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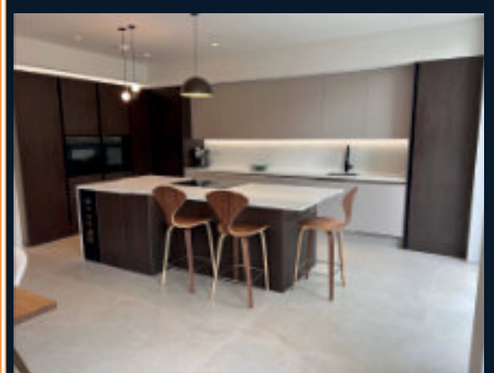


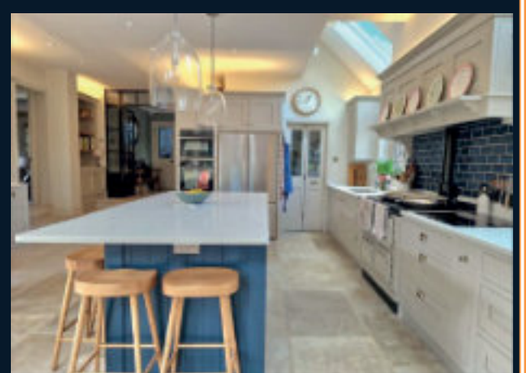


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Sunday Services are set out in the Church Calendar for the month, shown on page 5.

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St Teresa of Avila, Chiddingfold, (Fr Patrick Okafor CM, 01428 643877) ;

St Edmund, Croft Rd, Godalming, and St Joseph's, Milford (Fr Jonathan How, 01483 416880)

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Associate Minister's Missive – October

Dear Friends

During Covid times, community life was re-energised. Neighbours, including some we had never spoken to, were offering space in their weekly shopping delivery, or just checking up that everything was OK in our household.

The coming together for the daily clapping, brought people out of their 'brick castles' and we all began to talk to each other and find out their names and what made them tick, what their interests were, etc. New friendships were formed, new names remembered.

There is quite a difference in being 'a Mr Nosey' and being a kind, loving and helpful neighbour. Very recently we have been truly blessed through some of our friends delivering lovely meals. They had learnt that we might be finding it difficult as the chief cook and bottlewasher was out of action for a short time, and they must know I'm not really a cook. Tertullian (c.160-225) observed in his day 'how these Christians love one another'. This has been our experience for those making and bringing meals were mostly all members of the church.

Looking out for each other and helping out where there is need, are hallmarks of a good community. A village like Hambledon has an advantage over the suburbs of nearby towns, because that village feel and the collective knowledge of 'locals' helps to maintain that community feeling.

Good community life is a quality to treasure. When Jesus was on earth he lived in community. First of all, there was his family. We learn that as a family they would make the pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival both as family and no doubt with many from the same community. You may recall that on the way back, his parents assumed Jesus was with the crowd walking home, however he wasn't there, he was still in the Temple learning from the teachers there (Luke 2:45) Later in his life when he began his ministry, Jesus gathered a community of disciples around him. With these twelve disciples he had many wide and deep discussions.

When I was growing up, in what was called the Garden Suburb, community events were put on. The main one was in the summer when the children dressed up to illustrate the theme the organisers had chosen and we would parade around the small estate showing off how we interpreted the theme. The fancy-dress parade finished in a field where judging and games were the order of the day. It was truly a community event. But it needed people to organise it, to give of their time and experience to the community.

Hambledon hamber of community events which draw villagers together, along with those who live outside the village, but feel very much part of the village. I hope that you also recognise the spontaneous community activity such as looking after those you know are ill or receiving treatment and would be hugely grateful for a visit and chat and/or a meal or two. Love in action -that's what we've experienced and we have been blessed by members of our church community.

What communities do you belong to and how do you help keep that community life and spirit alive?

With good wishes



Andy Spencer
Associate Minister
Godalming Minster

Godalming Minster St Peter's Hambledon

CHURCH CALENDAR

October 2026

Please check www.godalmingminster.org for any updates.

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.

Sunday 4 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	**10am Morning Worship**
Wednesday 7 October	9-9.30am Morning Prayer in church
Sunday 11 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	**10am Morning Worship**
Wednesday 14 October	9-9.30am Morning Prayer in church
Sunday 18 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	**11am Harvest Festival Service at the Village Hall** followed by Harvest Lunch for £10 each
Wednesday 21 October	9-9.30am Morning Prayer in church 10.30-11.30am Coffee Morning and Hearing Aid Clinic
Sunday 25 October 21st Sunday after Trinity	**10am* Morning Worship** (with Live Stream) * GMT
Wednesday 28 October	9-9.30am Morning Prayer in church
Sunday 1 November All Saints and Bible Sunday	**10am Morning Worship** (with Live Stream)

Services are relaxed and friendly, with a blend of Common Worship and more contemporary elements, traditional hymns and songs.

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



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on the 8th November.

There will be the usual Remembrance Day service at St Peter's Church, starting at 10.30.

If you would like to support the 2025 Poppy Appeal here in Hambledon, some suggestions:

- Make a cash donation and get poppy at Phillips Garage, the Village Shop or The Merry Harriers.
- Donate online and/or shop online at poppyshop.org.uk. (Giving online has the added advantage of participation in the Gift Aid scheme.).

Join the Remembrance Day service at the Church, where the collection will go to the Royal British Legion.

The Royal British Legion works to provide lifelong, vital care for serving personnel, veterans, and their families when they face challenges like financial hardship, homelessness, or recovery. To find out more about both their current and historic work, visit britishlegion.org.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lunch Club Update from Rosie Aneja

We are very grateful to the Hambledon Village Trust for kindly sponsoring the Lunch Club. This means that the Village Hall benefits from a hall hire fee when we host lunches. Last year, the Lunch Club used the hall free of charge and used a lot of electricity and heating when hosting each month. This new arrangement is much better - the hall benefits from a hire charge and the lunches are able to stay at £5 per head. Each month we fund food and drinks using the revenue from the £5 per person. We are building up a small excess of funds for our special lunch at Christmas.

I cancelled a meeting for new cooks and helpers that I had planned for July. I'm sorry but it was such a hot weekend and the pub was busy - it seemed to be too much. A new date will be proposed soon. If you are interested, please let me know by email: anejarosie@gmail.com. Many thanks, Rosie.

The dates for the remainder of 2026 are still the 4th Thursday of the month, with the exception of December:

24th September

22nd October
(Please note that access to the hall may be altered due to car park resurfacing work. Please park along the road.)

26th November

17th December

Doors open at 12 noon.
Carriages at approximately 2pm.

Hambledon Harvest Festival

The Village Hall hosts this year's Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday 18th October, with a service followed by lunch. Tickets can be purchsed from the Village Shop or at the church during Sunday services. Lunch includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.

All are welcome.

If you're able to help with cooking or setting up, please contact Carol on 07855 760634.

Hambledon Art Fair

Don't forget Hambledon Art Fair returns on the 3rd-4th October at the Village Hall.

This hugely popular event showcases the work of numerous local artists covering a range of different mediums - from watercolours to photography, ceramics to needlework - there's something for all tastes, and an excellent opportunity to invest in a locally made masterpiece!

Getting back to it.

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council regroups after the summer break.
Parish Clerk Catherine

After its summer break, Hambledon Parish Council met on Tuesday 1st September. Representatives from the Speedwatch team attended to request an update on the Rural Speed Review. Cllr Kevin Deanus provided an update on behalf of Surrey County Council, Hambledon should be included in the next area but it is a very lengthy process. The Speedwatch team was advised to collect and submit all speeds over the speed limit as the more data is better given Hambledon is a small area. When asked about the installation of an average speed camera, it was confirmed that the cost of installing one is prohibitive and it would not work through Hambledon due to the layout of the lanes.

Cllr Kevin Deanus also spoke regarding the potential narrowing of the road at Station Lane in Milford due to the new development in that area. More information will be sought.

On matters relating to Waverley Borough Council, Cllr Michael Goodridge informed the Council that there have been some changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which should benefit rural areas. Developments should be within walking distance of travel infrastructure. At Waverley, the Planning Committee has been reduced in size to 13 members. From 31st October, the involvement of Waverley Councillors will be lessened and they will no longer be able to call in applications to the committee.

On to Parish Council finance, it was agreed to remain with Lloyds Banking, it is a major high street bank with a physical building in Guildford which still suits the Council's needs. Councillors reviewed the Annual Risk Assessment. Given the Council is small, with limited assets and follows the designated Financial Regulations, all items were considered low risk.

Things may be getting harder for many families and Henry Smith funds can offer some support. The Parish Council holds funds which can be used to benefit those in the local community who require additional financial support. Small grants can be given to either individuals or community groups. Please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to find out further information, or know of anyone who could benefit from these funds. Any information shared is kept confidential.

Over the summer, the development for two mixed use commercial units on field next to Hydestile Crossroads (WA/2025/02351) was refused by Waverley Planning An appeal by the applicant was submitted. Hambledon Parish Council submitted comments to the Planning Inspectorate in August.

The Council supports the Merry Harriers retrospective planning application for its timber marquee structure. The structure provides a beneficial space for the wider community. It utilises an unused space, not visible from the front of the property. The structure itself is visually pleasing and well executed. This will be submitted to Waverley Planners.

It was agreed that the Welcome Packs delivered to new residents in the village are still of benefit. The Council will fund the reprint of Memories of Hambledon, which is part of the pack.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October. Please get in touch with any councillor or the Clerk if you have any questions. All full minutes are held on the village website.

October 2026 marks the 60th anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster.

On the 21st October 1966 tragedy struck the Welsh mining village of Aberfan in an event so catastrophic that it is remembered as one of the worst disasters in modern British history.

Early in the morning, a huge colliery spoil tip sitting on a hill above the village collapsed. The coal waste had become a slurry following heavy rainfall, and created a devastating landslide that destroyed Pantglas Junior School and areas of the village. 144 lives were lost—including 116 children. No one was ever held accountable.

Wales will hold a national minute of silence at 9.15am on the 21st October, led by the Welsh Government and First Minister.

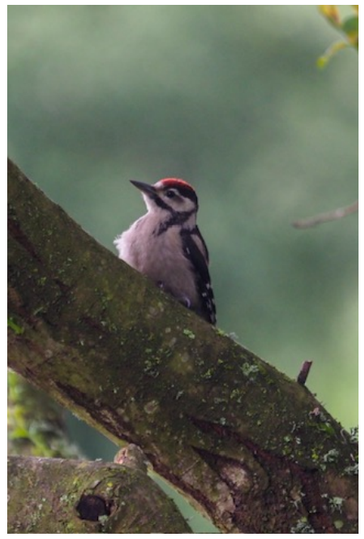




Hambledon Art Fair

Saturday Oct 3rd 10-5pm
Sunday Oct 4th 10-4pm







Hambledon Village Hall
Malthouse Lane, Surrey, GU8 4HG

Professional art fair including paintings, photography, ceramics and jewellery

Admission £2
Refreshments Available

Singing Hymns with Pimm's

A tradition has been set. Once a year, in September, Hymn Singing and Pimm's drinking is organised in Hambledon Church. Reported by Jacqueline Hindley.

On the first Sunday in September, many people enjoyed a good hour of singing and drinking. The two go very well together. Coming into the Church, all participants were given the chance to write down their favourite hymn to be included in the singing and they could write why they had chosen it if they wanted to.

So many were chosen that not all could be sung, even with only singing a few verses of each hymn.

Sitting down in the Church pews a glass of Pimm's in hand, the singing was lusty.
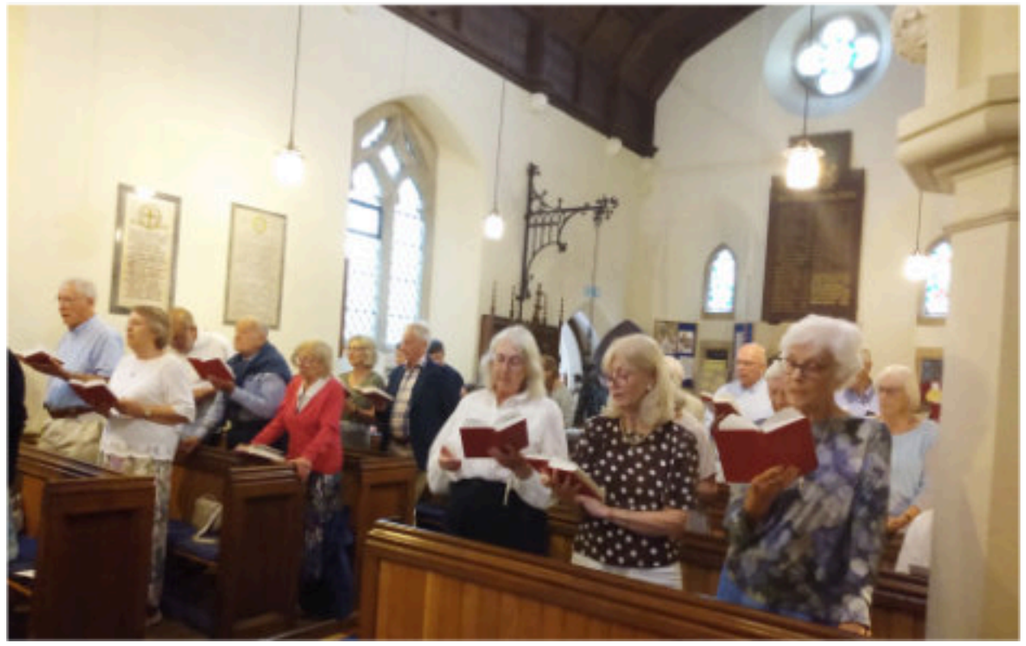




It was our wonderful Simon Willetts ably leading the event, announcing the hymns and saying a few words about each. At the organ was Alan Harvey, who effortlessly played each hymn without knowing beforehand which ones would be sung. What a great talent.

Halfway through there was a break to refill the glasses. The singing was even better with more Pimm's.

Yes please could we continue this tradition next September?



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

Thursday 1st October

□□□ Skillway: Crafting Confidence in Skills for Life for Young People

□□□This Nexus talk will be from Lucy White, the new Head of Operations at Skillway. She will tell us about the work Skillway does to provide a hands-on skills-based education for some teenagers who find school difficult. Skillway is a small Godalming-based charity which has been operating from workshops in the Old Chapel in Nightingale Cemetery for over 20 years. They aim to motivate and build confidence in 13-16 year olds by teaching them practical skills allied to trades and to nurture personal potential

□□□*All are welcome, 2026 Annual Subscription: £20, Guests £5.*
*Our 2026 charity is: Cherry Trees *** contact: nexus@godalmingminster.org*

Monday 5th / 12th / 19th / 26th October

□□□ Regular Coffee Drop-In

□□□In the **Yew Tree Café** every Monday morning 10:30 - 11:30am

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.

Tuesday 6th October

□□□ NEW: Hambledon Games Afternoon



Come along to the **first session** on Tues **6th October 2 - 4pm** in the Church Room, Hambledon Church.

Bring along a board or card game you enjoy and be prepared to show us how to play! Drinks and biscuits provided.

Wednesday 7th / 14th October

□□□ Hambletots Baby and Toddler Group

Come and join us 9:30 - 11am Wedesdays at Hambledon Village Hall for crafts, singing and play. (Term time only)

£3 per family with tea, coffee, toast and biscuits included.

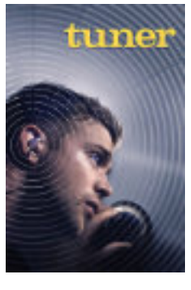


Friday 9th October

□□□ Chiddingfold Cinema: Tuner

CHIDDINGFOLD VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Book Online at Chiddingfoldcinema.com or pay on the door Films start 8pm – doors open 7.30pm. Tickets: £7 for adults, £4 for under 16's



Leo Woodall stars as a gifted young piano tuner whose heightened sense of hearing draws the attention of criminals, who see his talents as useful for opening safes as well as for tuning Steinways. With his once-promising musical career over, he works across New York with his mentor Harry Horowitz (Academy Award-winner Dustin Hoffman), encountering a range of characters, including composition student Ruthie, with whom he forges an unexpected connection. Niki's safecracking work threatens his budding romance with Ruthie and pulls him into increasingly dangerous territory. **Drama. Cert 15**

Saturday 17th October

□□□ Conservatoire Concerts: Sutton Philharmonic Orchestra



Join us at **7:00pm at Godalming Baptist** Church for an evening with the Sutton Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Brian Choi and piano soloist Thomas Masciaga.

Featuring Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, Handel's Water Music, Wagner's Sigfried Idyll and more.
Full details and booking at: **www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk**



□□□ Prime Time Movie Matinee

The monthly free cinema experience returns in October at **Godalming Minster, Brighton Road, Busbridge 2:00pm**.
American comedy drama from 2024 starring 92 year-old June Squibb in her first lead role in an acting career which spans more than seven decades. The film follows Thelma Post, a nonagenarian grandmother who loses $10,000 to a con artist on the phone. With help from a friend and his motorised scooter, she soon embarks on a treacherous journey across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her.

Prime Time Team call: 01483 421267 or email: primetime@godalmingminster.org



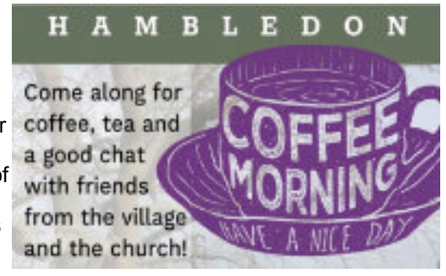
Wednesday 21st October

□□□ Hambledon Coffee Morning & Hearing Aid Clinic

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Every 3rd **Wednesday 10:30am** at Hambledon Church. Join us for coffee, tea and a good chat with friends from the village and the church.

Need a lift? Call Jacqui: 01428 763519



Hearing aid clinic allows for routine maintenance of NHS hearing aids as well as coffee, tea, cake and a chat. godalmingminster.org/hearing-aid-clinics



HAMBLEDON DIARIES 4.

Fire & water disasters, yet birds thrive

Stephen Dean recounts a succession of dramatic incidents at the Hurst

A series of challenges at Hambledon, while birds and other creatures try to carry on as normal.

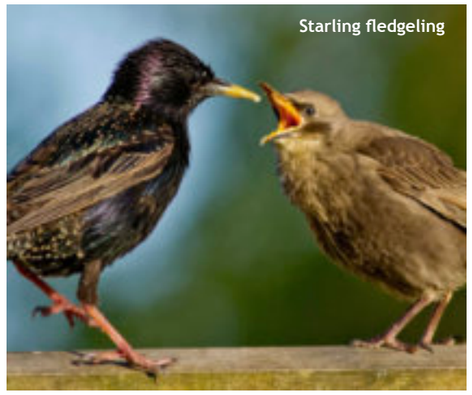
5 Sept. 1977: I was sitting outside in the sun when a bee landed on a honeysuckle leaf.



Garden shed 2026

Instead of nosing into a flower, it set about grooming itself, rubbing its head andyellow furry body with its various legs, two at a time. It did this for some while before buzzing off.

12 Sept. 1978: Mrs Harper rang in a flurry to say that a fire had got out of control on our side of the fence, that she'd telephoned the fire brigade and would I come! Out I dashed, clutching a pair of buckets, to find the garden shed ablaze, flames shooting through the roof and out of the windows, the ivy on fire and the front of the building leaning at a precarious angle. Ernie and Charlie were squirting the garden hose at the flames. After a couple of minutes, the roof fell in with a shattering crash. I returned to the house to collect a 20-year-old red fire extinguisher.



Starling fledgeling

We had more or less got things under control when the fire brigade arrived: they drove in the back entrance and parked by the tennis court, ran out a long hose and doused the glowing embers. Part of a wall fell out, narrowly missing one of the firemen

Before that they'd pulled down a leaning wall, held up by ivy alone. By the time they left all that remained of the building were three walls, charred fallen rafters, blackened bricks, smashed tiles.

Next day we rescued spades, forks, rakes, hoes, trowels, most without handles or with charred remnants of them. How the fire started is a mystery: no one had been near the shed for two hours or so – I suspect a smouldering cigarette.

31 May 1979: A dramatic incident last night. I was standing quietly in the kitchen (contemplating greasy saucepans) when I heard a rushing, splashing, roaring sound as of a burst dam. I flung open the window on the moth-haunted darkness: the path was flooded, water gushing from the great rain-water tank outside the larder. The tank had been mildly incontinent for years, and now – finally – its bottom had fallen out. I thought the house might flood and dashed out with torch and sieve-like gumboots. I returned splattered with evil-smelling sludge. The water soon drained away, fortunately. Today, orange-brown silt on the path, rust-stained flagstones.



Replacement rainwater tank, 2016

4 June 1979: The starlings that made their nest above the sitting-room window have gone, the family safely reared. At first the young ones flew to the beam above the nest, down to the lawn, and back, but the parents still brought them food: fat slugs and pink wriggling worms. I came upon a half-fledged starling in the garden: he flew awkwardly into the hedge and sat for a moment, his tail feathers draggled by the rain. Then, looking very determined, with a tremendous whirring of wings, he flew from spray to spray up the hedge.

Alas, I don't think the blackbird chicks in the woodshed can have survived: at least, the nest is empty, the mother disappeared – perhaps to lay fresh eggs elsewhere. (There's another blackbirds' nest, with three or four eggs in it, cleverly concealed in a bush near the kitchen door.)

I was wrong about the wrens' nest – it is occupied. When you approach a minute wren darts out and perches on a nearby twig, eying you closely. She's so small and unobtrusive (hardly bigger than a moth) that I must have overlooked her at first. The nest is a ball of twisted dead grass and leaves, with a narrow entrance hole, and you can't see in, but my father (an avid birdsnester in youth) probed with a finger and says there are three or four warm eggs.

A shattering rainstorm the other day. Just before, the air was muggy – grumbling thunder, gusts of wind. Under the chestnut tree the path was littered with white and pink flowers and – looking closely – hundreds of separate, white stamens. Many chestnut leaves, like those of the limes, are eaten full of holes, leaves joined one to another or curled round with silky threads, caterpillar shapes visible between. The horse chestnut caterpillars are a slightly darker green than the lime ones but otherwise look the same and proceed by the same back-arching humping motion.



Wren

14 June 1979: Terrific, short rainstorms here – tiles clattering off the roof, moss and red tile fragments pattering down, clogging gutters and pipes. The roof of Voysey's skylight above the battlemented bathroom tower is fast losing its wooden shingles. Most of the chestnut candles have burnt out but on the skeletons hundreds of small green fruits have appeared, prickles and all, so it should be a good year for conkers.

21 June 1979: The garden is blazing with lupins, pink, blue, purple, white and yellow, bumble bees humming round them, apparently copulating with each flower. Bees with dusty backs, bundles of orange nectar on each thigh. I have never examined a lupin flower properly before: the bee crouches on top and a spike sticks up between the two cupped petals, a sort of petal sheaf for stamens and orange-tipped anthers. On other plants the flowers are over and green furry seedpods protrude between the withered petals.

Last week my father put his finger into the wrens' nest in the woodshed and instead of eggs he felt four or five small warm chicks, almost naked. When I visited the shed the wren mother darted out of the nest, churring loudly. Yesterday the nest looked battered, its roof gone, as if some disaster had befallen it – but there, when I looked closer, was one downy chick, sitting up and waiting to be fed, so perhaps the roof was removed deliberately to accommodate the growing family?

23 July 1979: Two nights ago, I was sitting quietly downstairs when I heard a sudden tap-tapping at the window. There on the sill, wings outspread, was a young house martin, knocking at the glass with his beak, scratching at it with his little clawed foot. The same thing happened three or four years ago and I wrote to Maurice Burton about it: he published a little piece in *The Telegrap*h on this strange occurrence. There are house martins' nests directly above, under Voysey's eaves, so this little one must have started life up there – a few weeks ago – in an egg. He glanced about, eyed me through the glass, pouted, opened his beak and seemed very anxious to come in. He had a fine white breast and delicate, pink, furred feet. In the end he fluttered down into the wisteria below the window.



House Martin

24 Jan. 1980: Alcina wakes me each morning with loud miaows and scratchings at the door, demanding breakfast. In the evening she dozes by a hot water radiator upstairs but seems to pick up static electricity from it: when I stroke her ears there's a 'click' and I receive an electric shock. Poor Alcina doesn't like this at all and hurries off with reproachful backward glances. The same thing happens sometimes when I touch the radiator itself: it isn't permanently live but seems to collect static electricity. Odd and slightly alarming. We may have to get the plumber to see to the radiator – and the electrician to see to Alcina.

I looked out of the window last week and on the front lawn were two large birds – in fact, two of Mr Heath's ducks strayed from the village pond. They stood waggling their tail feathers, curving their snaky necks forwards and downwards to the grass in duck fashion and stretching out their wide white wings. I didn't think they could fly but after a while first one, then the other took off, sailed over the hedge, past the willow tree, back to the pond. Mr Heath shuts them up each night, or they wouldn't survive for long.

One evening Alcina and I heard a fox barking: Alcina jumped off my knee, rushed to the window, fur all on end, and GROWLED. She knew it was a fox, not a dog.



Alcina



Embrace the glut!

Nick Root offers some advice on what to do with your excess vegetables this October.

There are years that go horribly wrong in gardening and those that are spectacularly successful, sometimes with no logical reason. Same seeds, same technique, etc. That's gardening!

This year for example my carrots were very sad, dry and a bit pathetic. The beetroot and courgettes however have been outstanding.

What to do with excess of these beautiful vegetables? Give some to friends or take some down to the village shop perhaps. I have a few ideas that I wanted to share with you.



Beetroot

Why not consider pickling them. Pickled beetroot are gorgeous with salads, pork pies or on their own as a nibble. They are pretty easy to do.

Firstly clean the roots and, if massive, chop them up. Cooking can either involve baking them for 1-1.5 hours wrapped in silver foil or simply boiling until tender. If you can stick a knife in them easily they are done!

Put to one side and cool, then peel off the skins. This is messy so don't wear anything white as the juices are very difficult to remove! Then chop up into chunks or slice.

Next make the brine. I use malt vinegar but you can use white wine vinegar. Combine 500g of vinegar with 100g of brown sugar and a few tablespoons of coarse salt. Add spices (whatever's in the cupboard) like peppercorns, mustard seeds, coriander seeds, etc. Heat in a pan until the salt and sugar has dissolved.



Get a sterilised jar and pack in the beetroot then pour in the brine until everything is covered. Keep in a dark cold space. This will last for months and will be delicious!

Of course you can just eat the beetroot with roasts.

Courgettes

Regardless of being yellow or green, if you have spare courgettes you can make a surprisingly tasty and filling soup. It can be served hot or cold and I recommend it highly.

Fry 1lb of chopped courgettes and a chopped leek with a few lumps of butter. Add a splash of olive oil to stop burning.

Add 1.5 pints of vegetable stock and a handful of basil stalks. When the veg is cooked add the juice of a lemon and liquidise. Serve with a splash of cream and fresh basil leaves.

Try it. You will be surprised how good it is

Happy cooking.



Autumn nights out

Helena Sharp shares the upcoming events bringing in the new season.

THE MERRY HARRIERS

What a couple of months it's been! Our August and September Supper Clubs both sold out within 24 hours, which we're still slightly giddy about. These evenings are the ones we're proudest of. They're where we get to show what we're really about: championing local producers, cooking sustainably, and making the most of the astonishing quality of food and drink on our doorstep here in Surrey. If you've been meaning to come along, our October Supper Club is on Thursday 22nd and we'd suggest booking sooner rather than later.

We're also thrilled to be hosting a Burgundy Wine Masterclass with our friends at Graft Wines on Thursday 15th. Paired course by course with a menu we're rather excited about, it promises to be a genuinely special evening and not one to miss.

Elsewhere, autumn has settled in and roast season is back, with all our meat coming from Wintershall Farm just down the road. Cosy Sundays have officially returned! Our next live music night is Sunday 1st November, when we welcome The Jays — homegrown Hambledon residents Jo Kirkland and John Canham, bringing their chilled guitar-and-vocals set to The Harriers. It's the last one until next year, so do come and see the season out with us.

Looking further ahead, our Christmas feast menus are now available and dates are filling up fast. There are three to choose from, all built for groups of any kind, whether that's family, friends or the office Christmas do. Get in touch to make a booking and check out the menus.

September saw the launch of Harrier's Hour! Raise a glass to the weekend with deals on pints, wine and cocktails every Friday between 4-6pm.

Every Saturday at 17:15, the meat raffle rolls on, currently raising money for the Bee-lieve Foundation, who help young people build the resilience and confidence to navigate today's world. John Murray supplies the meat at cost price, which means every penny from every ticket goes straight to the charity.

Thank you all for the ongoing support!

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WHAT'S ON AT THE PUB?

OCTOBER

Monday 5th

Bingo, Burger & Beats from 18:00

Thursday 15th

Burgundy Wine Masterclass

Monday 19th

Quiz Night from 18:00

Thursday 22nd

Supper Club

Sunday 1st November

Live Music

HARRIER'S HOUR
Fridays 4 - 6pm

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TWO FOR £12 — Wine

175ml of House Red / White / Rosé

TWO FOR £15 - Cocktails

Margarita / Negroni / Martini



So long summer

The shop BBQ - see the remarkable photos in the colour section which show just how community minded our village is - and soft fruit sales come to the fore. Not forgetting autumn in the air as Wendy Knibb reports:

Soft fruit

Jon Petersen has brilliantly set up a what's app group for the fruit collectors (volunteers who fetch the fruit from Tuesley farm in the mornings) - yes, all sorts of behind scenes jobs are done. Jon has also created a Fruit Bot to manage the admin (keeping track of stock levels, communicating with the packing room at Tuesley and requesting a collection) - thanks Jon and don't we all love a 'bot'.



The results are great for the shop with low wastage and good margins:

Strawberries: 1,309 punnets (£5,016.73); Raspberries: 251 punnets (£713.40); Blueberries: 91 punnets (£261.00). A grand total of 1,651 punnets (£5,991.13 for the shop's coffers) Thanks everyone including all of you who purchased the fruit.

There's a smell of autumn in the air!

At the Shop, the deli teams are turning their heads to dreaming up Autumnal delicacies – apples, blackberries, spices, colourful veg. Are you aware of the myriad of fillers that may be put in sandwiches, baps and wraps? Vegan and gluten free options are available as well. Salads of course can stand alone too. From coleslaw to Waldorf to green salad to which a filler – cheese, ham, tomato, tuna and sweetcorn and lots more – may be added.

Hot drinks that would complement any lunch, morning break, breakfast, with the milk varieties extended to include: cow's milk in skimmed, semi-skimmed and whole; or as an alternative oat milk. Why not give your palate a change and opt for a milk you haven't tried as yet – you could be in for a delicious experience!

Finally, at the end of October there's Halloween and the shop will become a little spidery! Watch out for more news next month. In the meantime, enjoy October with a hot drink and nibbles (or more) sat outside our amazing community shop.



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Robin's Recipes

Robin McKeith takes on autumn at its own game.

Somewhere around the end of September the weather changes its mind. One evening you are eating salad in the garden pretending it isn't cold; the next you are indoors with the heating on and the salad in the bin. I have just come back from Scotland, where autumn doesn't so much arrive as ambush you, and I returned with wet boots, a lasting grudge against midges and a strong urge to cook something for three hours.

This is that something. Venison is at its best right now and, whatever its reputation, it is no harder to cook than stewing beef. It is leaner, so it wants low heat, plenty of liquid and some bacon for company. Give it that and you get a dark, glossy gravy and meat that falls apart if you look at it sternly. If venison isn't to hand, or the butcher gives you a look, beef shin does the job perfectly well and nobody at the table will write to the editor.

Serve it on a large amount of mash. There is no such thing as too much mash in October. This is not a matter of opinion.

Venison Stew for 6

Ingredients

800g to 1kg diced venison shoulder/ neck

2 tbsp plain flour seasoned with salt and pepper

2 tbsp olive oil

150g smoked streaky bacon cut into chunky lardons

2 onions, roughly chopped

2 large carrots, cut into thick rounds

2 celery sticks, sliced

3 garlic cloves, roughly chopped

1 tbsp tomato purée

440ml can of stout or porter (a Scottish one earns points; Guinness is fine)

400ml good quality beef stock

2 tbsp redcurrant jelly

2 bay leaves, 3 sprigs thyme and 1 sprig rosemary, tied together

250g chestnut mushrooms, halved

A knob of butter

Method

Toss the venison in seasoned flour and shake off the excess. Heat half the oil in a large casserole over a medium-high heat and brown the meat in batches until properly dark. Don't crowd the pan or it will steam. Set aside.

Lower the heat, add the rest of the oil and fry the bacon for 4 to 5 minutes until golden. Add the onions, carrots and celery and cook gently for 8 to 10 minutes until soft. Stir in the garlic and tomato purée for a further minute.

Return the meat and its juices to the pan. Pour in the stout, scraping up everything stuck to the base. Add the stock, redcurrant jelly and herbs. Bring to the boil, then reduce to the barest simmer.

Cover and cook on the lowest heat, or in the oven at 150°C / 130°C fan for 2 hours.

Fry the mushrooms hard in the butter until golden and fold them in. Simmer uncovered for a further 30 to 40 minutes until the meat is fork-tender and the gravy has thickened.

Remove the herbs. Only now taste for salt: the bacon and stock will have done most of the work. Add more redcurrant jelly if it wants a little sweetness. Serve with the aforementioned heavily buttered mashed potato.



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Sessions

In the first of a new series of features, Hambledon's very own piano man David Kirby give us an insight into his life at the ivories.

The new editorial team of the magazine thought it would be good to add some new sections on Music and the Arts and have asked me to do a regular session on music and the people in and around Hambledon. Over the coming weeks I want to focus on the wonderful local talent and bring their stories to life. The editors suggest I start with myself and some of my stories in music…here goes with the first...

This is all about how an horrific piano teacher set me on the path to jazz.

I started playing the piano at the age of 6. At 9 I was moved to a local piano teacher, Hilda (I'll protect her surname). We all have images of piano teachers that are dragons…she was worse! The lessons were dreary and frightening, in the front room of her house. It was always the same routine. I would arrive, she would sit me at the piano to warm-up my Beethoven or Bach whilst she went to the kitchen to make a cup of tea - always with two rich tea biscuits. She would return and harangue me whilst dunking her biscuits. I was petrified of her but somehow still wanted to impress her.

Some weeks later at school I was listening to a pupil who was 2 years older than me - Richard Day. He played everything and I was in awe of him. (He eventually went off on a scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in the US). This particular day, Richard who was 12 at the time was playing some Boogie Woogie on the school piano. I had never heard anything like it and I implored him to teach me. He did and all week I practiced for hours and hours to perfect it.

The week went quickly and it was now time for my weekly piano lesson with Hilda. I went there with my Boogie Woogie piece knowing that at last I was going to impress her. I rang the doorbell and she lead me into the front room, sat me at the piano and opened Beethoven's G Major piano sonata for me to practice. I waited for her to go to the kitchen, flexed my fingers and launched into my Boogie Woogie piece. The next thing I heard was her great bulk running from the kitchen and bursting into the piano room. She screamed at me!.."What do you think you are doing? You naughty little boy!…I'm going to ring your parents and tell them what you've been doing!" I pleaded with her to not ring my parents thinking that this must be as bad as defecting on her carpet….she again shouted at me.."if you want to play that sort of rubbish you can get out now….if you want to play the classics you can stay with me….what do you want to do?"……tearfully I told her that "I wanted to play the classics". The piano lesson ensued with me playing Beethoven's sonata - tears rolling down my face.

That weekend my (step) Dad asked me how the piano lessons were going. I was quick to say "I hate them and I hate her" and told him what had happened. He then entered me for a Scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music in London which I subsequently won. At the Guildhall I was taught classical piano, jazz piano, improvisation and discovered a whole new world of music without restraint or predjudice. At last I could put behind me this awful dragon of a piano teacher…Hilda!! ….but oh no….it was like a horror movie….years later she returned into my life!!

Years went by and now 25, having done a degree in music, I was now gigging round jazz clubs, mainly in London. One day a drummer friend of mine, Malcolm, asked me to come and dep in a jazz quartet. He explained that there was one problem. The leader of the quartet, who was a renowned member of the Ronnie Scott orchestra, was infamous for the way he treated young musicians…in fact anyone. He was foul and whatever you did he would "stare daggers" at you to show his disapproval. I'll call him the Beast (to protect him!). Malcom explained if you can deal with the Beast the money is good. So I agreed to do it.

On the night of the gig it came to my first piano solo and true to form, the Beast turned around to stare daggers and hatred at me. Worse was to come - I carried on playing and looked round into the smoke-filled audience and sitting right in the middle was my piano teacher from all those years ago, Hilda and she waved at me! I immediately reverted to a petrified 10 year old and stopped playing. The Beast, I'm sure was about to physically assault me just as I managed to settle myself and start playing again.

In the interval I thought I better show some maturity and go and say hello to Hilda. I went across to say hello and asked her "what are you doing here I thought you hated jazz?". She replied "I did, but my husband died?". Seeing my confusion she went on to explain that she had got re-married. I asked her who too?……..." The Beast" she replied!!

I left that table pumping my fist knowing that there really was a God!

Blake's Take

David Blake's new regular diary column on his life in the movie business.
This month, David recounts how a brief encounter opened the doors to a new world, and career.

A chance meeting with one of the legendary identical twin film makers, the Boulting Brothers, then owners of British Lion Films lead to my summer job at Shepperton Studios. Roy Boulting invited me to dinner that night. We had been watching the cricket at Holyport. Roy had a 16 mm projector and showed Hitchcock rear window for some of his friends. I was so impressed. How could anybody have their own screening in their house?

He had a few illustrious guests. John Mills and his daughter Hayley. Vidal Sassoon. Roy arranged for me to go to Shepperton for the summer. If this was show business, it was what I wanted to do. I took to reading Variety, the Hollywood Reporter and Screen International every morning by 7:30 am.

By the time anyone else arrived, I was able to sound knowledgeable. I learned everything about running a studio! I met David Lean, Stanley Kubrick and the amazing Peter Sellers. On one of my trips to the London office in Soho, I was asked to join Lion international Films foreign sales department. I was in charge of Eastern Europe and managed to sell some of the 200 British Lion film titles to the Iron Curtain countries.

Although they never paid very much, this came to the attention of the British Lion board under the Chairman, Lord Goodman. In January 1970 I was on the Very first PANAM 747 to look after the New York office on Madison Avenue. I had a secretary, an expense account, and most importantly, my predecessor's wonderful Rolodex containing every senior executive in the film and television business.

I went on to run a successful independent distribution company Cinema Shares International with 200 Films. I helped arrange the finance for DEER HUNTER. I worked for ABC Network,(Dallas, Love Boat, Little House on the Prairie, MCA Universal and a host of independent producers including Roger Corman, Carolco, and Golan Globus. With finance from Softbank and Viacom I founded Reelplay.com as its President.

What to eat now

The best seasonal produce to look out for in October.

The leaves are turning, the nights are closing in, and as summer bows out and we lean into autumn proper, we start to crave more comforting fare.

October is when Surrey's seasonal larder brings produce that creates cosiness. **Pumpkin, butternut** and all the squashy cousins are coming into their own. Baked, pureed or blended into soups, their natural sweetness caramelises upon roasting, lending an extra depth of flavour. They're good friends with warm spices and are brilliant in curries or substantial salads.

Leafy greens and **root veg** become besties in an English garden version of minestrone - saute some onions and garlic with some hard herbs, add peeled and chopped roots - a mix of **swede**, **parsnips**, **celeriac**, **carrots**, etc - and cover with veg or chicken stock. Simmer until the roots are tender, add handfuls of any shredded leafy greens and cook for a further 5-10 minutes. Season to taste, and garnish with croutons, some grated parmesan or similar and a drizzle of good oil for pure autumnal manna. My favourite way with **kale** is to drizzle with oil and roast in a medium oven for about ten minutes until crisp, then sprinkle with salt and sugar - a la Chinese crispy seaweed!

With the harvest of **apples** and **pears**, crumbles and pies are the common go-to. Branch out with a delicious orchard take on an Eton Mess. Peel and core the fruit and cut into chunks. Place the fruit into a roasting dish lined with non-stick paper, sprinkle with brown sugar (depending on the tartness of the fruit) and a splash of water, and roast in a medium oven until soft and a touch golden. When cool, crush roughly with a fork and mix with crushed meringue and softly whipped cream. Sweeten with maple syrup if needed, and top with toasted nuts. Happy scoffing! LP

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Challenging but memorable cricket

The seniors did well, with some hiccups and some great matches.
And there were achievements for the juniors.

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB - SENIOR SIDES

The League Side achieved 5th position in the I'Anson Cricket League Div 3

When you read this report the cricket match season will be over. The last league match was on Saturday 29th August, and the last Friendly XI would have been against Dunsfold on Sunday 27th September for the Allen Cup. A report the outcome of this match will be in the Nov. issue.

However, this does not mean the club is going into a dormant roll, as major refurbishment work on the cricket square and the outfield will be undertaken in September/October for next year's 2027 playing season.

League XI – August Round-Up – Sam Gillings reports:-

August was another strong month for Hambledon's League XI, who recorded two impressive victories from their four scheduled fixtures and ultimately finished the season in a highly respectable 5th place in I'Anson Division 3.

The month began emphatically with a dominant nine-wicket victory at Wood Street Village. The hosts were dismissed for 132, with Bob Luff and Daniel Harvey each claiming four wickets, before Naveendra Weerakoon (70) and Tom Harris (56 not out) shared a match-winning opening partnership in a rapid chase completed inside 19 overs.

A narrow defeat followed at Pirbright despite another solid batting display. Tom Harris top-scored with 74, while Weerakoon (35), Chase Pusey (24) and Oliver Hickman (48 not out) helped Hambledon post 189-3. Pirbright edged home with just six balls to spare in a closely contested encounter.

The League XI then suffered a difficult afternoon at Fernhurst, where only Hickman offered significant resistance with 39 in a total of 68. Despite Fred Warburton claiming three wickets, Fernhurst reached their target comfortably.

Hambledon bounced back in style at home to Frimley Phoenix in one of the season's most entertaining matches. After Frimley were bowled out for 253, with Adam Keane and Oliver Hickman each taking three wickets, Hambledon chased the target down with six wickets to spare. Naveendra Weerakoon narrowly missed a deserved century with 98, while Oliver Hickman struck an unbeaten 71 to seal an impressive victory.

Unfortunately, the final scheduled fixture against Badshot Lea was cancelled due to rain, bringing the league campaign to an early close.

Across the month, Naveendra Weerakoon was the standout batsman with 203 runs, while Oliver Hickman continued his excellent all-round season, contributing 158 runs and seven wickets. Two convincing victories, one narrow defeat and a rain-affected finale ensured the side completed the season with plenty of positives, securing 5th place in Division 3 and laying strong foundations for next year's campaign.

Friendly XI – August Round-Up

August provided a mixture of results for Hambledon's Friendly XI, highlighted by an unforgettable tied match against namesakes Hambledon CC, Hampshire.

The month began positively with a convincing victory over Brook CC. Sam Gilling led the way with a superb unbeaten century, finishing on 101, while James Willoughby blasted 55 from just 22 balls as Hambledon declared on 263-9. The visitors were then restricted to 171-9, with wickets shared throughout the bowling attack.

A disappointing batting display followed at Elstead, where Hambledon were bowled out for 86 in reply to Elstead's 119. Kit Webber's 24 was the highest score in a low-scoring encounter.

The highlight of the month came at Ridge Meadow against Hambledon CC, Hampshire, widely known as the "Cradle of Cricket" and probably the most famous historic club in the game, whose origins date back to the eighteenth century, as do ours. The fixture represented the renewal of a long-standing connection between the two Hambledons and was a fitting occasion for a memorable contest. The Hampshire side posted 230-7, with Alexander Wood taking four wickets and Nick Reed claiming two. In reply, Hambledon Surrey matched the total exactly, finishing on 230-6 to secure a rare "tie". Nick Reed retired on 50, David Gorrod retired on 52, Bob Cunningham contributed 49 and Fred Baker added 30 in a thrilling chase that went right down to the final over with a six and single saving the game at the last.. The match produced a result that felt entirely appropriate for such a special fixture, with neither side able to gain the upper hand.

The month concluded with a narrow defeat against Unabombers CC. Sam Gilling struck another fine innings of 69 and Gavin Harper added 44 as Hambledon declared on 166-8, but the visitors chased down the target in the final over with two wickets remaining despite three wickets each for Freddie Willoughby and Sam Gilling.

Overall, August was a memorable month for the Friendly XI, not least because of the successful revival of the fixture against Hambledon Hampshire and the dramatic tie that accompanied it. The match was a fitting celebration of village cricket and a connection between two clubs that share one of the most recognisable names in the game and a history of playing cricket since at least the 1760s

SENIOR & JUNIOR SIDES: The "End-of-Season Awards Evening and Dinner" will take place on Saturday 10th October to celebrate the achievements of all the Cricket Club Teams, both Seniors and Juniors for the 2026 Season.

For ongoing information on this, please contact Caroline Tristem, on tristem@btinternet.com (07860 618262).

SENIOR MATCHES - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

	Hambledon CC League XI			Hambledon CC Friendly XI		
August						
Sat 1	Wood Street Village	A	Won			
Sun 2				Brook	H	Won
Friday 7				T20 Shackleford	A	
Sat 8	Pirbright	A	Won			
Sun 9				Uplands	H	Lost
Sat 15	Fernhurst	A	Lost			
Sun 16				Elstead	A	
Sat 22	Frimley Phoenix	H	Won			
Sun 23				Hambledon Hants	A	Tie
Sat 29	Badshot Lea	H	Cancelled			
Sun 30				Unabombers	H	Lost
Sept.						
Sat 5						
Sun 6				Fittleworth	H	
Sat 12						
Sun 13				Waverley	H	
Sat 19						
Sun 20				Medstead	A	
Sat 26						
Sun 27				Dunsfold	A	

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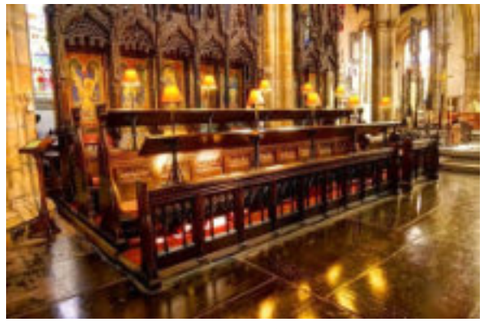
GOD IN THE ARTS

Singing in the choir stalls

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 choir stalls.

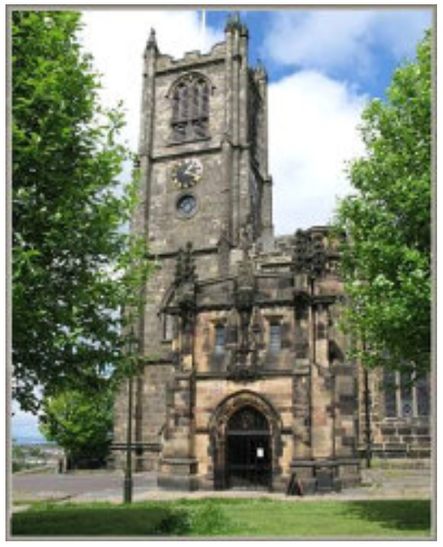
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing My God and King.' George Herbert's poem from 'The Temple' tells us that 'the church with psalms must shout. No door can linkkeep them out.' It is a reminder of the rich tradition of music in our worship that reaches back to the people of the Old Testament praising the Lord. 2 Chronicles 5 paints a vivid picture of musicians and singers gathered to welcome the Ark of the Lord to Solomon's Temple.

Because music is such an important part of worship, churches have set aside places for the singers to offer praise and petition. Some of the most wonderful choir stalls in the land can be found in Lancaster Priory, the parish church of St Mary. They are 14 in total, the third oldest choir stalls in England dating back to the 14th century. John Ruskin called them the finest in the country. The canopies are richly decorated with foliage and carved heads, and they enclose tapestries from the 1970s that depict saints and shields. Beneath are the seats: misericords with carvings that have survived the vandalism of the Civil War.



We can imagine the medieval monks gathered in these stalls to sing the offices. Today the stalls are a resplendent, harmonious blend of the old and the new – a work of beauty for the eye, just as the music offered there is a work of beauty for the ear. The word 'choir' means a dance to God, and the Priory has a fine choir whose chants and hymns dance from side to side of the chancel and resound in the air. But the music sung there is not just for our enjoyment: its focus is God. Herbert tells us that the songs we create here in our churches on earth have no other destination but the courts of heaven.

Lancaster Priory Church, an amazing building with a rich history, is a Grade 1 listed building, located on a site which has seen Christian worship since Saxon times. It is of huge historical and archaeological importance and is one of the most frequently visited parish churches in the North West. Lancaster Priory is the Mother Church of the City of Lancaster, and it is well known and respected throughout Lancashire and beyond as a place of excellence for its music tradition.



Lancaster Castle and Lancaster Priory Church, which occupy the summit of Castle Hill, stand proudly above the city. It is likely that a Roman building existed on the site prior to others, possibly around the year 200. A Saxon church is thought to have stood on the site from the sixth century.

The Medieval Church, much of which still stands today, occupies the site of the original pre-1430s structure. Some of the old stone belonging to the original Priory building has been used in the construction of the existing Church building.





HAMBLEDON VILLAGE SHOW & BBQ

Following an absolute scorcher of a summer, the final days of August saw the return of the rain to rehydrate a parched Hambledon.

Thankfully it didn't put the slightest dampener on an annual favourite, the ever popular end of summer Village Show and the Village Shop Barbeque, drawing the season to a close with a bucolic bang.

Village Show impresario Nessie Alexander reflects on the triumphs at the Village Hall, and Village Shop volunteer and our mag co-editor Wendy Knibb reports on the burgers, beers and the band at the shop BBQ. As ever, David Edmiston and Clara Hughes caught the best of the festivities on camera.















After a summer of heatwave after heatwave, Hambledon growers certainly had their work cut out this year. The exceptionally dry conditions were very much reflected at this year's Show in the distinct lack of fruit and vegetables on the tables. But as they say, the show must grow on!

And grow it did! Dr. David Williams entered two magnificent golden courgettes, and our independent judges awarded these the coveted title of Best in Show. Competition for the Underwood Cup - most points awarded in the Show - could hardly have been closer. This year was a tie with the Hindley and Alexander families jointly taking the cup. Ged Hockridge, Peter Gardner were our worthy runners up.









A special mention must go to Helen Hudgell, with her wonderfully imaginative William Morris-inspired design 'Strawberry Thief' Victoria sponge, beautifully decorated with real strawberries and a little bird shaped from fondant icing in its centre. It was quite exceptional and certainly one of the most memorable entries of the day.

Our younger villagers did us proud as well. The Under 12's brought plenty of fun to the hall with their excellent collection of Junk Robots, Lego animals and a garden in a tray.

A big thank you to Sally Falk and Jenny Henderson who provided tea, coffee and cake for everyone to enjoy, and a huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported us.

Heatwaves may come and gardens may struggle, but it takes rather more than a drought to defeat the Hambledon Village Show!

by Nessie Alexander





















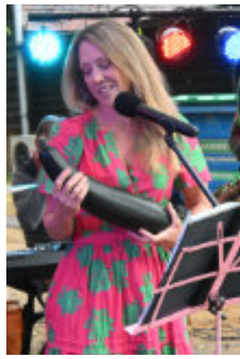
We pride ourselves as a community village and didn't the village come up trumps to lay on the superb BBQ outside the shop on the last Saturday of August. So many people: friends, families, shop professionals and volunteers let alone amazing live music all combined to make this a genuine village affair. The weather wasn't on our side but imagination to the fore and suddenly the frontage was covered in gazebos and all manner of shelter so cooking and serving wasn't affected. The spirits weren't dampened either, in fact, with the dancing it could be said that yet again the village was showing its true colours!

Enough of words, let the photos below speak volumes about the fab afternoon (which of course ran into the evening). Thank you David and Clara for your excellent photography that captures the vibe. Can you spot yourself? There were over 100 pics taken!

by Wendy Knibb

































The village was treated to a musical feast as well as the BBQ grub! We're utterly spoilt in Hambledon to be blessed with some truly top notch musicians, and the band saw off the rain and clouds with a smouldering set of jazz, pop and rock classics.

Thanks to David Kirby, Jo Kirkland, John Canham, Sam Parker, Cameron Barnett and Dave Lambert.

The as-yet unamed troupe comes together for a variety of village occasions throughout the year.

Please submit your suggestions for a band name for them to jokirkland@yahoo.com









Hambledon to Hambledon Bike Ride

The H2H e-bike challenge celebrated its fifth anniversary this year. Jon Petersen recounts the ride.

Raising the count once more, 17 intrepid e-mountain bikers set off on the fifth annual H2H adventure on Sunday 30 August — the largest group in the ride's history, despite some notable absences. This year's plan stuck to the tried-and-tested formula: ride down to Hampshire, lunch in The Bat and Ball, and the train back to cross the finishing line at The Merry Harriers.

This year's field included a few debuts — among them three fourteen-year-olds — giving us a record 42-year age span between our youngest and oldest riders.

Meeting at Woodlands Road at 9am, we started our journey and headed towards Witley Station, from where our legs were woken up by the climb to the Devil's Punchbowl. And there, before we'd even left the Bowl, came the first mishap of the day: two riders managed to get thoroughly lost. Unsurprisingly neither of them was one of the youngsters.

We were very lucky with the weather: just a couple of brief showers all day. During the second, the whole group was able to take shelter in the traditional mid-ride hostelry — The Harrow Inn in Steep — where the rain passed, the pints were poured, and nobody felt the need to hurry back out.

Onwards then through the familiar rolling countryside to Butser Hill, the Queen Elizabeth Country Park, and down into 'Lesser Hambledon', where The Bat and Ball coped formidably with our large group. A well-earned lunch was enjoyed by all the riders, who were joined by Mike and Pauline Parry.

After lunch came the usual mad dash back to Petersfield for the train home — no small feat with 17 bikes. After much muttering about how many of them it would be feasible to get onto one train, Matt Scannell devised a two-train strategy: a third of the riders took an earlier train to Godalming, while the rest caught a later train to Witley. The delay was more than compensated — it gave the Witley group a very welcome chance for a pint in Petersfield. Both groups ended up arriving back at Better Hambledon's Merry Harriers simultaneously. Navigation and time-keeping of the highest order.

A great ride. Everyone safe, limited bike maintenance, no falls, and — as far as anyone can recall — no rucksacks left on trains this year.



Many thanks to Matt and Liz Scannell for fine navigation skills and time-keeping — Liz is the only rider to have completed all five H2H rides. Thanks also to our fourteen other intrepid co-riders: Seamus Keating, Deeg Gorrod, Ralph Gorrod, Millie Gorrod, Guy Saville, Joe Saville, Christian, Aga, Jimmy Perkins, David Kirby, Lena Kirby, Richard Field, Robin McKeith and Sean Sinnott.

Next year's annual H2H e-bike challenge celebrates its sixth year — so, if you have an e-bike, why don't you join us?



Coco's Travels

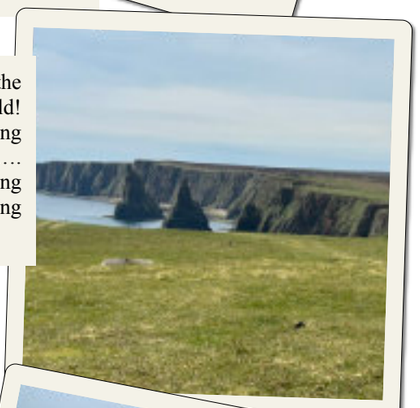
Wendy and Robin's adventures: This is the first of what hopefully will be many village travel logs.
If you have any trips to share, where have you been?
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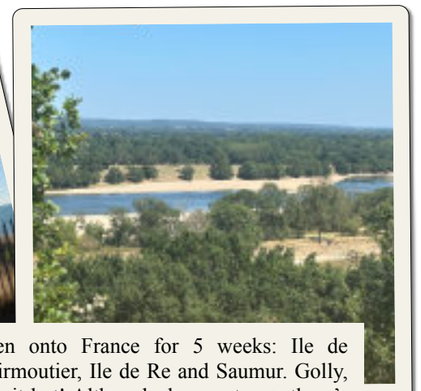


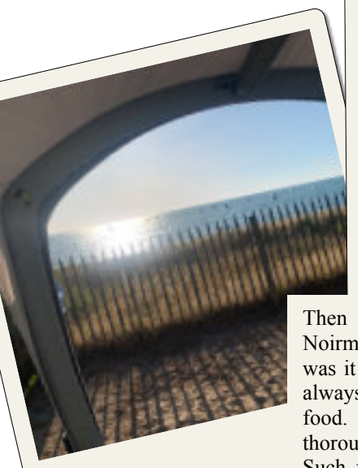


Our duck egg blue caravan - Coco- was built as a weekender but we had other ideas! Here we show you that escaping in a small space is fun and very rewarding. Focussing on this summer we have been away in her for 11 weeks. Yes, lucky.

First, the NC 500: a tour round the whole of the north coast of Scotland in May. Golly, was it cold! Robin says 'challenging'. When you were basking in a heatwave we were in 6-12 degrees…. Nevertheless, a fabulous trip with outstanding scenery, stunning fresh sea food and meeting delightful people on the way.







Then onto France for 5 weeks: Ile de Noirmoutier, Ile de Re and Saumur. Golly, was it hot! Although known to us, there's always more to discover: sun, sea and super food. Yes, again lucky. We would thoroughly recommend this part of France. Such friendly people and such wonderful food markets.





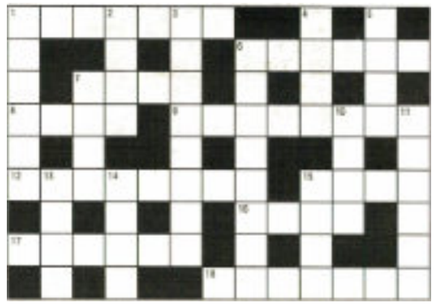
We were due to travel to Spain for the next trip but severe heat (45 degrees in Cadiz) steered us back to France for a further 3 weeks. Choosing Noirmoutier and Ile de Re only this time, revisiting those favourite restaurants, beaches and markets. (We could now open a shop selling baskets !!,.). Darker and cooler evenings now.. Where next??.





Puzzles

Crossword



ACROSS
1 Italian painter (7)
6 Label (6)
7 Savoury meat spread (4)
8 Amongst (4)
9 Indication (8)
12 Wait for a moment (4, 4)
15 Wish tor, need (4)
16 Car battery fluid (4)
17 Look up to (6)
18 Fabric, cloth (7)

DOWN
1 Largest Saudi city (6)
2 Senior teacher (4)
3 Keep-fit machine, ___ bike (8)
4 Ultrasound.(4)
5 Greek tapas (4)
6 British astronaut(3, 5)
7 Tablet of medicine (4)
10 *The Walking* ___, *zombie* TV series (4)
11 Turn in a circle (6)
13 Betting chances (4)
14 Irish Parliament House(4)
15 Droop, flag (4)

Wordsearch

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son.

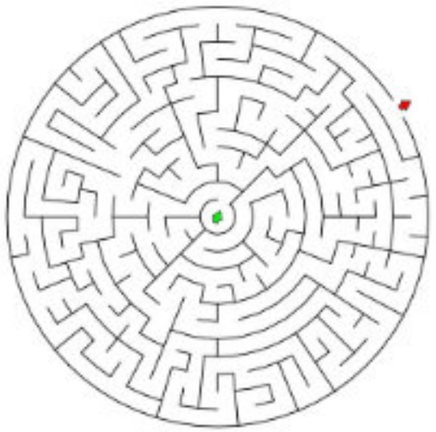
Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown.

He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

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Maze



Sudoku

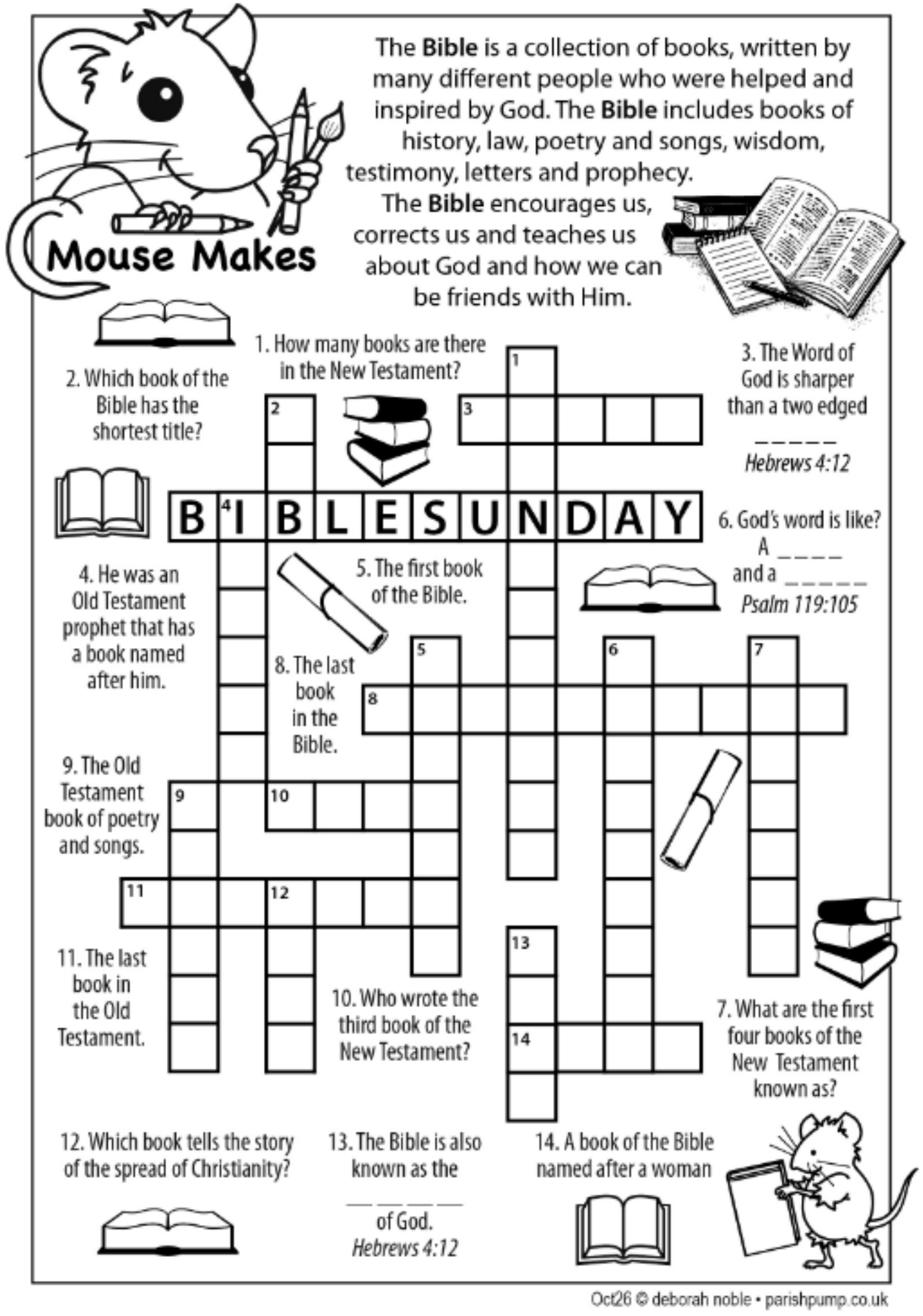
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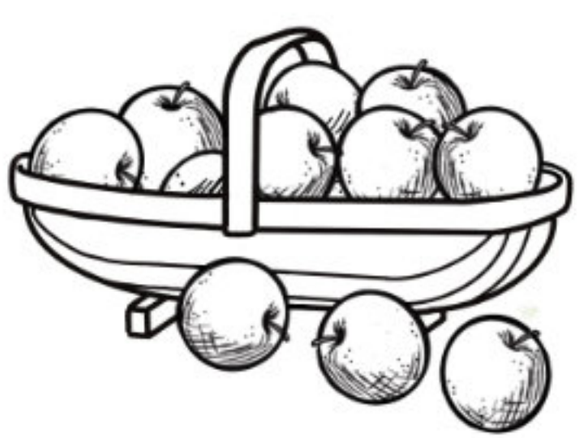
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Answers to all puzzles on page 37



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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants



Puzzle Solutions

Wordsearch

Luke	Greek	Parables	Poor
Feast	Physician	Prodigal	Lepers
Day	Travelling	Son	Sinners
Written	Faithful	Good	Jerusalem
Gospel	Paul	Samaritan	Pagan
Acts	Compassion	Women	Rome
			Early



Sudoku

Easy

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

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

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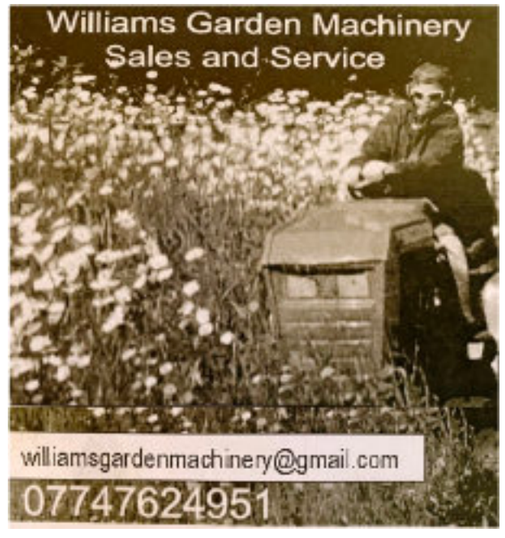
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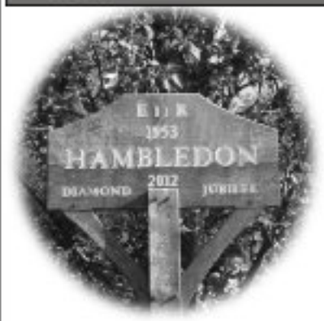
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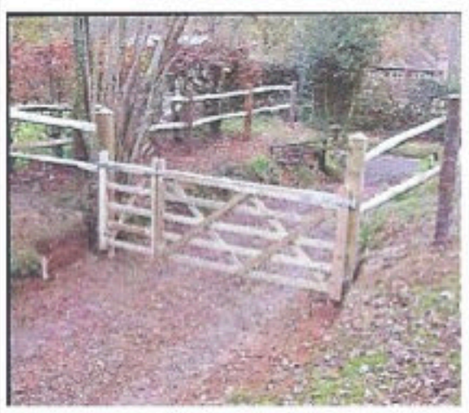
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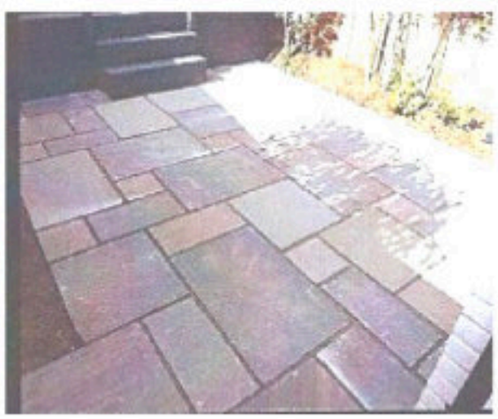
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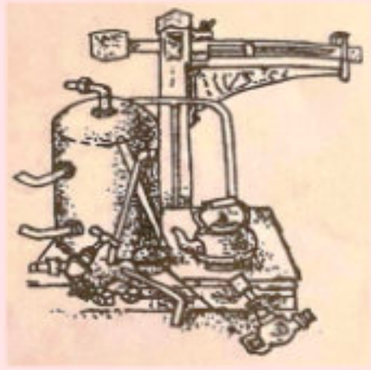
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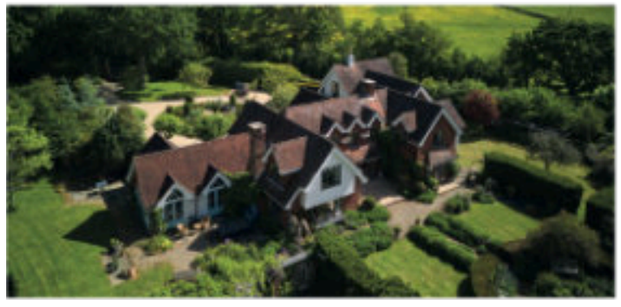
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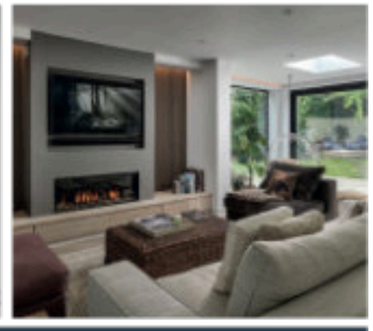
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