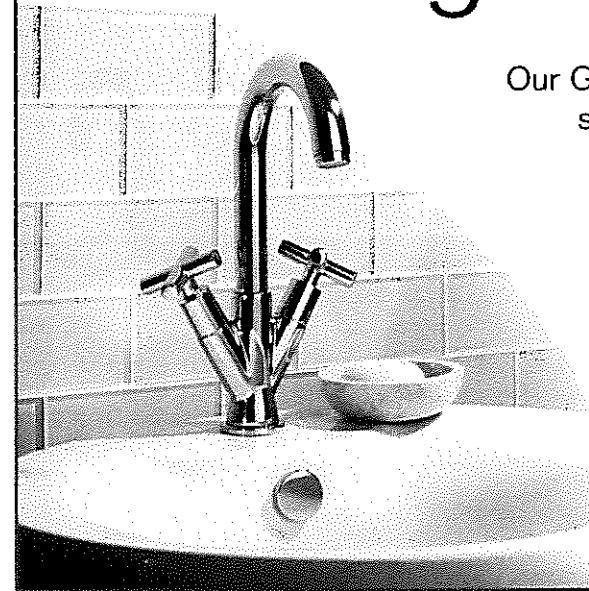
He went on to tell her that all the crew were killed, except for one survivor who was taken in an ambulance to the local hospital. He had never heard if he lived or died, but did say, "they buried the others in Milford graveyard but dug them up after the war and moved them to a cemetery up north somewhere ... it all caused quite a stir at the time ... but life had to go on, war or no war, and the whole thing was soon forgotten ..."

She relates how she remembered his words and the sadness that that was felt as they stood there on that lovely peaceful spot in the pale autumn sunshine.

As the years passed, she would always stop by the pond to think about the young airmen and of their families who must still be grieving for them and wondering exactly where or how they had died. There was nothing to mark this place where their lives had ended so abruptly, and it worried her that there might come a time when their story would be forgotten or fade into some half remembered myth. So she decided that before they left the farm, some permanent reminder must be erected on the spot to record the details of the bomber and of her crew. It was then that she realized just how little she knew about the plane, the crew or the circumstances surrounding the crash. Before she could begin she would need to build up a detailed picture of all these factors.



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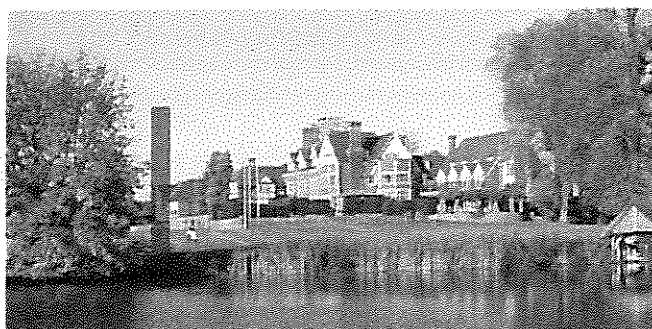
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A visit to Milford churchyard proved fruitless, as neither the young minister nor the verger had heard of the airmen, nor could they find any record of their exhumation and their reburial.

In January 1989 a man called John Castle telephoned Gillian to ask if he could come with a young friend, Stuart Mina, to use their metal detectors on their land. Stuart had mentioned to him that a plane had been brought down in a particular field where they hoped to find the site of the crash.

It soon became clear that if anyone could shed light on the German bomber it would be John, for he had a brilliant and enquiring mind with a prodigious memory that stored a mine of information. His enthusiasm was matched only by his great stamina and dogged determination.

On the west bank of the pond John and Stuart found twisted bits of alloy and corroded bullets, which were standard German machine gun ammo (7.92mm). The fact that these had not been blown open indicated that the plane had not caught fire.

Filled with enthusiasm, John returned with a new and more powerful metal detecting gun to resume his search.

Some weeks later he appeared at the door flushed and shaking with excitement. He held in his hand a small grimy piece of metal. Beaming, he said "This is it ... the fingerprint ... the aircraft plate!" On it was written:-

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John had found the key that would open the door to all the technical information that he was looking for. He gave Gillian the address of Colin Pratley at Croydon Aviation Archaeological Society and suggested that he might have some information on the bomber and her crew.

Next edition - Official details of the crash and names of the British aircrew and German crew discovered.

My 10 Resolutions for 2008

This coming year, I have decided that I shall:-

Give up complaining . . . focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments . . . think kind thoughts.
Give up worry . . . trust divine providence.
Give up discouragement . . . be full of hope.
Give up bitterness . . . turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred . . . return good for evil.
Give up anger . . . practice patience.
Give up pettiness . . . put on maturity.
Give up gloom. . . enjoy the beauty that is around me.
Give up gossiping . . . control my tongue.

Smile Line

After many years of nagging, Maureen eventually persuaded Barry to go on a cruise. On the first night the purser knocked on their Cabin door and said the captain requested their company at his dinner table. Barry piped up immediately: "Now listen here, young man, We've paid out a lot of money for this trip and I'm damned if we're eating wi't' crew."

The Village Shop

We have seen the spirit of Hambledon. It descended on us in the village hall on Monday evening 10th Dec, at the shop's Christmas Party. Cheers to the "Cardinal"! I have never seen such a happy lot. This party was to thank every helper for their efforts in the last year. We couldn't run the shop without them. All I try and do, as Captain, is keep them in order. I have been asked to make this an annual event. We shall have to see what the New Year brings.



The next night was one of those meetings. I am afraid there is a schism developing between the company and the shop. I thought the idea of a company was to have a device on the sidelines behind which the shop could hide if there was any financial disaster. Now it seems it wants to run the shop - you can guess my feelings on that! However some good did come from this affair in that their minds are now concentrating on trying to save the Post Office. Chairman George and Chairman John are writing directly to the heads of the Post Office, hoping a more personal approach might help. We spent some time looking at the effect of a potential closure, and the figures don't look good. They are equivalent to each house in Hambledon having to contribute £30/yr to keep it going, or as an alternative spending an extra £600/yr in the shop. We might have difficult decisions to make. We shall shortly know.

Aside from this life goes on. We have fended off Environmental Health who found nothing wrong and the District Valuers who can't find any further excuse for upping the rateable value.

The Village play area next to the shop is beginning to take shape and materials will soon have to be ordered. Then there will be the fete. Already many of the regulars have booked their slots and there will be a grand Ball in the evening hosted by the cricket club and Sue Blackman. The grand marquee is being booked. I think at the moment the best thing is to contact me in the shop about what you would like to do, and we will have a meeting in Feb. or March.

P.J.U.



Lord, prop us up in 2008

An old farmer in the village attended the church's New Year prayer meeting. He stood up and made one simple request for 2008: "Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side." Intrigued, the minister asked afterwards what he had meant.

The farmer explained: "I've got an old barn in my field. It's been there a long time. It's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing, but just before Christmas I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side. I made sure it wouldn't fall over this coming year.

"Then I got to thinking about how much I am like that old barn. I've been around a long time, I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, and I'm still standing, too. But by the end of 2007, what with Foot and Mouth and Blue Tongue, I found myself leaning to one side a bit. So for 2008 I've asked the Lord to prop me up on my leanin' side. I figure he can make sure that I don't fall over, either."



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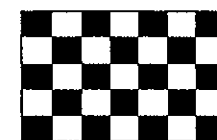
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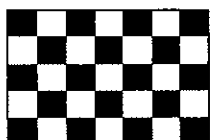
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Eight year old Jenny was developing a definite Yorkshire accent and sloppy way of speaking, so to the dismay of her mother, who constantly admonished her. One day Jenny's school orchestra was invited to give a concert for the mayor at the town hall.

"Now remember," said mother, as Jenny was about to set off with her violin, "when you are at the town hall, speak nicely."

Later that day, Jenny came back and proudly announced that the mayor had spoken to her.

"What did he say?" asked mother.

"He said: 'Coom on , luv, yer going to 'ave yer photo took'!"



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Christian Basics: God the Creator?

In today's culture the story of our universe's origin focuses on the big bang. A lump of matter, smaller than a pinhead, exploded 15 billion years ago, producing billions of stars. Life took shape as the necessary elements came together from the dust of exploding stars. And so the story goes on! It defines who we are and where we come from.

However, whether we accept the science or not, this is only half the story! The Bible sets out another story, in which God is creator of the universe, 'By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible' (Hebrews 11:3).

So how is God as Creator presented in Genesis 1?

'In the beginning God': While science can offer answers about the how of creation, the Bible tells us about the WHY- i.e. the purpose of the Creator. Creation reflects the character and glory of God, inviting a response of dependence and praise!

'God created the heavens and the earth': God shapes the universe, as expressed in the six days of creation. They speak of an ordered and purposeful universe that expresses his will; God spoke and it was done! An alternative translation says 'God began creating...' This reminds us that creation is not simply a past event, but an incomplete process. The Holy Spirit who brought life out of chaos at the beginning is still working in our lives and world.

'God created man in his own image': We mustn't miss the point of the narrative; human beings are the climax and crown of creation. We share the sixth day of creation with other creatures, as well as 95% of the same DNA. However, we are distinctively made in the image of God, which means that we are not simply here for ourselves, but we are created for relationship with God. This involves reflecting and representing God's character in our relationship with and responsibility for the created order.

'And God saw that it was good': Like an artist, God described his work as good. We should never lose the sense of wonder, blessing and enjoyment in God's world, which includes affirming creativity not only in ourselves but others.

However, our experience tells us that the image of God in us is marred; how this happened we will consider next time!



For the older generation!

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



“BYWAYS”

An Occasional Column From Around Our Plot

Have you noticed that fewer and fewer people are using their indicators over the past few years? Bearing in mind that we all thought that BMW drivers, white van man and ladies on the school run were exempt from all legal requirements!

So I phoned the police at what I thought was Farnham police station, but turned out to be at Chertsey, and talked to a charming lady (who preferred not to be named). She told me that it is not a requirement of law, but if an accident occurs by failing to indicate, you can be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention. Clear? I thought not!

Keeping to the vehicle theme this must be a contender in the ongoing “largest vehicle in our lanes” competition. I was told that a car transporter, with Italian plates, was spotted on the ‘single lane with passing places’ section of Markwick Lane a few weeks ago. Thank you sat-navs!

As we all know the January 2008 edition of the Parish Magazine usually arrives before Christmas, so if you fancy a walk to shake of the seasonal excesses, and the countryside is soaking, this walk is usually a bit dryer.

A Stroll Through Godalming and Pepperharrow (just under 6 miles)

After starting off from Godalming station, bear left down the station approach, soon to take a signposted pedestrian path on the left. Turning left down the road alongside the church, shortly take a signposted footpath on the left across the river and through a car park to rejoin the road before going under the railway. Turn left on the signposted path to continue along the riverside. After about 400 yards fork right again, passing a pillar box, to go alongside a garden and house to a road which bears to the left and enters woodland.

After about half a mile, join a tarmac track and soon turn left on a signposted bridleway which later joins a concrete drive. After some three quarters of a mile the bridleway reaches the road, where it turns right. Shortly turning right again, join a path to cross the footbridge over the A3 and soon go through a gate. Turning right, it follows a path round a field, going through a horse gate in the corner. Turn immediately left and cross a strip of woodland and, maintaining direction, follow the path to a church and the village of Pepperharrow. The church has a Norman doorway and a Norman chancel arch but is only open for services.

After visiting the church, continue through the tiny village and along the drive to the road where it turns right and immediately left. After about 200 yards, turn right through Shackleford Heath on the main path until a road is reached which needs to be crossed. Maintaining direction, reach the horse gate which was negotiated earlier and follow the path round to the left, finally to reach the footbridge over the A3. Retrace your steps but pass the turning that you came from earlier and continue forward to the Eashing Bridge.

Immediately over the bridge, turn left on a sign posted footpath alongside the river, later with a field on the left and after a stile, cross a field finally to reach the road, where you turn left. After a sharp right hand bend in the road, turn left along a wide surfaced track and, after passing Halfway House, continue on the track round a sharp right bend, soon to take a path alongside a house. Continue down this path and join a metalled road that passes the entrance to the platform at Godalming station.

What a lovely Crop - John Mitchell

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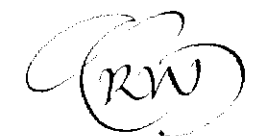
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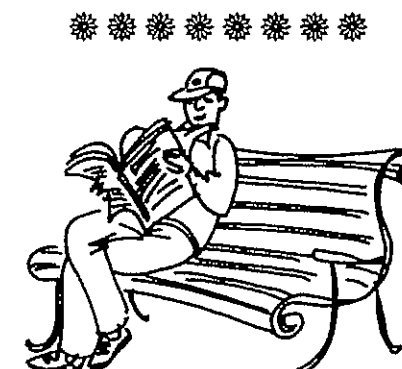
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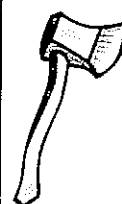
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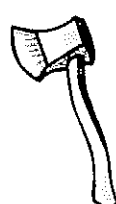
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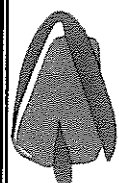
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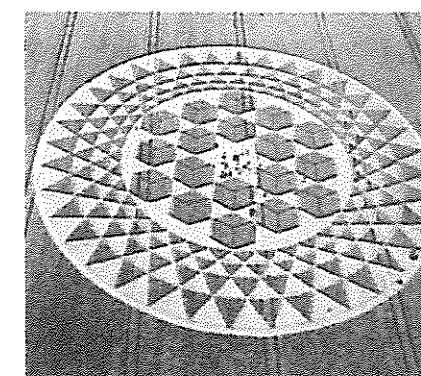
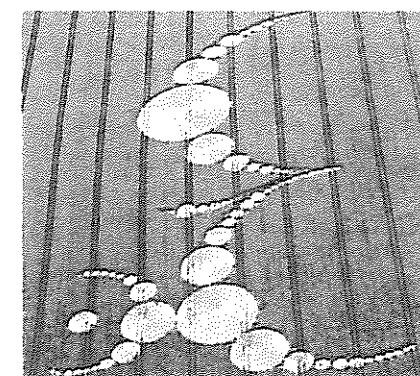
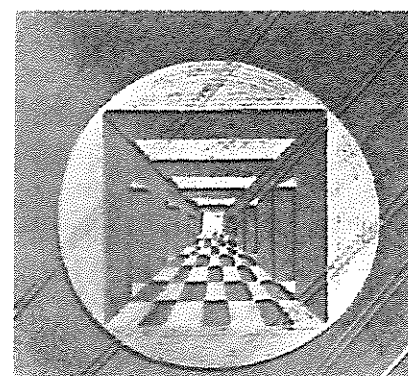
wane, But croppies were cheered up by the events of this summer, The circles started up early, in the middle of April, in oil-seed rape, the only crop available at that season, and went on up to the harvest in August.



About sixty formations were recorded, mostly in the prehistoric sanctuary area around Avebury in Wiltshire. Most of them were geometric, beautifully conceived and executed, often witty and puzzling. A rare semi-figurative design showed the entrance to a mystic or Masonic temple and the seven stages of initiation. The largest and most talked-about formation was an eastern 'Om' symbol over a thousand feet in length. It appeared below a hill in the East Field, near Alton Barnes in Wiltshire, where researchers with video cameras were on the lookout. At 1.35 am their film showed an unmarked wheat field, then at 3 am there was a flash of light, and twenty minutes later the formation was visible.

It is the same every year. Impossible things seem to happen, but the evidence points in different directions and the veteran croppies are as bewildered as when they first started. All that is fairly certain is that this is the best art show in the country.

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Magpie

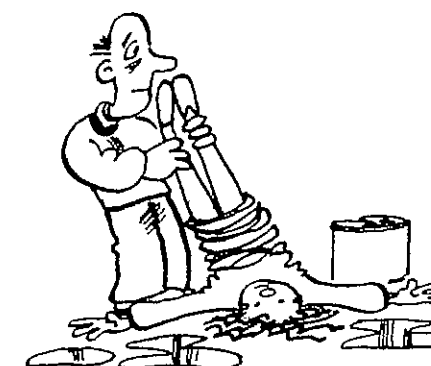


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EARTHWORM

Another year has spun by and as the New Year approaches and we go to press (early to please Ed) Earthworm looks out from his heap shivering with cold but marveling at the beauty of yet another morning of white frost. More like winter he thinks, approvingly.

Somehow the mild weeks, pleasant though they have been, make Earthworm feel as if he is being cheated of winter. We need the cold snaps he declares, not only to rid the garden of bugs and diseases, but there are seeds that will not germinate in spring unless they have been subjected to a period of cold.

There has been a lot of rain too. All those with storage tanks must now have them filled to the brim. They will serve them well if there is another dry spring or summer. Earthworm wonders too if readers have noticed the lovely light we have been enjoying, especially in the early afternoons. Could this be in part an effect of global warming? Sunrises and sunsets have been spectacular. Could the atmosphere be changing?

Earthworm sees a lot of winter beauty all around. There is a beauty in bare trees, the shapes and twists of their branches, and with some ornamental trees, fantastic colours especially against the light; branches of orange and reds, and the greens and browns of the catkins already forming on the road-side hazels. Hollies that were covered in their scarlet berries earlier have lost a lot to the birds. Gardens have a winter beauty when the folds of a lawn or a shrubbery catch one's eye and when these are whitened by frost there is an added element of attraction. The dried spikes of shrubs and grasses that have still to be cut down before the new growth appears are hugely enhanced by a sprinkling of frost.

Always pre-occupied with the weather Earthworm will be following the advice of "Weather Eye" in the Times who tells us that for the later part of December we should enjoy "halcyon days" These begin at this time when there is period of settled weather "bringing clear skies and quiet weather, also frost and cold ." As we go to press he is dead right, though Earthworm does wonder what "quiet" weather is. He had noticed when wriggling through the garden that all is very quiet in his garden and had indeed remarked on it to one of his friends. He will certainly seek to take advantage of these halcyon days and get things done out of doors. It is certainly better than the lashing rain and gales we had earlier.

For those readers who like Earthworm did not enjoy a "classical education" Weather Eye has also explained the origins of halcyon days in this legend : "Alcyone was the daughter of the ruler of the winds, Aeolus, and married King Ceyx whose ship sunk in a storm. Filled with grief she threw herself in to the sea but was carried up on a wind and she and Ceyx were changed in to birds. She laid her eggs in a nest floating by the sea during the winter solstice when her father would bring calm to the seas and keep away storms. It is a charming and romantic story beloved by sentimentalists like Earthworm. However it must be no coincidence that the kingfisher may have inspired the name as he is scientifically known as Halcyon.

Happy New Year to all!

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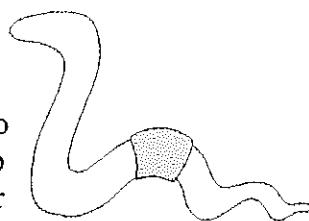


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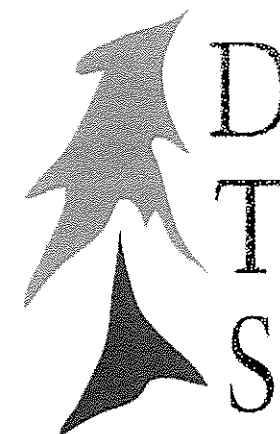
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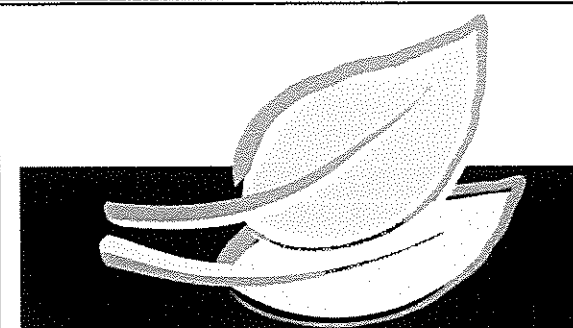
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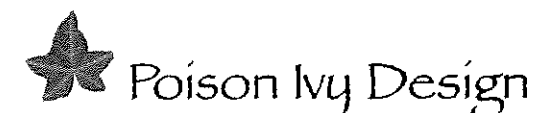
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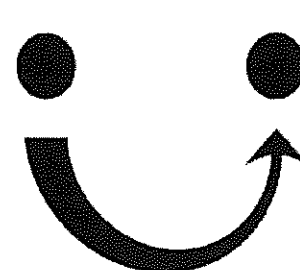
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The planning application for the new changing rooms is with Waverley and work should start in the new year. Many thousands of pounds are needed and fund raising is still one of our priorities.

The Grand Christmas Draw was made at the Race night on Saturday 8th December and the first prize of £100 went to Matt Kiley. Twenty other prizes were won and thanks to all participants for making over £500.

The Race Evening was attended by 44 'punters' and all enjoyed a rather noisy and occasionally profitable evening. The supper, provided by Lynn, Bee and Leslie was much appreciated. This event also raised over £500.

On Saturday 15th December the club organised a Tack Sale at the hall. Have you noticed there are a lot of horse riders in the area! Although widely advertised in equestrian circles it was a complete flop. A fair number of stalls filled the Village Hall but hardly any buyers turned out. After a glass of mulled wine everyone packed up and went home early at 11.30.

Anyone interested in joining the Club as a non-player (though players are also welcome), or who wants to find out more about our plans for the future – both financial, social and playing can contact Mic Coleman on 01428 682977.

A Merry Christams and a Happy New Year.

M.F.C.



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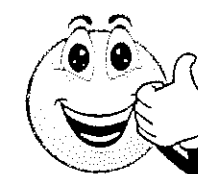
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Her husband will be buried next Friday.

- "What makes you think the baby is going to be a great politician?", asked the young mother anxiously.

"I'll tell you," answered the young father confidently. "He can say more things that sound well and mean nothing at all than any youngster I ever saw."





Hambledon Ramblers

December 11th 2007 – The Last walk of the year

A magical day. The last of a stunning sunrise still lighting the sky, frost, blue sky and sunshine, what a day to be walking. Nineteen of us set off from the hall to work up an appetite for “lunch at the Millers”. In no time we found ourselves atop Hydons Ball with a brief pause for the team photo. Down the hill and on into Juniper Valley we went with the golden sun lighting up the tree trunks and the trees themselves reaching for the sky. Before long we were at the Arboretum where to greet us were a flowering rhododendron and two clumps of daffodils also in full flower. Poor things they really are in a muddle. A bed of silver stemmed raspberry was more seasonally showy. The view from the hillside across the valley was very beautiful. We circumnavigated the lake and back up the hill to the top where the NT members dutifully “clicked” in their visit. We then took the boundary footpath to avoid most of the main road which we eventually crossed to walk up past Hascombe Court. It was then homeward through familiar woods, farmland and Church Lane and --- lunch!

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Of countryside we're learning more
We've roamed both far and near
From hill and valley field and shore
And pubs ---- you didn't hear.

Our guardian angel has been good
The weather has been fair
Except for once when even woods
Could not protect our hair!

But all in all as here we're seen
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I give a list of where we've been
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Mary Parker

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The tea was followed by a game of Bingo, 'called' by Mic Coleman who bravely joined us to keep order while we sought to be the winner – two managed to fill their cards at the same time and both were suitably rewarded.

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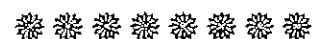
The Cake Sale raised £260 much-needed funds for the Cellar. Many thanks to all in Hambledon who helped towards this: both by contributing so many cakes etc., and buying on the day.

Jaqueline Hindley

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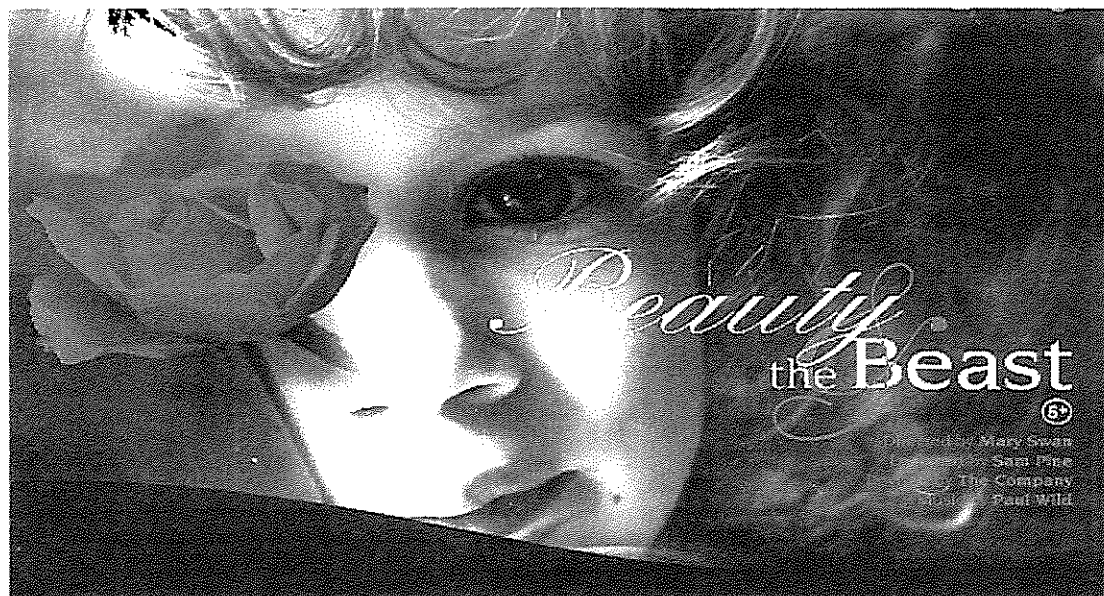
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Welcome to "The Best" Cookery Corner in the South East

Delicious Ham and Potato Soup

"This is a delicious recipe for ham and potato soup that a friend gave to me. It is very easy and the great thing about it is that you can add additional ingredients, more ham, potatoes, etc and it still turns out great."

Guy Lemieux

Ingredients

3 ½ cups	peeled and diced potatoes
⅓ cup	diced celery
⅓ cup	finely chopped onion
¾ cup	diced cooked ham
3¼ cups	water
2 tbs	chicken bouillon granules
½ tsp	salt, or to taste
1 tsp	ground white or black pepper, or to taste
5 tbs	butter
5 tbs	all-purpose flour
2 cups	milk

Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, ham and water in a stockpot. Bring to a boil, then cook over medium heat until potatoes are tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the chicken bouillon, salt and pepper.

In a separate saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour with a fork, and cook, stirring constantly until thick, about 1 minute. Slowly stir in milk as not to allow lumps to form until all of the milk has been added. Continue stirring over medium-low heat until thick, 4 to 5 minutes.

Stir the milk mixture into the stockpot, and cook soup until heated through. Serve immediately.



With New Year in Mind

Toast 2008 with this special Champagne cocktail

French "75" Champagne Cocktail

- 8 ounces gin
- 8 ounces orange liqueur, such as Cointreau or triple sec
- 1 lime, juiced
- 4 dashes orange bitters
- 8 sugar cubes
- 1 bottle Champagne, chilled

Pour gin, orange liqueur, lime juice, and bitters into a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake well to blend. Put a sugar cube into a Champagne flute. Strain about 2 ounces of the gin mixture into the glass. Carefully top it off with Champagne.



Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

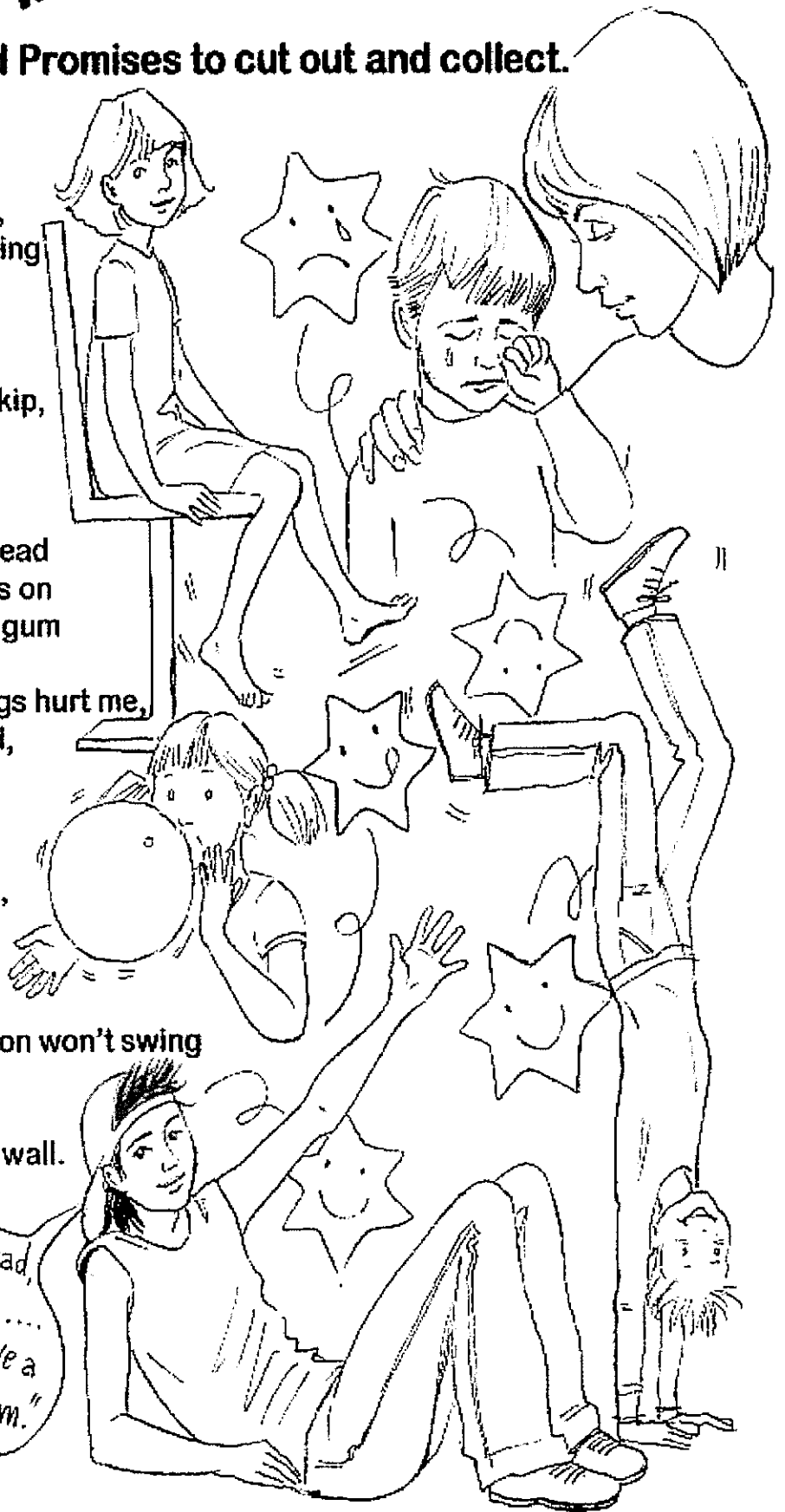
Growing Up

I don't want to grow up,
With legs that won't swing
When I sit on a bench,
Like my Dad.
And who wants to walk
When it's more fun to skip,
As people grow old
They grow sad.

I want to stand on my head
When the feeling comes on
And blow bubbles with gum
Till it pops.
I want to cry when things hurt me,
To be cuddled and held,
And to know that
The loving won't stop.

I don't want to grow up,
But everyone does,
As the years pass
I'm getting quite tall.
And though my legs soon won't swing
On the bench,
The good thing is
I now can see over the wall.

Sol says: "Skip, stand on your head,
pop bubbles, cry or whatever.....
God's loving never stops. Have a
great New Year with Him."



Give thanks to the Lord Almighty....his love endures for ever.
Jer.33:11(NIV)

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



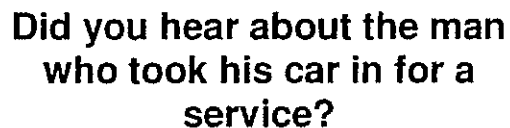
Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

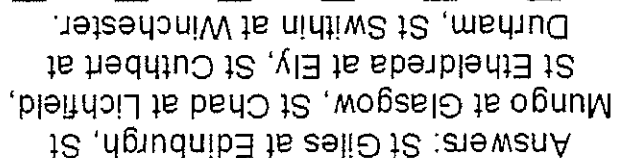
Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

St Swithin Glasgow



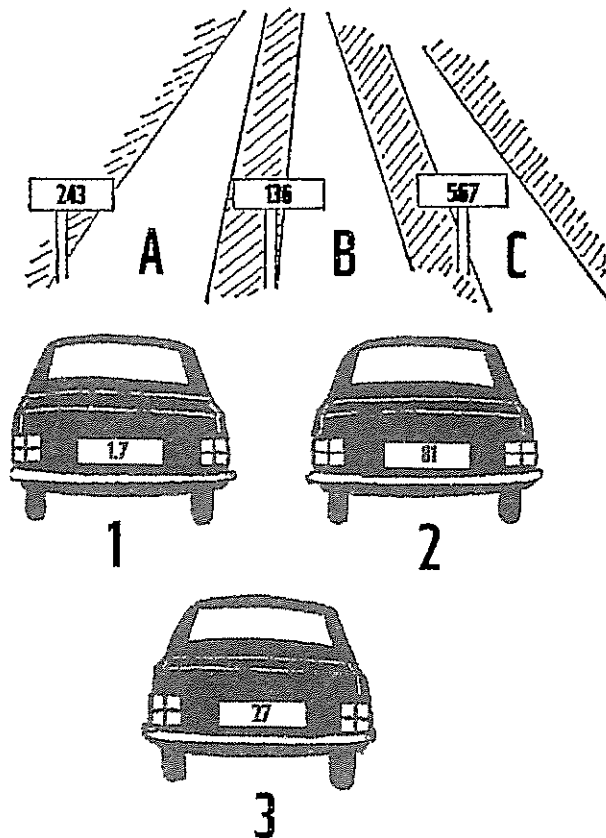
What's green, curly & religious?

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



New Year Brain Teaser

Which car goes into which road?



Are you taking a mid-winter break?

If you are preparing to take off for foreign climes, do keep an eye out for signs that have English words... but perhaps not an English meaning! In hotels and train stations and airports all over the world there are polite little signs that will bring a smile to the lips of even an exhausted traveler. For instance, how about these:

Switzerland: We have nice bath and are very good in bed.

Romania: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret you will be unbearable.

Russia: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

Italy: If service is required, give two strokes to the maid and three to the waiter.

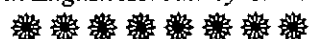
Spain: Our wine list leaves you with nothing to hope for.

Denmark: In the event of fire, open a window and announce your presence in a seemly manner.

Canary Islands: If you telephone for room service you will get the answer you deserve.

Have you spotted any signs that mistranslate English? If so, please tell the editor, and we will publish them ...

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A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all our readers

