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Lay Minister's Musings – August

Dear All

Last month Peter Shaw wrote about life as a pilgrimage, and the joys and benefits of travelling through life together, and he commented that pilgrimage is about the journey as well as the destination.

Which got me thinking, thinking in particular that what often happens at the start and the end of a pilgrimage or journey is that we gather together.

Now, it may be no coincidence that these thoughts came hot on the heels of the amazing Hambledon Festival weekend, which featured – and indeed depended on! – an awful lot of gathering together. And I mean a lot! A village of around eight hundred souls hosted a variety of events, including on Friday evening Jazz on the Green (about 500 in the audience); on Saturday afternoon the Hambledon Fête (no headcount, but reckoned by one of the organisers to be the busiest so far) followed in the evening by the Hambledon Ball (440 boppers and boogiers!); and on Sunday morning well over 100 worshippers at the St Peter's Service on the Green.

So what is it about gathering that is so important? Well, in many cases there's a financial element (and, as noted elsewhere, the Festival weekend raised about £18,000 for good causes in and around the village – an amazing achievement). But it's so much more than just that: in particular gathering strengthens a sense of community and helps to build and develop relationships.

At St Peter's we've just finished a series of sermons focussing on just this question – why do we gather together, in our case in churches around Godalming Minster, in home groups and elsewhere? The first and foremost reason is to worship God together. As Christians, we look around at the natural world and, everywhere we look, we see evidence of a Creator God who is, well, awesome and worth worshipping.

But there are other reasons. One is to encourage each other. Life can be a bed of roses, but perhaps all too often it feels more like a bed of thorns and difficult to cope with. By gathering together (and this can apply equally to gatherings outside of church) we can encourage each other and build each other up, sharing the ups and downs of life, in whatever context we gather.

Another is to encounter that living, Creator God – a God who, despite being awesome and all powerful, loves us humans. Loves us despite all our failings, and despite the horrendous way that we have treated the world He created and, sadly all too often, the people around us.

We find that those encounters with God can – and do – change us, our outlooks and our lives for the good.

And I guess that, in a nutshell, the aim of our gathering at St Peter's can be described as trying to do life together, better... St Peter's is not a closed shop. On the contrary, we'd love to welcome anyone who comes, for whatever reason, and share with you the joy and benefits of gathering together



Dudley Hilton, Licensed Lay Minister
St Peter's Church, Godalming Minster

Godalming Minster St Peter's Hambledon
CHURCH CALENDAR
 August 2026

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To watch online, go to www.godalmingminster.org/sundays or search Godalming Minster on YouTube

Enjoy coffee and croissants from the village shop after our morning service.

**During the school summer holidays, we join with other congregations
across Godalming Minster and rotate locations.**

2 August **10am Morning Worship at St John's, Busbridge** (with Live Stream)
 7th Sunday after Trinity *(no service at Hambledon)*

No Wednesday Morning Prayer services – they resume in September

9 August **10.30 am Churches together at the Bandstand – Godalming**
 8th Sunday after Trinity **at The Philips Memorial Park, (No service at Hambledon)**

16 August **10am Morning worship** (with Live Stream)
 9th Sunday after Trinity

Wednesday 20 August 10.30-11.30am Coffee Morning and Hearing Aid Clinic

23 August **10am Morning Worship at Godalming Minster**
 10th Sunday after Trinity **at St John's, Busbridge (No service in Hambledon)**

30 August **10am Morning Worship with Holy Communion** (with Live Stream)
 11th Sunday after Trinity

And in September ...

2 September **9-9.30 am Morning Prayer in Church**

7 September **10am Morning Worship** (with Live Stream)
 12th Sunday after Trinity

10th Sunday after Trinity

Save the Dates:

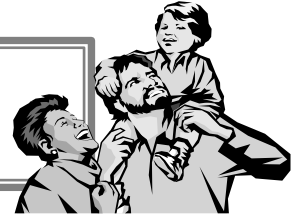
Sunday 6 September at 6pm:. **Hymns & Pimm's** *Choose a hymn... sing along !*

Sunday 30 November at 6pm:. **Advent Choral Evensong** *A traditional service*

To watch online, see above. Services are relaxed and friendly, with a blend of Common Worship, traditional hymns, songs and more contemporary elements. . Check the website godalmingminster.org for any updates to the calendar, and to find out what's going on across Godalming Minster.

To subscribe to Godalming Minster weekly notices, email vic.hicks@godalmingminster.org

PARISH & PEOPLE



2026 Hambledon Festival – a huge Success

Jon Petersen writes: With the sun finally setting on this year's Hambledon Festival, I wanted to share with the village an update – and some bittersweet news – .

What a weekend it was! Over three fantastic days, every single event went exactly as well as we could have possibly hoped. We truly couldn't have asked for more perfect weather, and it was wonderful to see the community come together and enjoy themselves so thoroughly.

Thanks to everyone's incredible generosity and hard work, we are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of £18,000 for distribution to local causes.

However, this festival also marks the end of an era. After many years of service, a large number of the current committee members have decided that it is time to retire. While we have loved every minute of steering this ship, one passed on to us by previous custodians, we feel it is now time for a new group to take the reins, bring fresh ideas, and find their own way forward.

Can Sunset of one era lead to Dawn of a new one? YES IT CAN – WITH YOU ON BOARD

If anyone in the village is interested in keeping this wonderful tradition alive and shaping the future of the festival, we would love to hear from you.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported, attended, and helped out to make this year such a resounding success.

Warmest regards, The Hambledon Festival Committee

hamblefest@hambledonsurrey.co.uk



Nick Root writes about the plant stall at the Fete:

Dear All, I wanted to thank a few people for their help on the plant stall at the fete.

A massive thank you to Hydons Flower Farm for giving hundreds of plants and helping to man the stall working from 6 am to 6 pm.

All for no money. Also Michael and Emma Lines provided some super plants and succulents and Emma Dunn for providing fantastic almost new pots which all sold for a fine price.

Overall it was a great event and made one realise what a great bunch of people live in the area. We are very lucky.

Cancer and Surgical Innovation Centre is Up!

Our MP Sir Jeremy Hunt writes –

“Who says nothing ever changes? OK it's taken five years, but after lobbying Simon Stevens in 2021, running four marathons and supporting countless community fundraising events, the new CASIC centre at the Royal Surrey has been built.

Just a few final checks and it will start admitting 7,000 patients a year in a way that will transform local cancer treatment. I met Royal Surrey Chief Executive Louise Stead, Project Clinical Lead Dr Geeta Aggarwal and Construction Manager Simon Sturgess for a tour on Friday. The operating theatres and clinical spaces are light, spacious and thoughtfully designed – and it really shows.

Activities, and some good news



Hambledon Parish Clerk Catherine Russell updates us.

Hambledon Parish Council met on Tuesday 7th July in the Village Hall. It started by welcoming a number of residents from Lane End. They requested assistance regarding the condition of the road surface at their end of the village. The road has recently been resurfaced, but due to the weather it has not set properly causing issues with melting tar. The Parish Council will raise this issue with SCC Highways and report it is not a suitable standard and requires remedial work. Cllr Deanus reported that he had been made aware of the issue as well. An engineer will likely organise a site visit to understand what work is required.

The Lane End residents also asked the Parish Council to consider objecting to the application WA/2026/00972, Land at Stepside. The Council discussed the application later in the meeting and agreed to submit an objection on the same grounds used for the recently refused Great Meadow application. It was noted that SCC Highways has already commented and responded that the development poses an unacceptable risk to road safety. Surrey's AONB advisor has also written a strong objection. Residents additionally suggested an investigation into the inclusion of the area to the Conservation Area. The Clerk will follow this up with Cllr Austin, but this would need to be part of Waverley's long term development of its Local Plan..

Turning to finances, Hambledon Parish Council reported receipt of a SCC grant of £13,176 This will be used to fund a new outdoor kitchen, which will be purchased in collaboration with the Cricket Club.

The Internal Audit is complete and the External Audit will follow. The Council expressed its thanks to Liz Scannell for her 10 years of excellent, thorough work as the Council's Internal Audit. As she is

stepping down from the role, the Council will be looking for a new internal auditor for next year.

The Parish Council agreed to use Henry Smith funds for a donation to the local Food Bank to support those who may struggle with extra food costs over the summer holidays. The Henry Smith Charity provides funds to those who live in the village and may be facing harder financial circumstances. Small grants can be provided to individuals or groups. Please get in touch with the Clerk, all information will be treated with complete confidentiality.

Under maintenance matters, the Council agreed that it was not necessary to finance any more grit bins as the current bins are full and ready for the winter season. Also received was the annual independent inspection of the village play area, showing it was in good upkeep.

The Council were happy to hear that the Speedwatch team has recruited three new members of the team. The good weather has meant a few sessions have also been held, now supported by the use of body cameras. The Council continues to fund welcome packs for those who are new to the village. It was reported that 98 welcome packs have been delivered since 2018.

2026 is a Festival year, which was a huge success. The Council expressed its gratitude for the amazing efforts of all those involved in bringing the Festival to the village

There will be no meeting in August to allow for a summer break. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st September. The full minutes are held on the Parish Council pages of the village website. Please get in touch with the Clerk if you have any questions. (parishclerk@hambledonsurrey.co.uk)

How to keep our pets cool in hot weather — The British Veterinary Association offers these tips:

Make sure all pets always have access to fresh water to drink, adequate ventilation, and shade from direct sunlight.

Don't exercise dogs in the hottest parts of the day, especially older pets, flat-faced breeds or dogs with known heart or lung problems. Stick to early morning or late evening walks.

Do the five-second tarmac test before taking a dog out for a walk; if it feels too hot for your hands, it's too hot for your dog's paws.

Freeze plastic bottles of water and place them in your rabbit's enclosure to help them stay cool, alongside plenty of fresh water too. Provide extra shade to guinea pigs and rabbits by covering the top of wire mesh runs with damp towels.

Some breeds of cats and dogs, particularly those with lighter-coloured or finer fur, may benefit from pet-safe sun cream, especially on the ear tips, which are prone to sunburn.

Spare a thought for wild animals. Keep out bowls of water for wildlife such as birds and hedgehogs.

Watch out for early signs of heatstroke, such as heavy panting, restlessness and lack of coordination.

Contact a vet immediately if you have any concerns about your pet's health.

What's happening, . . . in and around the village



Regular Coffee Drop-In - Mondays 10:30am-11.30am.

In the Yew Tree Café every Monday morning.

No need to book ahead for these sessions, just come along and enjoy the chat and good company. A member of the Prime Time Team will always be there to welcome you.
NO Coffee Drop-in Session on August Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, Café closed.



Hambletons Baby & Toddler Group - WEDNESDAYS 9:30 - 11am

Come join us for crafts, singing and play!
Term time only at Hambledon Village Hall
Hambletons will be back in September!



£3 per family. Tea, coffee, toast & biscuits included

Thursday 6 August - Summer private guided Godalming town history walk

Pam Talbot of the Godalming Trust, has kindly offered to do a private guided Godalming town history walk for us. A combination of the public summer walks they do, maybe with some extra fascinating curious facts! Earlier in the year Pam gave a very interesting talk about the origins of the Godalming Trust and some of the town's 'hidden' histories. Most of those are on the outskirts of Godalming so we are unlikely to visit them! We will meet at the Pepperpot at 2.30pm and the walk will last no more than 75 minutes. There will be a voluntary donation of £5. The ideal number for such a daytime walk is 15 but there may be room for a few more. After the walk, we will make our way up to the Howling Owl at the Pavillion. They will set aside a reserved area for us to enjoy a cuppa and a slice of their tasty cakes or savouries. We will probably need to share lifts as we won't want to walk up Holloway Hill after our town walk!

Please put this date in your diary and let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in coming.

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Our **2025 charity is: Phyllis Tuckwell** New members welcome! For information, please contact: janetmharvey@btinternet.com or katekaye2@btinternet.com

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'woodstock'



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Hambledon Village Hall Cinema

Woodstock - is the *Projectionist's Choice* showing at the Village Hall in August. This remastered documentary captures the monumental 1969 Music and Art Fair. It is the acclaimed 1970 Oscar-winning film directed by Michael Wadleigh and edited by Martin Scorsese. It chronicles the legendary 3-day festival of "peace and love" in upstate New York, featuring blistering concert performances and candid glimpses into the chaotic, rain-soaked, yet deeply communal audience experience.

The film is presented with 2 interludes affording an opportunity to get sustenance at the bar. Doors and bar open at 6:30pm

Saturday 8th August 7pm at the Village Hall.

£5 Tickets available at the Village Shop

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Wednesday 19 August

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HAMBLEDON VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 29 August until 4.30 pm

9.30 - 11.30am Setup Exhibits *** 2 - 4.30pm Public Viewing *** 4.30pm Exhibits can be removed

Get growing, baking, sewing and making!

Entries and judging take place on Saturday 30 August in the Village Hall.

It's a fun day for the family to enjoy, and open to everyone in the Village.

This year's categories / Class Lists on the Show website: www.hambledonvillageshow.co.uk

You'll also find there lots of ideas from photos of previous years; Show timings, and what to bring with you. The lists are also in this Magazine.

Show Impresarios: Andy Falk and Nessie Alexander

Hambledon Village Shop BBQ



Saturday 29 August, 4:30 to 7pm

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Friday 4 September 10am: Busbridge History Walk

Church member Martyn Sandford will lead us on a 2 hour stroll around Busbridge; starting at 10am from the Pavilion on Busbridge Recreation Ground and finishing at the Yew Tree Café, where lunch will be available for those who wish to extend their participation. Our walk will take in Godalming College, Ladywell Convent and Busbridge Hall plus a number of other less obvious points of interest while Martyn's accompanying commentary will put the stories to these places including Queen Elizabeth I's rather disastrous trip along Brighton Road and the chequered history of Holloway Hill as a smugglers' route.

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Honouring Derek Miller

Janet Smith, Derek's daughter pays tribute to her wonderful and much-loved Dad, He was also much respected and loved in the village too, for all he did, for the Church, Parish Council, Fete, Ball and Ramblers

My dad was quite simply my hero as I grew up and remained so right to the end of his life. He was such a determined, strong and gentlemanly man, who loved his family dearly. He gave of his best in everything he did, and refused to let difficulties stop him. He lived his life to the full.

Dad was born in Bradford, Yorkshire in 1935 and was the eldest of two children born to Edgar and Violet Miller. He always said that the birth of his sister Mary, was his first distinct memory. During Mary's birth he asked his father whether the doctor had brought Mary with him in his doctor's case. His dear sister, Mary, sadly passed away only a few short months ago.

Dad's early years were blighted by illness – He had pleurisy, pneumonia, mumps and whooping cough and he ended up missing around 18 months of school. Despite this, and the fact that his family were really not well off (his father actually went bankrupt after taking bets on a horse, ironically called, 'the Golden Miller') he said that he never ever felt deprived. He had good friends - an ongoing theme throughout his life – he had a loving family and that was all he needed.

Church also played a significant part in dad's early life. He was a server, in the choir and a Sunday school teacher too.

Initially, when dad left school, he worked in his uncle's garage and was expected to take over its management, but though he had a lot of fun with other apprentices, including fights with grease guns, he knew it was not for him.

Whilst working there, an influential member of staff at the Bradford Royal Infirmary came in and asked if Dad was interested in working at the hospital. Following an interview, he took up post as an office boy, and soon after was asked if he would be interested in taking up a career as a radiographer. After deciding he would, he started a 3-year course.

It was at the hospital that he met my mum, Cynthia, and from there, and meeting in their respective church groups, they became 'an item'.

As part of his National Service, Dad was posted to Japan at the age of 20 and was placed in charge of the x-ray department. He and his friend would frequent a local coffee house and would nurse one cup of coffee all evening due to lack of funds. They became so well known that the owners would put on the same piece of music as soon as they went in because they knew they liked it. It was a Benny Goodman track, *Sing, Sing, Sing*. This is the track he

said he would like at his funeral and so you may have heard leaving the church.

After 12 months in Japan, he was given his next posting – the British hospital in Singapore. He met people during his postings from all walks of life, something he said he enjoyed immensely and which he believed stood him in good stead throughout his life. Church remained an important part of his life throughout his postings.

When he was due to be demobbed, he was asked if he could remain, but dad was anxious to return to see Cynthia and so said thank you but no thanks. Throughout his time away she and he had corresponded daily. It's a shame but all those letters are now lost because, apparently, my brother and I took it upon ourselves to post those letters through neighbours doors at one point and mum thought it prudent then to get rid of the evidence!

In 1959, mum and dad married at the aptly named St Peter's Church in Allerton, Bradford. Following a quick promotion, dad became superintendent radiographer. Success in being appointed was partly due to the fact that he had passed the examination for a Fellowship, one of only 4 who passed that year. Dad became the youngest superintendent radiographer in a large area and was elected to the National Council of radiographers. He gave lectures and wrote papers on new developments in radiography.

I was born in 1960 and my brother, David, in 1962.

David and I had a really good childhood and we had some wonderful adventures as a family – usually camping. To name a few notable events: Whilst in a rubber dinghy near the Summer Isles in Scotland, we saw orcas at rather close quarters; we saw a golden eagle on Lewis in the Outer Hebrides and climbed up a hill there, tethered together on a washing line; we camped on a small island in the middle of a river in Glen Nevis that was invaded by highland cattle. My brother and I climbed up trees to keep out of their way, and I distinctly remember sheltering on the side of a mountain in Yorkshire, from a blizzard in a bivvy bag. We went off with another family, on what I will always think of as an epic holiday, for 5 weeks, in a converted Land Rover, towing a caravan. We set off for Morocco, but when we broke down and, because there were troubles in Morocco at that time, we ended up in Portugal.

Dad always enjoyed his sport, and, as always, gave it his all – I am sure, often to my mum's horror!

Sports included diving, climbing, caving, marathon running, sailing and walking. To be honest, from some of the tales he told, I am really not sure how he managed to survive until he was 91. He did everything from ice climbing in the dark to swimming in lead mines to climbing and sometimes, falling off, rock faces. But, amongst many other walks: he completed all the Welsh 3000 peaks in under 24 hours and he and mum did the 190-mile coast to coast walk across England. On a particular walk in the Lake District, he saved a man from drowning. He ran quite a distance, straight into the lake, dragged him out and performed CPR. The man survived.

It felt like Dad also, metaphorically, saved me during my exam periods. At that time, I would get extremely stressed and, to relieve pressure, dad would take me climbing. I can tell you that this certainly re-focused my mind – on survival and not falling off! He would also sit with me for long periods helping me to understand school maths problems and he and mum were always there to support my brother and me.

At the hospital where he was Superintendent, he was determined that his department should have all the cutting edge technology available at the time, and, when CT scanners were introduced, he set out to raise funds to purchase one. He gave talks, did sponsored walks and runs, arranged events and after 2 or 3 years, with many other public donations, they did get that scanner. After presenting a paper in France, dad was head-hunted by Siemens to be a CT scanner specialist. It is this job that led my mum and dad to move to the village of Hambledon in 1984. They had always meant to return to Yorkshire following retirement, but they both fell in love with the village and the people here.

Their neighbours made them feel extremely welcome and they were also contacted by this village church. They signed on to the alpha course and it was there that they joined a small home group. Life-long friendships were made at the church.

Dad became a member of the parochial church council and later went on to become one of the representatives to the Diocesan Synod. Separately, he was also elected to the Hambledon Parish Council which he served on for 16 years. He was the main person behind producing the Parish Plan, still relevant today.

He was also editor of this parish magazine for 15 years and was on the start-up team for the Hambledon Village website.

Mum and dad took part in many projects to raise money for the village taking part in events including the Millenium Party, a musical evening at Feathercombe and a Night at the Opera. Also, I am sure many of you will have enjoyed the village fete and ball in Hambledon over the weekend and both mum and dad played a significant part in making those the success they are today, raising a lot of money for local good causes.

Dad and others organised the Hambledon Ramblers – they walked not only locally, but in places such as Canterbury, Wales and Yorkshire. They also joined forces with Probus once a year and about 40-50 people would visit France to walk and sample the cuisine there.

Of course, he was also a bell ringer for the church, and I remember dad gainfully, in his late 80s, ringing the bells 99 times for Prince Phillip.

Mum and dad continued throughout to have wonderful holidays and adventures after arriving in Hambledon though they upgraded from camping to caravanning. They enjoyed holidays in France, sometimes with friends, and sometimes on their own. They went all over the world together and everywhere they went they made new friends. At 80, they even went to Peru and to Machu Picchu.

Throughout his life, dad made very close friends with whom he remained in contact until the last. He was so grateful for all his friends and neighbours, but I would like to say thank you, in particular, to his wonderful neighbour and friend Ginge, who visited him and went on walks with him throughout his Parkinsons illness and who has been a great support to me personally as well. I would also like to thank those from Radfield House who provided him care in his last year of life. Being a proud man, he was reluctant at first to accept help, but they became friends to him as well.

Dad was so grateful for all the bounty he believed he had been given over his life and he wanted to give something back. I strongly believe he did just that, always with good humour and despite his illness, never with any complaint. I truly believe that he was a remarkable man, whom I loved and admired greatly and am so sad to lose.

Though I grieve today, I would like to celebrate his wonderful life and remember all the good times. I was so lucky to have him for so long, and I believe that my dad is now at peace, enjoying being back with my wonderful mum, Cynthia, my brother, David and his sister, Mary. He has left me and all of us with so many wonderful memories and I will carry him in my heart always. When I think I can't do something, I will try to remember his determination never to give in.

His legacy is his loving family, including his grandchildren who are here today – Carly, Jemma, Ben, Emma and Catherine – and all his great-grandchildren, 13 of them now, a football team's worth, including some reserves!



Rural life and its challenges

Stephen Dean recalls past village events in and around The Hurst

A morous ducks, the aftermath of the Great Storm, a hedgehog in the garage and a snake in the kitchen – a kaleidoscope of life in Hambledon 40 years ago.



Ducks on pond

8 Jan. 1981: Great commotion at the village pond yesterday – loud quacking disputes between the ducks, wings outspread – birds taking to the air, flying up to the hump-backed roof of the shop, or in skittering pursuit of one another across the water. White feathers strewn about the grass and floating on the surface of the pond. When I emerged from the shop, two ducks were making solemn and protracted love in the middle of the public footpath (Cycling Strictly Forbidden) – he (much larger) keeping a firm grip on the back of her neck with his beak.

25 June 1981: Alcina [family cat] seems to have acquired a double. I looked out of the bathroom window this morning to see her eating the bread put out for the birds – at the same time, she was curled up asleep on my bed. And again, yesterday I saw her padding about outside while simultaneously snoozing upstairs. I have come to the conclusion that that the sleeping Alcina is the real one and the other a cousin – almost identical, even to the smear of white on the neck, though slightly more furry, perhaps, the tail more bushy and lower slung.

Alcina brought in a bat last night – it lay quivering on the kitchen floor, its wings folded. Bats are really very small animals, much smaller than mice – the large ears, umbrella spikes and leathery wings make them look bigger than they are.

10 Nov. 1981: Hambledon is misty with bonfire smoke. Cows moo in the distance, a dog barks

(perhaps Mr Thorne's wall-eyed mongrel Fred). The lime trees are bare and the horse chestnut nearly so. But there are still a fair number of yellow-brown leaves on the turkey oaks. Leaves are raked into damp piles and heaped on slow-burning bonfires. I have found no walnuts at all under the larger of our walnut trees – last year there were hundreds – but using a rake I collected 40 under the smaller, stunted tree.

19 Jan. 1982: Most of the snow has melted at Hambledon. Moles are digging up the green (their brown spoil heaps were highly conspicuous in the snow). At night a fox barks eerily; in the morning he trots down the garden path in search of bird scraps, beetles or starving pigeons. A green woodpecker probes the front lawn like a feathery sewing-machine. Then he flies off, showing his yellow tummy, and one can hear him laughing in the tree-tops or tapping on the dead elm tree.

10 Jan. 1985: We arrived South on Saturday, just in time for the snow and ice. Intense cold, yellow sunlight and snowflakes falling in slow motion out of a cloudless sky.

The village pond is a white sheet of ice, strewn with sticks and stones, but rather surprisingly some of the ducks survive – I thought they'd all been taken by the fox in November. They slip and slither across the ice, tripping over their flat feet, sliding along on their breasts, bottoms in the air, pecking at frozen grass and each other: disputatious, puzzled, tetchy – I can hear their raucous cackling (and further off, dogs barking in Chiddingfold and Wormley).



Alcina

22 Oct. 1987 [Hambleton still blacked out a week after the Great Storm]: I've been rushing around the house not finding freezer insurance policies and other important documents, paying bills and writing necessary boring letters. All has to be accomplished by nightfall as I can never find *anything* in the dark and frequently trip over the cat.

On Tuesday I travelled back from London on the train, reaching Witley past midnight, after a very disrupted journey, to find the station dark, and walked home through dismal shattered woods to a pitch-black icy house.

Electricity board personnel were seen at Hambleton for the first time yesterday. By nightfall they'd disentangled some of the wires from the fallen and leaning timber and laid them along the sides of the lanes (where it was easy to trip over them). I gather they've run out of cable and are having to import it from Germany.

12 Nov. 1987: The Parish Council is agitating about clearing up the hundreds of smashed and fallen trees on the common land owned by us. It is not clear whether this is really our responsibility since the district council is supposed to 'manage' the Common – or so we thought. I've lugged out several files to see if I can find anything in writing.

Clearing all the fallen trees, including many huge oaks, will be enormously expensive and extracting the



After the Great Storm

The noise suggested a vigorously boiling egg knocking against the bottom of the pan. I crept round the car and there, by a pile of logs, was a plump hedgehog eating a toad (as I found afterwards from examining the remains).

The hedgehog took no notice of me, or of the light, but went on munching till only the hind legs were left.

Then he pattered towards the motor-mower, peering about short-sightedly and sniffing the air with his little black pointed nose (moist at the tip), then – still grunting – he disappeared behind a pile of papers and sacks in the corner and doubtless settled down for a snooze. I turned off the light, leaving the door open, and padded off to bed myself.

1 June 1989: Next week Mr Chew the contractor returns to the Common with his massive machinery – they left the work unfinished in March because of the soggy ground. I hope they don't attempt to extract the timber through the replanted areas.

5 July 1991: Yesterday I nearly trod on a snake in the kitchen! It was small, curled round, and looked perplexed – evidently a young grass snake who had climbed the step and entered via the open front door in search of a cool spot. Using a broom, I returned him to the step, where he lay entwined, panting, now and then flicking out his black forked tongue. His small, elegant head was cocked to one side. Then he made off down the step and disappeared at some speed into the undergrowth.



Hedgehog

timber difficult because the ground is so boggy. The district council have agreed to clear footpaths and bridlepaths – eventually – the parish council to remove one shattered oak. I said we'd tackle the area round the village pond, where at least some trees are still standing.

19 Nov. 1987: Surrey Council have begun clearing the sides of the roads, lighting great bonfires and dealing with dangerous trees – though what constitutes a dangerous tree is highly problematical. I suspect many perfectly sound trees will be felled in the next few months – the Council completing the work of the hurricane.

9 June 1988: I heard a strange noise in the garage the other night – I switched on the light and at first I couldn't see what was causing it.



Grass snake

The Iliad at Vann

Stewart Payne introduces a re-telling of the epic Ancient Greek poem *The Iliad*, the latest performance to be held in the wonderful garden of Vann, the audience of villagers and visitors scattered around seeking shelter under trees in sweltering July sunshine.

The *Iliad* was enacted by Troubadour Stageworks with both an afternoon and evening performance on 11 July, a return to Vann by this travelling company which aims to “tell stories that reconnect us with where we are, with history and culture and - most importantly - with our imaginations”.

True to their aim, imaginations were certainly stimulated by this engaging re-telling of the Homer classic, set towards the end of the Trojan Wars. As the programme notes state: “This is a haunting, human story of homecoming and healing – Odysseus as you have never seen him before”. Set around the return of Odysseus and reunited with his father, this adaptation asks what makes a hero and what becomes of one once the sword is laid aside.

Troubadour perform in a range of different venues around the country, but there can be few better or more enchanting settings than in the five-acre garden at Vann, in part designed by Gertrude Jekyll, which surrounds the 16th Century home of the Caroe family.



Refreshments were available – and much needed during the heatwave.



Look out for more events being staged at Vann. And if you would like to know more about Troubadour, or support its work in schools in rural areas and elsewhere, please visit troubadourstageworks.com

Given that no-one can be sure if Homer ever existed or was a name given to a collection of oral storytellers, *The Iliad* lends itself to re-tellings such as the one performed by Troubadour.



And with the other related Greek epic attributed to Homer, *The Odyssey*, now the subject of a new blockbuster film written and directed by Christopher Nolan and attracting much publicity, the opportunity to relax in the tranquil setting of Vann quietly to enjoy *The Iliad* was very special.

What's happening at ...



Hambledon Village Hall Update: – *the coolest place to be*

On Friday 10 July, The Mikron travelling theatre group re-visited Hambledon to perform *Top of the Wold* for us. Described as a *laugh-out-loud quest* through a patchwork of culture and community celebrating the forgotten, the resilient and the wonderfully eccentric.

It had been a sweltering afternoon but the village hall had flung open the windows and doors, turned the ceiling fans up to 11, and put the fridges on max. The volunteer support team were serving beers, wines and ice cream from the bar. We welcomed an audience from far and wide – one devotee of independent theatre had travelled from Eastbourne. Others had torn themselves away from the tennis at Wimbledon (but continued watching the final minutes on their phone courtesy of the upgraded Hall Wi-Fi).

It seems the Hall committee's widespread, multi-platform advertising had paid off.

Mikron are a long established 4-strong troupe of accomplished actor-musicians who brought to our stage a witty characterisation of life in the Ridings of Yorkshire. It's a warm, funny, occasionally daft love letter to mobile libraries and the odd corner of Yorkshire they serve, performed by people who clearly adore doing it.

There is controlled chaos of quick changes, live music and shameless multi-roling – with the cast throwing themselves at every role, accent, and stereotype – sometimes three to a scene. This is a company built around performing wherever people already feel at home with description woven straight into the performance so nobody's left outside the joke.

The Mikron travelling theatre group performs *Top of the Wold*



If you'd like to be a part of the Hall volunteer team: there's probably a job for whatever talent you have. We are also looking for someone to help with posting on social media, and another for help with the online bookings.

Likewise if your skill is to take over the role of Treasurer, then we'd also like to hear from you. Contact PaulM.Osborne@Gmail.com / 07977 119935

Our favourite butterfly

The colourful peacock butterfly is our favourite, according to a recent poll, 20,000 UK votes. The butterflies, with their striking colours and 'eye-spots' designed to fend off predators, beat 59 other British species in the vote run by the UK Butterfly Conservation. The orange-tip butterfly came a close second, followed by red admirals in third, holly blues in fourth and the bright yellow brimstone butterfly in fifth.



Berries & bangers

The summer hols are here, and school's out!
Wendy Knibb reports on the Village Shop.

The Shop deli team is in good spirits and ready to serve coffees, teas, iced drinks (to cool off), cakes, pastries, croissants, filled sandwiches, baps and various salads. Don't forget that there are specials available, so look out for them on the boards outside the Shop. Why not compile your own individual picnic from the deli, invite friends and family and have a merry time at one of the pretty outside tables - good idea? Create your very own family fun day using the Shop produce.

If you are thinking BBQ, then the Shop really does come up trumps with sausages, bacon, rump steak, lamb and pork chops, smoky back ribs as well as halloumi with all sorts of veg to assemble skewers



August is the month for soft fruit, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries nectarines, peaches and more are now stocked Ice cream in a variety of flavours or cream - single/ double - make great accompaniments.

Alison would like to remind us that the post office can supply Euros on demand and other foreign currency to order- 24 hour notice please. This is a real perk for the village so do use it.

Alison has also been busy with sourcing gifts for those occasions when you would like to give a present to a friend/ family member. This month is a blue theme. The ideas below look so appealing that you are sure to find something that fits the bill - Oh, and a crab - not blue - has walked in.....



A BIG REMINDER: Please do come along to the Shop on Saturday 29th August 4.30pm to 7pm (after the village show) for a fab end of summer BBQ. BBQ, salads, live music and licensed bars. Tickets are available online or at the Shop; Adults and 16 years old+ £13.50 under 16 years old: £5. Let's make this event rock!!

Emma would like to repeat her call for help with washing (no ironing) aprons etc for the Shop personnel - do put up your hand if you can.



Have a wonderful summer all of you.



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A new generation of scientists to emerge!

Nursery School Headteacher Kate Walford reports on a week of wonderful experiments and scientific discovery.

For one memorable week in the summer term, our nursery is transformed into a hub of excitement, curiosity, and discovery as the children immerse themselves in a fantastic week of hands-on science experiments.

Through exploring, predicting, observing, and questioning, the children in the red room became little scientists, experiencing the magic of science firsthand and developing a real sense of awe and wonder about the world around them.

One of the children's favourite activities was the now famous "Smelly Balloon" experiment. They were fascinated to watch what happened when bicarbonate of soda and vinegar were mixed. As the ingredients combined, a chemical reaction took place, producing a gas that travelled into a balloon and caused it to expand before their eyes. The children eagerly watched the balloon grow bigger, amazed that something they could not see could make such a big difference!



Another popular experiment involved our dancing raisins. The children watched with delight as raisins bobbed up and down in fizzy lemonade. We explored why this happened and encouraged the children to share their ideas and observations as the tiny bubbles lifted the raisins before allowing them to sink again.



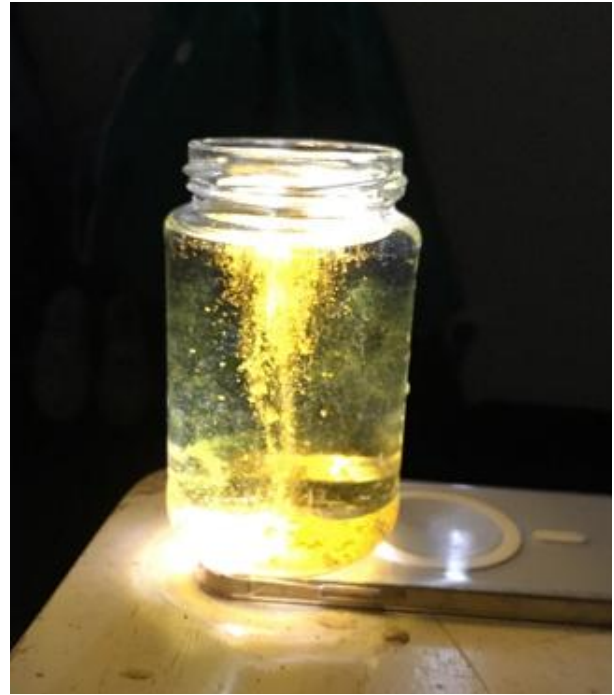
Floating and sinking investigations encouraged the children to become scientists by making predictions before testing a variety of objects in a clear water tank. Would they float or would they sink? The children carefully considered their answers, tested their theories, and discussed the results together, developing important critical thinking skills along the way.

There were plenty of excited gasps during the explosive Mentos and cola demonstration! The children observed from a safe distance as Mentos sweets were added to a bottle of cola, creating an impressive fountain of fizzy liquid. This dramatic experiment sparked lots of questions and conversations about reactions and gases.



One of the highlights of the week was our magical glowing water experiment. The children watched in amazement as vitamin B2 was mixed into water and a torch shone through it, creating a mesmerising fluorescent glow. There were gasps of excitement as the water appeared to light up before their eyes. The children eagerly discussed why the water might be glowing and shared their own imaginative explanations, demonstrating fantastic curiosity and creativity.

Throughout the week, we also explored experiments that taught the children an important scientific lesson: sometimes discoveries take time and patience. One such activity involved placing celery stalks into coloured water and observing the changes over several days. The children made predictions about what might happen and returned regularly to check for any differences.



Their excitement grew as they gradually noticed the celery changing colour. This provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about how plants absorb water through their stems and transport it to different parts of the plant. The children discovered that not all experiments produce immediate results and that careful observation and patience over time is an important part of being a scientist.

Science experiments week is always filled with excitement, curiosity, and countless moments of wonder thanks to the hard work and efforts of our afternoon supervisor Gina Castle who prepares and plans the week. The children develop a confidence in asking questions, making observations, sharing ideas, and exploring the world around them. Their enthusiasm for all they get to experience in this week of learning is wonderful to observe and we look forward to many more opportunities for investigation and discovery at Hambledon Nursery in the future.

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Prom & Proper!

Theresa Jones reports on a well-earned party, and some significant goodbyes.

On Thursday, 9th July, we celebrated **our very first Prom** for our Year 11 and Sixth Form leavers. Pupils and students arrived looking fabulous, the boys sharp-suited and the girls looking stunning. Everyone had their photo taken beneath the floral arch at the entrance, and parents also had the opportunity to capture their own memories.



Once inside, they could choose from a variety of mocktails named after members of staff and partake of a sumptuous buffet provided by our exceptional chef and her team.



DJ Eddie kept the vibe going with music all evening and the pupils' and students' choices of '80s bangers! There were a number of group dances – YMCA getting everyone up on the floor. The atmosphere was further enhanced by the bubble and smoke machines.

Meanwhile, outside much entertainment was had with the Gino pinata being pelted with onions to

release the sweets within. Doughnuts dangling from string were eaten hands free – some people were worryingly good at this.



A wide selection of props were available for dressing up – the wands, wings and tutus were particularly popular amongst the boys. And turkeys amongst the staff!!



The evening was a lovely opportunity for staff to share a relaxed and fun experience with our year 11 and 6th form and it has paved the way for next year's event.

Vicky Perry, Principal, said "As I looked around the room, I was struck by how far this cohort has come together. A prom simply wouldn't have been something our pupils would have wanted just a few years ago, so to see them embracing the occasion, celebrating together and creating such special memories was incredibly poignant. It felt like a real milestone for our school community and one that I hope will become a much-loved tradition. After such a special evening, I think it's safe to say we'll be dusting off our dancing shoes again next year!"



We are now on the count down to the end of this academic year. Still to come as I write is our Alumni event this Friday, 17th. We are delighted that so far we have 41 past pupils joining us for a picnic at the school, with a chance to catch up with old friends. There will also be a tour around the school as, for some, there will have been many changes since they were a pupil here. We very much look forward to welcoming them back. On that day we also have an ice-cream van coming on site for a couple of hours so that our pupils, students and staff can enjoy a cooling lolly or ice-cream – much needed in this hot weather!

On Monday 20th we will end the day with Drinks on the Terrace to celebrate another incredible year and

to say goodbye to colleagues moving on to new adventures. I am one of them, as I am retiring. I will miss all my colleagues, who work tirelessly to enable our pupils and students to 'Achieve ambitious goals and live life to the full'. This is a very special school, in all senses of the word, and I have been proud to be a part of it for the past 13+ years. A colleague will take over writing the articles for the Hambledon Parish Magazine in future.

Finally, St Dominic's will be closed for the summer holidays from Tuesday 22 July, returning in September for 2 staff training days on 1st & 2nd, with pupils and students returning on Thursday 3rd.





Hambleton
Cricket Club

Some great performances

Cricket continues with training here on the Cricket Green, and matches here and away, in the hot summer days for both seniors and juniors.
– Come along to watch and support us, writes President Arthur Blackman

Seniors' Matches: June League XI Round-Up
June proved to be a mixed month for the 1st XI with three challenging Division 3 fixtures.

The month started with a frustrating defeat against Fernhurst, where a strong bowling performance led by Fred Warburton and Ross Manton was undermined by a difficult day with the bat. Fernhurst 190 – Hambleton 59

There was further disappointment the following week at Frimley Phoenix despite useful contributions from Oliver Hickman, Nathan Williamson and Daniel Harvey. Hambleton 171 – Frimley 172

The team's perseverance was rewarded in the final fixture of the month as Hambleton produced a superb all-round display to defeat Badshot Lea by 87 runs. Half-centuries from N. Weerakoon and Oliver Hickman set up the victory before Daniel Harvey's excellent 4-10 helped bowl the hosts out for 116. Hambleton 293 – Badshot 115 A/O

While the month yielded one win from three matches, there were several encouraging individual performances. Daniel Harvey enjoyed an excellent all-round month, contributing important runs and wickets, while captain Oliver Hickman led from the front with two significant innings and valuable breakthroughs with the ball. The emphatic victory at Badshot Lea provides plenty of momentum as Hambleton look ahead to the second half of the season.

Friendly XI–June Round-Up: Sam Gilling reports:

June was another successful and enjoyable month for the Hambleton Friendly XI, with three fixtures providing plenty of runs, wickets and, most importantly, the good spirit and community atmosphere that make village cricket so special.

The month began with a trip to Abinger, where Hambleton posted an impressive 229-8 declared. Gavin Harper led the way with a superb 74, supported by Bruce Sleaf (46), Nick Reed (45) and a quickfire 42 from Bart Baker. Hambleton's bowlers then kept the hosts in check, with Jamie MacKenzie taking 3-31 as Abinger closed on 112-6, resulting in a friendly draw.

Back at Hambleton, the Friendly XI hosted The Witley PTA in a fixture that brought together players, families and supporters from across the community. Nick Reed and David Keech both retired after scoring half-centuries as Hambleton reached 192-4, while Jacob Williamson starred with the ball, taking 4-16 in a victory over an enthusiastic PTA side.

Thanks also go to the Witley PTA for manning the BBQ and helping make the day such a success off the field.

The month concluded with the annual intra-village clash with The Merry Harriers,

representing the Merry Harriers pub. Hambleton's Friendly XI posted 177-9 declared, with Gavin Harper top-scoring with 35 and Ross Manton adding a brisk 24.

The Merry Harriers replied with 130, despite spirited batting from Benji Burns and Toby Pascoe, as Ross Manton and Alexander Wood claimed three wickets apiece. While the Friendly XI took the honours on the field, the match was played in excellent spirit throughout.

A special thank you goes to Alex and everyone at The Merry Harriers for their hospitality after the match, which rounded off another memorable village cricket occasion.

Overall, June delivered everything the Friendly XI is about: competitive, friendly and social cricket, strong performances, and the opportunity to bring together players, families and supporters from across the local community.

Juniors 2026-Season summary by Dave Keech.

Hambleton's junior season drew to a close on Sunday 5th July with the final league matches played by our U9, U12 and U14 teams. All three teams emerged victorious to mark a successful end to their respective league campaigns.

The U9s had a convincing win against a young Aldershot team, posting a net score of 290 in response to Aldershot's 241. After some narrow losses earlier in the season, the U9s finished with two wins in their last two games and the players have shown consistent development across all aspects of the game as the season has progressed.

In their match against Farncombe, the U12s scored 144-5 after some impressive batting from Oliver Ridout (30 retired) and Rafe Kean (24 not out), before then restricting the opposition to 91-6 off their 20 overs. The win ensured a mid-table finish with 3 wins from 7 matches, including victories against Grayshott and Cranleigh earlier in the season.

Batting first against Bramley, the U14s scored 164-6 off their 20 overs, with key contributions from Seb Norman (44 retired) and Rupert Hayter (42 retired). A strong all-round bowling performance then restricted Bramley to 107-6 to secure a 57-run victory, with Rory Manton and Rafael Denhart picking up two wickets each.

The U14s have achieved 4 wins from the 5 league fixtures played this season, with a couple of postponed fixtures to be rearranged for later in the summer.

Junior training will continue during July.
– an end-of-season awards evening will take place on Friday 7 August to celebrate the achievements of our juniors this season.

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Friendly Captain, Alexander Wood 07753 832323



Photos: Clara Hughes

Senior Matches June-August

	Hambleton CC League XI			Hambleton CC Friendly XI		
June						
Sat 6	Pirbright	H	Cancelled			
Sun 7				Abinger	A	Winning Draw
Thu 11				T20 KingEdward's	A	Lost
Sat 13	Fernhurst	H	Lost			
Sun 14				Witley PTA	H	won
Sat 20	Frimley Phoenix	A	Lost	Village Fete		
Sun 21	Village Fete W/E			Church Service		
Sat 27	Badshott Lea	A	Won			
Sun 28				Merry Harriers	H	Won
July						
Sat 4	Tongham	H	Won			
Sun 2				Brook	H	13.30
Sat 11	Frensham II	A	13.00			
Sun 12				Chiddingfold	A	14.00
Sat 18	Puttenham & W II	A	13.00			
Sun 19				Flemish Giants	H	14.00
Sat 25	Thursley	H	13.00			
Sun 26				Shamley Green	H	14.00
August						
Sat 1	Wood Street Village	A	13.00			
Sun 2				Brook	H	13.30
Friday 7				T20 Shackleford	A	16.30
Sat 8	Pirbright	A	13.00			
Sun 9				Uplands	H	14.00
Sat 15	Fernhurst	A	13.00			
Sun 16				Elstead	A	14.00
Sat 22	Frimley Phoenix	H	13.00			
Sun 23				Hambleton Hants	A	14.00
Sat 29	Badshot Lea	H	13.00			
Sun 30				Unabombers	H	13.00

Pete's advice – and a nice surprise

Pete Gardner, who last wrote about tomatoes and potatoes, suggests growing Mangelwurzels, Grandad's Revenge/as well as deeper under ground, and also exhorts us to exhibit at The Village Show on 29 August – and adds in some livestock



It's an exciting month in the Hambledon Village calendar. You should all have the date of Saturday 29th August firmly written into your diaries – this is the day of the Village Show and there are no excuses for not entering something!

Pop over to www.hambledonvillageshow.co.uk and you will find all the categories just waiting for your inspiration [and/or see lists in this magazine -ed]

Admittedly, it's not been an easy couple of



months in the veg. plot. The scorching weather is an enemy of tiny plugs and seedlings struggling to gain a foothold in the dry soil. The water butts in the garden ran out a while ago so it's down to the watering can now. I have been keeping a very careful eye on the greenhouses here – the larger one has the tomatoes and cucumbers as well as a few lettuce that I thought would come on nice and quickly under cover, but of course the temperatures are so high under glass the poor things went to seed a bit too soon. That's the fun of gardening – I've been working the soil here for over 40 years but there are still things to learn!

Tomatoes this year are Super Marmande, a delicious bush type beefsteak variety and a few Consuelo, a very reliable and prolific cordon that produces lovely long trusses of medium size fruits. It can be a bit tricky raising tomatoes and cucumbers together as they do like a different atmosphere,

literally, with the cucumbers preferring a lot of moisture and a bit of humidity whereas the toms need a dryer air to help prevent the dreaded blight.

There are the usual few rows of basil alongside the tomatoes ready to be turned into delicious pesto when the leaves are large enough.

I have gone slightly mad in the small greenhouse with 14 pots of (very) hot chillies, all coming along nicely. I am one of those strange types that can happily munch on a scorching hot chilli – to the horror of my family! I discovered a few plugs selling at the local Waitrose store called “Grandad's Revenge” that I couldn't resist... I'll let you know...

Exciting news on the chicken front. One of our hens went broody a while ago and we put 4 fertilised eggs under her to see what will happen. At the time of writing they should be about to hatch – remarkable in that they take precisely 21 days to hatch from the moment the mother settles down on them – nature's amazing clock in action.

We are really hoping for more hens but there is a good chance of a cockerel or two amongst them.

Apparently there is a strange social media buzz happening regarding, wait for it, Mangelwurzels...!

Yes, you read that right. They are a type of beet used as animal feed but can be cooked and eaten.

My neighbour kindly gave me some seeds she had found and they seem to be doing rather well. Not, unfortunately, in time for the show this year but, again, something I'll keep tabs on in the column.

One thing I've always wanted to try is growing a giant carrot (told you I'm a bit mad).

We were at the Chelsea Flower Show this year when I discovered a display selling unusual seeds. I have no idea if the “Manpukuji” Japanese carrot seeds will work but I have sown one in the top of a large drainpipe about 2.0m long filled with carefully sifted seed compost. So far it is looking good but whether it will reach the 1.5m promised on the packet...

All for now from the veg. plot.

Do check out the show site and get those entries in!



STOP PRESS !

Our hen has managed to be a mum – she's hatched two beautiful chicks !



Super seasonal mackerel gets a proper grilling from Robin McKeith under the Surrey sun.

This unbroken run of scorching heat has effortlessly eclipsed 1976, delivering the kind of relentless sunshine that makes the Surrey Hills feel suspiciously like the Côte d'Azur.

We have spent decades booking flights for exactly this weather, so it feels entirely wasteful to spend it morbidly fixating on the logistics of smuggling watering cans down to the hydrangeas at the bottom of the garden during the inevitable hosepipe ban.

Lean into our new tropical reality by throwing this fresh, herb-packed mackerel over the hot coals for a taste of the mediterranean right in your own parched back garden.

Barbecued Stuffed Mackerel

Ingredients for 2 servings

- 2 whole mackerel, gutted, cleaned and rinsed (heads on or off, your call)
- 1 large bunch of fresh herbs — flat-leaf parsley, dill, thyme or coriander all work
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced, plus extra to serve
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Get your barbecue up to a medium-high, direct heat — hot coals rather than flames licking round the grate. While it comes up to temperature, take a sharp knife and make 4–5 diagonal slashes on each side of the mackerel. This isn't decorative; it helps the fish cook through evenly and gives the flavour somewhere to go.

Roughly chop half your herbs and mix with the olive oil, then rub the mixture all over the fish, working it into the slashes. Pack the cavity of each mackerel with the remaining herbs and a few slices of lemon, then season generously, inside and out, with salt and pepper.

Lay the mackerel on the grate and leave well alone for 4–5 minutes, until the skin crisps and releases itself from the bars. Flip carefully and give the other side the same treatment. The fish is ready when the flesh flakes easily from the bone.

Lift off the grill, squeeze over fresh lemon juice, and serve immediately with nothing more elaborate than good bread and a green salad.



Please let me know if you enjoyed this recipe or have any feedback by email via Robin.McKeith@googlemail.com

What to eat now

The best seasonal produce to look out for in August

August is the peak of the British summer harvest, offering an abundance of heat-loving produce like sweetcorn, tomatoes, courgettes, and chillies. Even aubergines and peppers can be found in British greenhouses and veg gardens at the moment. Ratatouille or its Sicilian cousin caponata are dishes that make the most of their sweetness, even if they've gone a bit squishy, and can be served warm or cold.

Dover sole and brill are at their peak this month - a good fishmonger can source for you if you can't find on the slab (Secretts in Milford have a visiting fishmonger on Thursdays, Godalming Fish, Waitrose fish counter).

If you're game, August sees the arrival of grouse on the 'Glorious Twelfth' - a real treat simply roasted and served with game chips - again, speak to your local butcher or fishmonger.

Happy scoffing!



Summer sessions

The Merry Harriers' Helena Sharp rounds up July and looks to August.

We're loving summer here at The Merry Harriers! Our new seasonal dishes have been going down a treat, especially the halibut with brown shrimp, burnt butter, cucumber, kale and capers, and our chilled Isle of Wight tomato and cucumber soup with Cornish crab...perfect for these warmer days.

Our meat raffle is going from strength to strength, and we're so grateful for all the support. We've raised £801 so far for Paul's Fun Fund, with two weeks still to go! Paul's Fun Fund is a small charity that awards grants to patients with a diagnosis of lymphoma or leukaemia, helping them spend quality time with family and friends during treatment.

We also hosted our second wine evening, following the success of the first last month. Greyfriars Vineyard (just twenty minutes down the road!) treated us to a beautiful evening in the garden, pouring four of their exquisite wines alongside a specially crafted pairing menu from our head chef, Panos.

Our August supper club, on Wednesday 12th, promises to be a special one, as Wintershall and Haymans Farm come together for an evening not to be missed. Book your table in advance to guarantee a seat!

Any friends or family looking for an escape to the Surrey Hills this summer? Book a midweek stay and enjoy 10% off your room, plus a £25 voucher towards lunch. Bringing the little ones? They eat free.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support The Merry Harriers v Hambledon cricket match, and stayed on for burgers and beers afterwards - what a brilliant day!



WHAT'S ON AT THE PUB?

AUGUST

Monday 3rd

Bingo, Burger & Beats from 6pm

Wednesday 12th

Haymans x Wintershall Supper Club

Monday 17th

Pub Quiz & Pizza from 6pm

Sunday 30th

Garden Live Session with Noah Fenton



JUNE



2026

HAMBLEDON MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

**What a wonderful weekend the
Hambleton Midsummer Festival proved to be,
once again bringing our village together in glorious sunshine!**

The village's most eagerly awaited event was an absolute extravaganza, and proved just how special our community is. Held every two years and organised by a dedicated committee, the festival brought together friends, neighbours and visitors for a memorable few days of celebration, laughter and fun. A vintage year indeed!



Jane's 90th birthday

The festivities began in style on Thursday 18th June with a very special 90th birthday celebration for our much-loved local legend Jane Woolley. It was a fitting tribute to someone who is such a key part of village life, and made for joyful start to the weekend.

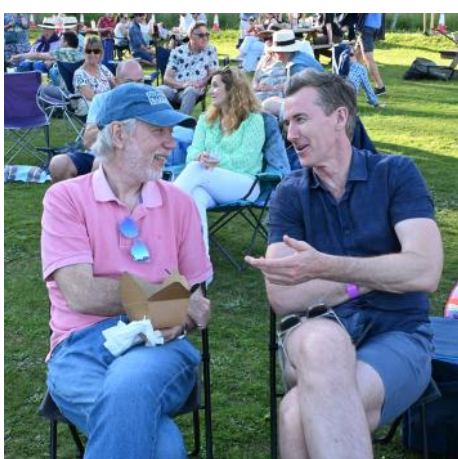




Jazz On The Green



The festival went from strength to strength into the weekend. The tone was set perfectly on Friday evening with the fantastic Jazz On The Green. The superb turnout crowd were treated to music from truly world class musicians, pulled together by and including our very own music supremo David Kirby. The brilliant Huw Lloyd and the 17-piece Junction 4 Big Band got the night off to a rousing start. They were followed by the sensational Motet featuring vocalist Debbie Bracknell and percussionist Dave Lambert.





Delicious food from Ladda Thai BBQ, refreshments from The Merry Harriers' mobile bar, the awesome Pimm's tent team, and the award-winning Village Spirit Gin Collective, helped keep the celebrations flowing into the night.





The Village Fete



Nick Root's plant stall had a bumper crop, and bumper sales to boot!



Saturday's fete was, as ever, a triumph — the village BBQ went down a storm, and the day raised substantial funds for our community. The bustling stalls, games and activities, impressive classic car display, ice cream, cakes, Pimm's tent and bars kept everyone entertained and refreshed.



Surrey Search & Rescue brought the whole team along to demonstrate the brilliant work they do.



The classic car display had something for everyone, from Midgets to Montegos.





The afternoon was rounded off by the dog show, which never disappoints: from the hugely entertaining 'Best Young Handler' class, and the fiercely contested 'Best Sausage Catcher' to Andy Hinde's uncanny resemblance to Herbie in the 'Dog who most looks like their owner' category.



The Best Child Handler class provided plenty of action.



16-year-old Plimsoll Kirkland-Perkins stole the show in the Best Senior Dog class (tied with Cody Durrant).





The Midsummer Ball



Saturday night's Midsummer Ball was, for many, the highlight of the weekend, with much dancing, feasting and merriment. More than 300 Hambledonians scrubbed up splendidly in tuxedos and tiaras, the tables groaning with food and fizz.

The inimitable Andy Hinde took charge of the mic and the gavel for the live auction, which raised an enormous sum for local projects, and included unique lots such as Real Tennis lessons at Petworth, a Lake District getaway, a day at the Oval, pet portraits and dinner for ten!



Everyone joined in for Heads and Tails.





The table centrepiece competition was hard-fought, won by Lucinda Parrish's detailed replica of the village green and shop, soon to be displayed in the village shop. The prize was presented by Arthur Blackman, whose wife Sue originally conceived the idea for the ball.



Revellers danced the night away in their glad rags to live music from The Fireflies.



The shotski was out in force.



Sunday Church Service



The weekend neared to a peaceful and joyful close with the popular Sunday morning church service held in the marquee.



Late Sunday morning heard the gentle purr (sort of) of engines as Hambledon's classic car enthusiasts took their beloveds (plus some invited spouses) for a 100 mile spin across the Downs, to the coast at Bosham, and for lunch at the White Horse in Chilgrove. Most of the motors behaved with the exception of a naughty Volvo and Stewart's Montego, but all made it back to the Harriers in one piece for a well earned pint.

Classic Car Rally



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire Hambledon Festival Committee and wider team, whose months of hard work made this fantastic weekend possible. It was a wonderful reminder of just how fortunate we are to be part of such a welcoming, vibrant and happy community.

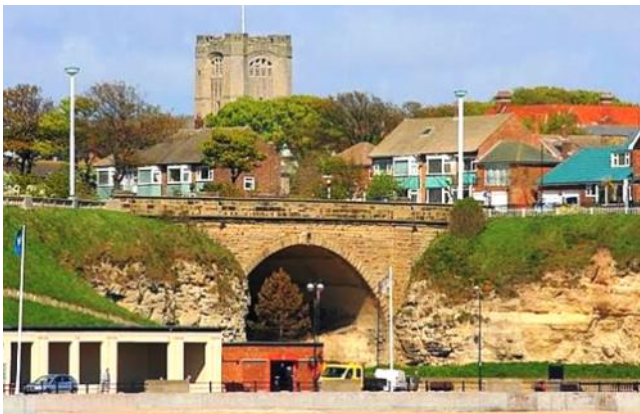
If you'd like to join the committee, please contact hamblefest@hambledonsurrey.co.uk

Huge thanks again to David Edmiston, Clara Hughes, Dan Duffell, Vic Hicks and Gareth Munro for their brilliant photos, plus a few extra stolen ones - thank you!

High up on the ceiling

The Revd Michael Burgess looks at another Church building, this month at the significance of the church roof and ceiling, and visits St Andrew's Church at Roker, near Sunderland.

GOD IN THE ARTS



Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation?

The Revd Michael Burgess continues his procession through a church building, this month pausing to consider the significance of the church roof and ceiling.

'He gave us eyes to see them' – church roof & ceiling.

Each month we have been making our way through the church building and pausing to ponder different areas. This month we look up to the roof and ceiling of the church. In Gothic buildings our hearts are lifted high as the architecture soars upwards, trying to touch the



very skirts of heaven. Norman churches in an earlier age by contrast seem weighed down by the stonework with heavy pillars and simpler windows.

This August we travel to a church consecrated at the beginning of the 20th century. It is a wonderful monument to the Arts and Crafts Movement: St Andrew's Church at Roker, near Sunderland. It was built between 1906 and 1907 by visionary architect Edward Schroeder Prior. This Grade I listed building is an unmissable masterpiece. It was commissioned by a shipyard millionaire, and there is a vivid sense of an upturned boat as we enter

the nave. The building abounds with riches: a font with its cover by Mouseman Thompson of Kilburn, lettering by Eric Gill on plaques around the walls, and a beautiful lectern by Ernest Gimson. But our eyes are drawn to the east end – to the reredos tapestry of Burne-Jones, and then above, a ceiling, done in traditional egg-tempera, by Eric Gill's brother, MacDonald.

It proclaims the glory of creation. The sky is studded with stars and the moon, and then surrounded by trees and undulating lines of water. In the centre the sun is a brilliant light, fitting for the east end. And from the clouds we see the creative hand of God raised in blessing. It is the opening chapter of Genesis portrayed in colour and shape above us. There we read



that God rested on the seventh day. As we give thanks for that glory we see in St Andrew's Church and in our world around, we can hear George Herbert's hymn telling us how a life of work and rest should always be permeated by praise:

Sev'n whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee.'



The Hambledon Village Show

Saturday 29 August at The Village Hall www.hambledonvillageshow.co.uk

A fun day for all the family to enjoy, open to all in the Village.

You could win *Best In Show* or *The Underwood Cup*

The Hall will be open for setting up exhibits from 9.30-11.30 am on Saturday 29 August. Entries are FREE for all Sections (donations welcome). Please bring your own vases and plates where required to display your exhibit. Home baked items should be cooked by the entrant, and in the artist sections, items should be crafted by their own fair hands. Preserves to be exhibited in labelled clear jam jars, filled to the top, and dated with screwable lids. Exhibits are limited to a maximum of 2 entries per category, except where stated per Section.

After judging, the Show will re-open for public viewing at 2-4.30pm. Entrance is free and refreshments available. Best In Show and the Underwood Cup will be awarded at 4pm. Exhibits must not be removed before 4.30pm. Please call Andy Falk: 01428 683863 for any further information. The Schedule of Class Sections can also be found on our Village Show website: www.hambledonvillageshow.co.uk, with photos from previous years to inspire you with your presentation and creativity.

The silver tray for Best in Show is awarded by the Judge for the most outstanding exhibit in the Show. The competitor gaining most first and second points will be awarded the Underwood Cup (winners hold awards for a year). First & Second prize certificates will be awarded where merited.

Section 1: Flowers

1. 1 Flowered rose, with own foliage
2. 3 flowered roses, of different varieties
3. 3 dahlias of the same variety: either 3 medium, or 3 large sizes
4. 1 Sunflower
5. 3 stems Marigolds, any type
6. 6 stems Sweet Pea
7. 3 stems of any type of flower not mentioned in this section.
8. 3 stems of any type of berrying or flowering shrub, any variety
9. 6 Fuchsia Floret, of the same variety (a mirror tile will be provided to display your florets)
10. 6 Flower Heads of the same variety floating on water (provide your own bowl/dish)
11. 5 stems of Grasses or Sedges, of different varieties

Section 2: Vegetables

12. 5 potatoes, one variety
13. 5 carrots
14. 5 onions
15. 3 beetroot
16. 3 parsnips
17. 3 leeks, trimmed
18. 8 runner beans
19. 8 French beans
20. 5 cherry tomatoes
21. 5 tomatoes
22. 3 courgettes (between 4 inch & 6 inch long)
23. 1 cucumber (any type)
24. 1 marrow not exceeding 15 inch in length.
25. 2 globe artichokes
26. 2 peppers (any colour/variety)
27. 2 Any other vegetables

28. A freak shaped vegetable
29. Largest marrow or pumpkin
30. Longest runner bean
31. Largest potato
32. A bouquet of fresh herbs (minimum 3 varieties)

Section 3: Fruit

33. 3 figs
34. 5 plums, one variety
35. 5 pears, one variety
36. 5 dessert apples, one variety
37. 5 cooking apples, one variety
38. Any other fruit exhibited on a plate (3 of the same fruit)
39. Any berried fruit exhibited on a plate (5 of the same berried fruit)

Section 4: Handicrafts & Art

40. A needle-felted item
41. A design featuring pressed flowers
42. A drawing of a character from a book (A3 max size)
43. A hand written Poem or Limerick, created and worded by you

Section 5: Floristry

44. A floral arrangement in a Teapot
45. A floral arrangement in a Wine Glass

Section 6: Home Baking

46. 4 Fruit Scones (your own recipe)
47. 6 Home made Chocolate Brownies (your own recipe, any size)
48. Vanilla Sponge Cake, with jam filling, and either butter-cream or fresh cream centre, decorated with strawberries (your own recipe)

Section 7: Home Made Preserves

49. Strawberry Jam
50. Raspberry Jam
51. Marmalade (any variety)
52. Chutney (any variety: sweet or spicy)
53. Honey (from you own garden hive)
54. Preserve of any variety not mentioned above

Section 8: Photography

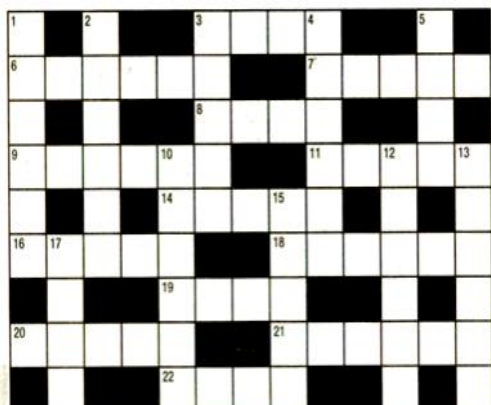
55. Your own photo (1 max) of 'A walk around Hambledon' unframed and unmounted max 10 x 8 inches (colour or black and white prints)
56. Your own photo (1 max) of 'My favourite Pet' unframed and unmounted max 10 x 8 inches (colour or black and white prints)
57. Your own photo (1 max) 'Vintage Vehicles' unframed and unmounted max 10 x 8 inches (colour or black and white prints)

Section 10: Children's Class - 12 years and under

58. Miniature Garden (in a container, no larger than A3, max height 10 inches)
59. 4 Homemade decorated cupcakes
60. Junk Model Robot - build you own robot (no bigger than 12 inches in height)
61. LEGO: Build your own Lego animal (no bigger than A4 and not straight from shop)

Puzzle Page

Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Agreement, treaty (4)
- 6 Dreamland (6)
- 7 Shock, dismay (5)
- 8 Platform over water, jetty (4)
- 9 Continent (6)
- 11 Flavour (5)
- 14 South American animal (5)
- 16 Fragrant herb (5)
- 18 Essential (6)
- 19 Pointless (4)
- 20 Self-esteem (5)
- 21 Alice ___, School's Out band (6)
- 22 Cut-price offer (4)

DOWN

- 1 Familiar (2, 4)
- 2 Scottish outlaw (3,3)
- 3 Pertaining to the Holy See (5)
- 4 Clan cloth (6)
- 5 Light breeze (4)
- 10 Anne of ___, one of Henry VIII's wives (6)
- 12 Text of a film (6)
- 13 Abide (6)
- 15 Ground meat (5)
- 17 Rent for a time (4)

Word Search

This month, on the 29th, we remember John the Baptist. By all accounts, he had a rough life. He grew up in obscurity, lived in the desert on a diet of bugs. He wore itchy camel hair. He worked in the heat of the sun, constantly challenging people, and wading in and out of muddy Jordan waters to baptise many. Then he was arrested and kept in a reeking, infested dungeon until one day they cut his head off. Not much comfort in that life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in history, no one has even been born who was as great as him. Why? Because of the unique calling God gave him, which was to prepare the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus. Jesus did not have an easy life, either.



Sudoku

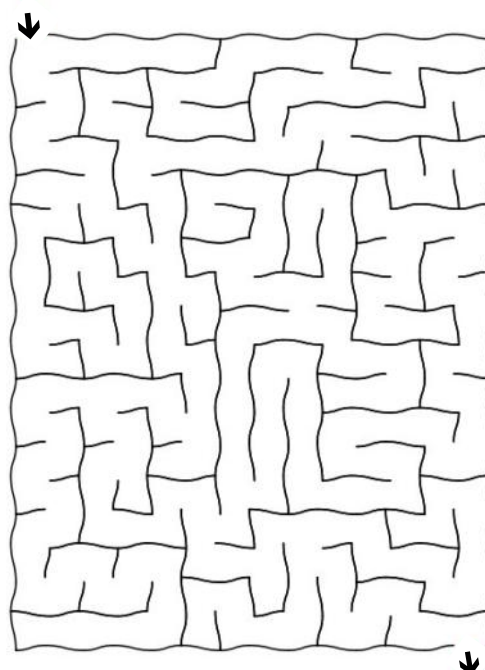


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Maze



Answers to all puzzles on page 42

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.



When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.

The leaders told Jesus..



This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

He has even built us a meeting place!



This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.



But Jesus said..

I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed

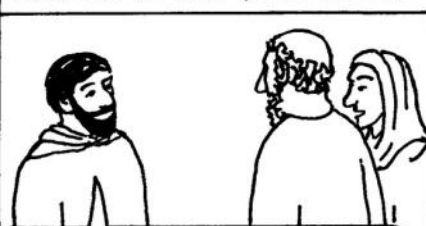


Jesus was amazed!



I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

He said to the friends...



You may go now. What he has believed has happened.

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!



Useful Information and Telephone Numbers

(in all cases, more detailed information can be found online)

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01428 682218

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(part of Witley and Milford Medical Partnership) 01483 414461

Chiddingfold Chiddingfold Surgery, Ridgley Rd, Chiddingfold, Godalming GU8 4QP
01428 683174

In an medical emergency – call NHS 111

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Haslemere Hospital 01483 956500

- minor injuries unit 01483 956524

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Milford Day Centre 01483 420668

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37 New Road, Milford 01483 414747

Rivendell
24 St Johns Street, Farncombe 01483 421833

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Joanna Wildlife Hospital, Bramley 07926 368597

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(and see page 3 for more information)	
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Train Information (National Rail)	03457 484950
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All current at the time of going to press

Shop: Monday-Sunday: 08.30 -14.00

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Post Office: Monday-Friday: 09.00 -13.45 Saturday: 09.00 - 12.15 Sunday: closed

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Puzzle Solutions

Crossword

A	R	P	A	C	T	W
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Jordan
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Dungeon
Head
Cut
History
Great
Unique
prepare

Word Search

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Sudoku

5	7	1	4	9	2	3	6	8
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EASY

INTERMEDIATE

7	5	9	4	2	1	8	6	3
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3	8	7	2	9	6	5	1	4

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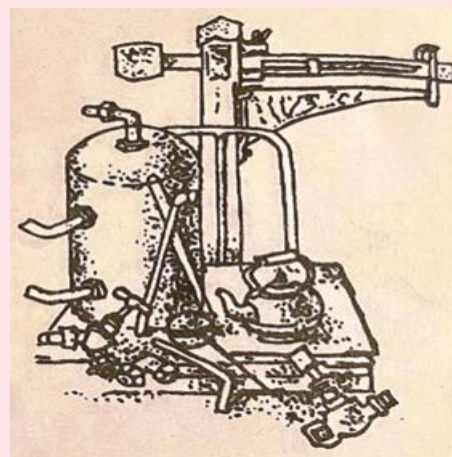
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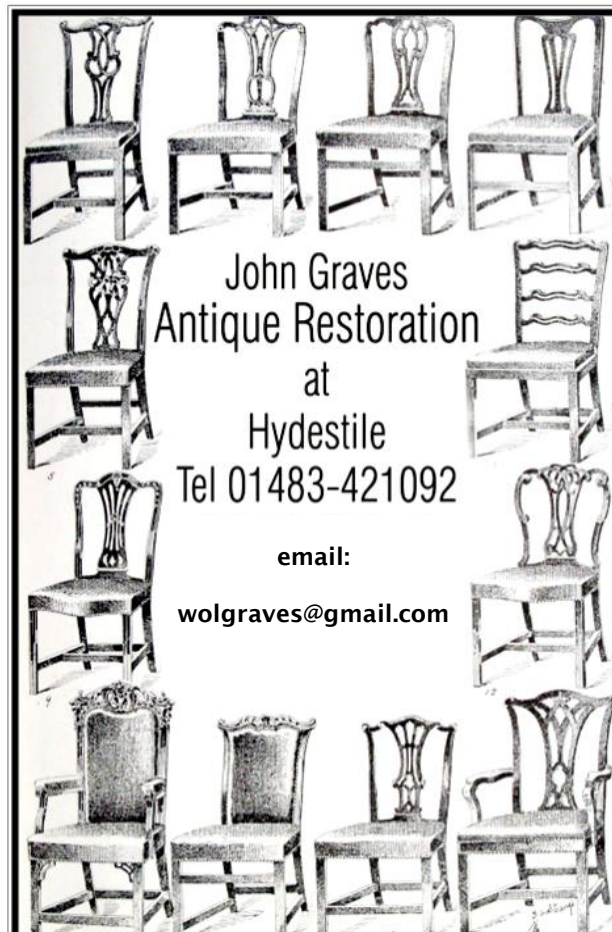
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