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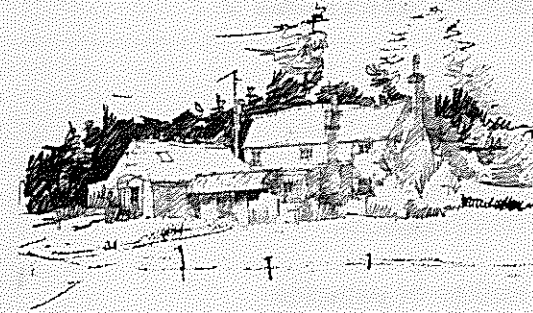
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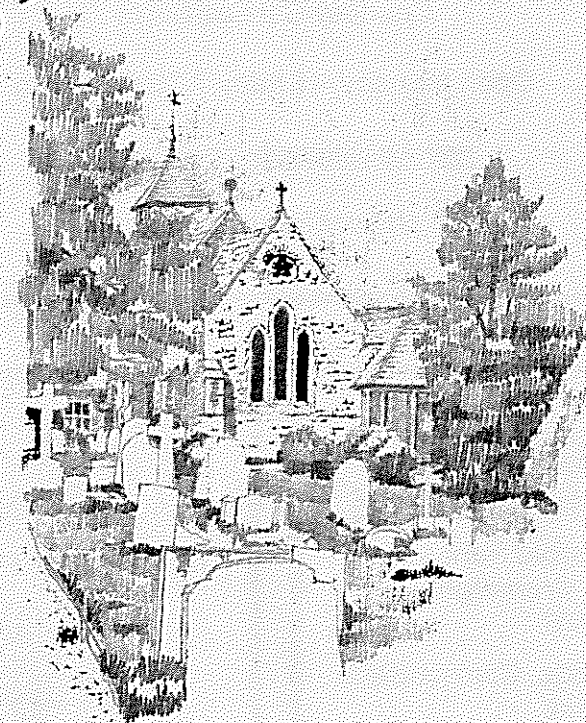
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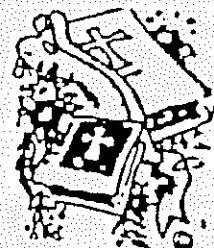
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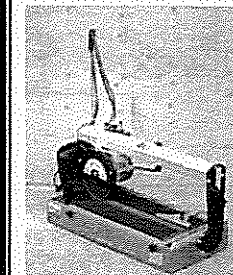
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Pastoral Letter—October

Dear Friends,

As I write, I can feel a new and unaccustomed weight of responsibility settling on my shoulders: Jolyon, the Rector of Busbridge and Hambledon, has gone on sabbatical for three months and I am in charge! I'm tempted to spend the time bringing in sweeping and random changes just for the sake of it. But in reality I will probably spend it endlessly saying, "I think that had better wait until Jolyon gets back."

Jolyon's plans for this season are deliberately light on "doing" and more about "being" – and those of you who know him well will know how hard he has found it not to cram every minute with activities. He plans to make a substantial start to a longer-term project of walking the 600 miles of the south-west coast path, sometimes alone and sometimes in the company of friends and family. Later on, he will go to Uganda, visiting Kisoro Diocese and "Potter's Village", a self-sustaining AIDS orphanage project set up by a friend of his. The rest of the time he will be blending periods free from lots of activity with a lot of reading, and time on retreat. He'll be back to contribute to our Christmas celebrations, including preaching at our carol service in Hambledon.

I have been moved and encouraged that Jolyon's main aim for his sabbatical is not an ambitious or complicated project, but to renew his relationships – and centrally his relationship with Jesus. We are blessed to have a leader who sees this as his priority. All of us need seasons in our lives when we simply allow ourselves to "be" rather than to "do", and wait to see what floats to the surface as a result. Jolyon's sabbatical is several years overdue and I do ask you to pray for him.

But we don't necessarily need three months' break from our usual routine to spend time simply "being" in God's presence. The way that we begin and end each day can help us with this. The Bible tells us that the day begins in the evening – in Jewish tradition the Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday, and the Genesis account of creation repeats the refrain, "There was evening, and there was morning, the first, second, third day..." and so on. So our day begins as we go to sleep! The Christian writer, Eugene Peterson, says: "Thinking about night as the beginning of day reminds us that everything doesn't depend on us. We go to sleep, but God is working all through the night. So we don't have to be anxious or rushed. When we wake up, we will simply join him in his work."

The way that we go to bed makes a difference to how the day that follows unfolds. That obviously includes things such as getting enough sleep, or resolving conflicts before going to bed, but we can also end each day by reviewing it with God. Here's a simple suggestion for how to do that:

- Be still for a moment and quiet your mind.
- Acknowledge that God is present. Invite him to guide you.
- Recall the beginning of the day when you first woke up. Watch that scene, as if on video. What is your reaction to what you see? Talk to God about that.
- Continue through the video of your day, going from scene to scene. As you reflect on each one, some scenes may fill you with gratitude, others with regret. Speak directly to God about this. You may also want to pray for some of the people you interacted with during the day.

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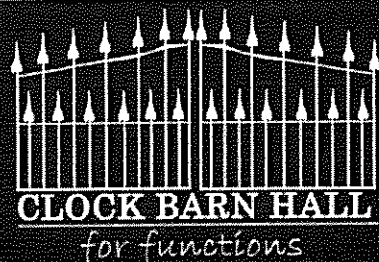
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Stephanie Couvela,
 Associate Minister, Busbridge and Hambledon

CHURCH CALENDAR October 2008

5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
20th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Harvest Festival
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12th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW)
21st Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with Children's Groups)
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19th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22nd Sunday after Trinity		Church Weekend Away
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26th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Last Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Morning Worship (with children's groups)

Saturday 11th October

9.00 am to 10.00 am - Church Rooms

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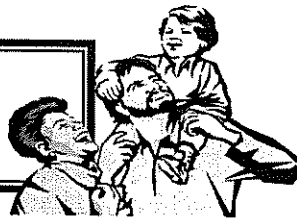
6.30 pm Evening Worship

Why you are like a pumpkin

...or a thought as Halloween approaches

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PARISH & PEOPLE



• Claire and Tim Oxborough are now the proud parents of a daughter, Annabel Grace, born on 1 September. Claire was well-known to the Hambledon church congregation when her father, Richard Nagioff, was a reader and the family lived in Chiddingfold. Many congratulations to Claire and Tim, and to Jean on the arrival of her first grandchild.

• Mic Coleman held another successful Flower & Vegetable Show at the Village Hall on 30 August, which was very well supported this year, considering the bleak weather throughout the summer months. Many thanks to Mic for his organising skills and to all those who came and supported the event. (For more on the show, see page 11).

• We have been saddened to learn of the death of Peter Lovell, who at one time was a resident of Hambledon when he became a tenant of Ted and Trottie Sutton at Bryony Hill. Over a period of years, Peter has travelled from his home in Dorking to lovingly tend some of the gardens here in Hambledon, and has helped some of the villagers with house cleaning.

By all accounts, Peter loved to sing and could be heard giving voice above the whirr of the mower – and a good voice, too, we are told. We send our loving sympathy to Peter's family in their loss.

• Hambledon friends and neighbours send all good wishes and many congratulations to Terry and Hazel Price, who have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

• Jim Dougans is coping with a broken leg, although Joyce tells us that he is getting very bored with the situation. We were particularly sorry to learn of the unfortunate accident, especially as Jim is such a stalwart in our village and a very useful helper at the village shop. We are looking forward to seeing Jim out and about again, and send good wishes from us all to him and Joyce.

• And finally, congratulations to Rebecca Webb. Her exhibition at the Loseley Garden Show in July won the award of Best in Show. Quite an achievement and Rebecca has the admiration of us all.

Return of thanks

Dr David Williams sends his return of thanks to friends in Hambledon following the funeral of his son, Julian (Joolz)

David, Angela and Tess Williams are grateful to all our Hambledon and Chiddingfold friends and friends of Julian (Joolz) who, in so many different ways, showed to us their love and understanding following the sudden, unexpected death of Joolz in July in France.

We give especial thanks to a wonderful group of our friends, led by Faith Reynolds, for really practical help, sincerely and freely offered, with funeral arrangements and refreshments. Village love at its best.

A message arrived from the bell-ringer team offering to ring for the funeral service. So we arrived at St. Mary's and departed to the uplifting sound of all eight bells.

In Church a large congregation, including

so many local friends, helped us to celebrate and give thanks for the 38 years of the love and company of our son and brother.

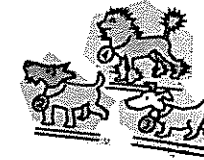
When he raced motorcycles, Joolz had, as a precaution, indicated that he wished to be buried in his village at St Peter's, Hambledon. As a child, Julian used to play there in the hollow of the 1,200-year-old Yew tree. The churchyard was beautiful in sunlight as his wicker coffin was laid to rest at the edge of a field of ripening barley.

We thank, in particular, the Reverend Canon Nigel Nicholson (Cranleigh), the Reverend Sarah Brough (Chiddingfold) and the Reverend Stephanie Couvela (Hambledon) who, together with Bryder's of Tillington, Beverley Draper (verger) and Hugh Draper, made possible the smooth conduct of the funeral and the service of burial.

As at 1 September, the total of donations in lieu of flowers exceeds £1,500, to be divided between St John Ambulance, G.U.T.S. and the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust.

■ In next month's magazine, there will be a reminiscence of Joolz, answering questions such as: how did he write off his lovingly-restored Ford Escort and just what did he do at CERN, the world's largest particle physics laboratory?

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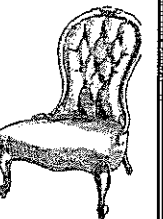
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Hambledon has been judged as Surrey Village of the Year for 2008 and will now go on to a regional competition for southern England, with the prospect of being entered for the national title.

Winning the Surrey title is recognition of the hard work that so many villagers have put in to benefit community life. In the face of stiff competition from villages across the county, Hambledon came out the winner and parish councillor Stewart Payne was presented with the title by Mrs Sally Varah, the High Sheriff of Surrey, at a ceremony on Saturday 6 September (see picture).

The competition is sponsored by Calor, which supplies lots of liquid gas and butane to the UK's villages, in partnership with Surrey Community Action. Members of both organisations attended the ceremony at the village hall in Ripley, last year's winner for Surrey. Hambledon was presented with a cheque for £500 and two plaques, one made of English oak and the other of metal, to be displayed in a prominent location.

The competition, which began in 1997 and receives over 1,000 entries each year, is not about being a best kept village. Instead, judges look for community involvement and initiatives that enhance and improve village life for all. It was clear that the Village Shop and Post Office scored highly with the judges, who were impressed as much by all the volunteers who keep it going and as by those whose vision led to the shop being re-opened in the first place.

Hambledon's website, affordable homes, cricket and football clubs, church and nursery school all impressed the judges, too, as each has benefited from local initiatives. There was praise for the launch of the Hambledon Village Community Fund earlier this year and compliments for the Parish Magazine; and the Parish Council was commended for its role in promoting and supporting village life.

■ This award is for all our villagers. To give everyone a chance to celebrate, there will be a barbeque at the Cricket Club on Sunday 12 October, from 12.00 – 14.00. Please come along, with all the family, and join in a toast to Hambledon – Surrey Village of the Year, 2008



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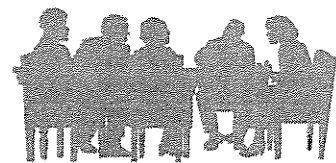
Saturday 25 October until Saturday 8 November. There will also be volunteers collecting outside the village shop on the 8 November.

The Remembrance Day service at St Peter's Church, will be on Sunday 9 November at 10.50 am. We need three volunteers for:

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PARISH COUNCIL

Sewage and lime

As usual, the new sewerage scheme has occupied parish councillors' attention. But at the lime kiln, things are done and dusted.

The most recent meeting was held on 9 September, which meant that councillors were able not only to congratulate Hambleton for winning the 2008 Surrey Village of the Year competition, but also to agree that celebrations were in order (see page 7 for the full story). The Parish Council hopes that as many villagers as possible will join in the barbeque at the Cricket Club, starting at mid-day on Sunday 12 October.

The new external storage units at the Village Shop are now in place and being put to good use. The Hambleton Village Trust has arranged for John Mann to resurface the driveway up to the shop, and to create a new hard-standing area for the newspaper and rubbish bins. This work should be done during October.

A number of households in the village have received letters from Southern Water about their external connections to the new mains drainage system that is now working its way through the village. The letters raise to a number of queries

which need to be pursued direct with Southern Water. Even so, the Parish Council has decided to organise a meeting with the Southern Water Project Manager for the scheme, at which representatives of Waverley Borough Council, Witley Parish Council and WADDA (the Wormley and District Drainage Association) will also be present.

No. 1 Duncombs Cottages, one of Hambleton's affordable houses, is still on the market despite having been widely advertised in Hambleton and surrounding villages for a couple of months. The English Rural Housing Association would be glad to hear from anyone with local connections who might be interested in purchasing a 42 per cent share in this two-bedroom house – even those have already applied might find it in their interests to do so again. Call Ann Camuyag on 020 7820 7930 if you would like further information.

All work on the lime kiln just beyond the Church has now been completed and the Parish Council has congratulated the National Trust on its excellent restoration of this village land mark.



"Looks like the sexton position is still vacant"

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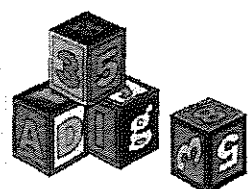
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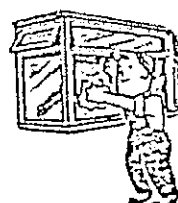
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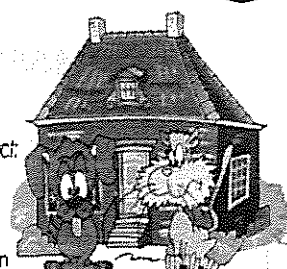
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It's a bad line

BT still wants to get rid of the pay-phone box outside the village shop, reports parish councillor Stewart Payne

THE threat to our traditional red K6 phone kiosk has not gone away, despite objections to its removal by villagers, Hambledon Parish Council and Waverley Borough Council. However, BT has been made aware of the strength of opposition and we hope enough has been done to make a powerful case for its retention as a working payphone.

Villagers may recall that BT proposes to remove thousands of kiosks, arguing that they are no longer commercially viable. BT has an obligation to consult on this proposal and, locally, that has been done through our borough council. BT wants to remove 48 of the remaining 101 payphones in the borough, 33 of which are red kiosks.

Waverley wrote to parishes to ask for their views. In Hambledon, we argued that we wanted the phone to remain, and not just because it is an important heritage feature. Patchy mobile phone coverage and the fact that it is the last payphone in the village means it is still an important method of communication, particularly in an emergency.

Waverley supported the retention of both the Hambledon kiosk and the one at the Hydestile

Crossroads. It responded to BT by saying it wanted all but 13 of the 48 threatened kiosks to be kept.

The result of this consultation is not known and may not be announced until the end of the year.

Meanwhile, BT has made a time-limited offer by which communities can either agree to adopt their red kiosk – by which the box is retained but the equipment removed – or sponsor it and agree to pay an annual £500 maintenance fee to help keep it in working order. BT put a time limit of October 1, now extended by a month after protest, to agree to one of these proposals or risk having the box removed.

Panic action

Hambledon Parish Council regards this as unreasonable. It is wrong to try and panic us into taking a course of action when we do not know the outcome of the consultation. We cannot afford to pay the maintenance agreement and if we agreed to adoption we lose our working phone. Waverley has advised us that BT cannot remove the phone during the consultation process.

As a powerful case has been made to keep the kiosk in working order, the parish council has decided to await the outcome of the consultation. In some areas arguments for the retention of a kiosk were only put forward on heritage grounds, in which case the adoption scheme may be of value. But we made a case on communication grounds as well, supported by Waverley, so we hope that the kiosk will survive the consultation.

We have also attempted to have the box listed. However, so many others communities have made similar applications that English Heritage has put them on hold while it consults with BT.

The Village Shop



lage in Surrey. We all knew that, but it is now official. It is acknowledged that the shop played a large part in getting this result, so well done everyone. Now for the regional finals – then the nationals.

Deep clean

That means we have to look closely to see what we can improve. So we are looking at the staff rota, new products, new equipment, and even a deep clean. We need to be flexible and we have to be up with the changes. We are grateful to the new volunteers who are appearing – we need you all.

On the website, I will be listing new or recommended products. It is worth looking out for the "Stop Press". This time we have an excellent range of vegetarian burgers and Gransteads new lemonade. Have you tried the lavender and geranium hand-wash? Once on the Lovedeans granola for breakfast, you are hooked.

But I've one appeal to make – to improve the efficiency of the shop, we really need a permanent person to lock up with me on Tuesday evening and to open up on Wednesday morning. Is there anyone out there who could help in this role? If so, see me at the shop or call on 01428 682176.

The manager of the village shop, Philip Underwood, seems quite perky about something—can't think what it is.

What a change a month can bring. Holidays are obviously a stressful time, but we are now back to normal. I am told by the men in suits that the past six month's trading figures are excellent. They even have smiles on their faces.

Then the news that Hambledon is the best vil-

Tanks for the memories

Des Phillips continues his trip down Memory Lane—drooling over Centurion tanks and recalling the price he paid because he was not a motor-cycle scrambling champion.

When I was at Bordon on the tank course, I learnt that the higher you came in the test at the end, the better chance you had of a choice of posting. There were postings in Germany, Cyprus, Singapore and in Cyrenaica in North Africa, but just one place in Bordon.

By this time I was engaged to Mary, so, I thought, the closer to home I can be, the better I'll like it.

Before I joined up, I went to the Providence Chapel and, after the service, an old lady, whom everyone was frightened of, came up to me and said: "I hear you're going off to do your national service this week, so don't you think you ought to put a ring on that girl's finger?"

So, I shyly asked Mary if she would marry me. And, wonder of wonders, she said "yes". We went and bought a ring and, still on cloud nine, I asked Mr Herbert if we could get engaged. I hit rock bottom when he said "No". Anyhow, Mrs Herbert got to work on him, and soon I received a letter at Blandford saying, yes, we could get engaged.

Massive gearbox

I worked very hard on the tank course and even studied in my own time, which was almost unheard of. Actually, I thoroughly enjoyed working on tanks—especially on the Centurion, which was a brilliant machine driven by a Merlin engine with a multiple clutch and massive gearbox. We all had the opportunity to drive the thing around.

Then the test came due. Normally it was a multiple-choice exam, but this time it was a written paper. This is where my study paid dividends. The results were read out. First, Coleman with 58 per cent. Second Phillips with 82 per cent, then the rest. I went to the sergeant who read out the results and asked him how come I was second? After all, 82 per cent is much higher than 58 per cent. He said: "Yes, but you don't ride a scrambles motor cycle."

It turned out that Bordon were the army scrambles motorcycle champions, and Coleman was a top rider before he was called up.

Still, I got second choice and Germany was classified as a home posting because you could get home twice a year. So Germany it was.

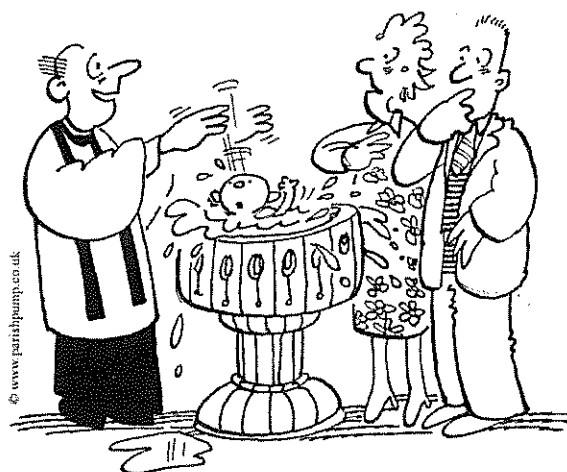
While I was at Bordon I got involved with the Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers As-

sociation, or Sasra for short.

It was an inter-denominational organisation supported by private donations. It did a great job, giving excellent support to all who needed their help. Their members threw their homes open to all, ran Bible study and prayer groups, and were great at befriending anyone who came to them for help. Indeed, the organisation is still running. Its patron is the Queen and the website address is www.sasra.org.uk.

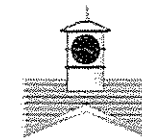
Anyway, Bordon was a difficult place to get home from so I borrowed Mum's auto-cycle, which was made by a firm called Francis Barnett. It was basically a heavy push bike with a little engine mounted above the pedals. The fuel tank, which took about a pint and a half of petrol, was mounted on a ladies-type crossbar. The trouble is, petrol was still rationed at that time. And one day someone siphoned off the fuel, so I had to pedal the thing home. You can imagine how long it took.

A special programme to mark the 25th anniversary of Mission England is scheduled to be broadcast in the UK on BBC 1 on Sunday 15 February 2009, presented by Pam Rhodes. During the summer of 1984 Dr Billy Graham spoke to thousands of people in football stadiums across England, in Ipswich, Liverpool, Norwich, Sunderland, Bristol and Birmingham. And, a quarter of a century later, *Songs of Praise* is dedicating a programme to this significant nationwide event.



...well if he's going to be an Olympic swimming champion he needs to start training as soon as possible...

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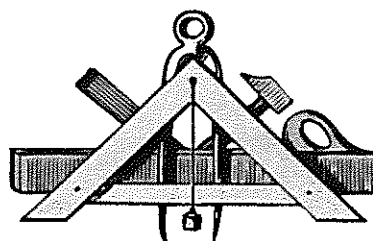
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The scandal of the cake



Earthworm occasionally listens to the wireless and is shocked by what he hears from Ambridge. It couldn't happen in Hambledon—could it?

Autumn is now upon us, thinks Earthworm in his warm heap. The nights now are quite chilly and mid September brought clear night skies and a harvest moon, and even a suspicion of a ground frost.

The word "harvest" nearly brings tears to one's eyes as the promise of a good harvest with high yields in July, the prospect of a reasonable or even a decent return and a means to finance the enormous and spiraling increase in fuel costs really began to fade with the incessant rain of August. July now seems like a dream. The poor farmers were still struggling in mid-September to get their crops cut and dried, the fields ploughed then sown for next year's crops.

Earthworm is thankful for his very simple life where holiday companies and airlines going to the wall, the collapse of long-established banks, and the rescue by helicopters of those stranded by rising floodwater are not his worries, though he does feel a huge wave of sympathy for them.

Fruit and flower shows are happening in every village, and even on *The Archers*, though Earthworm rarely listens. What a loss! This time,

Ambridge was rocked by the scandal of someone entering someone else's cake, a cake now so beautifully iced and decorated that it had become almost unrecognizable. Hambledon has never had such excitement, not even a bought cucumber pretending to be home-grown. Earthworm supposes it could never happen amongst the upstanding community that surrounds us all. But just imagine the outcry and blushes if it ever did.

Mauve to red

The colder nights have hastened the changing colours of the trees – from greens to yellows and browns; aubergine-mauve to the varying shades of reds. The gusts of wind have stirred up the first piles of leaves, and the patterned mosaic is blown all around.

Yet garden mowers are still to be heard. What with the long wet weeks, they have been as busy as ever and, of course, will continue to whirr so long as the grass grows.

Still, what's this? The sun is shining, so cheer up every one, says Earthworm, we may yet enjoy a beautiful autumn.

Blooming lovely

The flower and vegetable show was a great success. But there is one piece of news that's not so good.

There was something new, but also something familiar about the Hambledon Flower and Vegetable Show, which took place at the Village Hall on Saturday, 30 August.

The something new was that several newcomers to the show took prizes. It was also encouraging that the show saw its highest number of entries – 194 – since 2002, its first year, when there were 198.

Something familiar was to see Mary Grove winning the Sutton Seeds voucher for the most awards – Mary won nine. But, overall, 36 different entries took first or second place.

Mic Coleman of the Horticultural Society says that the show was more successful than he had

anticipated given the summer's weather. But at least the day itself was the brightest one of the month.

Mic also wonders if anyone took photographs of the event. If so, copies would be much appreciated for the village records.

One piece of bad news, however, is that Mic would like to find someone else to run the show for 2009. He says: "I started the show for people who did not enter the normal horticultural shows, so there were fewer restrictions on entry and it was more just for fun." And he adds, modestly: "It could do with some new blood and some new ideas."

We doubt that. Even so, Mic assures us that, compared with some of the events that Hambledon puts on, it's an easy show to run. So, anyone who might want to take on the task should contact Mic on 01428 682977. That's also the number to call if you took pictures of the event.

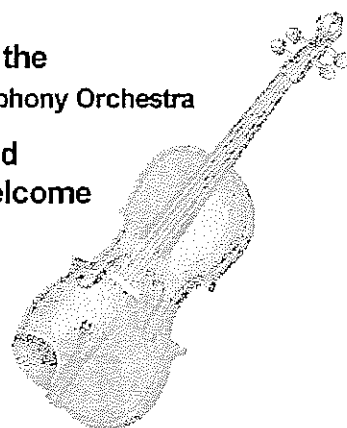
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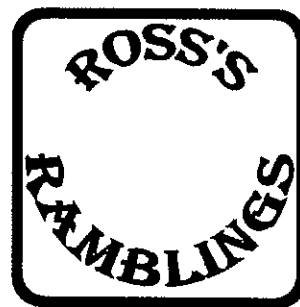
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Make 'em laugh

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A class of five-year-old schoolchildren return to the classroom after their break. The teacher says to the first child, "Hello, Becky, what have you been doing this playtime?" Becky replies: "I've been playing in the sand box." "That's nice," says the teacher. "If you can spell 'sand' on the blackboard, I'll give you a biscuit." So Becky goes to the board and writes 'sand'. "Very good," says the teacher and gives her a biscuit.

The teacher then says to Freddie: "What have you been doing in your playtime?" Freddie replies: "Playing with Becky in the sand box." "Lovely," says the teacher. "If you can spell 'box' on the blackboard, I'll give you a biscuit." Now Freddie goes to the blackboard, and writes out 'box'. "Very good," says the teacher and gives him a biscuit.

Then the teacher turns to the most disruptive child in the class. "Now, Paul, what were you doing in your break?" "I wanted to play with Becky and

Freddie in the sand box," says Paul, "but they wouldn't let me. They kept calling me nasty things and saying 'Go away, smelly'."

"Oh dear," said the teacher, "that's not very nice. That sounds like anti-social behaviour. Never mind, Paul. If you can spell 'anti-social behaviour', I'll give you a biscuit."

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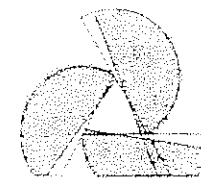
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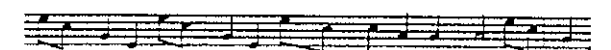


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Cleaning fluid

Actually, this month's Byways is really from Mrs Magpie—everything you wanted to know about saving money around the house

BYWAYS

An occasional
column
from
around
our
plot



I seem to be going round in circles in my dealings with the Highways Department at Surrey County Council's offices in Kingston. It was April when I first sent the department a letter asking for comments on the state of our lanes in Hambledon and the effect of the huge lorries rumbling through our village. And, of course, I asked if they would hold back the council "hedge hacker" for another month, so that the wild flowers in the banks could seed.

I have now received four acknowledgments from them – because I've actually sent the same letter three times, with some minor amendments. And that's all. Just acknowledgements, but no reply.

But does Magpie give up? Not at all. I've still got a few tricks up my sleeve.

This month's column, however, is largely devoted to the other half's guide to saving money around the home. So here are some handy tips to keep hold of those much-needed pennies.

Cleaning tips

- Instead of using expensive brand-name cleaning products, use a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda on a damp cloth. It works just as well at a fraction of the price.
- Vinegar is great for cleaning surfaces without any smearing, such as windows and mirrors. Fill an old spray bottle half vinegar and half water for easy use.
- Unless your clothes are very dirty, try adding only half the recommended amount of washing powder – it will clean your clothes just as well as the full amount. For white washes, add a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda.
- Buy a supermarket's own brand of washing powder. It will clean just as well as branded products, but costs much less.

Energy saving

- Turn off your appliances at the wall socket before going to bed at night. Many electrical items still use a small amount of current if the plug is turned on, even when the appliance is switched off.
- Heating appliances use more electricity than any other sort of appliance. So, if you use electricity for cooking, turn off the oven and hotplates a few minutes before you've finished using them. They'll stay hot for quite a while. The same applies to your iron.
- When using your kettle, turn it off precisely when the water starts to boil. The automatic shut-off will

leave it on for a bit longer than you actually need.

• Fill up the oven when you use it. Even if you have just one dish to cook, fill the oven with baking trays. This means there is less space to heat, so the oven will reach the required temperature quicker than it would if there was just the one dish in it.

• Consider buying reflecting sheets to put behind your radiators. These reflect heat back into the room, so less heat is lost. And if you want to be really economical, you could use tin foil wrapped around cardboard – that works just as well though it may not do much for the aesthetics.

Phew, I feel better off already. Anyway, let's finish on a lighter note. Anagrams anyone?

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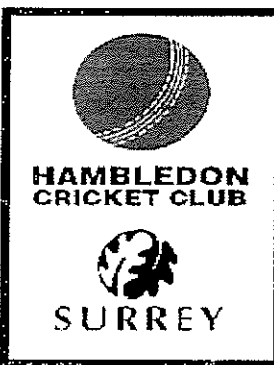
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Close of play

Stumps have been drawn for another year, but Hambledon Cricket Club had a good season

The cricket season is over for another year and, despite the rain and many cancelled matches, the club had some good results.

Village League Division 1—Hambledon 1st. XI
Hambledon 1st. XI were 3rd in the 1st. Division. We could not quite maintain the winning results as last year when we were 2nd. Many matches were cancelled due to the rain through July and August.



Village League Division 2—Hambledon 2nd. XI
Hambledon 2nd. XI were 5th in the 2nd. Division, which shows that they had a good season despite the rain.

The cricket season now is over with the last friendly match against Uplands at home, the result of which was not known at time of writing

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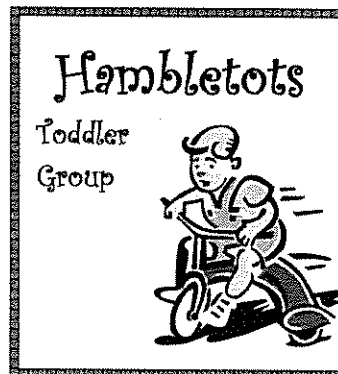
The "200 Club" Third Draw has taken place and the winners are:

- 1st. Prize £50.00 - No. 120 - Harry Wood
- 2nd. Prize £30.00 - No. 113 - Tom Waring
- 3rd. Prize £20.00 - No. 39 - Peter Bredell
- 4th. Prize £10.00 - No. 132 - Dave Sampson

■ **Hamblelots** is a friendly toddler group which meets every Wednesday (except the 3rd of each month) at the Hambledon Village Hall. Play begins at 10am and we finish with singing just before 11.30am. It costs £1.50 for one child and £2 for two children. This also includes a hot drink for the Mums and a snack for the children.

Dates for this month are: 1st October, 8th October and 22nd October. 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.

If you would like any further information about Hamblelots, please contact Jo Ingham on 01428 684002.



■ The existence of Satan is assumed throughout the Bible. As Paul says: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph 6:12).

He reminds us about the reality of spiritual warfare, how the spiritual world directly affects the physical and that evil powers oppose God's work. Let's not forget that God is sovereign and that evil only operates as he allows. It's too easy to blame Satan when circumstances go wrong, and it's simply the result of our own wrong choices. So how does Satan operate in our lives? The Bible offers some answers:

- Spoiling God's work in us, *John 10:10*
- Hindering spiritual understanding, *2 Corinthians 4:4*
- Sowing doubts into our minds, *Matthew 4:3,6*

■ Tempting us to break God's law, *Genesis 3:6*

So how do we resist evil? On the cross Jesus secured victory over Satan, "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Col 2:15).

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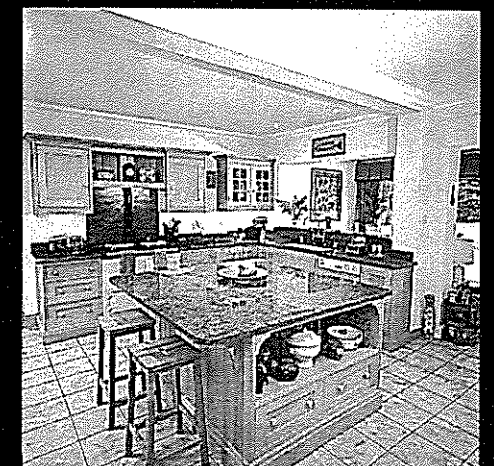
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Village Community Fund

The Hambledon Village Community Fund was launched at this year's Parish Assembly to provide a permanent and cost-effective source of funding for Hambledon's charitable projects, as Tim Parker explains.

These days funding for local community projects from local or central government is scarce. The trend is likely to get worse. It is far more likely that any surplus public funds (if there are any) are siphoned off to areas of the country (particularly urban areas) where there is a perceived higher 'return' for every pound spent – and 'return' is seen in political terms and means more votes. A small and scattered village in south-west Surrey is likely to remain far down the priority list. It must therefore be time to consider the future of our village and take some of the initiative into our own hands.

The Village Community Fund has been set up for the long term for this purpose. Over time, it will become a permanent source of funding to support and benefit village projects, voluntary groups and people in need in the village. It also provides an effective way for Hambledon residents to support their own community.

The benefits are as follows:

- it is controlled and run by Hambledon people
- it benefits any village not-for-profit activity
- it involves local people in the grant-making decisions (a grants panel is elected and will consider recommendations and applications)
- it builds over time both from donations and from

■ Bible Sunday this year falls on 26 October, when church-goers around the world will pause to reflect on what the Bible has meant in their lives. This year's theme is *Buried Treasure?*, which is based on Psalm 119. To mark the day, Bible Society is encouraging Christians to share the 'treasure' in two ways. One is to take part in Bible Monday—Bible Society's Bring Your Bible to Work Day—the day after Bible Sunday. (All is explained on Bible Society's website at www.biblesociety.org.uk/.)

The other is to share the Bible's treasures by helping someone to buy their own copy of the Bible. This year, Bible Sunday gifts will provide Bibles for disadvantaged young people, such as those at Jamaica's Sidewalk Sunday Schools, which is also featured in the DVD.

Bible Sunday was launched by Bible Society 104 years ago, on 6 March 1904. Soon it was adopted into the church liturgical year. Following the liturgical revision in the late 1990s, Bible Sunday was moved to October.

capital growth

■ it enables donations to be made at any time and is tax effective

The Hambledon Village Community Fund is administered by the Surrey Community Foundation, an independent charity which is part of a national network of Community Foundations. The reasons for this arrangement are:

■ the community foundation takes on the legal and administrative responsibilities of running a charitable trust

■ it reduces costs for individual funds (such as ours)

■ it provides a tax-efficient in which way to maximise donations

■ it can provide a conduit for funds and grants sourced elsewhere, such as the Grassroots Programme, or the Young People's Rural Project Fund.

So, the Hambledon Village Community Fund is here to raise the level of giving for charitable need in our own community. Let's see what we can do.

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Plant spring bulbs

Continue planting bulbs for spring-flowering displays. Give priority to daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, fritillarias, erythroniums, irises and small bulbs in rock gardens. Tulips can be kept back for planting later in October and even into early November.

Prune rambling roses

Prune back old flowering stems on rambler roses and tie in any new shoots to the support.

Enjoy seed-heads

The last orange-peel blooms of Clematis orientalis open their fluffy seed-heads as the autumn sun catches their silky, silvery strands. Enjoy the display until late February, when all stems can be untangled and pruned hard back to about 60cm (2ft) above soil level.

Create a crocus carpet

Brighten up an expanse of lawn, especially around trees or in less formal areas, by planting a crocus carpet. The best way to make it look natural is to pick up large handfuls of crocus corms and freely scatter them around. Use a bulb planter to take out cores of soil where they fall, popping a corm into each hole before replacing the turf and watering in. After flowering in spring, allow their grassy foliage to develop and refrain from mowing off until the end of May or early June.

Dahlias

Lift and store dahlia tubers as soon as their foliage has been blackened by the first frost. Cut the hollow stems back down to about 10cm (4in) above the tuber. The tuber should then be stood upside down to allow any water to drain out.

Sweet peas

Sow seeds in pots now, then keep in a cold frame or a sheltered position for the winter. Autumn-raised plants will produce blooms earlier than those sown during spring.

Gladioli

Don't delay digging up gladioli corms. Lift them as soon as possible and lay them out on greenhouse

staging to dry before cleaning off the soil and cutting back their old foliage and flower spikes. Pick off any tiny corms that have formed around the parent. Keep them in paper bags, labelled with the variety name, and replant in a nursery bed in late spring to grow them into larger corms of flowering size.

Greenhouse

Protect tender perennials

Temperatures in colder areas can drop considerably in October, especially at night. Bring large containers of tender perennials, such as fuchsias, argyranthemums, pelargoniums and abutilons, into the shelter of the greenhouse for winter. Plants growing outside in borders can be carefully lifted, potted up and brought under cover. If their top growth is tall and

leggy, trim it back to avoid possible damage.

Begonias

Reduce the amount of water given to pot-grown tuberous begonias, letting the compost dry out and the tops die off. Later in winter, remove the leaves and compost, dust the tuber with sulphur powder and store in paper bags in a cool, dry place.

General care

Sow hardy annuals

If you're gardening on a tight budget, sow hardy annuals. These will quickly germinate and the thinned seedlings will flower earlier than spring-sown annuals. If you grew hardy annuals this year, why not save some seeds to sow now or in the spring.

Garden waste

During autumn the garden often produces more waste than you can cope with, so now is the time to consider investing in a shredder and additional compost bins. Recycling organic material by composting it is always preferable to having bonfires, as any neighbour will tell you.

Gardening in October

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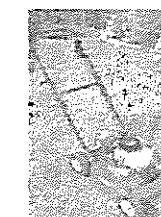
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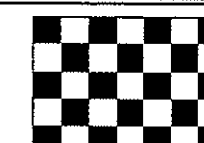
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Lift mine eyes unto the hills

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'Morning in the Riesengebirge'. It hangs in the Schloß Charlottenburg, Berlin.

**GOD
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The artist should not only paint what he sees before him, but also what he sees within him. These are the words of a German romantic painter, Caspar David Friedrich, who lived from 1774-1840. The inspiration for most of his paintings was the countryside and the world of nature around him—much like the great British landscape painter, JMW Turner, who was active at the same time. As Friedrich looked at nature's beauty and grandeur, it awoke in him feelings of wonder and awe, which he expressed through his art.

At the age of 34 he painted a cross in the mountains as an altarpiece for a church in Dresden: the first time pure landscape had been used for an altar. Later, in 1811, he painted a similar, but more profound and more moving work: 'Morning in the Riesengebirge', which is shown below.

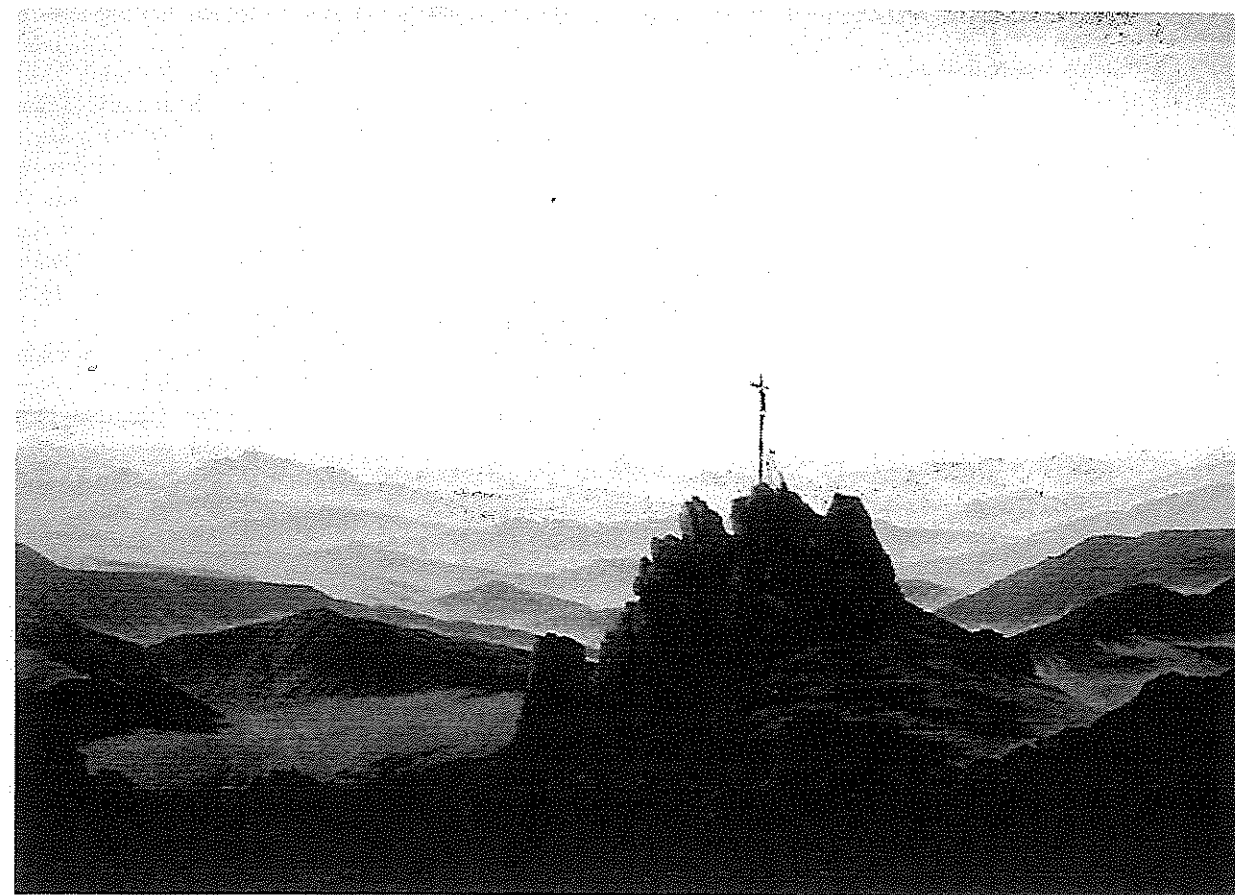
Friedrich was a great walker and climber, and he loved the mountains of East Saxony depicted here. The first rays of the sun are coming over the horizon to illuminate both the beauty of the hills, and

the tall crucifix placed on the mountain top. Friedrich looked at the glory of nature at sunrise and saw there a sign of God the creator, and God the one who sent his Son to redeem that creation.

Like Caspar David Friedrich, and like the psalmist, we can look to the hills and see the glory and greatness of God.

But we give thanks for creation and the bounty of the world at a time when we hear reports of glaciers melting, water levels rising, greenhouse gases warming up our planet, and resources of food and fuel wasted and depleted. It is easy to take this world for granted and imagine it is here solely for us. Yet Caspar David Friedrich invites us to look at the world, in its beauty and greatness, as a gift for us to cherish, not to manipulate and exploit for solely our own use.

As we look at this earth with eyes of wonder and gratitude, then we shall find the God who created and redeemed it, and ask what service and stewardship we can offer him in the world.



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Strolling in the rain

The ramblers took to the Low Weald, from Ebernoe to Northchapel. It was wet, but worth it—particularly the surprise celebration at the end.

Well, we had to get wet sometime. Our day began well enough outside the little church at Ebernoe. To reach it we had driven down the country road alongside a cricket green where the boundary crosses the road, marked by a white line. This must be quite exciting when there is a game in progress.

Our walk took us along broad woodland paths under mature beech trees, unfortunately masked by a strong growth of holly so we couldn't see their majestic trunks. There were dozens of paths criss-crossing and little streams crossed by plank bridges.

We crossed our incoming road and went on through several hamlets and farmsteads. One of these, Blackwool Farm, had lakes and advertised trout fishing. They also had lots of ducks of several varieties. We are not too hot on duck identification.

On again through the woods and eventually out at the back of Northchapel where the views were stunning, through the churchyard and on to the pubs.

The rain began and both pubs were closed, nor would they open for us a minute before 12.30. "Too late," we cried and went to the village shop.

There we found everything we needed, the rain had stopped so we sat outside and had our lunch. The shop is under new ownership, has recently undergone a complete refit, looks great, is welcoming and open six days a week 7 am to 6 pm and four hours or so on Sunday. Staffed entirely by the own-

ers, man and wife, with one other paid staff member who works from 8.00am to 5.00pm - phew.

After lunch it was on and up over the fields in the drizzle. We passed a balloon centre, not open, a lovely old converted cottage with a ha-ha looking out over the Sussex Weald and then the rain came down in earnest.

An impressive circular construction on a hill-top in the distance was marked on the map as an aerial radio beacon. Was this the "Midhurst Beacon" we wondered?

Anyway, it was a soggy party that trudged back to Ebernoe, where a surprise awaited. One of our number had a birthday, the church had a welcoming porch and somehow a birthday cake complete with candles was produced. So a celebration finished our day. Thank you Jenny for a really good walk and thoughtful etceteras.

■ **Next Walk, 14 October, Boxgrove and Hainaker.** Meet at Village Hall at 9.00am. Bring packed lunch. The walk, about 9 miles, is circular starting and finishing at Eatham Woods by way of the Goodwood Estate, Boxgrove, Hainaker and Hainaker Mill. Some of the route goes along a Roman road. In Boxgrove there is a 12th century abbey and the grave of Billy Fiske, the first US citizen killed on active service in the Second World War. The village was the location for the first recorded cricket match in Sussex in 1622. Details, John Adams 01483 422611.

■ **Another walking opportunity**

There will be a sponsored walk in aid of The Holy Cross Hospital on Sunday, 12 October. It will start at 10.00am at the hospital, and cover approx 11.5 miles with lunch at the Wheatsheaf in Grayswood. For information or sponsorship forms, contact Jamie Sehmer on 01428 681998 or email Jamie@sehmer.demon.co.uk.



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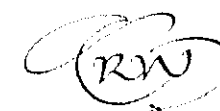
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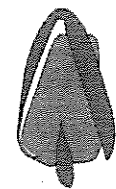
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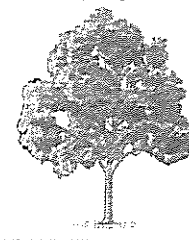
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From the mouths of babes . . .

Be careful what questions you ask your children. The answers they give may be smarter than you would expect—especially if the subject is religion

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so the children would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd be sick."

One Sunday morning, the vicar noticed Alex was staring up at a memorial plaque that hung in the church. He had been staring at it for some time, so the vicar walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Hello, vicar," replied the child, still focused on the plaque.

"Vicar, what's this?" he asked.

"Well, Alex, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in one of the services."

They stood in silence, staring at the memorial. Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"

Finding one of her children making faces at others in the playground, Miss. Smith, the Sunday-school teacher, gently reprimanded the child, saying: "Henry, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that."

Henry looked up and replied, "Well, Miss. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

A boy was watching his father, a vicar, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mum, I've decided to become a vicar when I grow up."

"That's very nice. What made you decide?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and it will be more fun to stand up and make silly noises than to sit and listen."

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started singing in a loud voice, "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you..."

A four-year-old Catholic boy was playing with a four-year-old Protestant girl in a children's pool in the backyard. They splashed each other, got very wet and decided to take their wet clothes off. The little boy looked at the little girl and said, "Golly, I didn't know there was so much difference between Catholics and Protestants."

While walking along the pavement in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer.

His five-year-old son and his friends had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the bird. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said, "Glory be to the Faather, and to the Sonnnn. . . and into the hole you goooo."

**"Golly, I didn't
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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. One child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

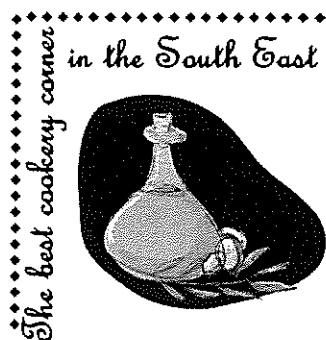
Another Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," said his father.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "So did God throw him down again?"



Chicken Roulades

These chicken rolls make a very light lunch or a starter for a dinner party. Equally, they can be sliced and served cold and served cold with a salad.

Guy Lemieux

- 8 Chicken thighs, boned and skinned
- 8 oz Frozen spinach
- 1 oz Butter
- 2 oz Pine nuts
- Grated nutmeg
- 2 oz White bread crumbs
- 8 oz Rashers streaky bacon
- 4 tbsp Olive oil
- ½ pint White wine
- 4 tsp Cornflour
- 4 tbsp Single cream

Method

Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 4. Place the chicken between cling film and flatten with a rolling pin. Put

the spinach and butter into a pan, heat gently until the spinach is soft, add pine nuts, seasoning, nutmeg and the breadcrumbs.

Divide the filling between the chicken pieces and roll neatly. Wrap a rasher of bacon round each piece and tie with fine string.

Heat the oil in a pan and brown the rolls all over. Lift out and put in a shallow ovenproof dish. Pour over the wine, cover and bake for 20 minutes. Transfer the meat to a serving dish and remove the string. Put the liquid in a saucepan, blend the cornflour with cold water and add to the pan plus the cream. Bring to the boil until thick. Pour the sauce around the chicken and serve. Serves four.

Oysters with spinach and tarragon butter

Oysters

These days, oysters are an expensive luxury, which makes it difficult to believe that they were once the food of the poor. In fact, steak and kidney pudding was bulked out with oysters in times when meat was scarce and expensive. They are available all year round but are best between October and February, when the sea is cold. Oyster-lovers prefer to eat them raw from the shell, sprinkled with a little lemon juice, but they can be eaten cooked. Thanks for this recipe to Richard Corrigan from The Great British Menu.

Ingredients

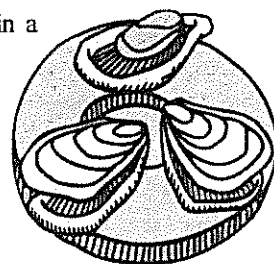
- 8-12 oysters
- 10½ oz spinach
- 1 handful fresh watercress, leaves only
- 1 tbsp celery, sliced into fine cubes
- 3 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tsp chopped fresh tarragon
- 5¼ oz unsalted butter, cubed
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tsp Pastis
- 2 tbsp fresh breadcrumbs

Method

Shuck the oysters: drape a towel over your palm to hold the oyster. Using a small, thick-bladed knife or oyster knife, run the knife along the oyster, being careful not to cut yourself. Use a twisting motion to pry the shells apart, taking care not to pour away any of the liquor. Reserve the bottom shells as well as the oysters and liquor.

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil and blanch the spinach for 30 seconds. Drain the spinach, before transferring it to a bowl of iced water. Drain it again well.

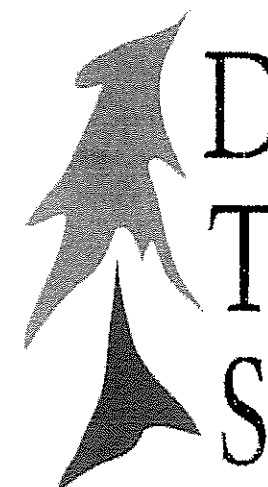
Blend the spinach in a food processor with the watercress leaves. Transfer to a large bowl. Stir in the celery, shallots and tarragon. Gradually whisk in the butter until completely blended. Season with the cayenne pepper, salt and freshly ground black pepper and stir in the Pastis.



Heat a grill until hot.

Arrange the oysters on their shells and spoon over the prepared sauce. Sprinkle over the breadcrumbs and cook under the grill for 2-3 minutes. Serve straight away. Serves four.

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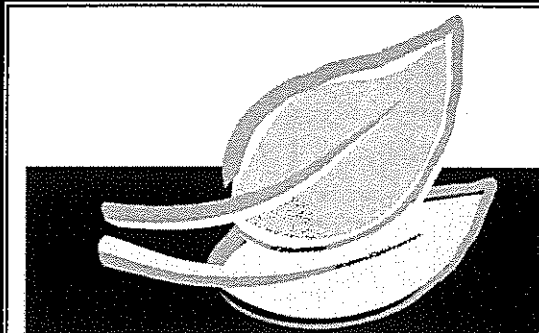
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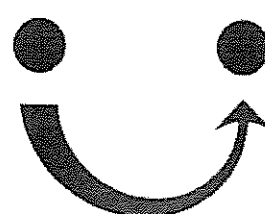
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prayer for the world

I'm sorry for...

Father God, forgive me

I'm worried about...

please help me, Lord

MY PRAYER CUBE

thank you for...

for my family and my friends

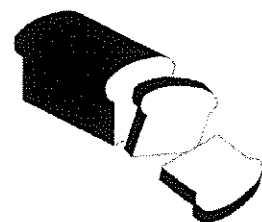
LORD, help me to learn how to pray and talk to you. Amen.

FATHER GOD, thank you for all the good things you give me. Amen



DAILY BREAD

The prayer we use most often is the one that Jesus gave us, The Lord's Prayer. And there is one line in it that comes to mind specially in the autumn when we are celebrating the harvest – 'give us this day our daily bread'.



Jesus told us to pray for 'daily bread'. This had a special meaning when the women would bake only one day's supply of bread at a time. Lots of families now have freezers or can easily get to the shops so conditions have changed. But the lesson of the prayer is still as important – it is for the needs of life, not the luxuries.

As with all The Lord's Prayer we don't pray for 'me' or 'I', we pray 'give us our daily bread'. It isn't a prayer for one person but for all of us. In our present world, where so many suffer hunger and poverty, this prayer reminds us that we are all part of the same world and all need the basics of life to survive.

ENOUGH TO SHARE

This recipe makes some very nice Smartie Biscuits to share...

115g/4oz margarine
115g/4oz light muscovado sugar
1 tablespoon golden syrup
½ teaspoon vanilla essence
175g/6oz self-raising flour
85g/3oz Smarties

Preheat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas 4. Grease or line 2 baking sheets.

Beat together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Then beat in the golden syrup and vanilla essence. Stir in half the flour and work it into the mixture. Stir in the Smarties and the remaining flour and work the dough together with your fingers.

Roll the dough into 16 balls and place them on the baking sheets, well apart to allow for spreading. Do not flatten the balls.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 – 12 minutes or until pale golden at the edges. Leave to cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.



Why did the sandwich go to the dentist?

Because he had lost his fillings.

What is yellow, brown and hairy?

Cheese on toast dropped on the carpet.

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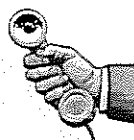
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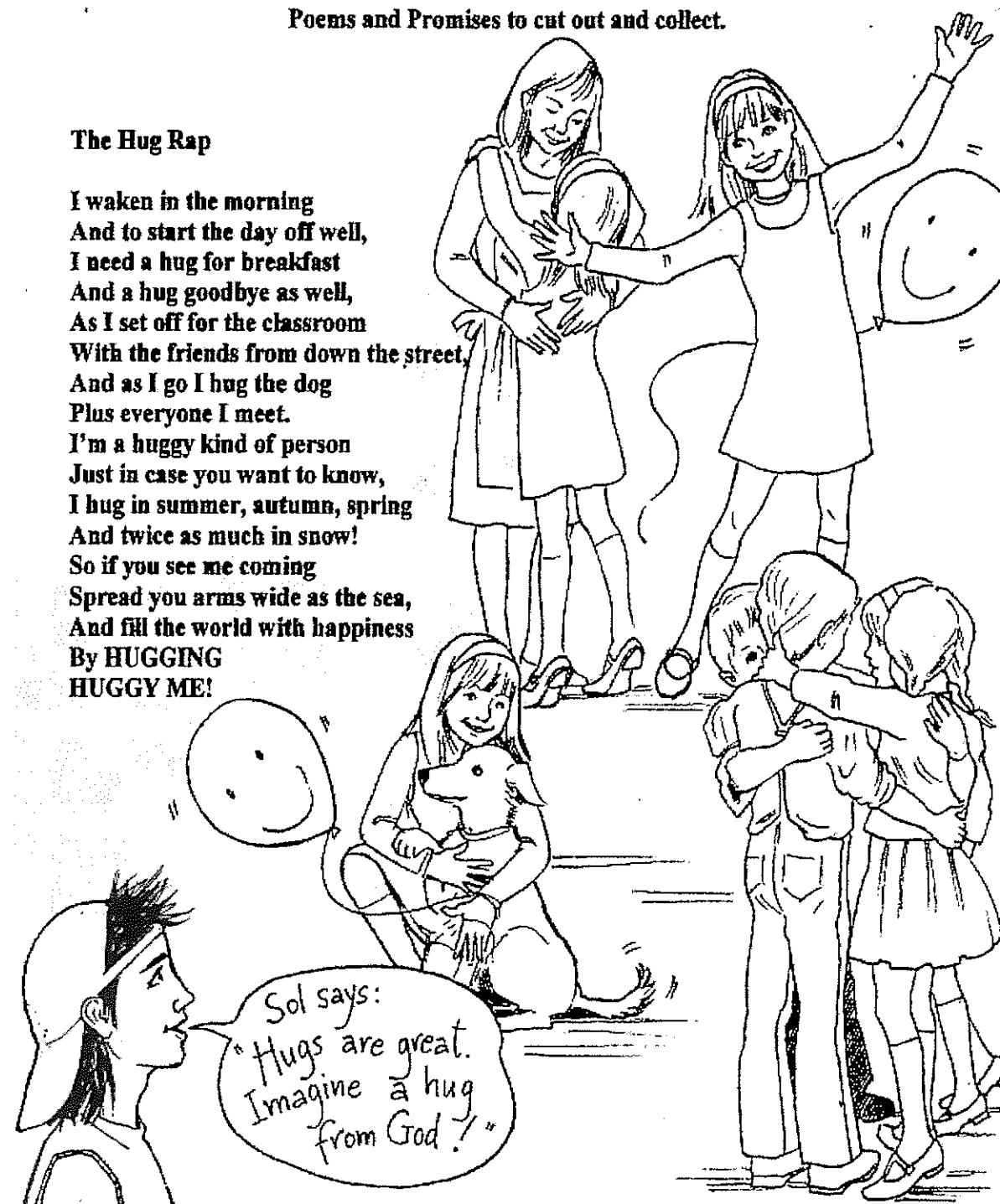
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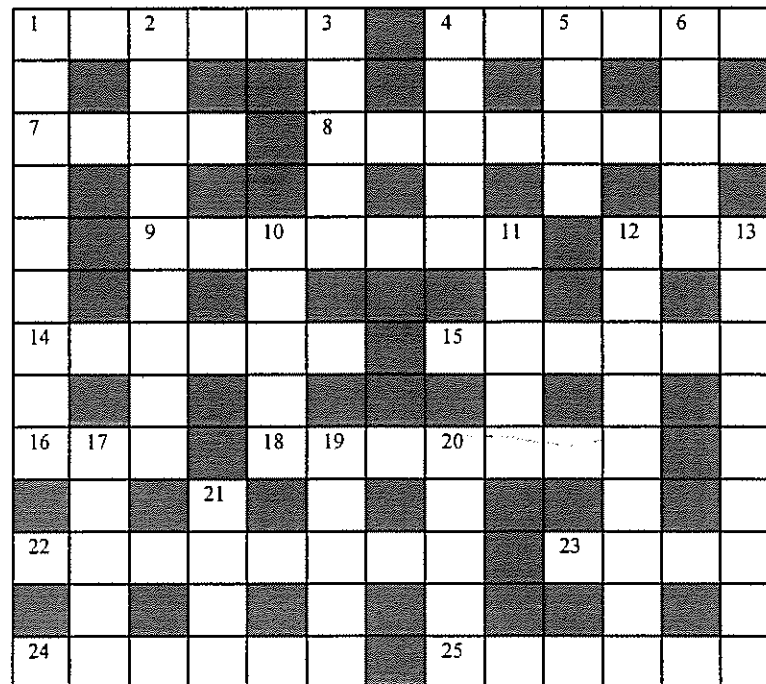
I waken in the morning
And to start the day off well,
I need a hug for breakfast
And a hug goodbye as well,
As I set off for the classroom
With the friends from down the street,
And as I go I hug the dog
Plus everyone I meet.
I'm a huggy kind of person
Just in case you want to know,
I hug in summer, autumn, spring
And twice as much in snow!
So if you see me coming
Spread you arms wide as the sea,
And fill the world with happiness
By HUGGING
HUGGY ME!



He will care for his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, hugging them as he carries them.
(Isaiah 40:11a, The Message)

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Quick Crossword



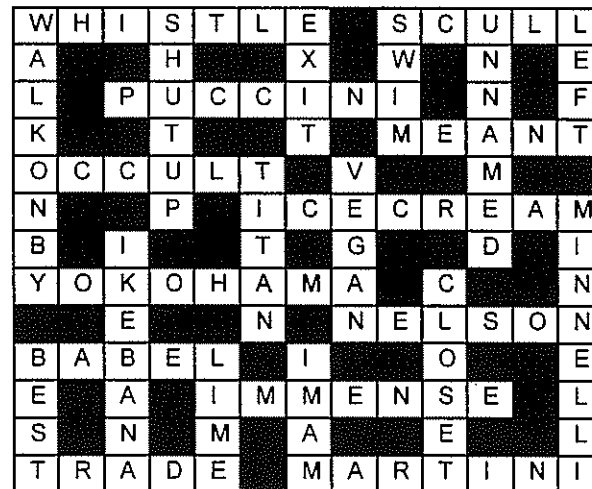
Across

1. Gambol (6)
4. Habit, practice (6)
7. After deductions (4)
8. Creator of the English clown (8)
9. Red pepper (7)
12. Sphere (3)
14. Type of nut (6)
15. Bill-sticker (6)
16. Prepare (a table) (3)
18. Prickly plant (7)
22. Differ (8)
23. Platform of logs (4)
24. Soldier on watch (6)
25. Merchant (6)

September Solution

Down

1. Enthusiastic (9)
2. James Bond film (9)
3. Havana, eg (5)
4. Young hen (5)
5. Adult cygnet (4)
6. Senior (5)
10. Fold in material (5)
11. Approximately (5)
12. Alert (2,3,4)
13. Court representative (9)
17. In existence (5)
19. When Met Sally, film (5)
20. Chimney sweep (5)
21. Final (4)



Answer to September Brain Teaser

Boring Party

How many guests were originally at the party at 7 pm? - **Answer 81**

October Brain Teaser

What numbers go in the empty brackets?

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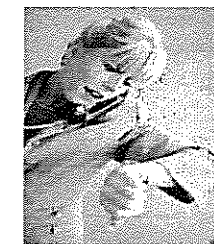
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