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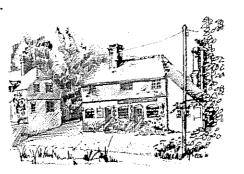
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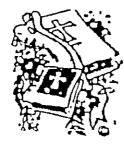
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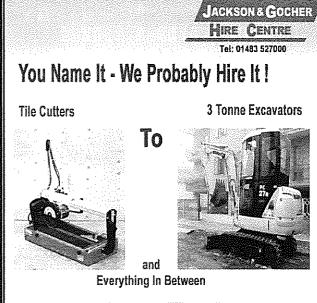
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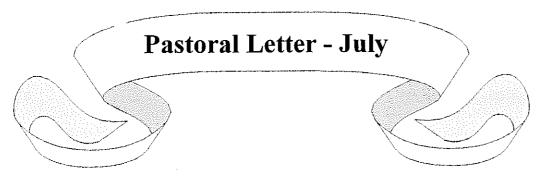
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Dear friends

I am feeling very old. I have just celebrated the 10th anniversary of my ordination, and this month I hit forty. Still, at least I will be spending my birthday on holiday in Malta, hiding from anyone who might want to sing at me or do something ghastly with candles...

So what have I learned in ten years of parish ministry? I've spent the last twenty minutes chuckling away to myself, recalling many things that would doubtless make an entertaining article, but that I can't possibly commit to print for fear of mortally offending the people involved. Even though the first half of it all happened in North London, you can't be too careful... So the story of the song I had to ban from the toddler service, the Christmas chocolates that were two years past their sell-by date, the fire engine at the crematorium and what I said to the Youth Group that I will never be allowed to forget will sadly have to go untold...

But thankfully I have learned a few other things as well. I think one of the lessons that I've begun to learn over the years is not to be so hard on myself. There's a tension running right through the Bible: there are the verses that remind me that I, along with everyone else, "have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" – that we all stand in desperate need of God's forgiveness and grace. Then there are the verses that remind me that I am "the apple of God's eye", that "I am fearfully and wonderfully made", that God says to me and to you, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

Both those things are true – that we are hopelessly messed up and that we are precious beyond words – and for most of us our besetting sin is only to believe one of them. Here in Surrey there many successful people – many of us are used to being valued, respected, listened to – and perhaps we have no problem believing that God loves us! In fact, maybe we think God should be really glad to have us on his team...

But perhaps even here, in the midst of success, there are more of us than we might imagine who only ever hear the other half of that truth – that we are a mess. Perhaps for some of us we extrapolate from that something that God has never said, and will never say: that we are worthless or useless. It has taken me many years to recognise that low self-esteem is a sin, and to realise that it is perhaps as common here, among the apparently self-assured and high-achieving, as on the deprived council estates of my first parishes. If God says that I am infinitely precious, how dare I say that he is wrong? How can I love others as I love myself, if I do not love myself?

When I training for ordained ministry (more than a decade ago...) I came across a prayer of confession by a theologian named Lena Malmgren, that I found helpful and shocking in equal measures. It was particularly written with women in mind, but maybe men will find something here that resonates too. As we seek to fulfil all the potential that God has placed in us, perhaps it is something that from time to time we should pause to pray:

God,
I confess before you,
that I have had no faith in my own possibilities.
That in thought, word and deed I have shown contempt for myself and for my ability.
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I have let myself be scorned and mistreated.

I have trusted the judgement of others more than my own, and allowed people to be indifferent and malicious to me without objecting.

I confess that I have not developed to the extent of all my capacities, that I have been too lazy to fight for a just cause, that I have wounded myself in order to avoid controversies.

I confess that I have not dared to show how brave I am, have not dared to be as brave as I really can be.

God, our Father and Creator,
Jesus, our Brother and Redeemer,
Spirit, our Mother and Comforter,
Forgive my self-contempt,
raise me up,
give me faith in myself and love of myself.

Stephanie Couvela Associate Minister: Busbridge and Hambledon

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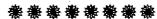
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13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
8th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
20th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
27th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship

Saturday 12th July
9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms
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6.30pm Evening Worship



- Life's evening will take its character from the day that has preceded it. anon
- The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it. Joseph Joubert

PARISH & PEOPLE



Welcome to Poppy - a first granddaughter for Georgina Aylward and many congratulations to Chloe and Nic Robertson. Chloe is fondly remembered by many of us in the Church Lane area of the village when she lived for a time at Hatch Cottage.

Sheelagh Vacher is retiring from school teaching at the end of this academic year and we send to her our very good wishes as she copes with an energetic grandson and the wedding of her daughter Katherine this Christmas.

Derek Lindley had the misfortune to fall in his garden, resulting in a broken hip and a stay in hospital. Friends and neighbours in Hambledon send their good wishes as he copes with the effort of getting about again.

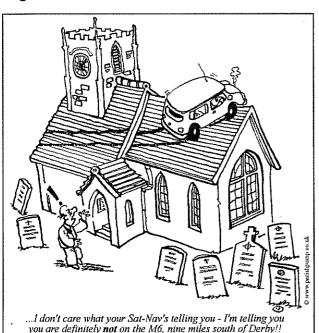
Sally Schulp is recovering from a shoulder operation that has proved a painful experience. We wish her well as she copes with day to day living.

Thursday 19th June saw the funeral of Florrie Hammond in Hambledon church. Florrie and Bob Hammond lived in Hambledon for many years and after Bob's death Florrie and her family moved to Chiddingfold, although they always kept in close touch with Hambledon events and were to be seen at various functions, Florrie's son, Gordon, gave an appreciation of the life of his mother at her funeral service and has kindly agreed for it to be printed in this magazine.

As this edition of the magazine goes to print, it is fitting to remark on the excellence of the Village Fete. So many played a vital role in this bi-annual event, with our particular thanks going to Phillip Underwood who masterminded the whole procedure. Many former residents were to be seen and it is encouraging to know that they think so highly of the village that they enjoy keeping in such close contact. We are always delighted to see them and catch up with their news.

Alan and Elizabeth Secrett celebrate 53 years of wedded happiness this month! Many congratulations from us all and well done to "Mr Alan" and the Secrett family who have recently celebrated 100 years of growing and marketing produce that is so readily available from their Milford outlets. The photographs depicting these 100 years which have been displayed at their Farm Shop show just how far they have all travelled since Tony and Alan's father started in such a small way in 1908 with the original outlet into Brentford market.

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A Blue Peugeot Saloon X185BLA - used in a theft of two stone lion statues.

A white van index LC51GZU

A Silver Nissan 4X4 displaying the index CE53SVN.

A Blue Ford Transit Van R824 DPU - This vehicle was used in the theft of York paving.



Thieves are finding a new method of forced entry in houses across our area and are attacking double glazed doors, particularly those with three point multi locking devices. (top, bottom, and middle) They are using a flat blade at the bottom edge to get under the locking bar then by levering upwards the door becomes unlocked and they are able to gain entry.

I would suggest this type of door is always double locked, and check that the multi point locking bar ends are protected by a solid metal hole where they fit into the frame.

If you have an alarm then please use it either when you are out, or by the appropriate zone facility when you are in. This may be the time to get one fitted if you haven't one. Cost is usually around £500

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Regards

John Robini



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Florrie Hammond Mum, Granny, Nanny, Great Granny

Where does one begin?

Born in Hertford, Hertfordshire on 8 March 1917, during the First World War.

At 2 years of age, with her Mother and Father, they moved to The Selsdon Park Hotel, near Croydon Surrey, where her Father was head gardener looking after the great lawns, tennis courts, golf course and vegetable gardens. In those days the hotel would have been the equivalent to the Dorchester of to-day.

After 14 years they moved to Woodside Road Chiddingfold, just two houses from where her daughter Freda and husband Derek live to-day. This in its self must have brought back many memories.

Being 16 years old Mum, having completed her education at Croydon High School, was employed as a care worker at Hambledon Homes, which was a home for the elderly. It was whilst working there and going to the-dances held in the home that she meet our Father, Robert, a handsome young man from Hambledon, and obviously the friendship blossomed because they were married on 7 December 1940 at St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold with the reception at the Swan Inn, just around the corner. This, of course, was during the 2nd world war.

Now married they moved to Malthouse Farm Cottage in Hambledon. It was in this cottage that firstly Freda and two years later I was born. Mum and Dad attempted to purchase this property but due to Local Authority road widening schemes the cottage was condemned and in 1950 we all moved to 5 Paddock Close, Hambledon. 1956 my young brother, Norman, was born and we had many happy years in this house.

Unfortunately In 1972, following a fairly long illness, our Father passed away, Mum was only 58 years of age. Not being able to live in this house with the memories of Dad they moved to Hartsgrove Chiddingfold. When I say they, Mum's mother known as 'Nan' lived with Mum and Dad during the whole of their married life until she passed away, not long after moving to Hartsgrove, at the age of 89 years.

In 1985 Mum and Norman moved to the present home in Queensmead, Chiddingfold which remained their family home.

During Mum's life she achieved more than most people could ever dream of. She opened the batting for Hambledon Ladies Cricket team, with another Hammond, ves Auntie Beat. They even gave the gents a game scoring over 40 runs for the first wicket. The result was never recorded; the gents probably burnt the score sheet?? Together Mum and Dad were caretakers of Hambledon Church of England Village School this they carried out for 25 years until Dad became too ill to continue.

For 25 years Mum worked at Bryony Hill for Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, she became more of a friend than an employee and recompense was not the only reason for helping.

For 15 years from 1961 to 1976 Mum was involved in fund raising for Hambledon Village Hall, 11 of those years as key holder, spending many hours maintaining, cleaning, opening and closing the hall for functions. On many occasions when the hall required refurbishing, all voluntarily by village folk, Mum was the first person to arrive and the last to leave. Even when living in Chiddingfold she continued with fund raising. This loyalty was recognised when she received an engraved plaque for her service's to the village and fund raising efforts.

Even when living in Chiddingfold she could not stop helping. With Norman plus 1 or 2 other people she helped build the annual Chiddingfold bonfire, this was an event



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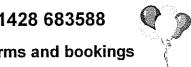
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that attracted a large crowd from many towns and villages. To prevent premature ignition of the bonfire Mum, Norman and Sean, on the Friday night prior to the bonfire night, would sleep in a caravan, on the village green, keeping a watch for vandals, she was only 78 years old and the young boys needed their sleep. On the Saturday morning she would wake them with a cup of tea, followed by a full English breakfast, all prepared and cooked in that caravan, her boy's had a hard days work ahead of them.

Mum had a great life, lived to the full.

Last year, March 2007 we celebrated her 90th birthday with a family lunch at The Swan Inn Chiddingfold, quite appropriate for it was here she had her wedding reception. Mum was completely unaware of the arrangements, only realising this surprise event when she walked through the dining room door, I will always remember her surprised smiling face. At this lunch were 4 generations, some thing she was extremely proud of and constantly talked about 'HER DAY', it was certainly a day to remember for all of us.

She had 3 children:

Freda, Norman and myself.

There are 5 grandchildren:

Alan, 'Twinkle toes', Jenny, Cheryl and Laura

There are 5 great grand children:

Milly, Jasper, Felix, Amber and Theo who was only christened last Sunday.

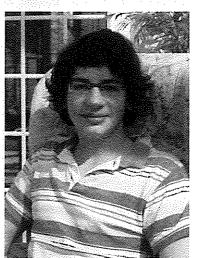
So finally I would like to thank all of those people who helped Mum have a good life, made her smile and gave her gifts.

There was just one thing that Mum could never understand and it certainly annoyed her, that after 58 years the Local Authority had not widened the road and Malthouse Farm Cottage, a home so dear to her heart and ours, was still standing. But, don't worry Mum, because when the road is widened we will let you know.

Mum, you are now back with Dad. And so Until we all meet again. God Bless you.



Bonjour Hambledon



My name is Paul Dousselin and I am 14 years old. My home is in France where I live in a small town called St Genis Laval which is just to the south of Lyon.

I have recently visited Hambledon where I stayed with Cynthia and Derek Miller but during my short stay did not have the opportunity to meet anybody of my own age. I would very much welcome the opportunity to correspond with someone in my age group and perhaps in the future arrange exchange visits.

My interests include: Tennis, Music (Rock) Board skating and I play a guitar.

If you would like to correspond please contact me by e-mail: ptit.polo@hotmail.fr

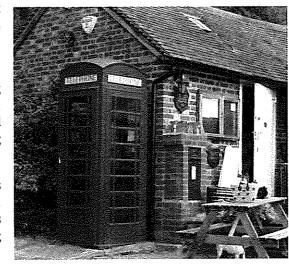


RED PHONE BOX AT HAMBLEDON SHOP

THE red payphone kiosk outside Hambledon Post Office and shop has been included in a list of boxes Waverley Borough Council is asking British Telecom to keep open.

The box is one of 48 in the borough BT is consulting with Waverley over proposals to remove them on the grounds that they are no longer sufficiently used to be economically sustainable. This is happening across the country.

Waverley has asked for the views of parish councils and local communities before responding to BT. Hambledon Parish Council and individual villagers have made it clear that there is an overwhelming wish for the kiosk outside the shop to remain.



It is a heritage feature in a conservation area and is still needed because mobile phone coverage is patchy.

Waverley has devised a criteria, based on the responses received. This has been applied to each of the boxes under threat and includes such issues as loss of heritage feature; lack of mobile phone coverage; busy road or accident black spot; loss of public service; last box in the area; used by the vulnerable and elderly and used for emergency calls.

If a box meets at least two of these, Waverley will inform BT the box should be retained. It has a right of veto over the BT proposals.

On this basis, the box at the shop meets five of the criteria, as does the red box at the Hydestile crossroads and Waverley will be informing BT that it is seeking to retain them both.

Waverley councillors, at a meeting of the executive, were provided with the views of Hambledon Parish Council together with the comments expressed on the forum of the village's new website www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk, so this shows that the website has already had a positive impact on opinion forming.

So far, Waverley is proposing to make a case for the retention of at least 33 boxes in the borough, an outcome that is unlikely to satisfy BT. Therefore it is unlikely that this will be the end of the matter.

To further safeguard the survival of the Hambledon shop box, the parish council has applied to English Heritage to have it listed as a heritage feature. It has asked that this be considered as a matter of urgency, given that the consultation period ends on July 2nd, 2008.

There are other courses open to us. The village could be offered the opportunity to sign up to a maintenance agreement with BT to ensure the box and phone remains in operation. Or the equipment could be removed and the kiosk become the property of the parish council, although there are a number of implications to this, including legal and insurance issues.

Clearly the survival of the box is not yet guaranteed. Local MP Jeremy Hunt has a petition on his website www.jeremyhunt.org/phonebox which villagers may wish to sign. And please keep your thoughts coming on the village website forum. Latest developments will be reported there and in forthcoming issues of the magazine.

Stewart Payne on behalf of Hambledon Parish Council



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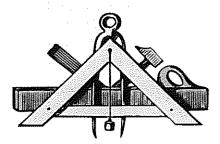
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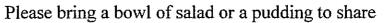
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As we plan the evening we will keep you up-dated with information.

Fiona Andrade-Brown and Vicki Hinde



Sky at night

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

Ross's Ramblings

July – First, don't forget my Village Picnic by the cricket pavilion from around 11.30 on Sunday 10th August. A travelling cricket team are arriving for a match with Hambledon (after their own picnic) at around 2.30. Bring your medium hipflask, plus some bubbly and grub, something to sit on.

Last months amazing headlines from the incredibly well informed Surrey Ad.

- 1. "Sat Navs to blame for lorry misery". Oh really! I hadn't noticed all those lorries jamming up our lanes for the last few years had you? Well done Surrey Ad, one of the reporters must have been removed from his/her computer, and wandered out into the open air scary eh!
- 2. "County misses pothole target." Pothole target! What pothole target? You must mean Ringway or Corillion prodding in a bit of tarmac, which is all out again in a few weeks. I think that the reason that Waverley are missing their 'Pothole target' is that they are doing nothing and hoping that the potholes will go away.

I hear that a polish articulated lorry vanished into a pothole in Vann Lane last week (that should tie up both stories nicely!) So if you come across any large potholes just take them down to the council offices to get them filled in – and make sure you park in one of the 'Reserved' places.

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July Birthdays

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George Hamilton	12 th 1939
Madonna	16 th 1958
Me	18 th 18**
Mother Teresa	27 th 1910
Jan	29 th 17**

And now for a poem by Sally Marks of Hyedstile

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Trading is brisk. The downside is that prices are still rising, but I suspect slower than the supermarkets. Try our strawberries on Friday morning-in by 11am-from Tuesley farm. I think you will find the price acceptable as well as the quality.

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Now the disasters. The milk fridge died. So a new one is in-£1500. The warmer is on the way out and it looked as if the scanner was finished. We don't make enough profit to replace all these items in one year, so I am trying to raise a little money through a summer raffle. Please help us and support this-it means that we will not need to increase the mark up on products.

The good news is that thanks to the efforts of Tony and Mary of CCM the scanner now works again. They have used a more robust programme that even I can understand, so after two years we might be getting somewhere.

The shop never stands still-there is always something unexpected around the corner.

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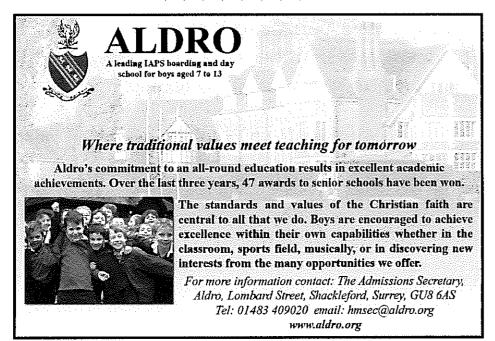


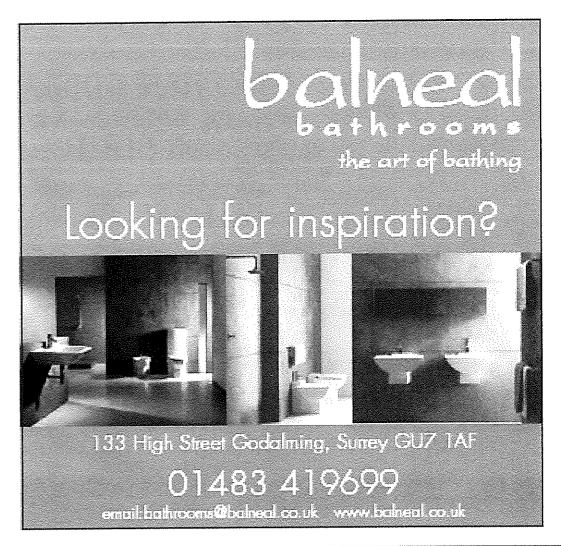
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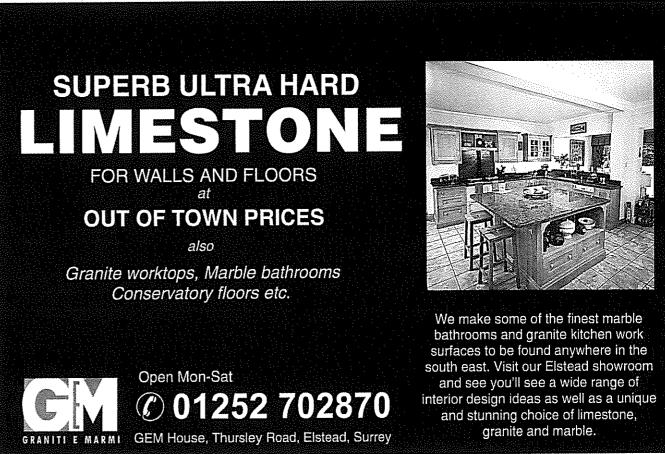
Pleased to report that Philip Ryland has now joined the editorial team of the Parish Magazine and with his help and some new ideas we hope to re-vamp the magazine over the next few months. We look forward to receiving some feed back as and when new features are introduced. This month Philip has produced an index to all the advertisers.

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On Friday 18th July there will be a chance for villagers and other members of the public to come and see what the Trust is doing and to learn more about Lime Kilns and lime mortar. This is as part of a staff training day when members of the Building department will be joining the contractor for some work experience.

It is good to see that this significant piece of Hambledon's heritage is being appropriately cared for.



Martin Archer, Senior Building Surveyor for the National Trust, says:

For some time we have been monitoring the condition of the Kiln, and this year the Trust has committed funds to conserve it and to halt any further deterioration of the masonry wall. This is a relatively small project with much of the repairs being carried out by a team comprising just a bricklayer and labourer. The Trust has appointed a contractor experienced in this type of conservation work and in the use of lime mortar. Much of the damage is as a result of tree roots and other invasive vegetation: wardens from the West Weald team have already cleared this in preparation for the repairs. The plan is for building work to begin on Wednesday 16th July.

From my research so far it is very probable that the kiln was used to produce lime for agricultural use rather than building. In the publication *Heritage Features in Waverley* produced and written by Waverley Borough Council it refers to two lime kilns:

One adjacent the church described as a late 18th, early 19th century agricultural limekiln built into a bank south of the trackway beside Hambledon churchyard wall. The pot has been filled for protection from vandals, but the front wall and draw hole are intact and carry a tablet "Ancient Limekiln in use until 19th century". This was put on by the Parish Council who did conservation work to preserve the kiln. This is one of the few intact limekiln in the Waverley area.

The other kiln is found next to Marepond Farm. The description given is of a much more dilapidated structure which may no longer be there. It is important therefore that we continue to maintain this site.

Further justification of the kiln being used for the making of lime for agricultural use comes from a book written by Gertrude Jekyll in 1904 titled Some Notes and Memories she describes the need for lime to treat the fields where arable crops such as turnips and cabbage are grown. Apparently it was common for farms to have their own kilns for the production of lime. Wagons delivered wheat to Guildford and collected chalk from the downs, which makes sense as the soil in Hambledon is predominantly sandy. She describes the chalk being stacked in the shape of an arch with larger stones at the bottom. Furze faggots were used to pack the space underneath to then burn the chalk.

At Nutbourne Brickworks there is an ancient lime kiln noted in a publication by the Surrey Archaeological Society. It would seem logical for one to be next to a brickworks for the production of lime for building purposes.



IF

You could hear the sharp intake of breath as the 2008 fixtures were announced. The first game of the Hambledon U9's, a side without a victory for 5 years, was against the mighty Guildford.

The venue was to be none other than the County Ground: The Theatre of Dreams, the Stuff of Legends; Hobbs, Laker, Edrich, Stewart, Hollyoake, Mr Ho and many more.

How would our boys do? Guildford, with a squad of 70 vs Hambledon, with a squad of 9 (for a 10 a side game!).....

Well, as Juan Samaranch said, it's not the winning, it's the taking part that counts.

The Friday night arrived. The clock ticked agonisingly towards 6 o'clock. It wasn't Fathers' Time, but the boys.

To the north of the ground stood the tallest of cranes; spring wasn't in the air, but demolition. Guildford were practicing their bowling; they thought they would get plenty of batting practice later.

Zach's Dad led some pre-match catching practice. Mr Ho was trying to curry favour with the scorer. Hindey was returning from lunch. Would alcohol dull the impending pain?

It was time for the toss. The setting sun shone brightly. Was there to be a glimmer of hope? Would Guildford be asked to bat with the sun in their eyes? Edward made the wrong call and Guildford sent Hambledon in to face the sun, the music and history: Hambledon had never beaten Guildford.

Johnny Hinde went into face the first ball. The opening bowler's run up was longer than the faces of the Hambledon Dads'. Would Johnny face the music or dance? He slammed the bat down like a Scottish banker closing a safe, proudly sending the ball back homeward tae think again. Guildford - was that the best you could do? Game on.

Johnny and Sammy batted with wood in their hands and steel in their spines. The County Ground had seen nothing like it since Boycott and Close. With every ball they grew in stature. Sammy, like his mother, was in a hurry and scored quickly. Johnny, like his father, couldn't resist going for a fine knock and slipped a couple of balls under the covers for four runs a piece. It was a statement: talent was not hereditary and Guildford were no piers.

In came the middle order. With Hughie Campbell, Dylan Joseph and Josh Powell, would it be Celtic savagery or a traditional English middle order collapse? Well, Hambledon met with disaster and treated that all too familiar impostor just the same.

Cookey came to the crease and scored some runs. He then made one heap of all his running And risked them on one turn of pitch-and-toss He started again with a new beginning And never breathed a word about his loss.

The crane swung round with a haunting look of demolition or even the hallows?

A limousine, full of screaming young maidens on a night out drove past. The boys heads swung round and looked at the amazing car and thought, one day, one day. Hindey and Ho looked for longer at the girls and thought, mmm, maybe later today. Hindey said: "look boys, if you win today, then next year you are coming here in a limo. Another wrong call?

Callum and George took to the crease. They batted like their Dad's on a promise. George cracked the biggest four of the day. Hambledon were down, but not out.

Edward came into bat. We needed a captain's innings. We got one.

Zach came in carrying a bat out of hell. A four, then he hit one towards the crane. The umpire pointed to the heavens. 163 final score. Maybe, just maybe.......

It was time for Guildford's batting practice. Cookey and Johnny looking half the size of the batsmen, stood tall. 4 fantastic overs of varying flight and guile. So Guildford, still think you don't need that practice?

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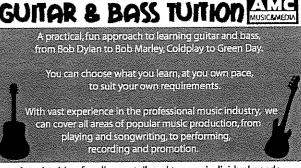
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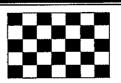
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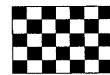
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Then, Sammy Andre Brown, took the ball and ran in with an action and a style that could only have been taught by the great coach in the sky. A wicket and a maiden over. Well that was as close as Hindey and Ho were going to get to bowling a maiden over that evening.....

Supported by two steady overs from George, Sammy had begun to turn the screw. Guildford were only 9 above the run rate. Against Churt last year, Hambledon U9's had come of age. But were they men?

Captain Tristram took the ball with a "come on take us on if you think you are hard enough" look of his. The fielders looked at the batsman with a look which said "come on try a single if you think you're fast enough" What price leadership? Guildford did, and lived to regret it. With Josh at the other end, wickets were falling as fast as the runs were coming.

Incredibly, Hambledon had their noses in front. But the sun, history and Andy's prayers about the cost of the limo, said it surely could not be?

Zach took off the gloves and grabbed the ball. Everyone was surprised. It had looked as if he had been born with them on. Hughie was at the other end; our death bowler. Was he going to be like his Dad and dish out some serious medicine or would he be signing our death certificate? A good over, but then a Zach had a wobble. So near, but now so far....

The final over: It was deathly quiet. Guildford needing 14 off the last over: They scored a run, then another one.

Incredibly, the crane swung round as if to turn its back on the County Ground. The limo passed by again. Hindey and Ho were distracted, but not Hughie.....

Guildford finished on 153. They had been demolished. Our boys stood taller than the crane.

One day, one day?

As for Juan Samaranch? Well, I prefer the Brian Moore version:

"It's not the winning, it's the taking apart that counts."

Guildford were in pieces - Hambledon had given them a good shoeing.

So boys:

If you can fill the unforgiving 20 overs with 163 skilful runs Yours is the urn and everything in it And what is more, you will be men, my sons.

Mr Ho.



Garden Open Day Royal Farmhouse 1st June

Mrs Sue Cole, owner and gardener of Royal Farmhouse decided to open her garden to the public for the first time this year. Looking for a 'cause' to benefit from the exercise she chose our village hall and her local church. Each would have one day.

1st June was our turn. All a little experimental as this was the first time ever. With some valuable help over car parking and entrance tickets from our hall committee members and gorgeous cakes from others we were able to help her to raise £281.50 towards our hall funds. We were blessed with a fine afternoon, visitors enjoyed the garden in its early summer profusion, played the xylophone, cosied up in the railway carriage and found the choice of cakes for tea the best ever.

Mary Parker



The last ten years of life are the best, because we are freest from illusions and fullest of experience.

- Benjamin Jowett

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EARTHWORM

Mid-summer's day is passed and Earthworm has joined the band of Minnie-moaners to lament, once again, our so-called summer. True, there is July and August to come and one never knows what joys of warmth and sunshine may come his way.



May was spring-time and June should have been the first month of summer, but it certainly has not seemed so. The pundits tell us that "temperatures were average". This is hard to believe when one looks back on the deluging rain storms, chilly nights, even a touch of frost, and day after day of grey skies. Earthworm, snuggled in what is now a huge compost heap, heating up nicely, hesitates to contest such a statement. True it has only occasionally felt cold, so cold that there was regret at putting the winter woollies away. But shorts have not been the order of the day, and the deck-chairs are once again cob-web covered and dusty. The weather men mumble about La Niña, a Pacific Ocean effect that should push the jet stream north so that the wet and windy weather heads for Scotland. But this jet stream is staying put so our shores are failing to get the warming currents of summer-time. Worse, the predictions are that this is how the summer will be. They re-assure us that it is nothing to do with global warming and that in another year we may once again be back to drought conditions and water shortages. How re-assuring is that? Earthworm advises one to live for the present. Think of the saving on water bills.

Saving is hardly the in-word thinks Earthworm. Who can save with the escalating price of petrol? Who could have guessed that it would cost £60 to fill one's petrol tank? However the traffic on the roads seems as busy as ever, the number of "Chelsea tractors" does not seem to lessen, but there is an indication that people are driving slower, not every-one of-course, but some. We are told this can save 10% fuel consumption. Now that, thinks Earthworm, is worth knowing about.

What then of holidays? Heading off to the sun is more problematic too. Holidaying abroad will be very expensive for a family. Fuel surcharges on air tickets are going to add huge extras to holiday costs. Food prices are rocketing so wherever you plan to go, it is going to be more expensive than you thought. Earthworm thinks he will stick to the joys of his own patch (avoiding magpies at all costs) and the warmth of his own heap.

A return to home-grown fruit and veg will certainly help the personal exchequer, and keep scurvy away!

Why you should talk to yourself

Do you talk to yourself? Do you worry that you talk to yourself? Well, don't. Apparently it is NOT the first sign of madness, but is actually very good for your brain and mental well-being.

New studies published in Early Childhood Research Quarterly have found that 'self-talking' can aid concentration, help solve problems and lift depressive moods. 78 per cent of children performed simple tasks better when they spoke to themselves than when they were silent.

And a year-long study of 500 people by Nottingham Trent University has found that talking to yourself ranks in the top three methods of coping with the stress of commuting to work - along with singing to yourself and humming to yourself.

But while talking to yourself is good - be careful what you say! Don't discourage yourself or say things like: 'I can't.' 'I won't.' 'I'm not.' It won't help anyone - least of all - you!



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- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch_ ch What is missing? (UR)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

This month we finish looking at what the Holy Spirit does in our lives as we consider the way he develops our ability to serve. Somebody once defined football as 'twenty two men on the field desperately in need of rest watched by fifty thousand people in the stands who desperately need exercise! It reminds us that church is not a spectator sport! The Holy Spirit equips us to serve God in the church and daily life by giving us the tools for the job, the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts are variously described in the New Testament as *spiritual gifts* (1 Cor. 12:1) or *grace gifts* (1 Cor. 1:7), the latter word being used in modern Greek to describe a birthday present! They are love gifts from God that we cannot earn or deserve, open to everybody. As Paul writes, 'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good' (1 Cor. 12:7). Notice what he says here about gifts:

- 'to each one': the gifts are available to every Christian. Each one will have a different 'gift-mix', with their own particular contribution to offer.
- 'the manifestation of the Spirit': the gifts of the Spirit enable an invisible God to be real and visible. As we exercise the gifts, in our speech or service, people will be able to say, 'God is at work here'!
- 'for the common good': the aim of the gifts is to build up the body of Christ as well as extending
 the kingdom of God in this world. They are not given to meet our own needs or establish our
 reputation, but simply to serve and encourage others.

With the gifts given to us by God we are able to fulfil his purposes here on planet earth. Paul urges us to 'eagerly desire' the gifts that God has for us (1 Cor 12:31). Is this true for me? An apocryphal story tells of a Christian arriving at the gates of heaven. He was warmly greeted by the archangel Gabriel who took him on a guided tour of heaven. The first building they visited was a vast hanger lined with narrow shelves. Each shelf was filled with neatly wrapped presents all addressed to the new arrival. 'What's this, then?' inquired the Christian. 'Oh, those,' replied Gabriel, 'they're all the gifts which God had for you to use on earth and which you never bothered to claim!'



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Des' Deliberations

I have one more incident to write about in which I believe God's intervention and timing was (to me anyhow) an important event in my life.

I have never had a problem with swearing, or as we hear often at the beginning of a T.V. programme, this contains "strong language".

In the garage we had very little heating in fact we huddled over a small paraffin heater at least to warm our hands so that we could at least feel the spanner or other tool we were using. The winters in those days seemed to be a lot colder and a lot longer. These conditions seemed to make it a lot easier for screwdrivers to slip off and take a bit of skin out of your hand or spanners to slip off a nut and hit your hand on a nearby piece of the car. Using a swearword seemed to help at times like that.

I remember on one occasion I was checking the oil level on a Rover back axle when the spanner slipped off and I jammed my finger between the spanner and the axle housing, my finger nail went black and the pain was very bad indeed. As it was before I could drive mum took me up to the hospital on the train where I was given an anaesthetic and my finger nail removed. I still have the marks on my finger to this day.

There is one type of "bad language that I do have a problem with and that is the use of "Christ" or "Jesus Christ" or Christ Almighty" as a swear word. I think this is called ,using the Lords name in vain as one of the Ten Commandments puts it.

We had a customer who I will call Jim (not his real name), it seemed that every other word in his conversation he used Christ as a swear word. He was a nice chap who had used the garage for years I didn't like to upset him by telling him that I did not like his language.

I was changing a tyre in our little tyre bay when Jim came to my mind, I prayed if it was possible could I be given the opportunity to have a "little" word with him.

I finished the tyre job, walked out of the door only to discover Jim standing outside. I couldn't believe it, I thought, please Lord not this quick give me time to think about it. After saying hello Jim said "Des I have been coming to this garage for nearly twenty years and have never had anything to complain about, is there anything you don't like about me". I told him there was something, that was the use of Christ as a swearword, and that I did not like it because Christ died for me on a cross so that I could be forgiven for all my sin. I also gave him a Bible verse John 3 verse 16. Jim was amazed, "I don't, do I". Jim had been using these words without realizing he was. I must say he did try hard not to use "Christ" in his conversation after our "little" chat.

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"ENTER MY REST"

At this time of the year we are planning and looking forward to holidays: to that welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life and work. The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation and tells us that God rested on the 7th day.

We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing. This



month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, a 19th century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this summer to find relaxation and recreation on holiday. The world may carry on spinning around us, but use that holiday to stand apart and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after his work of creation.



Summer days

Sing a song of summer days Leafy nooks and shady ways, Nodding roses, apples red, Clover like a carpet spread; Sing a song of running brooks, Cans of bait and fishing hooks, Dewy hollows, yellow moons, Birds a-pipe with merry tunes.

J W Foley

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An Occasional Column From Around Our Plot

"Motorway Maintenance" signs on the back of un-marked vans and trucks means absolutely nothing, so beware, and be suspicious if you see any in our lanes. A truck with such a sign was seen next to Elstead church when the lead was stolen, and in the gap between one family moving out (only a few hours) and the next moving in a truck bearing such a sign arrived in the drive and a party of men started stealing the York stone from the patio. This time they were spotted by a neighbour, and the police were called, but no charges were pressed! I did call Guildford and ask to talk to a certain magistrate. The magistrate was 'in my opinion' much too lax in sentencing yobbos, bully boys, junkies and thieves like those above. Giving them community service (which, of course, they will not carry out or a tiny fine (which they will not pay) or perhaps an ASBO (which they will ignore) but I am told it is not possible to be stricter.

Now I am not advocating getting out your shot gun and solving the yobbo problem permanently, but do not be afraid to ask anyone who you are suspicious of what they are doing, or take a note of the vehicles registration and pass it with a covering note to the police. (Do this by post, not telephone) E.G The man throwing tins from his car, or the van or truck next to some scaffolding, where you didn't expect any building work to be done.

Remember that a few years ago a charming lady on the Green had the whole of her possessions on the ground floor removed while she slept! They were never caught, so keep your eyes open, and if you are suspicious but a bit nervous phone a neighbour – don't let them get away with it!

The Other Little Boats

A pause came in the fighting and England held her breath, For the battle was not ended and the ending might be death. Then out they came, the little boats, from all the Channel shores; Free men were these who hauled the ropes and sweated at the oars. From Itchenor and Shoreham, from Deal and Winchelsea, They put out into the Channel to keep their country free.

Not of Dunkirk this story but of boatmen long ago, When our Queen was Gloriana and King Philip was the foe, And galleons rode the Narrow Seas, and Effingham and Drake Were out of shot and powder, with England still at stake.

They got the shot and powder, they charged the guns again, The guns that guarded England from the galleons from Spain, And the men that helped them do it, helped them still to hold the sea. Men from Itchenor and Shoreham, men from Deal and Winchelsea, Looked out happily from Heaven and cheered to see the work Of their grandsons' grandsons on the beaches of Dunkirk.



Magpie

Keep campaigning to keep our phone box and to stop 'Dunsfold New Town!



Congratulations!

Jane Woolley was awarded the MBE in the Queens birthday honours list and we all join in applauding this recognition of the vast amount of time and energy she has devoted the village in recent years, not only as our Parish Clerk but for her commitment to the Village Shop.

Well done Jane!



The CELLAR

Christian Coffee Bar

Grateful thanks to all who gave so generously at the Hambledon Fête to the sale of fruit and homegrown/made provisions raising £303 towards the The Cellar holiday.

Jacqueline Hindley

Sleepless in cyberspace

If you want to sleep well, avoid emails, laptops and BlackBerrys for at least an hour before bed. Checking them can have the same effect on sleep as drinking two espressos, according to recent research.

Apparently the light from a laptop or BlackBerry is concentrated enough to signal your brain to stop production of melatonin, a natural hormone known to aid sleep disturbances.

"Being in a relaxed environment and incorporating essential wind-down times into your day is your best chance of securing a great night's sleep - along with silence, darkness and comfort," advises a doctor with the Edinburgh Sleep Centre.

The temptation to check emails late at night is great - but you need your sleep more.

So just think of me when you don't meet the deadline! Ed



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I think it refers to the Olympic Motto – not, unfortunately, to his actual sermon

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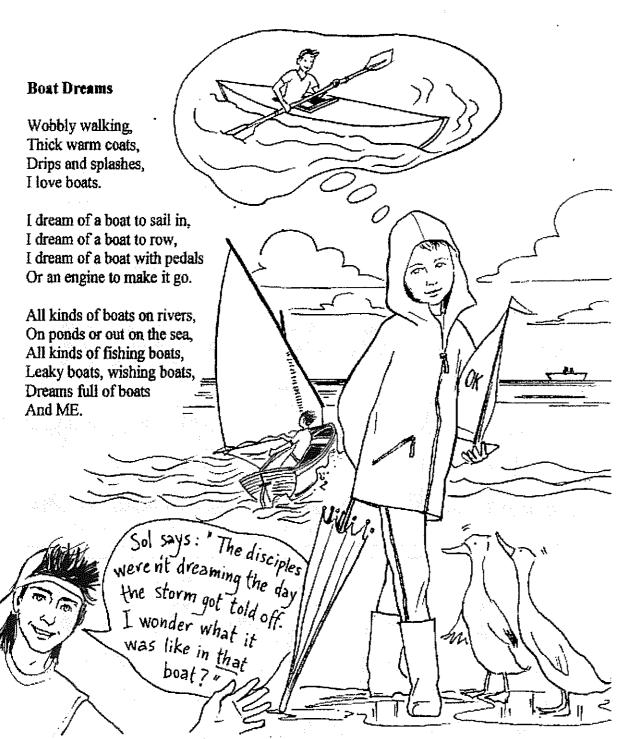
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Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.



Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him. (Mark 4: 41 NIV)

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

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

Fresh Fruit Tarts

A tasty dish to have in the summer when you are spoilt for choice with summer fruits.

Guy Lemieux

lpkt Ready prepared and rolled puff pastry

1 Egg – separated 3oz Ground almonds

1tsp Vanilla essence or 1tsp brandy

2tbs Caster sugar

2 Ripe peaches or nectarines - thinly sliced

Pre-heat oven to gas mark 6. Butter a baking tray. Lay the pastry on a lightly floured surface and cut into two equal, oblong sheets — fold one of the oblongs in two, lengthwise and cut a smaller oblong out of the folded side so that the remaining pastry when unfolded forms a half inch frame.

Brush the edge of the uncut pastry with water then set the frame of pastry on top and press down gently. Brush the frame with egg yolk beaten with a drop of milk. Mix the egg white with the almonds, vanilla or brandy, 1 tablespoon of the sugar and spread on the base within the frame of pastry. Arrange the sliced fruit on the pastry as desired – sprinkle over the rest of the sugar.

Lift carefully onto the baking tray and bake for 15-20 minutes. Serve warm.



Homemade instant pancake mix with blueberry syrup - Makes 15

Preparation time less than 30 mins Cooking time 10 to 30 mins

Ingredients

For the dry pancake mix To make the pancakes (amounts per 51/40z dry For the blueberry syrup 4½fl oz maple syrup 1lb 5oz plain flour mixture) 3 tbsp baking powder free-range egg, lightly beaten blueberries bicarbonate of soda 9fl oz milk 2 tsp melted butter salt 1 tbsp 1 tsp 21/20z caster sugar

Method

- 1. For the dry pancake mix, place all the dry ingredients into a bowl and mix well. Transfer to an airtight container, seal and store until needed.
- 2. To make the pancakes, add the appropriate quantity of egg, milk and melted butter per 5½0z of the dry mixture (a filled American cup measure will give you the requisite amount per batch, so you may like to use one and dispense with any weighing). Mix well to form a smooth batter.
- 3. Heat a flat griddle or non-stick frying pan without adding oil.
- 4. Spoon drops of 1½-2 tablespoons of the batter onto the hot griddle and when bubbles appear on the surface of the little pancakes, flip them over and cook until golden-brown on both sides. It should take about a minute per side.
- 5. Meanwhile, for the blueberry syrup, place the maple syrup and blueberries into a pan and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 2-3 minutes, until the blueberries have broken down slightly.
- 6. To serve, pour the blueberry syrup into a jug and take to the breakfast table with the pancakes. If you have any of the syrup left over, you will notice that it sets into a kind of glossy jam. This will keep for a few days decanted into a jar and put in the fridge, and is glorious dolloped into yoghurt or spread on bread.



Midsummer

Evidently there was an ancient tradition of keeping watch on Midsummer Eve, and the older version of the custom is referred to as the 'standing watch'. However, even at Midsummer it can be rather chilly in the small hours, so we can understand that watchers would prefer to move around. In London by the time of Henry VIII the procession was said to number 2000 persons, led by watchmen holding, torches and fire-baskets on long poles. Evidently the general populace joined in, and the nobility came along at first to watch and later to take part. King Henry himself attended a marching watch incognito in 1510 and was so enthusiastic about what he saw that a few nights later (on St Peter's Eve, when the procession was repeated); he came with his queen and a bevy of courtiers to grace the occasion. There being little chance of sleep on such a night, householders set tables outside their doors and served refreshments for themselves and their neighbours. Records of similar junketings also exist for Nottingham, and it is unlikely that the custom was confined to these two towns.

And what was the purpose of the 'watch'? At Nottingham it seems to have been associated with defence, the keeping of 'watch and ward' over the city. The watchmen who formed the nucleus of the procession, about 200 of them, paraded armed and took an oath that 'they shall well and truly keep this town until tomorrow at the sun rising'. They patrolled the streets with military precision but, on the other hand, they each wore a garland of flowers and ribbons and whatever other finery they could lay hands on, which would seem somewhat frivolous for a military exercise. Besides, the 'watch and ward' theory leaves unexplained why the custom was confined to Midsummer Eve.

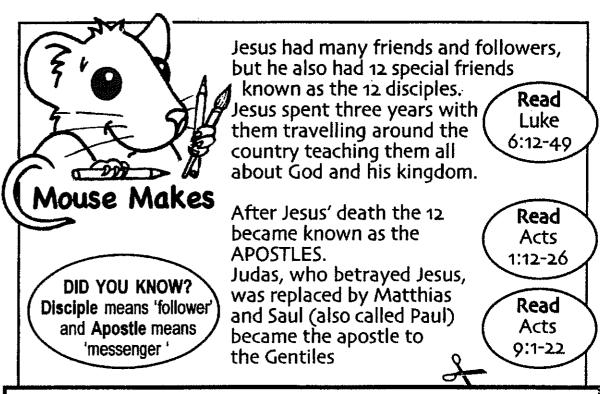
Back to the countryside, where most of these ancient customs had their roots. There we find the belief, apparently very widespread in remote antiquity, that on Midsummer Eve the spirits of the living leave their mortal bodies and wander freely. In particular they visit the spot where, in due course, they will quit their body permanently. It follows that they are interested in their decease and anything connected with it, which naturally includes the church and graveyard.

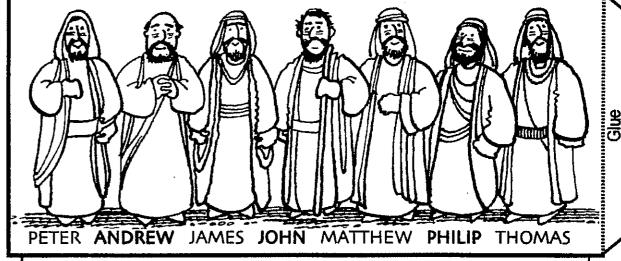
The tradition thus arose that anyone who had the temerity to sit in the church porch all through the night of Midsummer Eve would see pass before him, in procession, all those souls in the parish who would die within the next year, parading in order of decease. Many localities developed their own refinements of the tradition. In some it was held that vigil had to be kept not in the porch but in some spot from which the porch could be clearly seen. In others, watch had to be kept for three successive years before the vision was granted. The Rev. George Tyzack, in his *Lore and Legend of the English Church*, records the pragmatic approach to the matter displayed by a Yorkshire sexton who regularly kept vigil at his church on Midsummer Eve in order to calculate his income from grave-digging in the coming year!

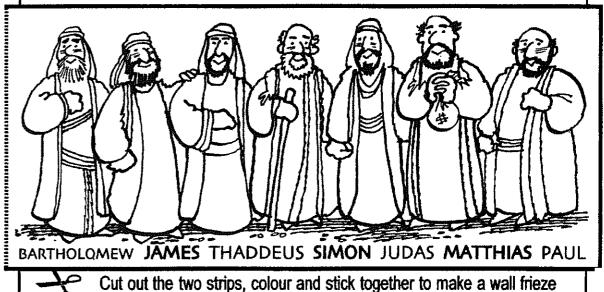
Obviously one's spirit could leave one's body and go a-wandering only if one were asleep, which was another good reason for keeping awake all through the witching hours of Midsummer Eve. It was said that if a watcher-keeping vigil at the church himself fell asleep, that was a sure sign that he would be one of the casualties in the next 12 months.

To appreciate the atmosphere in which our ancestors lived their lives it is necessary to enter, as far as we are able into their beliefs about the dual nature of the world. For them there were two plains of existence - the visible, tangible world of the daylight and the invisible, mysterious world of the night. The latter was peopled by ghosts, witches and spirits of all kinds, many of them malevolent. At certain times the nebulous frontier between the two realms wore very thin, and adventurous souls might pass through. (The unadventurous shut their windows tight and longed for the morning.) Midsummer Eve was one of those times, and, as we have already noted, St Mark's Eve (24 April) was another, with Hallowe'en being the prime example.

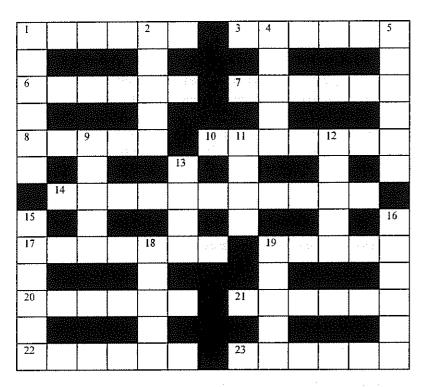
Arising from these beliefs are the superstitions regarding fern seed. The thinking behind them is that as the spores of ferns are so tiny as to be practically invisible and yet obviously exist - for they give life to new ferns - therefore anyone who gathered fern seeds in the proper manner at the appropriate magic hour would acquire from them the cloak of invisibility. The possession of such a gift was particularly valuable on Midsummer Eve, as the fern seed also gave immunity from the power of witches, spirits in general and the Devil himself. Thus fortified, a man might wander at will in the Otherworld.







CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. Dignified (6)
- 3. Dodged (6)
- 6. Cowboy's rope (6)
- 7. Art museum in Paris (6)
- 8. Level odds (5)
- 10. Letter opening? (4,3)
- 14. Actor in 'My Fair Lady' (3,8)
- 17. They compete for the records! (7)
- 19. Playing area (5)
- 20. Somerset town (6)
- **21.** Bumpy (6)
- 22. Capital of Angola (6)
- 23. Weak (6)

Down

- 1. Ductile metal, symbol Ag (6)
- 2. Signifies a names change? (5)
- 4. Tenor violin (5)
- 5. Boring (6)
- 9. Build (5)
- 11. Irish Republic (4)
- 12. Tonto's horse (5)
- 13. Stardom (4)
- 15. Mr Hyde's other self! (6)
- 16. Hazardous (6)
- 18. Homer's epic poem (5)
- 19. Plane (anag) (5)

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June Solution

Answer June Brain Teaser

In a road with 20 houses:

Tom lives at number 4
Bill lives 4 houses from Tom
Jim lives opposite Bill's next door
neighbour.
Fred lives four houses from Jim.
What is the number of Fred's house?

20 18 16 14 12 18 8 6 4 2 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 5 3 1

Number 1

July Brain Teaser

Hour Glass

With a 7 minute hour glass and an 11 minute hour glass, what is the quickest way to time the boiling of an egg for 15 minutes?



On a more practical level, he might also spy on his lady love, a consideration which doubtless prompted many young men to try to obtain the magic seed. Records refer specifically to 'young men' embarking on such expeditions. It seems that the most effective method of catching the seed was to surround the ferns with pewter plates and then, at midnight on Midsummer Eve, to shake the fronds so that the spores fell on the plates. But one had to be both vigilant and lucky, for the Devil resented humans acquiring such supernatural powers and did his best to prevent it.

In Sussex they had the circumvention of the Devil worked out in detail. At seven o'clock on Midsummer Day you walk up to Chanctonbury Ring and run seven times around the hill-top clump of trees. The Devil. will then appear and offer you a bowl of soup or porridge. This you refuse, and thereafter he has no power over you. Some versions of the recipe specify midnight instead of seven o'clock; others say any moonless night will do; and one stipulates that you must run backwards!

Unmarried girls had a different reason for seeking to penetrate into the Unknown. They wanted to know the identity of their future husband. Here again the magic fern seed could help. It had to be scattered at midnight while the maiden recited.

Fern seed I sow, Fern seed I hoe, In hopes my true love will come after me and mow.

In some versions she has to do this three times round the church while the clock is striking midnight. As she finishes she will see, if she glance over her shoulder, the wraith of her future husband following her and mowing with a scythe.

Other versions alter 'fern seed' to 'hemp seed'. The tradition has been recorded in Sussex, Cornwall, Devon, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, Norfolk and perhaps other counties as well. As hemp seed is better known today as cannabis one is inclined to wonder what part it played in these old time practices.

Several other plants were used in Midsummer divinations, among them St John's wort, vervain, rose, trefoil, orpine and mugwort. St John's wort, of course, owes its name to its dedication to monastic lore to St John the Baptist. At Midsummer it was hung around the doors and windows of houses to ward off evil spirits, and in some parts of the country sprigs of it were worn in buttonholes or hats.



The 23rd Channel

The TV is my shepherd

It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for his name's sake

Because it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian

Because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world
And keepeth me from my study of God's Word;
It leadeth me in the paths of failing'-to attend the evening worship service
And doing nothing in the Kingdom of God
yea though I live to be a hundred
I shall keep on watching my TV as long as it will work
For this is my closest companion,
Its sound and picture they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me
And keepeth me from doing important things with my family
It fills my head with ideas
Which differ from those set forth in the Word of God
Surely no good thing will come of my life
Because my TV offereth me no good time to do the will of God
Thus I will dwell in the presence of the idiot box -for ever.



Fixtures. Games continue as per the fixtures list.

Colts. Colts continue to improve on a weekly basis and this shows in the matches they undertake.

Please note that there will be a Colts BBQ and Matches on the Evening of Friday 4th July. Please come along and watch and enjoy us for the evening.

The "Village Fete on the 21st. June", was a grand, enjoyable day, and we thank all you stalwart people who helped on stalls and events etc. At the time of going to print we do not know what profit has been made at the fete

At the Fete a little girl "Holly" lost her "Cherry Doodle Shoes" whilst playing on the Bouncy Castle. If anyone has found these or inadvertently

picked them up please call 01483 860840

The Cricket Club's **Grand Dance** on the evening after the Fete was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and we thank all of you that came to make the evening such a success. Again at the time of going to print we do not know what profit has been made towards the Pavilion Fund Loan. Final costs for the hire of the Marquee have to be finalized. We thank all the sponsors' that have help pay towards the marquee hire. We thought the evening was a great success and the band "Copycat" was exceptional.

Should you require any information about the club, please call the club captains, Bob Cunningham on 01428 683970, Mark Burton 01428 682714 or our President, Mic. Coleman, on. 01428 682977.

Arthur Blackman, Chairman

Seniors: 2008 Fixtures: July - August

Month	Date	1 st .XI or 2 nd .XI	Opposition	Home/Away	Time
July	Sat.5	2 nd .XI League	Cranleigh Villagers	Н	1.30
	Sun 6	1st. XI League	Oakwood hill	Α	1.30
	Sat. 12	2 nd . XI League	Grafham	Α	1.30
	Sun. 13	1 st . XI League	Westcott Villagers	H	2.00
	Sat. 19	2 nd . XI League	Holmbury Villagers	H	1.30
	Sun. 20	1st. XI League	Rudgewick	A	1.30
	Sun. 20	Friendly XI	Tim Parkers' Teams	H	1.30
	Sat. 26	1 ^{st.} XI League	Old Cranleighans	Α	1.30
	Sun. 27	2 ^{nd.} XI League	Grafham	Α	1.30
August	Sat. 2	1st. XI League	Shalford	H	1.30
	Sat. 2	2 nd ,XI League	Wescott III	Α	1.30
	Sat. 9	1 st .XI League	Oakwood Hill	H	1.30
	Sat. 9	2 nd .XI League	Godalming III	A	1.30
	Sun 10	Friendly XI	Ancient Mariners	H	1.30
	Sat. 16	1 st .XI League	Normandy IV	H	1.30
	Sun.17	2 nd .XI League	Cranleigh Villagers	Α	1.30
	Sun.24	1 st .XI League	Abinger	Н	1.30
	Sun.24	2 nd .XI League	Farncombe III	A	1.30



Sign found outside churches

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

Wildlife Gardening Tips for July

A quiet month for wildlife. Food supplies are plentiful and many young animals are growing. Caterpillars feed on the leaves, hedgehogs on the slugs and beetles and fox cubs are practising hunting skills on bank voles and mice. Bats, blue tits and swallows will devour the surplus of aphids.

Moths and butterflies are attracted to the large numbers of night scented plants that flower, such as honeysuckle, evening primrose and sweet scented stocks

A very warm month, usually with prolonged spells of hot weather, can mean drought conditions for worm-loving animals and birds. Extra water dishes and bird baths can be very important. At this time many birds moult a new coat of feathers ready for the winter months ahead.

Tasks for the month

- Water hanging baskets and pots daily with water-butt water.
- Plant autumn flowering bulbs such as autumn crocus (Colchicum autumnale).
- Tie-in climbers such as honeysuckles and clematis.
- Trim rock plants after they have finished flowering. This will encourage new shoots from the base.
- Feed container plants to supplement nutrients.
- Take soft-wood cuttings of shrubs and woody plants. Cut a green stem at 5-8cm, just below a leaf node. Insert into a pot of gritty compost. Keep moist by covering with glass or a plastic bag. Rooting will take place in a few weeks. Try hebe, rosemary, lavender, and sage.
- Remove the leaves of early vigorous plants to allow smaller flowers the chance to come through and provide later food for bees and butterflies. Continue selective weeding to remove vigorous unwanted weeds. A nettle patch in one area will mean they don't need to be everywhere else!

Pipistrelle Bat

The Pipistrelle bat is the smallest and most widespread, favouring buildings where they congregate in large colonies. They enjoy a modern house and will hide behind tilehung walls or weather-boarding. Young are born in June and



will fly in July. They feed on tiny caddis fly gnats and tiny moths and will continue the rest of the summer preparing for winter hibernation between November and March. A pond in the garden will ensure they have good food supplies available. There are 16 native British bat species, all are protected by law.

Lavender

An old favourite in the garden. Grown as an ornamental evergreen herb for its aromatic leaves and fragrant flowers. Excellent for encouraging wildlife by attracting bees, butterflies and other flying insects. The insects attract foraging swallows and house martins whilst gold finches will feed on the dry seed heads and use it as nesting material.



To keep bushes neat, trim after flowering in the spring. Lavender propagates easily from cuttings so have a go at creating more plants for your wildlife friendly garden. Extend the value by planting more herbs such as thyme, marjoram, fennel, chives and rosemary. Practical Project

Start a compost heap

A way of providing excellent organic matter for the garden and another place for wildlife such as grass snakes. It can be a pyramid shaped heap topped with carpet or placed in a bin. At this time of year we start to have a lot of material available.

Compost materials

Avoid

Perennial weeds and roots, cooked food, too much grass clipping, lumps of woody material. Diseased plants can be burned and the ash added.

Common Sense

My parents told me about Mr. Common Sense early in my life and told me I would do well to call on him when making decisions. It seems he was always around in my early years but less and less as time passed by until today I read his obituary. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance. For Common Sense had served us all so well for so many generations.

Obituary for Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Aspirin, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.



When children write to their minister:

"Dear Vicar...

I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.

Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.

I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.

I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.

I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.

Hambledon Ramblers

Selsey June 11th 2008

"She sowed courtesy
And reaped friendship
She planted kindness
And gathered love"

What a wonderful epitaph. Kitty V. Child 1928 - 2003, in whose memory these words were written must have been a lovely character. We found the memorial in the corner of a wheat field somewhere in the middle of a large farm where the footpath wound its way around the fields and through the copses. It was written on a stone plaque by a seat marking Kitty's favourite walk.

Back to the walk! Some 19 of us gathered at Sue & John's caravan HQ and after some liquid refreshment started off on the trail. First of all noticing the many fields of wheat, which replaced the salad crops seen in previous years. Grain is once again more valuable than lettuce. Sue told us of the ineptitude of the water authorities during the recent floods. Not only were the drains and dykes clogged through years of neglect, but, one of the pumping stations was out of action. Enough politics! The dog roses in the hedgerows were in full bloom, pink, white and deep rose coloured draping themselves so prettily. Selsey is flat so there is no arduous climbing but the sea is never far away and we found it for lunch. A very pebbly beach and the tide was out, just on the turn. Sitting in the sun listening to the gentle lap of the water while eating our sandwiches, bliss. We spied an elderly chap in the altogether sunning himself quietly on the end of a breakwater, and why not. We were some distance away so I hope we did not bother him. It was then time for a paddle. Warm salty water on hot tired feet set us up nicely for the return walk. This took us along the edge of the shore past some converted railway carriage bungalows. The conversions were varied and some cleverly incorporated the old doors, steps and joining ends.

"Home" for tea, my goodness what a spread. Thank you so much Sue and John for not only an interesting walk but also charming and generous hospitality thrown in.

Mary Parker

Next Walk - 8 July

Ripley, Old Woking and Cartbridge

This interesting walk soon crosses the Wey Navigation at Walsham Gates and heads for Pyrford where it passes the wonderful church of St Nicholas. It's worth a visit to see the red ochre fresco painted in 1140. The route then heads for Old Woking and continues along its busy high street before crossing wildlife meadows. The canal is rejoined for a short stretch at Cartbridge and we reach the New Inn, the circuits halfway point.

The return route continues along pleasant, quiet lanes and footpaths and passes through Send to join the Wey Navigation again. The tow path is now followed for 2 miles through stunning scenery.

Pub Lunch at The New Inn.

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

Short Walk - 22 July

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

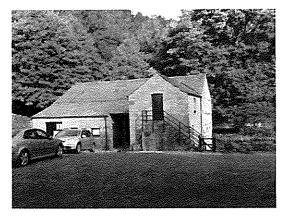
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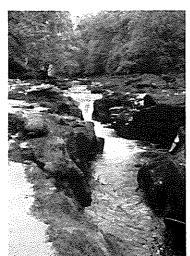
Hambledon Ramblers reach new heights



Good organisation, good company and good weather ensured the success of this year's venture. Nineteen people—Hambledon Ramblers and friends—and two dogs spent five days in the Yorkshire Dales. Compared with Surrey there was space, stillness, silence and solitude.

We stayed in a bunk barn next to the ruins of Barden Tower by the River Wharfe near Bolton Abbey. (www.bardenbunkbarn.co.uk) Accommodation was basic but adequate, and a bargain at £8 a night each. Living was communal, but cooperation, communication and coordination meant that Big Brother it was not.

Each morning, after a hearty fried breakfast cooked by the men (washed up by the women), we set off armed with packed lunches to walk routes chosen by our leader, Derek Miller.

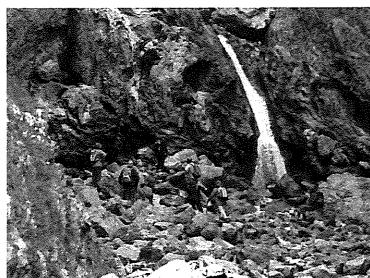


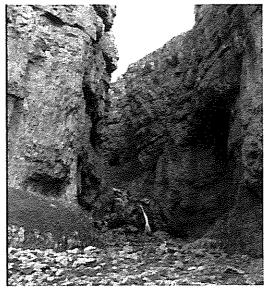
Monday's walk, a stroll compared with Tuesday's, was along the banks of the River Wharfe past The Strid to Bolton Abbey. Ducks and ducklings paddled in the shallows; curlews, oyster catchers and lapwings flew overhead; rabbits ran on the banks. We walked with the smell of wild garlic, the sound of running water, and the sight of distant hills.

At The Strid the river narrows to little more than a metre which tempts the unwary to jump over it. Here the river is thirty feet deep with strong undercurrents. Some who've fallen in have drowned.

On Tuesday we drove to Malham across moorland on steep winding roads dodging sheep as they wandered in front of us. We set off on a

paved footpath, past Janet's Foss, a waterfall, and on to Gordale Scar. Here most of us were in for a surprise. The footpath ended at a rock face which two people, younger than us, were attempting to climb. They gave up and came down. Undaunted, our leader stepped forward and up he went. Six more followed him; the others, being prudent, went a





different route. The Magnificent Seven (we dubbed ourselves) continued to the top, crossed moorland to Malham Tarn, and turned back towards the fissured limestone pavement of Malham Lings where we met the others and stopped for lunch. Descending the steep steps by Malham Cove was almost as scary as ascending Gordale Scar.



Wednesday saw us head north along the bank of the River Wharfe and branch off to Howgill, pass through Skyreholme and stop at a tea room by Parceval Hall. We went on up through Trollers Gill, a small ravine compared with Gordale Scar, and ate lunch on a grassy bank at the side of a beck. Our route continued across heather-covered moorland crisscrossed with drystone walls. The area was bleak; there were sheep but there were no towns, villages or radio masts in sight. Near Appletreewick we joined the footpath by the River Wharfe and headed home.

We started near the ruins of Bolton Abbey on Thursday and headed north through Bolton Park for the Valley of Desolation, so named after a storm devastated the area in 1826. We passed two waterfalls and walked on through woodland before reaching the moorland of Barden Fell. A slow climb took us to Simon's Seat, an outcrop of rocks at 485m. The views from here were spectacular and overlooked the area in which we had walked the previous day. After lunch we returned via Lord's Seat and rejoined the footpath back to our starting point.



It was a great five days.

