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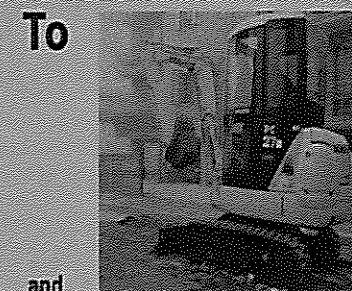
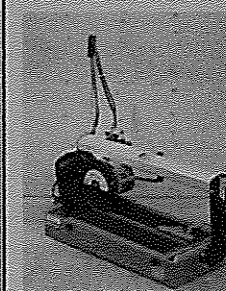
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Pastoral Letter - March

Dear Friends

Can you believe that Easter is almost upon us already? This year it is about as early as it can be, and once more I find myself at the foot of the cross.

It's a strange symbol, isn't it – the cross? It gets used for so many things. “+” can mean addition, the positive end of battery, or something extra strong like NurofenPlus (oops, a bit of free advertising there – other makes of painkiller are also available, as the BBC would say...). Turn it around slightly and it becomes “x” – multiplication, an illiterate signature or anonymous letter, casting a vote, “x” marks the spot, the Green Cross Code, the X Files.

When I was at school in Farnham, I had a very scary maths teacher named Mr Carlton. Maths wasn't my strong point, and all too often he'd send back my book of sums marked with lots of “x”s! This is a cross that tells us we've got something wrong, and Jesus' cross does the same – Jesus marks our lives as wrong. Every time we say, think, or do something we shouldn't – x. Every hurtful or cutting remark – x. Every time we fail to love God with our whole heart – x. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for all those “x”s – all that's wrong in our lives.

But crosses don't always mean we've got it wrong. Maybe a couple of weeks ago you got a card on Valentine's day, and may be there were some “x”s on that too! These crosses mean kisses – they mean “I love you” – and Jesus' cross does the same. Jesus died to take our punishment, to restore our relationship with his Father God – because he loves us. He loves you so much that he thinks you're worth dying for. Jesus thinks we're worth the price he paid – which was his life. He loves us that much, and his cross is a symbol of that love.

What if you were driving along the road and saw a cross on a road sign? A black “+” in a red triangle. It means that you're approaching a crossroads, and you'll have to decide which way to go. You have a completely free choice – but only one will get you where you want to go! Jesus' cross does the same: when we're faced with it we have to make a decision. It's a free choice. Because of all the things we've done wrong, and because of how much he loves us, he died to open the way for us to have a relationship with God.

We each have to decide for ourselves how we're going to respond to that. Will we admit that we need his forgiveness, gratefully accept what he's done for us, and live our lives his way? If we will, the result is a costly but amazing adventure, a relationship that lasts beyond this life and forever. Or will we carry on going our own way, denying that we need any help from anyone?

As we look again at Jesus' cross this Easter, remember that it means that we fail, that we are loved, and that we face a decision. And on Easter morning, when the amazing cry goes up, “He is risen!”, perhaps like Mary you will meet with Jesus unexpectedly, walking in the garden. You're at a crossroads. Which way are you going to go?

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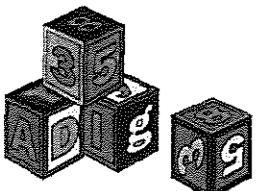
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9th 5th Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St. John's, Busbridge Holy Communion (CW) Morning Worship
16th Palm Sunday	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship
20th Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	Holy Communion at St. John's, Busbridge
21st Good Friday	11.00 am 10.45 am 12.30 pm	Holy Communion and Meditation or Churches Together Walk of Witness (meet at the Wharf, Woolsack Way, Godalming) Mission Lunch in the Church Rooms
22nd Saturday Easter Eve	2.00 pm	Easter Garden Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt
23rd Easter Day	6.45 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Sunrise Service at Minster Field, Godalming Holy Communion (BCP) Easter Celebration for all ages
30th 2nd Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) Coffee served after service in the Church Rooms

Saturday 8 March
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With Mothering Sunday on the way;

A very dirty little boy came in from playing in the garden and asked his mother: 'Who am I?'
Ready to play the game, she said, 'I don't know. Who are you?'

"WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs Smith next door was right. She said I was so dirty that my own
mother wouldn't recognise me."

PARISH & PEOPLE



Many congratulations to Winton Dean who celebrates his 92nd birthday this month and to Brian and Judy Leeper celebrating 57 years of marriage.

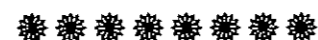
Anne Disney, who lived in the village for many years, has now moved from Albury and is resident at Room No. 117, Sunrise of Guildford, Astolat Way, Peasmarsh, Guildford GU3 1NE.

Carlo Davico is getting around well following his second replacement knee operation. It is good to see him taking his morning exercise, even though the days at the moment are a bit on the chilly side.

We have recently sent to David and Eve Thompson a copy of the new and excellent church history book, knowing how interested they would be following the 10 years that they spent here from 1974-1984 when David was our Rector. We were sorry to learn that David had been in a nursing home since last April but Eve is still resident in retirement accommodation in Battle and now has her sister Pearl living in the room next door.

Doreen Gaskin managed to damage her elbow following a fall but Michael tells us that recovery is on track. We are pleased to see Judy Leeper about again following an operation on her hand which was not helped by a subsequent fall. Glad to report that no further damage occurred!

And **finally** all good wishes for a happy day to Stephen Turner and Sophie Harrison on the occasion of their marriage this month, at the Parish Church in Godalming. Sophie is the younger daughter of Chris and Sylvia and we remember them all with much affection.



Those heralds of Spring

New plant life is always a sure sign that spring is coming, but many flowers, past and present, also have symbolic meanings. For instance:

Anemone: the Greek symbol of sorrow and death, which comes from the legend of Adonis. He was killed by a boar and where his blood stained the earth, Venus, who loved him, made anemones grow. In Christian lore, anemones sprang up on Calvary at the crucifixion; the red spots on the flowers' petals signify Christ's blood.

Daffodil: well-known as the floral emblem of Wales, its origin as an alternative to the leek isn't clear, but St David's Day falls on March 1, just as daffodils begin to bloom. In ancient times, it was also known as 'the flower of deceit', because of its narcotic properties.

Hawthorn: represents hope, because it heralds a new Spring. In Greek myth, it was sacred to the god of marriage. His bridal torch was made of hawthorn. At weddings Athenian girls crowned themselves with its blossom. Romans placed hawthorn leaves on the cradles of newborn babies as a charm against evil spirits.

Narcissus: symbolizes self-love and vanity. In Greek myth, the flower sprang up where Narcissus, a beautiful youth, fell in love with his reflection in a pool and drowned trying to embrace it.

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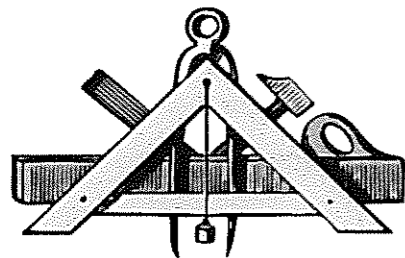
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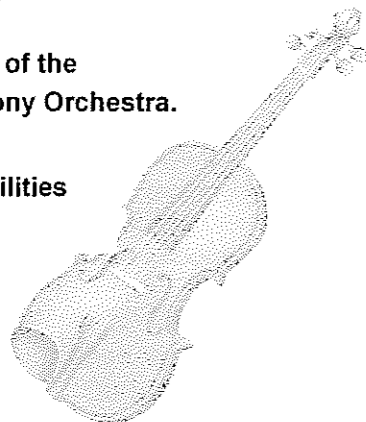


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On the products side I am desperately searching for brown shoe polish and semolina. In fact I have spent the last three months looking without success. If anyone has any information that might lead to the appropriation of these products it would be gratefully received. Loose tea is also rapidly disappearing from the wholesalers lists.

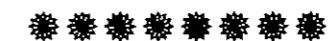
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Exploring Surrey's Past is Surrey Heritage's new website (www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk). It includes introductions to many of Surrey's towns and parishes, including the following contribution from Hambledon

Hambledon is a small parish (population c.750), located between Godalming and Chiddingfold. The greater part lies within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Greensand Way runs through the northern part of the Parish, passing the foot of Hydon's Ball (NT), 179m, where there is a memorial to Octavia Hill, one of the Trust's Founders. The Trust also owns Oakhurst Cottage (16th century), on Hambledon Cricket Green.

Hambledon is recorded in the Domesday Survey of 1086. The present 19th church substantially replaced one that is believed to date from the early 12th century. Two yews in the churchyard have been dated by dendrochronology to the 8th century (the larger one) and the 12th century (the smaller one).

The southern part of the parish lies on the edge of the Weald and includes much ancient woodland. Mediaeval glassworks flourished in Hambledon Hurst in the 13th and 15th centuries and the clay supported brick and tile works until the 20th century. Coppicing continues on the slopes of Hydon's Ball and, although most of the small farms have gone, much of the land is still cultivated.

The extension of the railway line from Godalming in 1858 and the creation of a station at Witley brought Hambledon within easy reach of London. Edwin Lutyens, C F A Voisey, Ernest Newton and W D Caroe designed or remodelled Tigbourne Court, Hambledon Hurst, Feathercombe and Vann respectively and Gertrude Jeykell often collaborated in garden designs. Birket Foster and Margaret Allingham lived nearby and painted many Hambledon scenes and cottages including Malthouse Farm (17th century) and Oakhurst Cottage.

Eric Parker (1870-1955), naturalist and author, lived at Feathercombe; John Franklin Adams (1843-1912), astronomer, moved to Mervil Hill (now St Dominic's School) in 1904 and built an observatory to record all the stars in the northern hemisphere; and W D Caroe and his son Martin, both architects, lived at Vann which dates back to the 16th century.



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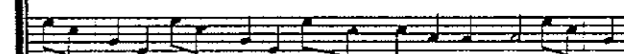
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The following is the second progress report to have been received from the contractors who are laying the new **mains drainage**

January saw the wettest few days since February 2001 and this has given us some challenges. Pipe laying through Tigbourne Farm and Ram Alley Clun Farm, had to stop for safety reasons due to the clay sub-soil in the fields. Instead we took the opportunity to undertake the no-dig sections under the A283 and the tree clump in Ram Alley Clun Farm and to start work on the open cut section in New Road with traffic lights managing traffic. The lights are working well and are set at 1 minute 40 seconds. At the request of residents they will be set at 45 seconds over the weekend, reverting to normal during the week.

We had hoped to install all the pipe in New Road by open cut but this is proving difficult due to the scheme design requiring us to no-dig the section through to Tigbourne Farm. Discussions about vehicle access whilst undertaking this work have led us to apply for a road closure on New Road. We will advise dates as soon as a start date is received from Surrey Highways.

During February we are concentrating on ecological aspects of the scheme. We are clearing areas in Wormley to prevent birds nesting there in spring, as this would hold up our work in that section. Additional livestock fence is being erected in Ram Alley Clun Farm and this will have a newt fence attached to align with the end of hibernation for the newts in that area. We will be erecting similar fencing in parts of Hambledon where newts have been identified. It will be up for some time before the sewer is laid, but it is essential in terms of timing to avoid damage to the newt population or delay the works.

We have hired the Village Hall for our next monthly progress meeting with Southern Water and hope to make good use of the Hall for future site meetings.



HAMBLEDON HERITAGE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting
7.30 for 8.00pm at the Village Hall
Wednesday March 12th 2008

NEARBY NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

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The German Air Crash at Lodge Bottom (Part 3)

Lady Gillian Brunton having moved into North Munstead Farm in 1970 was told of a crashed German bomber which had landed in the field at Lodge Bottom. She painstakingly put together the history of the crash



The Heinkel HE 111 P that came down in the field off Hambledon Road in April 1941 was a bomber built in the autumn of 1938. After it had been brought down by the RAF Defiant fighter, 303 ammunition strikes were found in the tail unit and the fuselage. As it crashed through the trees, one of its wings was torn off and the nose portion smashed. Crucially, there was no fire, as the fuel had been jettisoned, but parts of an explosive charge for destroying the aircraft were found in the wreckage, unused. Three of the four crew members were killed; only one survived. His name was Heinrich Berg.

Heinrich Berg's own recollections

It had been a fine spring day, the 9th of April 1941, but for us, the four-man crew of the Heinkel 111, it ended in disaster at 23.45.

After 60 years, I will try to remember just how this came about.

Our orders were to bombard Birmingham. But even before we reached the town we were intercepted by an English fighter plane ... a night hunter ... and shot at several times.

It was a full moon and the enemy came very close to us "out of the moon" (i.e. with the moon behind, therefore invisible to us)

I was the radio operator and I was shot at full blast, as I was the only one with a movable gun. I could not get in a shot, myself, but the whole radio system was destroyed - therefore I had no contact with my comrades.

We trailed a huge cloud of smoke behind us (probably the cooling system was broken as well) we were an easy target in the bright moonlight and there were several more attacks. Were my comrades still alive? Suddenly we lost even more height, had our pilot Alfred Muller decided

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to land? (We were already too low for parachuting) I remember that we collided with some trees which made a terrible noise inside the plane ... then nothing. I have no idea how long I was unconscious ... 56 years later I learned what had happened and who was there but that is another story.

When I regained consciousness, I saw our plane, completely destroyed about 10 to 15 meters away on the ground. I tried to get up, but it was impossible. I was in terrible pain which was caused by a broken leg and several broken vertebrae in the lower spine. I heard a car, and a policeman told me that I was in England. I was put on a stretcher and transferred into an ambulance. I was taken to a hospital where I was cared for and where I had an operation. (56 years later I learned that the hospital was in Milford)

Waking up the following morning, in a pretty room which I had to myself, except for two soldiers with guns beside my bed! (they were there for my protection and to see that I did not escape)

Realizing that I could not move they reduced my escort to one soldier, who slept most of the time. (We could not talk together, as I did not know any English)

I was well looked after and the several interrogations by an officer were courteous and polite. My parents were informed that I was wounded and in England. I learned too, what I had feared, that my comrades were killed in the crash.

After about 10 days in this hospital I was transferred by ambulance into the unknown. A short stop in Birmingham and the next morning on to Nutsford in Cheshire ... the prisoner of war hospital. So once more I could talk in my own language.

Here they discovered that I had broken vertebrae and a board was put under the thin mattress to keep my spine straight. I was not allowed to leave my bed for three months! It was a "hard time" but even so I was lucky.

When I could get up at last, they gave me a walking plaster, but still the break had not healed. Meanwhile we had moved to Bury, Oldham and then to Wales (I have forgotten the name). From there we could see the Bristol Channel and the balloons over the town, to protect it from low flying enemy aircraft.

My broken leg still had not healed after a year and a half, and I was advised to have another operation. I agreed as it was obviously necessary, and being imprisoned there would be time for the healing process.

Under a repatriation exchange scheme for wounded prisoners agreed between Germany and Britain, he eventually boarded a hospital ship in Glasgow with other POWs, and set sail home to Germany.

The three members of the crew who perished were Alfred Muller, Gerhard Neumann and Rudolf Langhans, all in their twenties. Gerhard Neumann left a wife and two sons. Gillian Brunton, who now owns the land on which the plane crashed, is in touch with his family, which had been traced for her by the German Military Information Office. Neither Alfred Muller nor Rudolf Langhans had children.

The bodies were buried at the churchyard at Milford; an evacuee recalls that local people placed flowers on their graves. They remained there until exhumed in 1962 when, under the auspices of the German War Graves Commission, they were taken for burial to the German Cemetery at Cannock Chase. They lie there, side by side, along with some 5,000 other German war dead.

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

Missionary News

St Peter's Church Missionary Committee has been supporting this charity for over three years.

NOVI MOST TURNING BOSNIA INTO A GOOD NEWS STORY INTERNATIONAL

Novi Most International is a Christian charitable organisation which works with young people in Bosnia Herzegovina:

- To help them overcome the effects of trauma
- To equip them to enter their futures with hope and confidence
- To empower them to become instruments of transformation in their communities

WHAT WE ARE AND WHY WE EXIST

Novi Most International began in 1993, through Spring Harvest when Christians in the UK raised money to help a young Croation couple take aid to people in the city of Mostar, Bosnia Herzegovina, at the height of the 1992 - 95 war.

From that small beginning hundreds of volunteers have worked in Bosnia, untold numbers of prayers have been offered and many thousands of pounds have been given to help people of this war-ravaged country.

The vision of Novi Most International is to see young people in Bosnia Herzegovina bringing hope to their country by being instruments of positive transformation.

History shows how, for hundreds of years generations of Bosnians have been involved in conflict. God is calling this generation of young Bosnians to be agents of positive transformation on the nation.

Novi Most International is in the process of establishing a Bosnian-Led Christian youth agency, with our vision and values, to ensure that today's generation, and future generations have the opportunity of developing their life-skills; looking to the future with confidence, and responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our long term team of international workers in 2007 included 6 UK workers, 3 Bosnians, a German and a Dutchman - two married couples, the rest single, plus two children, 8 and 5. Each year about 40 short term volunteers join the team, mostly in the summer but at other times as well, to facilitate a broader and dynamic programme of activity.



THE BOSNIA TREK: 27 JUNE - 7 JULY 2008

Thank you for your support over the past year, which has been a great encouragement to us. *I am writing now to ask you a favour!*

Would you seriously consider coming on the Bosnia Trek next year? And if this is not possible - would you be willing to promote it at your workplace, in your church, and amongst your family and friends, and help us raise much needed publicity and interest?

The Bosnia Trek is the first of its kind and a fantastic opportunity to not only have an amazing holiday, but to participate in a pioneering challenge in Bosnia Herzegovina whilst raising crucial funds for Novi Most International. In doing that Trekkers will be helping us fulfil God's calling

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to us as an organisation, as we establish a Bosnian-led and Bosnian-based Christian youth organisation. This is a key time for us and we need as much support as we can get! The Trek will be led by experienced tour guides who have been operating in Bosnia Herzegovina for many years, apply international safety standards, and know the area and the culture very well. Accommodation is in hotels, with time for some sightseeing too in Sarajevo, Mostar and Capljina.

This is also a superb opportunity to meet the Novi Most team in Mostar, and see Klub Novi Most and also the Novi Most Centre in Capljina. Even more significantly - Trekkers will be able to meet some of the Bosnian young people who have benefited so greatly from your ongoing, regular support - for which we are very grateful!!

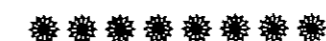
The trip starts and ends in the Croatian mediaeval city of Dubrovnik, situated on the shores of the Adriatic. From there you will travel inland to Suljeska, Bosnia Herzegovina's oldest National Park, containing 17,500 hectares of magnificent wilderness and one of Europe's last primeval forests. Running through the park are the Durmitor Mountains, forming a natural border between Bosnia Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro. This itinerary encompasses some of the best trekking the region has to offer: ascending Bosnia's highest peak, Maglic Mountain (2386m); passing hidden waterfalls and glacial lakes; and heading into the Perucica forest with its thriving wildlife. It is possible that you'll get a glimpse of brown bear, wolf, and chamois, or perhaps one of the many resident eagles soaring overhead! Apparently there are 400 species of indigenous plants in the country! Bosnia Herzegovina is stunningly beautiful - and as I said to one of our team just a couple of weeks ago as we were driving through Central Bosnia - I feel it is a bit of a secret, that the world has yet to discover. Would you like to share our secret?!!

We are looking for around 25 trekkers to take up the challenge and raise £60,000 towards the purchase of Klub Novi Most and its life changing work with young people in Bosnia.

The Trek is open to anyone who is willing to do it in order to raise funds for Novi Most, and isn't only exclusive to Christians. There is no upper age limit, so anyone who is reasonably fit, and "up for the challenge" may apply! *(Please don't let raising the sponsorship aspect put you off - as those who take up the Challenge will be given lots of help in how to mobilise sponsorship. Trailblazers (part of the Saltmine Trust), the organisation we are using to handle all the aspects of the Trek, have a brilliant track record in safety and satisfaction, and also in fundraising. You can visit their website at: trailblazers.org.uk.)*

So: what is keeping you now from asking for more information?!!! You can request a Bosnia Trek pack from Linda Eldridge on 01494 793242 or e-mail her at: leldridae@novimost.org.

Let me assure you that we really need - and are very grateful for - your continuing prayers and financial support which enable us to help turn Bosnia into a Good News story!!



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With thy courage,
Within thy peace.

"BYWAYS"

An Occasional Column From Around Our Plot

So Shackleford Mushrooms are shutting down after 50 years in business. It seems that they cannot compete with mushrooms being flown in from Poland. Cheaper than they can produce theirs! So bang goes 80 jobs. "Fungi miles"! (And will it be a nice bijou housing development on the site?)

The local roads continue to deteriorate. You need an off road vehicle to traverse Vann Lane these days, what with lumps, bumps and pot holes. So while the councils still throw millions at Ringway and Carrileon road repairs (sic) who have been proven, by the Surrey Advertiser, to over charge and do sub-standard work, they in their infinite wisdom have decided to cut the £30,000 subsidy to the Millmead drop in centre for the elderly.

I phoned Guildford and was told that a statement would be issued shortly. I then mentioned the plethora of pot holes which are causing lots of claims for damage to cars etc. and was told to phone 'Highways' at County Hall in Kingston upon Thames. Not having a few hours to spare I decided not to on this occasion and instead wrote a cutting letter bringing in the lot - foreign lorries down our lanes, flooding, pot holes, Sat Navs, hedge cutting at the wrong time of the year and of course an absolute lack of police presence along our byways. All down to New Labour and minions in Kingston upon Thames not having a clue as to what goes on in the countryside. I look forward to their reply (if I get one!)

I am enjoying the carefully strewn copies of a 'lower end' newspaper distributed along our lanes and would like to meet the person responsible and thank him (or her) for brightening up our boring green hedgerows with pages from the Sun!! If anybody spots this person in action will you please get the registration number and the name on the side of the van. (I am assuming that it is a van).

Oh! I nearly forgot the cascade down School Hill. In days gone by each village employed and housed a 'Lengthsman', whose job it was to keep the banks cut, holes filled, trees lopped, drains and ditches kept clear and lanes tidy. Perhaps we need to advertise!

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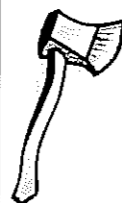
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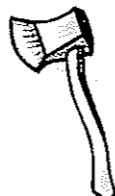
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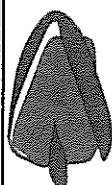
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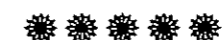
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2. Turn right here on an uphill path with a bluebell wood to your left and superb views towards Newlands Corner on your right. Soon pass through a gate and press on along a well-trodden path across a field to reach a second gate. Press on ahead now on the fenced path until a quiet lane is reached.
3. Cross the lane and continue on the signed path opposite to reach a small parking area. Now bear left on a path, signed as a self-guided trail. Keep ahead as the sandy path rises and follows a line of posts that separate the bridleway from the footpath. Ignore side paths and remain ahead on the broad uphill path to eventually reach St Martha's church.
4. The route follows the graveyard wall leftwards where some welcome seats are passed. When a gate is reached at the far side of the church, go left on a wide downhill track that you should remain on until you eventually pass a vehicle barrier and reach a driveway. Turn right along the drive to soon join a road where you continue ahead to a left bend by a cottage.
5. Turn right here on a bridleway and pass between the buildings of Tyting Farm. Remain ahead on this lovely track as it leads you through the valley floor to eventually reach a lonely cottage in an idyllic setting some 20 yards before reaching a country lane.
6. Turn left when opposite the cottage and follow a well-trodden path that remains parallel to the lane. The path ends at steps that lead down to the lane and you should continue opposite on the signed North Downs Way as it emerges into open downland. Remain ahead along the top of the slope with woodland close to your left and wonderful views to your right where below, almost the entire route of the stroll can be traced.
- 7 As you near Newlands Corner follow a well trodden path that bears left up a slope to meet the car park and the end of this truly magnificent route.



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Mission Committee meeting:

The next meeting is on 12 March at 8pm at the Hindes.

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE FETE 21st. June 2008

Progress to date

A large marquee booked for the weekend.

Fete in the afternoon, a grand dinner-dance in the evening. The latter to be run by Sue Blackman and the cricket club. A live band is now booked. Tickets from Sue (01428 683871) at £25 per person. Please help make up tables of ten. Tickets are being taken up rapidly. Already over half the tables have been booked. This will be the Hambledon event of the year!

I can now confirm that the fete will be opened with a bang by the Surrey County Percussion Ensemble under our own Jackie Kendle.

Ross Kilsby has confirmed he will be bringing his Morris men. He will also organise a demonstration of vintage bikes, cars, tractors etc.

Brian Talman is bringing his Ambulance museum.

Jean Talman is bringing her photo's of the ramblers for a table inside the marquee.

P.J.U. will be doing his dog show. Please start training your dog to be the "Most Obedient" now.

Tim Coleman will be bringing a demonstration of country crafts, and organising a barbecue or Hog Roast.

John Tidmarsh will be overseeing the bric-a-brac stall. All unwanted goods will be collected and sold. Like a miniature boot sale. Please could he have more helpers

John and Jaqueline Hindley will be running a stall in aid of "The Cellar".

John Hindley is sorting out the advertising and posters for the fete.

Ion Campbell is doing his plant stall with the help of Muriel, and Mick and Doreen Gaskin.

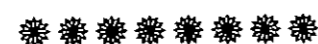
Raymond Smith is in charge of the Hoop-La with Peggy.

We still need many more. What can you help us with? Demonstrations in the marquee, various stalls and games and dips and childrens things etc. etc. and etc

A meeting will be held in the Cricket Pavilion on Thurs. 8th April at 8pm to discuss everything and get things moving. If you can't make this and want to help please contact us in the village shop. We need you all!

We also need a few sponsors for the marquee etc. We have already had an exceptional response and more would be welcome to guarantee this event, and make us think everything is worthwhile!

P.J.U.



Says it all

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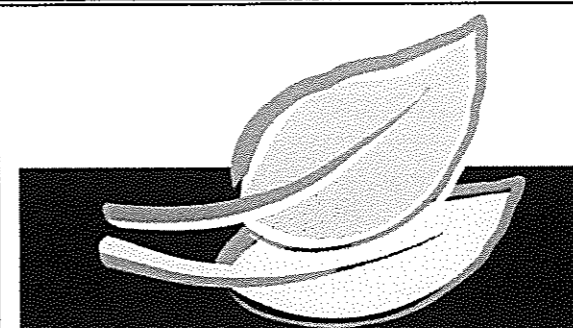
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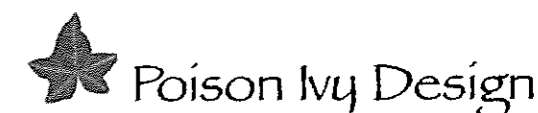
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Ross's Ramblings

March! – Mad hares, madcap ideas about the years first picnic (soon put down by Good Wife Jan) Mad about paying a fortune for food and petrol, but strangely not too mad about paying up to three quid for a pint of beer. What priorities!

Don't forget the clocks go forward this month on, I think, the 29th, and it's the Spring Equinox on the 21st (the day and night are of equal length). Please come to the Village Hall on the 12th around 7 to 7.30 for the Hambledon Heritage Association's Annual A.G.M. There will be drinks, a raffle and a chat about local National Trust buildings. All the old scrap books will be out for you to look through and all our charming members will be on hand if you have any questions.

But hey! Spring is on the way, Summer comes close behind, so dust of your medium size hip flask, clean up the Tupperware, break out the tartan blanket and start examining the off-licence wine list.

Name three fish beginning with K and ending with K:

- 1 Killer Shark
- 2 Kwik-save frozen haddock
- 3 Kilmarnock (not a fish of course but it's a 'place' in Scotland)

Wasn't the panto fab! Same again next year please! Perhaps we could have a bar.

I found a receipt from Millets last week – '1 pair comfy driving pantaloons', Rayban supa-cool shades, 1 pair 'No cramp comfort driving pumps'. Hmm, I also came across a guide to gardens in Northampton, so it looks like the Spring Northampton tour is on. Watch out for lambs (yum,yum) and baby bunnies (bang, bang).

March Birthdays

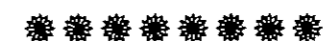
1st March is St David's Day so get in some leeks and have a 'Bring a leek party'.

Alexander Graham Bell	3 rd 1847	Rob Lowe	17 th 1964
Elaine Page	5 th 1952	Vera Lynn	20 th 1917
Frankie Howard	6 th 1922	Elton John	25 th 1947
Lynn Redgrave	8 th 1943	Julie Goodyear	29 th 1949
Neil Sedaka	13 th 1930	Eric Clapton (local lad)	30 th 1945

Has anyone ever been to Northampton?

Ross

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Concert at St John's Church Farncombe

Friday 7th March – 7.30pm

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Tickets : In advance £7 at the door £8

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Des' Deliberations

I have always felt that the miracles recorded in the Old Testament were in the main natural phenomena. A good example was of the Red Sea dividing when Moses held out his rod so that the Israelites could cross on dry land, when the Egyptians tried it, the sea went back to its original and drowned them all.

I remember reading in a National Daily Newspaper headlines that said, "Crossing the Red sea was not a miracle, it was an East wind that divided it". Apparently this had really happened in very recent times. Interestingly, the Bible tells us- Exodus 14:21 *'Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided.'* The miracle was the TIMING. Right through the Bible, over and again the timing has been spot on. Read it and find out for yourself.

The very interesting thing is that through our own lives events that could be "chance" happen at the right time, Bible verses popping up to direct our thinking, friends making comments "just when we need it." Maybe it from "Word for Today" There is a verse in Romans Chapter 8 which says- Rom 8:28 *'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'*

The first time in my life that I discovered that God moved in individual lives today, and especially in mine, was when I was called up to do my National Service. At my medical and interview I was told, if I signed up for three years I would be sure to join the R.E.M.E. Otherwise I could be put in the infantry or something. I had already been deferred to complete my apprenticeship as a mechanic, I turned down the wonderful opportunity of serving the Queen as a regular, hoping that being a skilled mechanic I would be able to join R.E.M.B. I received my call-up papers and railway warrant to join R.E.M.B. basic training camp at Blandford.

I must admit to being somewhat apprehensive about joining. I knew that I would stand out being a practicing Christian, hoping I would have the courage to kneel by my bed to pray. Before I went I asked God to give me a strong Christian friend in the same billet. (I'm not sure I thought he would)

There were over six hundred young men who arrived at Blandford in my intake, we were taken by lorry from the station and were allotted our beds in rooms of about forty spaces. I must admit I was looking to bag a corner bed, unfortunately there were only two left, bang in the centre.

There was a cupboard by each bed to put our gear in which we had been issued with, there was some trouble fitting me out with size twelve boots.

Back in the billet the bed next to me was still unoccupied, at ten in the evening I had almost made up my mind to "chicken out" of kneeling by my bed for prayers and say them under the bed covers when a chap came in and put his gear on the bed next to mine. The first thing he did was to take out his Bible, I asked him if he was a Christian, he answered "Yes". We decided to kneel down together and pray that night. The billet was deathly quiet until we had finished, when we stood up the other lads crowded round and asked us why we did it. The amazing thing was that Len (the other Christian) had been in a billet three down from me, he had packed his gear in the cupboard, was just getting ready for bed when an NCO came in, told him to pack his gear and go and occupy the bed next to me. Why? He was not of the same trade, His name was Burke so it was nothing to do with the alphabet, the only thing we had in common, we were both Christians, out of the whole intake as far as we know we were the only Christians.

Des Phillips



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Hambledon Ramblers

Puttenham Common - 11th February 2008

My goodness, what a day, reflected in the turn out of 21 souls. It was a bright crisp frosty start then unbroken sunshine for the remainder of the day. How often do we get a complete blue canopy of sky in February? And, how lucky we were to be out and about in it.

We arrived at the middle car park on Puttenham Common and it was off into the woods and up on to the heather hills, past the General's pond only slightly iced over, not fit for skating!. We joined a bit of the North Downs Way travelling east. This part is a BOAT, suitably rutted and with a warning sign to slow down on entering a built up area! Anything travelling at more than walking pace would have been shaken to bits and bogged down long before that. We were walking parallel to the Hogs Back and could hear the distant traffic. Out on to open fields, we skirted Puttenham village looking back on the old Priory and other buildings nestling in the hollow. Then across more farmland mostly maize stubble, the crop would have gone into silage for animal fodder. Once again we plunged into glorious woodland, one piece of which was signed as having been given to the Woodland Trust after the 1987 gale. (Before or after the clear up one asks?) The path brought us out to the top car park for the common. Unfortunately the view was clouded in low- lying mist so we did not linger long: Eastwards again downhill to meet the Shackleford road for a short while before turning off again past Lydling farm renowned for Aberdeen Angus cattle and Saddleback pigs. A picture of an Angus bull adorns the big barn. Through more woodlands around the hamlet of Gatwick, the eastern shores of Cutt Mill ponds we went until, chattering away in no time at all we were back on the main road round the ponds and soon to our cars. Lunch awaited us at The Elstead Mill, so ended a delightful day's exercise.

Thank you Derek for shepherding your large flock so expertly.

Next Walk – 11 March – Leader – Angela Mason

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

Pub lunch.

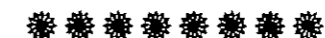
Short Walk – 25 March

Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Further details available from :

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Speak easy

As a Reader, I sometimes give talks to local church women's groups on my hobby, which is visiting the great Cathedrals of Europe. One night after I spoke to a group, the lady who ran it thanked me profusely and gave me a check for £20.

I felt very embarrassed, and ventured: "Could I donate the money to one of your causes?" "That would be wonderful," she gushed. "Our programme could use the help. We're trying to raise money so we can afford better speakers."



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1) First of all we would like to recommend you to keep moderately fit through the year, as it helps to **keep you strong and flexible in you back**. **Walking and swimming** are excellent forms of exercises and we particularly like **Pilates**, as it strengthens the core muscles supporting your spine.

2) When gardening, it pays to **divide your daily tasks up in three**. This means that you avoid repetitive strain injuries caused by keeping your back muscles working in the same position for too long. Take frequent breaks!

3) This is particularly important when you cut the hedge as this uses a **long lever-arm and can strain the muscles between the shoulder blades**.

4) When pulling weeds or planting seeds, **put one supportive knee on the ground** instead of two. This prevents you from leaning too far forward and straining the muscles and ligaments in your back.

5) When lifting, digging or raking leaves, make sure that you **pull your stomach muscles in to protect your spine**.

6) It is also helpful to **avoid bending and twisting at the same time**, especially when digging and throwing a heavy load like earth to one side.

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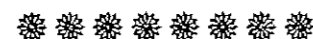
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Portable, durable, and affordable, the BOOK is being hailed as the entertainment wave of the future. The BOOK's appeal seems so certain that thousands of content creators have committed to the platform. Look for a flood of new titles soon.



Final farewell

An old clergyman lay dying. He sent a message for his accountant and his solicitor to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the clergyman held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The minister grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the accountant and the solicitor were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the minister had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the solicitor asked gently, "Why did you ask the two of us to come here?"

The old minister mustered all his strength, then said weakly, "Well, Jesus died between two thieves, and so that's how I want to go, too."

8) If you have to lift heavy objects, it really helps to **get assistance**. We see many people who thought it would be easier to lift the plant pot before getting help, only to suffer with a very sore and achy back afterward.

9) Injuries are best treated with an **ice pack to the area injured for ten minutes/ once an hour** (covered by a tea-towel, of course).

10) After a long day in the garden, **lie down on the floor with the knees bent to 90 degrees** by putting your feet onto a stool, chair or gymball, to rest your muscles, ligaments and spinal joints.

Chiropractic is a form of primary health care, which is concerned with the **joints, bones and muscles of the body and their effect on the nervous system**. It is primarily focused on the spine but at Luck's Yard Clinic we **treat the whole body** and may just focus on hips, knees or feet dependant upon your individual needs. We also believe in preventative exercises and have a Sports therapist working alongside us at the clinic.

Chiropractic can be **helpful whatever age and the treatment is tailored to each person's situation and clinical history**, so we see patients ranging from new born up to their nineties in the practise every day.

The Chiropractors at Luck's Yard Clinic would be delighted to give you advice and can be reached on 01483 527945 (www.lucksyardclinic.com)

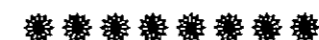



Scientific fact

A chemistry teacher wanted to teach his class a lesson about the evils of drink, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whisky, and two worms. "Now, class, closely observe the worms," said the teacher while putting a worm into the water.

The worm in the water writhed about, happy as a worm in water could be. He then put the second worm into the whisky. It curled up and writhed about painfully, then quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail.

"Now, what lesson can we learn from this experiment?" the teacher asked. One little boy responded promptly: "Drink whisky and you won't get worms."






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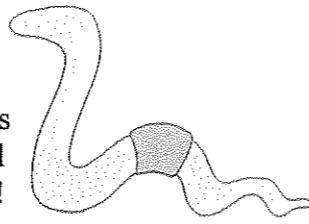


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EARTHWORM

March approaches as Earthworm snuggles in to his enormous compost heap, piled high now with the winter's fall of leaves and all the weeds and snippings from the border clear-outs .Barrow loads! The warmth is much needed as the temperatures dip at night.



In fact despite the glorious February days of blue skies and sunshine, by mid-afternoon a nip develops in the air and that discarded fleece that was much needed first thing in the garden, needs to be at hand. But when did one last garden in shirt-sleeves in February, or have lunch out of doors?

The mornings have been breath-taking with the sun rising through the still-bare trees casting large rays across white frost-covered lawns and fields. Valleys have been fog-filled, a phenomenon known as radiation or valley fog. The clear night skies have allowed the ground to grow very cold and as the air just above the ground chills the moisture in the air condenses into water droplets which manifest as fog.

How many of Earthworm's admirers know that this was why Napoleon won the Battle of Austerlitz in 1805? He hid a large number of his troops in the fog-bound valley , thus deceiving the enemy who thought, from the Pratzen Heights that victory was theirs!

These bizarre weather patterns for what should still be winter are confusing every-one and everything.. The birds have started singing as if it were spring, and even to be making nests. There are daffodils already out at the same time as the snowdrops get to their showy best. And what a lovely sight they are. Crocus too are putting on a splendid display. How much prettier the small varieties are in comparison with the blowsy Dutch ones; and they spread all over the place, roadside verges included. Bees too are awake and out gathering pollen from whatever winter source they can find. Earthworm has even seen a frog or too.



'THE TWO LADIES'

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CLARE KINGSBURY is a professional singer who has worked, amongst other things, in many West End productions.

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For further information please contact:

Mary Baum: 01428 681420 or Clare Kingsbury: 01372 452 784

CHINGLISH

Tim got there before me but here are some more "CHINGLISH" signs, gleaned on my recent trip to China .

Engraved on a brass plate on my couchette door "Beware nipping finger ". This did not appear to be a warning against pick-pockets!

In my bathroom "Beware of landslide"

Two examples of No Entry signs: "No into" and "Stopping here".

At park entrance "No spitting. No leaking lavatorial behaviors.(sic)

"Be aware of falling in the pool "

Inside a pagoda "Attention not to be struck" = Mind your head!.

"Back home service" = take away.

"Carefully sure"

"Sell the ticket"

"Go props to building up"

"Caution snippery"

In a high altitude yak pasture "Strictly prohibited trampling the lawn"

Hotel room instructions: "Insert card and out at once the door open when the green light is lit"

At entrance to public park "Macking taboo words shall not be heard and no quarrels or bust ups shall be found"

And these:

"If you want to hypnotise a kid with return go for 3D space with high vertical"

"These are the views that jerks the rugs of the ho-hum usual that will put everything in perspective"

"People's magnanimity acts undertaken for public good".

What about a competition for what the meanings are?

Mary Caroe



Miscellaneous observations on life:

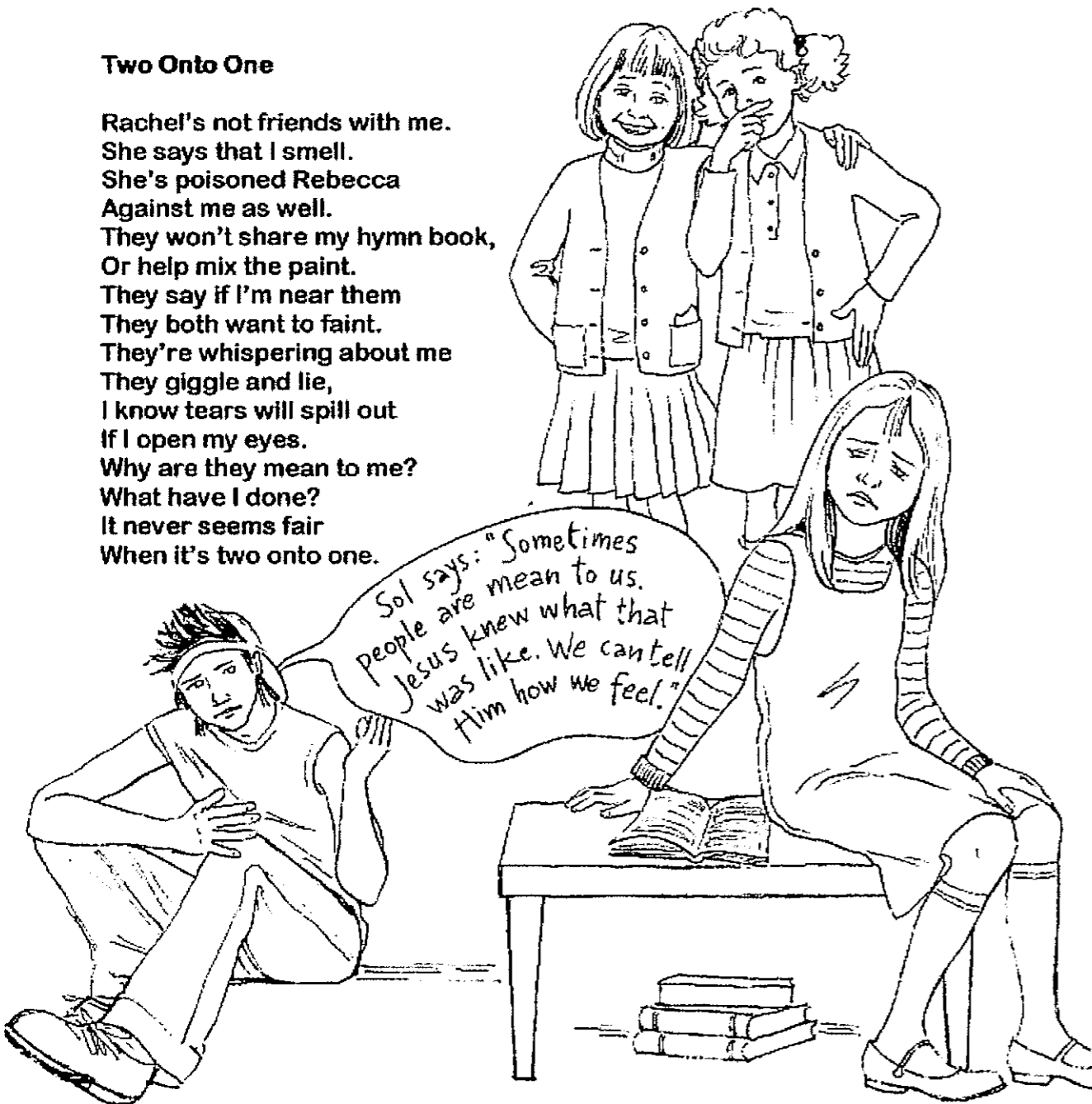
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, isn't it nice that wrinkles don't hurt.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

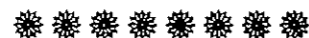
Two Onto One

Rachel's not friends with me.
She says that I smell.
She's poisoned Rebecca
Against me as well.
They won't share my hymn book,
Or help mix the paint.
They say if I'm near them
They both want to faint.
They're whispering about me
They giggle and lie,
I know tears will spill out
If I open my eyes.
Why are they mean to me?
What have I done?
It never seems fair
When it's two onto one.



Do for others what you would like them to do for you. Mt7:12(NLT)

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



Did Noah fish?

The Sunday school teacher asked his class: "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?"

'No,' replied one logical youngster. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

God in the Arts

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a famous masterpiece by Giotto.

'In a grove lit only by a kiss'
Holy Week, as its name tells us, is the most important, holiest week in the Church's year, when we follow Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, to Calvary and to the garden of the tomb. As we make that journey each year, we are not just remembering past events. We are celebrating how eternity touched Jerusalem in that first Holy Week and how eternity can touch our lives now.



To create that impact and that realisation, the week is brimful of colour and variety in its worship, full of action and movement, full of processions and music. But we might think it is a week with very little silence.

Yet the silences are there if we look at the Gospels closely. We enter an upper room and catch our breath when Jesus announces a betrayer. Peter denies our Lord, a cock crows, and a bleak stillness falls on that scene. In the palace Jesus stands accused, no words are spoken, and the governor wonders in the silence. And there is silence by the cross until the ninth hour. The silence does fall during Holy Week, punctuating the crises of these tense days. It is conveyed with dramatic force in this Gethsemane scene: Peter Firth's poem describes it as 'a grove lit only by a kiss.' The painting is by Giotto, 'The Kiss of Judas,' and is part of an amazing series of frescoes he painted for the Arena Chapel in Padua from 1305-06.

At first glance it is a scene of frenzied activity: burning torches wave in the sky, weapons are wielded, and a ram's horn blown. The cohort of soldiers advance on Jesus, and Peter tries to defend him by cutting off a soldier's ear in his anger. One of the religious leaders points to Jesus in the centre of the painting.

And it is there that the tragic stillness falls as our eyes focus on the eyes of Jesus: that steady, discomfiting gaze into the eyes of Judas the betrayer. Judas' cloak seems to engulf Jesus, but it cannot blot out the look of our Lord.

The face of Judas is troubled, and the look of Jesus seems to burrow deep into that anxiety, beneath the surface into his heart.

In Holy Week they are eyes that look out to us. The face of Jesus is turned in our direction, saying, 'Yes, you may follow me in the heady excitement of Palm Sunday. But will you also follow me into this garden, on the way of my cross to the foot of Calvary, and beyond to the empty tomb of Easter morning?'

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Skillway needs more Volunteer Craftsmen Tutors

Skillway is part of the same Trust as the Cellar, and does great work in skills training for those whose talents are more in the practical crafts. It was founded by Crispin Hill who sadly died in January. Skillway provides a vital service to local Secondary Education and aims to work with those pupils identified by their schools as low academic achievers who would benefit from more vocational type studies. We teach many different manual skills in very small groups of up to 4-6 pupils. The Skillway Project sets out to instill confidence and self esteem in these students. NVQ equivalent accreditation through the Open College

Network is available in most subjects.

We work with volunteer tutors who have a skill they would like to pass on to the next generation and are prepared to offer a half day a week (approx 2.5 hours) during term time to this end. Volunteers often may not have used these skills to earn a living but may have developed them as a hobby or interest. We are particularly looking for carpentry skills at this time but other skills would always be welcome. If you feel you would be prepared to offer help we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact either Keith Powell on 415828 or Greg Bleach the Workshop Manager on 414081 and we will arrange to show you around the workshops and discuss how you might be able to help.

Keith Powell



Because of JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of his Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see that it's true -
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

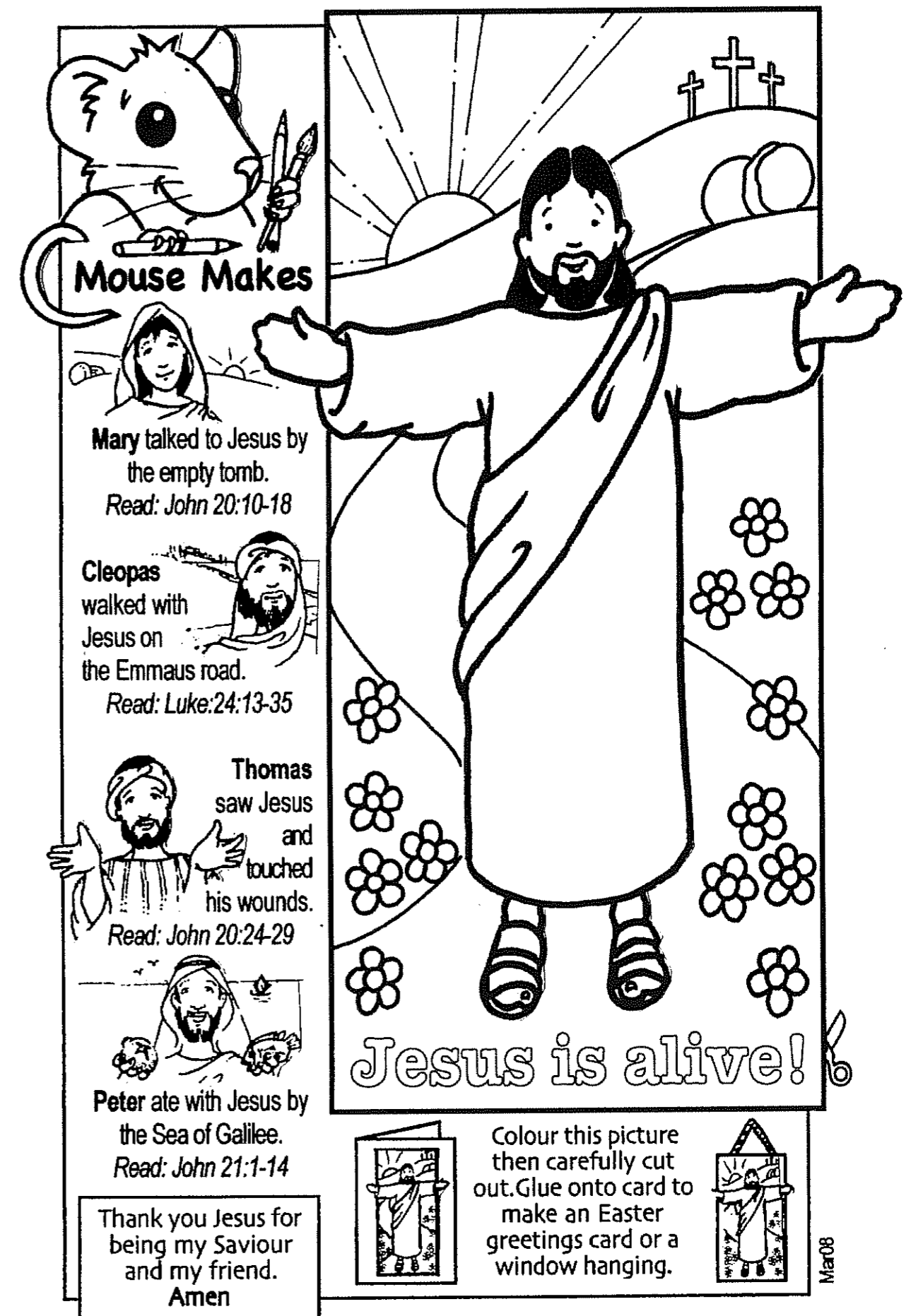
You're a pretty big part of his wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And his great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand?
He rose from the dead, with U in his plan.
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at his upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - just like I love U."



- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.





MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd March

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the five thousand so it was called Refreshment Sunday. Over time this Sunday became associated with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.

Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention which was started in 1906. Mother's Day is about the mother of a family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.



Whatever we think about commercial inventions, it is still good to thank those who care for us, no matter how old we are.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be artistic to make this simple lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Then cut up the doily to make the decoration – some have lovely patterns of harts, flowers and leaves.



Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish off the card by writing a nice message inside.

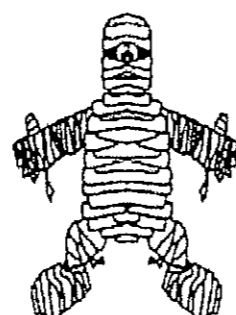


THE OTHER MUMMY?

Why do mummies tell no secrets?

Because they keep everything under wraps.

How can you tell when a mummy is angry?
He flips his lid.



Hambletons Toddler Group

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

Remaining dates for the Spring term are:

27th February

5th March

12th March

26th March

2nd April



Our first date for the Summer term is 23rd April.

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

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

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


Marion Lewis:

01428 684489

Angela Barrows:

01428 683086





ART CLASSES IN MILFORD

at Milford & Villages Day Centre,
Chapel Lane, Milford, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5EZ.

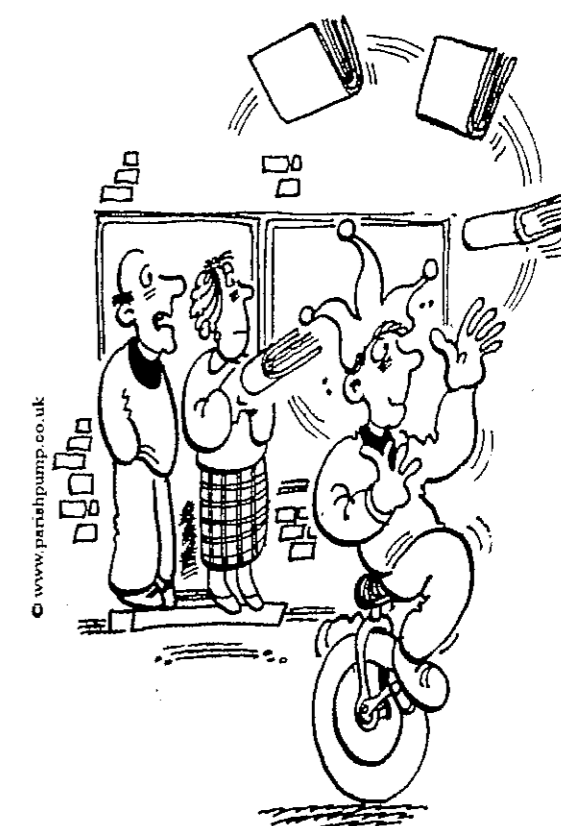
"The Centre is a new, light and airy building, with a friendly atmosphere and a purpose-built teaching room."

DRAWING 1:

for Beginners and Improvers
Tuesday afternoons: 1.30-3.30
Starts Tuesday 4th March
for 6 weeks
only £20.00 for all 6 sessions

The Centre will be offering Art classes throughout the year on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, including Drawing, Painting and Silk Painting.

If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the Manager, Jules Milton on 01483 420668.



...I think I must have missed that module when I was at theological college!

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

Mars Bar Brownies

Recipes using chocolate bars are always very popular with everyone, so what's the harm in being indulgent once in a while!

Guy Lemieux

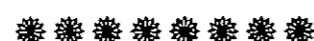
4½oz	Good quality dark chocolate
2oz	Unsalted butter
4	Eggs
7oz	Caster sugar
4oz	Self raising flour
3	Mars bars chopped into chunks

Pre-heat the oven to Gas Mark 4. Line a 8x10 inch baking tin with greaseproof paper.

Place the chocolate and butter in a bowl over, but not in, a saucepan of simmering water. Stir occasionally till melted.

Whisk the eggs and sugar, then slowly add the melted butter and chocolate.

Fold through the flour before adding the Mars Bars and fold in carefully before putting the whole mixture into the baking tin. Bake for about 30 minutes until just set. Leave to cool in the tin before turning out and cut into squares.



Chocolate Rice Krispie Easter egg nests

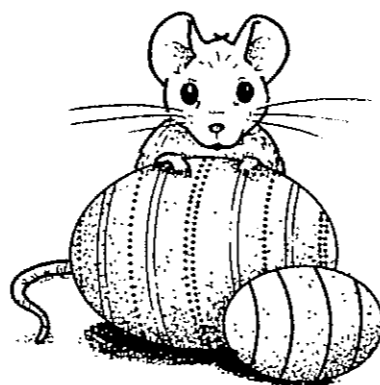
Preparation time less than 30 mins

Cooking time less than 10 mins

3oz	butter
4oz	golden syrup
2½oz	plain chocolate, broken in pieces
2oz	Rice Krispies
2oz	rolled oats
30	sugar-coated mini chocolate Easter eggs

Method

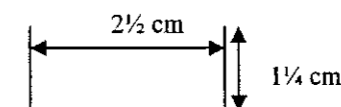
1. Put the butter, golden syrup and chocolate into a small saucepan and melt together over a low heat.
2. Mix together the Rice Krispies and rolled oats and stir in the golden syrup mixture.
3. Line a bun tray with ten paper cases.
4. Fill the paper cases with the chocolate rice krispie mixture and make a hollow in the centre of each and fill each one of the nests with three Easter eggs.
5. Place in the fridge to set.



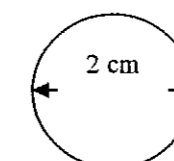
March Brain Teaser

Which of these statements are true and which are false?

- A 1 mile in 55seconds shows a higher average speed than ¾ mile in 50 seconds.
- B 2 gallons is more than 9 litres.
- C The area of this rectangle



is greater than the area of this circle

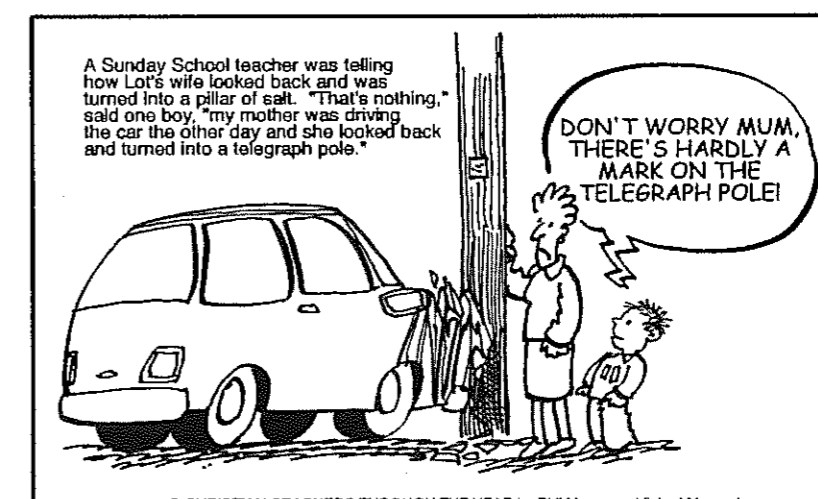


- D Given that the Jack counts as 11 and Queen as 12 and a King as 13, the total number of spots on a set of dominoes is greater than that of all the picture cards.

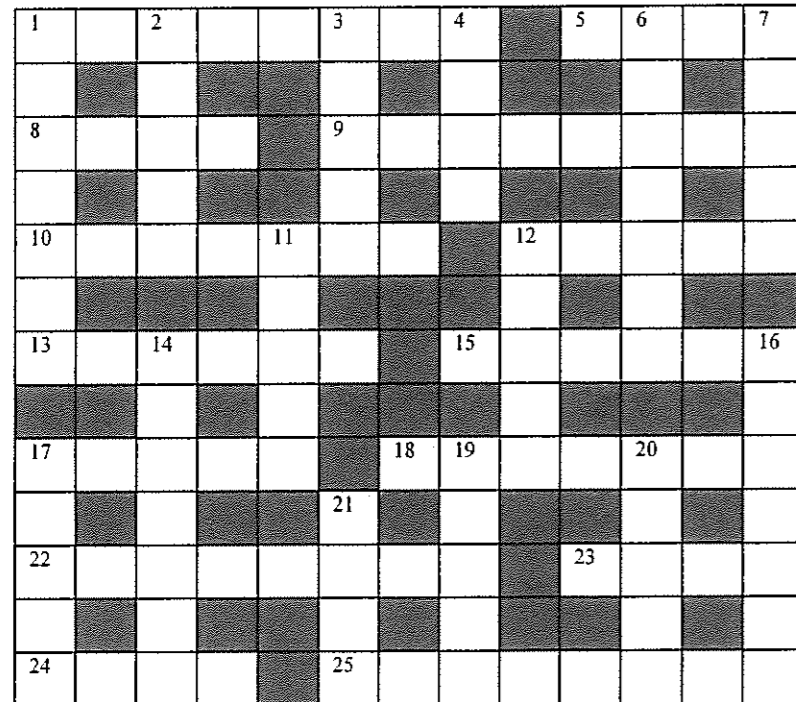


Observations on modern life

- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station.
- A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem.
- A gross ignoramus: 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- Did you hear about the dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac who stayed up all night trying to decide if there really is a Dog?
- Why do they lock petrol station bathrooms? Afraid that someone will clean them?
- Why is it that when we talk to God we're said to be praying, but when God talks to us, we're said to be schizophrenic?



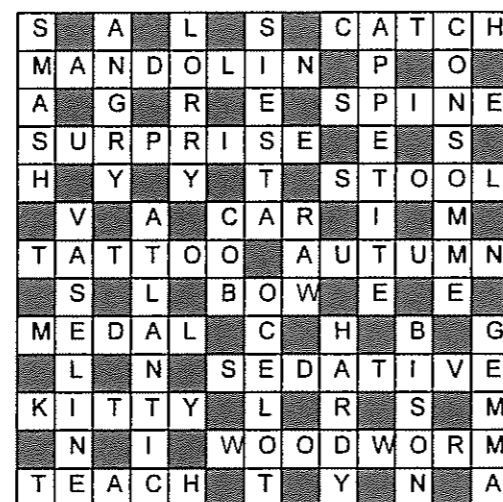
Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Throw overboard (8)
 5 Young sheep (4)
 8 Thick, stiff paper (4)
 9 Pistol (8)
 10 Study of animals (7)
 12 Value (5)
 13 Weaken or damage (6)
 15 British river (6)
 17 Soft sweet (5)
 18 Seek business (7)
 22 Calvin ---, 30th US president (8)
 23 Buckle (4)
 24 Cheeky child (4)
 25 Spider (8)

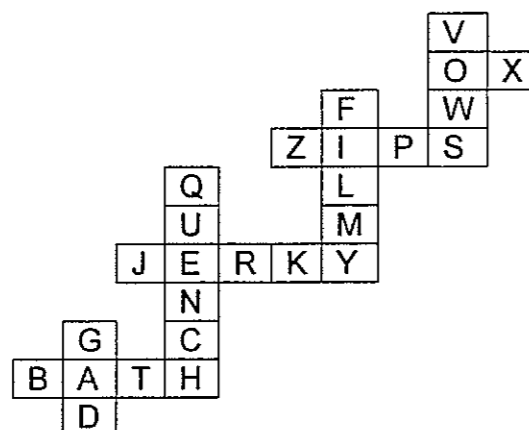
Solution February Crossword



Down

- 1 Bubble bath? (7)
 2 Body trunk (5)
 3 Neck of mutton (5)
 4 Dark blue colour (4)
 6 Hostile (7)
 7 Scottish town (5)
 11 Utter an opinion (5)
 12 Bicycle part (5)
 14 Small field (7)
 16 Jotting block (7)
 17 Gem face (5)
 19 Musical drama (5)
 20 Linked series (5)
 21 Notion (4)

Answer to February Brain Teaser



Wildlife Gardening



is the time for splashes of colour, such as celandines, daffodils and primulas, which attract the first insects emerging from their winter sleep for a pollen feast. Wild daffodils are smaller and less showy but perfect partners for a wildlife haven. The patches of warmer weather are the start of great activity in the garden. You will find that many plants and animals are beginning their breeding cycles. Frogs are busy in ponds and toads will start to lay eggs a little later. Mammals are waking up from hibernation and badger and fox cubs are developing in their earths underground. As the birds are starting to build their nests, the untidy parts of the garden will provide all sorts of grass stems, bark pieces, dead leaves and moss. So why not brush the dog outside to provide some hair for the lining of nests. The blackbird in your garden may be the first to build.

Gardening tips for the month

Weed and mulch borders.
 Clip heathers and lavender.
 Divide pond marginal plants.
 Sow half-hardy annuals such as French marigold, petunia and nicotiana.
 Carry out the first grass cut of the season.
 Prune the rest of the summer flowering shrubs such as spirea and japonica.
 Begin slug control using upturned citrus shells.

Wild Daffodil *Narcissus pseudonarassus*



A dainty, nodding version of the garden variety that used to be common in the wild. When planted in the garden look for a sheltered, damp spot and encourage a drift of colour through the grass for the best effect. Under a tree will mimic its natural habitat and then you can cut this part of the lawn later in the year.

Wild daffodils are available from specialised nurseries. Planting them in the garden will help to ensure their survival in the future.

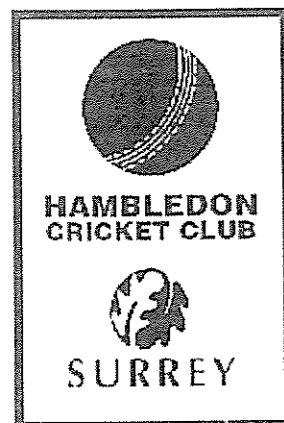
Create a garden pond

The most single useful feature in a wildlife garden is a pond. If you have one, consider looking for space for another. Amphibians will use them to breed, mammals and birds use a pond as a drinking station and it remains invaluable for invertebrates. A garden for bats includes a pond

Tasks for the month

Continue supplying bird food.
 Stop trimming hedges early in March, now that birds are nesting.
 Add to available nesting material with wool and hair.
 If you have created a pond in the garden, watch how quickly new creatures come along.





The club's "Annual General Meeting" for 2008 was held on Tuesday 19th. February at the Cricket Pavilion which was after this Months Magazine deadline so we cannot report on its outcome. More information next month.

GENERAL ITEMS:

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB SENIOR SIDES 2008.

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

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB COLTS SECTION 2008

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

We need new coach/team manager(s) for all groups as some of the previous years Managers cannot continue full time. Any one who is interested and would like to help out please call Bob Cunningham on either 01428 683970 / 07768 374 921 or email bob.cunningham@gom.co.uk. The season runs from mid April through to early July and generally involves a training session each Saturday morning or a week day evening and there will be one match each weekend either on a Friday night or Sunday morning. This role could also be shared between two or three people.

Pavilion Fund Raising:-

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

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

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

We also aim to run the "The 200 Club" in 2008, and we hope all those who took part in last years, 5 monthly draws, will choose to participate again. Please contact us on this if you are interested in joining, the cost is a once off £10.00 with a chance of winning in each draw.

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

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

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

Arthur Blackman, Chairman



Saturday 21st June 2008

In aid of the Hambledon CC Pavilion Fund The Mid - Summer Dinner Dance

With Music by

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In a Marquee on the Cricket Green

From 7.30pm. to 12.00pm

Gather your Friends for a Table of Ten. Cost £25.00 per Person

Dress. Black Tie or Lounge Suits

Bring your own Dinner and Drinks.

Admission Strictly by Ticket Holders Only

Tickets available from Sue Blackman 01428 683871