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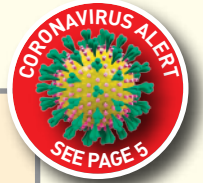


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FROM THE EDITOR...



Who would have thought a month ago, that I would be writing about toilet rolls as we glide into spring? I mean, come on people, those with wardrobes and larders full of toilet rolls, condemning the rest of us to use torn off bits of the *Daily Bugle* to complete our ablutions? I hope that your houses full of toilet rolls, baked beans, pasta and rice will exempt you from the dreaded coronavirus whilst the rest of us quiver in the fear of infection. Jesus said (Matthew 6 w19-21) *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"*. We humans are a crazy people, like saplings in the wind, blowing this way and that, subject to every whim of the media and other people's gossip. Heavens above, as we look forward to Easter (will there be a rush on Easter Eggs, just in case there's a shortage?), let's pull ourselves together. After all there are a lot more things to worry about than a possible bout of the flu. We came through two world wars with stoic resolve, faced the possibility of complete extinction by nuclear war in the aftermath of the second world war, and now with almost global digitalisation of things need to worry about a complete shut down of life by cyber attacks.

After all, in the words of Robert Browning,

*"The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven; The hill-side's dew-pearl'd;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven – All's right with the world!"*

You and I know better, dear Reader. We look forward to the celebration of Easter and the spring with joy in our hearts and hope in our souls. Let me wish all of you, whether you have a store of stuff or not, a very Happy Easter and joy in the renewing of the earth to follow.

! CORONAVIRUS ALERT !

In view of the current Coronavirus situation, which arose as this magazine goes to press, we would advise readers to contact organisers of published events, as they may have been cancelled or postponed.

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

It's the most Christian show on television' – no, not *Songs of Praise* but...

The only nightmares I remember having as a child were as a result of being exposed a little young, to the Hammer Horror, Christopher Lee version of Bram Stoker's famous *Dracula*. My father loved it but I certainly did not. When I heard that the BBC were doing a remake earlier this year and even though the trailers looked excellent, and even though it was written by the same people who made the new *Sherlock*, I thought I'd give it a miss.

So imagine my surprise to read an article by Rev Peter Laws* that it was perhaps the most Christian show on television. I decided to take a look.

The profoundly theological thing about this *Dracula* story, and Stoker's original book, is the power of the cross. The BBC adaptation isn't pro- or anti-Christian, it just asks the question 'Why does the cross have power?'

The cross is still a significant and popular symbol in the world today. Although much of its original meaning has been lost, the image and idea still resonate across the generations.

The power of the cross is, of course, one of the dominant messages of Easter. It is because of the events just outside Jerusalem 2,000 years ago that the cross is revered. It is because of the significance of the death of Jesus that Christianity exists; that God's love and presence are available to us today; and that the prince of darkness recoils at the sight of that symbol.

About the cross, his disciple St Peter wrote, '*Jesus took our sins on his own body, by his wounds deep healing is offered to our souls*'. [1 Peter 2:24 paraphrase].

About the cross, the writer of the book of Hebrews in the Bible declares, '*Jesus breaks the power of him who holds the power of death...and frees those who all their life have been enslaved to the fear of death*'. [Hebrews 2: 14-15]

The message of the cross, St Paul suggests, is for those who believe in the very power of God. [1 Corinthians 1:18]

By holding a cross and by identifying with Jesus' death, the vampire hunter or just ordinary individual is asking for Jesus' help, protection and power against all the addiction, pain, evil and darkness in this world. This is something Jesus offers us through his death and assures us of through his resurrection victory on Easter Day.

When one of my children is worried about nightmares, I sometimes encourage them to hold onto a cross. It has become a symbol of comfort and help but I've been reminded this year that is also a symbol of power over fear and a promise of life beyond death.

Before I sign off this month, one final bit of theology from *Dracula*. Did you ever wonder why *Dracula* can't enter a house unless invited? It is perhaps a little strange until you realise that Jesus does something similar. In the final book of the Bible, Revelation Ch 3, verse 20, he says:

I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with them and they with me.

Easter provides the perfect opportunity to make Jesus the one we invite into our house and lives. May his light shine in our darkness and the power of his cross protect us for evermore.

May I wish you a very happy Easter.

* *Christianity* magazine, Feb 2020, peterlaws.co.uk

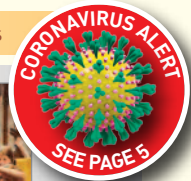
SERVICES IN THE PARISH APRIL

- 8:00 – Holy Communion (BCP) – a simple said service each week at St Michael's

9:15 – THE FAMILY SERVICE

At **St Michael's**: a short, fun, vibrant service with singing, stories and drama

- 5th April – Palm Sunday
- 12th April – **EASTER DAY**
10am whole church celebration
- 19th April – Meeting the resurrected Jesus
- 26th April – The Good and Beautiful Life



10:45 – THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE (BCP)

At **St Michael's**: a traditional service with choir and organ

- 5th April – Palm Sunday (HC)
- 12th April – **EASTER DAY**
10am whole church celebration (HC)
- 19th April – Meeting the resurrected Jesus (HC)
- 26th April – The Good and Beautiful Life (MP)

Key: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer



10:30 – ALL SOULS WORSHIP

With Sunday School or children's activities

- 5th April – Palm Sunday - Cafe Church
- 12th April – **EASTER DAY**
whole church celebratory Communion
- 19th April – Meeting the resurrected Jesus
- 26th April – The Georges Day Special



3pm – ASCOT@3 – ALL SOULS

- Our new, informal weekly afternoon service for young people and adults, especially families with 9–15 year olds, Do join us.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

- **EASTER SERVICES** – see *Easter card insert*
- Monday 6th–Wednesday 8th – Morning prayer, 8:30am at All Souls
- Thursday 9th – Remembering the last supper, 10:30am at St Michael's, 8pm at All Souls
- Friday 10th – **GOOD FRIDAY** – All Age service, 10:30am at All Souls
At the cross meditation, 2pm at St Michael's
- **EASTER DAY** Celebrations – 6am, 8am and 10am services at St Michael's, 10:30am at All Souls
- APCM – our annual church meeting will be at 5pm on Sunday 26th April at St Michael's



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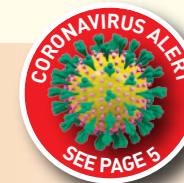
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PARISH ACTIVITIES APRIL

PRAYER

- Parish prayers: 8:30am Thursday at All Souls
- Prayer ministry is available each Sunday
- An e-prayer list is available for emergencies

LEARNING, GROWING AND SHARING FAITH

- Thursdays 8pm – St Michael's church hall



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- Larklands – 2:30pm, Tuesday 7th
- Meridian Court – 10:30am, Monday 6th
- Ascot Grange – 2:30pm, Monday 6th
- Castleman House – 2:30pm, Tuesday 14th



MEN'S BREAKFAST

- Saturday 18th at 9am – Prescott's Brasserie, Cedar Lodge, Lynwood Village



LET'S DO LUNCH

- Monday 20th at midday in All Souls. All welcome. We warmly invite you to join us for Lunch with a short concert from our local choir.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

- Wednesday 29th – Ploughman's Lunch in the hall at St Michael's starting at 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you.



CHAT AND CRAFT

- Tuesdays 2pm at All Souls – bring your latest craft project – or just come for a chat

CHURCH CHOIR

- Join us for a good sing!
- St Michael's junior choir practises 6pm Thursdays
- St Michael's choir practises 7pm Thursdays
- All Souls choir gathers Sunday mornings at 9:30



LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee, chat, activities and monthly Communion 10:30am Thursdays at St Michael's

TODDLER PRAISE

- Pre-school worship for children and carers 10:30am Tuesdays at All Souls

- Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by arrangement
- For one off and special events see the notices pages
- For any of the above, contact details are available on page 52



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 12th March Wilhelmina Krzeczunowicz

50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Earlier this year, All Souls was delighted to host a 50th Birthday celebration service for Michelle Obatoyinbo. This was the first time we've done a service for a big birthday but what an amazing occasion. Michelle writes:

'When we were planning the event and looking for a church to have the service, my sister and I walked in to All Souls and both said "this is the place". We both couldn't say why we felt it, however, on Saturday after the service it was clear why we had felt that way... Thank you for opening your church and hearts to us even though you didn't know us. This made more of an impact than you can imagine. That is the love of Christ in action.'

If you'd like to talk to us about marking your birthday or any special event with a bespoke church service, then do contact Amy at admin@allsoulsascot.org

ALL SOULS' GRAVEYARD UPDATE

Last year All Souls' Church graveyard and boundary began maintenance and improvement. After the initial preparation and over the winter this progress was suspended whilst the appropriate planning and approvals for the next stages were attained from both the Diocese of Oxford and RBWM. We are pleased to be able to say that the project can now move forward and over the spring and summer work will take place to improve the boundary, fencing and pathways around the carpark and Scout hut side of the site. The work is part of the Parish's ongoing projects to restore, maintain and improve the churches for everyone to enjoy. If you should have any queries about this project or would like to make an enquiry please do not hesitate to contact the All Souls office admin@allsoulsascot.org or St Michael's office admin@ssaparish.org where Amy or Nicola will be happy to help.



It is lovely to finally see the Spring sunshine and the daffodils coming up around Sunninghill and Ascot. We hope you are able to enjoy the parks in the area including Victory Fields, South Ascot, Blythewood and Cheapside, particularly over the Easter holidays. All the parks have children's play areas and some also have outdoor fitness equipment. To keep hydrated there is a drinking fountain in the disabled facilities at the pavilion at Victory Fields, which is kept open during daylight hours.

Tom Green's Field and Blythewood are wildlife areas good for walking and we are pleased to be progressing with our Woodland Management programme in these areas. Our vision is to retain the woodland as a landscape feature accessible to the local community and

to enhance its habitat value. At Tom Green's Field we are maintaining the open aspect of the area by the pruning and removal of dense undergrowth to allow wild flowers and grass to flourish. At Blythewood, thinning close grown areas allows more light onto the forest floor and helps to maintain diversity of tree species. Our objective is to actively encourage conservation of wildlife by creating diverse habitats. Later in the year we look forward to planting some new trees.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Mike,

I see that in the parish magazine's latest issue (March) you carried an article entitled Hannah's Blog. I understand blogs are partial and one person's opinion so would ask, if you are continuing with this person's blog in future issues, if you should not also publish - in the interests of fairness and diversity - the blog of somebody of an opinion that is neither anti Brexit nor depressed at the thought of a government that is actually going to get things done including helping in the fight against climate change. Otherwise one cannot but consider that you are allowing politicising of what should be a completely apolitical publication.

*From 2 regular readers and deliverers,
John and Carolyn Auton*

It is good to stimulate debate in the Parish, even if that debate can sometimes offend some of our readers. Just to establish that we don't censor what people write (well, hardly ever) as we consider our readers to be wise enough to draw their own conclusions! We thought we would give Hannah a voice as she is passionately committed to ecological matters and she is young! (Also she writes well!) It is good to hear the voice of those who will inherit the planet that we older ones have managed to sully. We will invite her to write more but maybe tone down her political views from an 18 cert to more of a PG! - As a magazine we take no political sides, but as Christians we support the Government of whatever colour in its endeavours.

Ed.

VOLUNTEERING

When we think about volunteering most of us automatically think about giving our time to others for free, but if we stop and think a little longer about what volunteering can really mean for our lives, and the lives of others in our community, volunteering can mean so much more.

Not only does volunteering bring clear benefits to the recipients of our energies but in exchange for our time we are given rewards of our own. A sense of purpose, personal fulfilment, the satisfaction that we have enhanced someone's day or been part of making a difference to a larger cause. It can be making new friends, meeting new people or getting out and about to places you may otherwise not have been, the benefits to everyone are innumerable. There is currently much emphasis and promotion of good mental health and wellbeing. When we can find purpose and fulfilment in a task or job not designed with ourselves in mind, the reward to our own wellbeing and consequently those

around us is a tangible by-product. Volunteering is so wonderful because it actually gives as much as it takes and this is a very special quality these days.

There are many ways you can volunteer, both within the church and wider community, these are just a few:

- All Souls Coffee Shop Assistant
- Delivering the Parish Magazine
- Scout/Cub Leader
- School Governor
- Ascot Volunteer Bureau member
- Thames Hospice Meal Time Assistant
- Age Concern Day Centre Helper

If you have a local charity, project or organisation which is looking for volunteers and you would like to share your story please email our editor, Mike Cross at magazine@saparrish.org

Amy Lowe

ASCOT VOLUNTEER BUREAU

AVB are a South Ascot based charity providing transport for the older residents of Ascot, Sunningdale and Sunninghill who have difficulty getting to their medical appointments at, for example, hospitals, surgeries, dentists and opticians.

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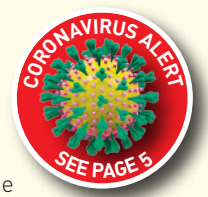
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*When April scatters charms of primrose gold
 Among the copper leaves in thickets old,
 And singing skylarks from the meadows rise,
 To twinkle like black stars in sunny skies.*

WH Davies



April, of course, begins on April 1st which by tradition is known as April Fool's Day. The practice of April Fool pranks and hoaxes is controversial and mixed opinions of critics are epitomized in the reception to the 1957 BBC "Spaghetti-tree hoax". Newspapers were split over whether it was "a great joke or a terrible hoax on the public". The positive view is that April Fools' can be good for one's health because it encourages "jokes, hoaxes... pranks, (and) belly laughs", and brings all the benefits of laughter including stress relief and reducing strain on the heart.

The negative view describes April Fools' hoaxes as "creepy and manipulative", "rude" and "a little bit nasty", as well as based on schadenfreude and deceit. Sometimes stories intended as jokes are taken seriously; for instance, there was an April Fool hoax in this very magazine a while ago, when yours truly was fooled into believing that a bridge had been constructed across the middle of Virginia Water Lake. He managed to get halfway

across before realising that it was a joke, and promptly fell in, to the consternation of a nearby group of ducks and moorhens. So just be careful what you read on that day. Things are not always what they seem.

I always look forward to Easter, which falls on April 12th this year. The 6 o'clock Sunrise Service at St Michael's Church is not to be missed even if the sunrise is often shrouded in misty raindrops! Get me out of bed. All Church services during Holy week and Easter are listed elsewhere in this publication.

St George's Day and Shakespeare's Birthday vie for attention on April 23rd. Although we very reserved English don't seem to pay much attention to either. So, get a rose between your teeth and dance round the town singing "To be an Englishman" from G&S HMS Pinafore, but quietly please so as not to annoy the neighbours.

And finally, there's a Circus at Ascot Racecourse between Wednesday April 22nd and Sunday 26th with clowns, acrobats, tightrope walkers, and other circus artists. ***Please check the Ascot racecourse website for the latest information: www.ascot.co.uk**
 Have a very Happy and hopefully springlike Easter!

Mike Cross



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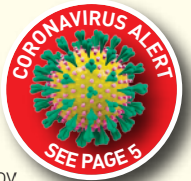
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FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN IN SUNNINGDALE



As spring approaches we once again look forward to spending more time outdoors, and at Sunningdale Bowling Club the members will be enjoying it at one of the most attractive greens in the area.

The Whitmore Lane club is one of the hidden gems of Sunningdale. Members enjoy a bowling green maintained to the highest standards and surrounded by delightful shrubs and flower gardens. The location is envied by visiting bowlers. Amongst the benefits of membership is the friendship, taking gentle exercise, and the pleasure of friendly competition with other clubs. Bowls is a game which can be enjoyed by those of all ages and abilities.

Sunningdale Bowling Club celebrated their centenary in 2013 and the Club is constantly updating facilities which are available to members and visitors in the well equipped clubhouse. The 2020 season begins with a Cheese and Wine evening on Saturday 4th April at 7:30pm*. This is a pre-season social event for members to get together and an opportunity for anyone who is interested in the game to find out more about the club and its activities. New and prospective members will be made most welcome. On Saturday 2nd May*, visitors are welcome to attend the Try Bowls Day which will take place from 11*am to



4pm. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of lawn bowling with club members. Join in or just watch and relax with the members over tea, or coffee. All equipment will be provided, just wear flat soled shoes (trainers). This is a great chance to meet

Club Members and learn more about the sport.

New bowlers are welcomed to the club at any time and can obtain coaching for beginners, whilst more experienced players may want to join in with regular friendly matches against other local clubs. Reduced price membership is available to new bowlers.

Bowls is a healthy, competitive activity for those of all ages and has a strong social element as well.

During Winter months the Club also has Short Mat bowling on an indoor carpet. In addition to full membership the club also offers short mat and social memberships.

To find out more please contact Pam on 07523 513188 or email enquiries@sunningdalebowling.co.uk

*** Please check our website for the latest information: www.sunningdalebowling.co.uk**

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BEAVERS⁺ 1st SOUTH ASCOT SCOUT GROUP **cubs**⁺

The Beavers began February with a session on Disability Awareness where we all learned a lot, including how incredibly fast 6-8 year olds can go in wheelchairs in a very confined space! They also managed to do the Beaver Promise in sign language. Our last session was learning about Endangered Species, Recycling and Fair Trade. We have also managed to invest five new Beavers and give out two Bronze awards - the highest award for the section - well done Isaac and Harry!

The Cubs have been working on their Teamwork and Communicator badges and the Scouts have been doing adventurous things like a Night Hike on Chobham Common and Paintballing.

All groups also had a Pancake Day session

with the Beavers making mini ones over tea-lights, the Cubs making them on the hob in the hut and the Scouts making them over an open fire.

We are in the process of raising funds to renovate the Scout Hut in South Ascot so if there is anything that you can do to help - financial or otherwise, then please do get in touch with our Group Scout Leader, Fiona Jones at 1stsouthascotscoutgroup@gmail.com

*James Brown
Beaver Leader*



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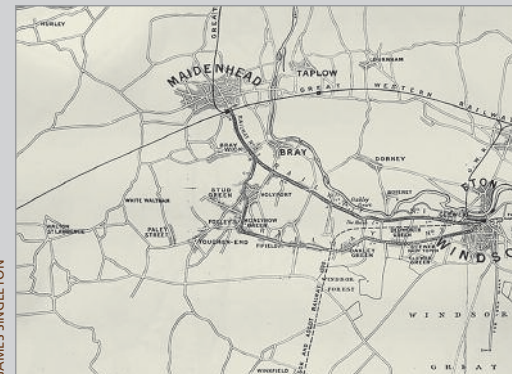
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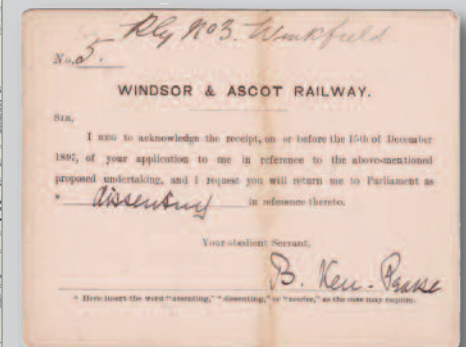
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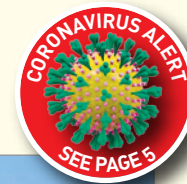
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SUNNINGHILL'S ELECTRICIAN GETS SHOCK OF HIS LIFE



Dilwyn Jones is usually happy mending a fuse, when your lights are gone. His company, G Force Ascot, features elsewhere in this magazine. You may also have noticed he is a little bit funny and regularly wins the caption competition. However, this year he has swapped puns for runs and was 'shocked' to find he had been chosen from almost half a million people to run the 40th edition of the London Marathon, now scheduled for the 4th of October.

As if 26.2 miles isn't enough of a challenge, Dilwyn has decided to run in a costume based on his own Wurlitzer jukebox and love of rock'n'roll music. He has set up a dedicated website www.jukeboxrunner.co.uk to raise money for the UK's only charity solely dedicated to Crohn's Disease, which affects about one in every 650 people in the UK.

So while Dilwyn may not be born to run, he will get ready and keep on running through the streets of London and be proud to be a hero – just for one day!

If you recognised fourteen song titles/lyrics from his 'Jukebox Music' you are a match for the human jukebox and you could be dancin' in the street. He's offering one winner a free lighting survey and a long-life LED lamp. To be in with a chance of winning, just email the title of the song by Kylie that is 'hidden' in this piece to info@gforceascot.co.uk

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ST MICHAEL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last month, St. Michael's school had a visit from Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

They did an assembly to the whole school about the importance of staying safe by the coast. There was then a workshop delivered to years 3 and 5. The children were able to look at the equipment used by the RNLI. Some of the children even had the opportunity to try on some of the clothing and equipment and act out how they would save someone in distress. They watched videos of the lifeboats in action. They were able to ask questions and they learn lots about how to stay safe in the water. A very valuable experience!

Raffy from year 3 excitedly said about the visit, "It was great. I loved it when my friend tried on the equipment and the man was really interesting! I want to go on a lifeboat one day

and see it for real now." Thanks for the Thanks!

Many of our staff have been "tapped" by our lovely parents (and also by each other) who have shown appreciation for the hard work and care we are so proud of at St Michael's. For those of you who may wish to join the TAP initiative, it is very simple and free to do.

Samantha Pinder-White, a Reception Teaching Assistant (TA) at St Michael's Primary School, has experienced first hand the positive results of TAP: "It really does do nothing but encourage people to say 'thank you' to those who have been of help within teaching or the NHS".

On behalf of the staff to those parents and carers who have tapped us... thank you!

Francesca Antoniou, Teaching Partner



SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE SCHOOL

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On Wednesday 11th March the entire school, that is 200 pupils and 20 staff all dressed in red danced in formation on the playground in order to raise money for Sports Relief. It was a dazzling spectacle as the pupils, as a sea of red, moved in unison to three songs on the loud speaker. Pupils ranged from age 3 to 11, from our Nursery class to Year 6.

Over the past 3 weeks the pupils have worked tirelessly to learn the fundamentals of dance and especially the new moves to three

songs. Movements included a warm up song, some aerobic moves and then onto the finale, a dance routine to the famous 1980's song FAME. To hear and see the pupils concentrate and work so hard as a team of over 200 was incredible and the outcome was truly fantastic.

Well done to all the staff and pupils and lets go again bigger and better next year!

*Kate Rimell
Headteacher*

THIS IS OUR HOME NOW

This series of articles is about our neighbours who have moved to England as refugees or immigrants for reasons of sanctuary, persecution or economic necessity. Today it is Kveta's story. Kveta came from the Czech Republic to England in 2005 and spent two years in Rwanda.

Life in the Czech Republic was very normal, very ordinary. I worked in a factory assembling eye glasses. However the factory was making people redundant, so I moved to the UK and found cleaning and waitressing work in a hotel.

My English was very basic – like a baby, but I really enjoyed learning the language. At the hotel there were people from all over the world, with different languages and cultures. In the Czech Republic it was really boring. Everyone was the same! Here it was really interesting. I worked long hours cleaning and waitressing, sometimes with little sleep, and the next week I would have a few days off.

I studied English, bookkeeping and accounting at the local college and found work in an office. It felt good not to be doing the lowest jobs anymore. My daughter's father is from Rwanda, but we separated. It was difficult being on my own with a small child, but I did bookkeeping from home to support us. Later, when she went to school, she was bullied which was traumatic for us both. So, we went to Rwanda for two years. It is a very different culture there. My daughter loved the freedom to play outside and have adventures: seeing hippos and crocodiles, crossing rope bridges, climbing trees and picking avocados! Here we learn about nature from books, but there we learnt these things for real. She collected manure from the cows to grow tomatoes! In Rwanda, I set up a business making building blocks. I loved the country

and wanted to support it, but there is no perfect place, you just make a choice about where you want to be. In 2019 we came back to the UK and I have just written a children's book with lots of photos, all about our adventures.

My strength comes from my child and my friends who believe in me. When people depend on you, you can't let them down, you just have to keep going. I just believe in making the world a better place. It feels safe here in the UK. There are police and the law and it is easier to find jobs.

We go back once or twice a year to the Czech Republic. As children we would play in the hay or pick blueberries. We could jump on our bikes and ride everywhere. In the UK, play is more about trampolining classes- it is more commercial. My daughter only speaks a bit of Czech- but she loves Czech food - like pork and dumplings! I think all these different experiences have made her quite mature for her age. She is strong and confident and happy.

Many people coming to the UK are naïve and think life will be heaven, but there are always difficulties. You have to pay the bills. You have to work. If you have a baby you don't have the support of family around you. But maybe that's a good thing! Less interference! But living in the UK is very good. You can learn and gain experience, and whether you decide to stay here or return to your home country, you can make a difference to make the world a better place. I don't know where I would like to settle; we feel at home in all these countries. There is no perfect place, you just make a choice about where you want to be. We take each day as it comes.'

Kveta was in conversation with Trisha Longworth. If you have a story to tell please contact her at trisha.longworth@gmail.com



EASTER RECIPE MINI EASTER EGG BLONDIES

This is an easy recipe to make with children. The blondies have a mild toffee flavour and a rich fudginess. Prep time is less than half an hour and cooking time 10 to 30 minutes. This recipe will make 16 pieces.

INGREDIENTS

- 250g/9oz cold unsalted butter, cut into 6-8 pieces
- 150g/5½oz light soft brown sugar
- 125g/4½oz caster sugar
- 2 large free-range eggs
- 1½ tsp vanilla extract
- pinch sea salt
- 300g/10½oz plain flour
- 225g/8oz sugar-coated mini chocolate eggs

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5. Grease and line a 20cm/8in square loose-based cake tin with baking paper.
- Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium-low heat. Stir in both sugars and

cook for 1-2 minutes, or until the butter is absorbed and the mixture turns a creamy toffee colour and looks smooth and glossy. Take off the heat and set aside.

- Whisk the eggs, vanilla and salt together in a large bowl. Whisk in the melted butter and sugar mixture until thoroughly combined, then whisk in the flour until smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and bake for 20 minutes.
- While the blondie is cooking, cut 125g/4½oz of the chocolate eggs in half.
- When the 20 minutes is up, take the blondie out of the oven and scatter the halved and whole chocolate eggs on top. Carefully press the eggs into the blondie mixture and don't worry if the surface cracks a little. Return to the oven for a further 10 minutes or until the blondie is pale golden-brown.
- Cool the blondie in the tin for at least 10 minutes before cutting into squares. Serve warm or cold.

Pami Cross



PARISH PROFILE – BEN CLARK

Ben Clark is an apprentice accountant at a local Ascot firm. He also, however, has a passion for motorsport, and produces a weekly blog documenting his journey to gain the necessary skills to succeed in his own racing endeavours. It is called "Living The Racing Grind".

Racing as a sport is unique. Most sports that warrant dedicated Sky Sports channels, such as football and cricket, are easily accessible to the masses and have hundreds of thousands, even millions of participants at all ages and abilities. Racing, on the other hand, is expensive, and needs large, purpose-built facilities for competitions. Furthermore, the drivers who can afford the entry fees generally fall within one of two categories: those who have worked hard, done well for themselves, but are predominantly the "wrong" side of 30, and those who are able to exploit the "Bank of Mum & Dad". There are not many people in my situation: having just turned 20 and want to race on a sustainable (i.e. shoestring) budget, whilst simultaneously launching their career in the real world.

Throughout my childhood, I've loved motorsport. My first memory of watching F1 on the TV was when I was seven, with the McLaren of Lewis Hamilton understeering into the gravel next to the pits at the 2007 Chinese Grand Prix. Back then, I used to lie on the floor intently watching the TV screen, and though watching was interesting, I always craved more. What I really wanted was to emulate my heroes, in the same way that watching Manchester United in 2007-08 inspired me to play football.

Whilst it was easy for my parents to sign me up to Ascot United's under 9s, finding opportunities for karting was much harder,

and I didn't start regularly racing until I decided go-karting could be my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh "skill". Using the leverage that I had to go every week for three months was the perfect excuse! That was about 5 years ago now, and whilst I haven't been heading down to the track every week since, it's still a regular occurrence.

My newfound speed, however, has only fuelled my motorsport addiction. Now, I'm looking to my next challenge, going racing for real. The issue I've got, though, is the same as it's always been. Money. Well, money and talent, but mainly money.

I want to be able to fund my racing sustainably, so I'm not looking to the Bank of Mum & Dad, but simultaneously, I'm just 20, so don't have a huge pot of life savings to throw away. Therefore, I'm living as scrupulously as possible to be able to afford an opportunity, whilst also making slight adaptations to my life in order to maximise my

racing performance.

So far, these have included modifying my exercise to make it more motorsport-specific, and changing the foods I eat to better fuel my body and mind. One example of a physical improvement I'm trying to undertake is to occasionally practice yoga, as muscular flexibility is very important for a racing driver.

Whilst I'd love to delve into every detail of my journey onto the starting grid, apparently there has to be space in this magazine for all of the other lovely contributors. Therefore, if you wish to read more, I request you visit my blog LivingTheRacingGrind.com, where I post every Wednesday. Alternatively, you can find me on social media: @TheRacingGrind on Instagram & Twitter, or my page "Living The Racing Grind" on Facebook.

Ben Clark



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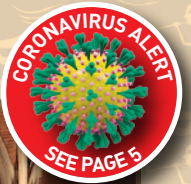
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Fiona Jones



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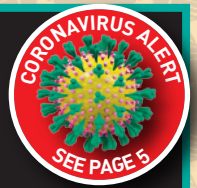
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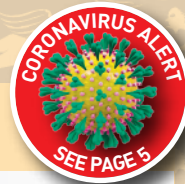
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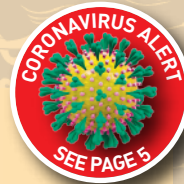
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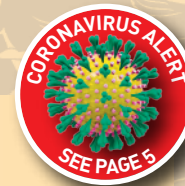
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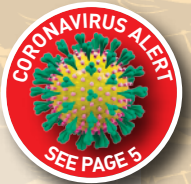


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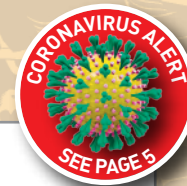
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sudoku 134

The solution to Sudoku 133:

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

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▲ Can anyone suggest what the lady might have been thinking?

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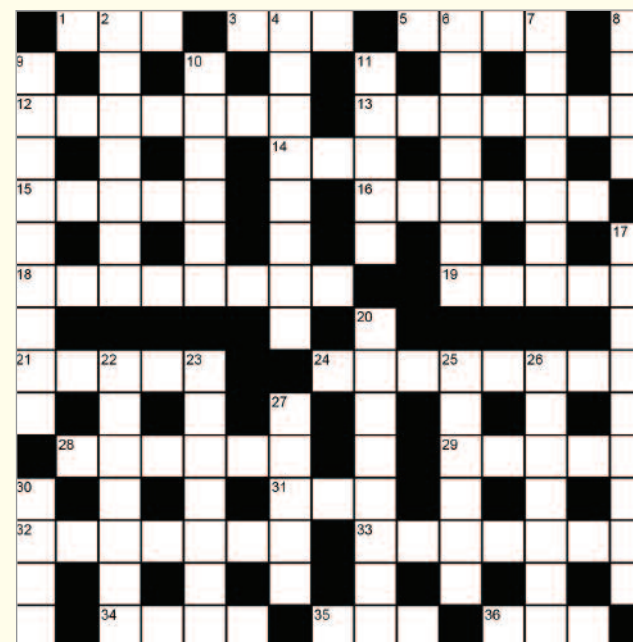
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.193



The answers to Crossword no.193 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.192 were:



*Oh, to be in England
Now that April's here...
The first four clues
Are very hard;
Celebrating a certain bard!*

ACROSS

1. Rulers hike around on board ship (6)
5. Stab a Bond actor (6)
10. Big lady without a bed on a ship (5)
11. One out of seven makes one weak, it's said (3)
12. Gilbert's character, prat that is found in Penzance (6)
13. Ex prime minister who never went out on the tiles! (8)
16. Very warm snack (7)
17. --- so long in England (7)
20. Small place of education? (6)
21. I finished up in rewritten version (7)
23. English painter slowly went round first part of Royal Academy (1,1,5)
25. Ruben catching bus up A1 (not N.E.) to outskirts of city (8)
29. Tell tales like a pig? (6)
30. Enthusiasm of a cleaner? (6)
31. Sounds like this grows on the shoreline (5)
32. Minor manufacturer of cars (6)
33. Attempt secret meetings in empty streets (6)

DOWN

2. Breathe in, turn over and go to sleep (9)
3. Put out poor dire trait (9)
4. Quote "Darn it!" and play it (3)
6. For example pretty heartless, troubled country (5)
7. Nick, an eligible man? (5)
8. A potter endlessly makes a vessel for nation's favourite drink (6)
9. For example, ogre turned on English patron (6)
11. Note exclaimed by Bart Simpson? (3)
14. A party featured in a Shakespeare play (3)
15. Scrap the argument (4)
17. Small measure for small girl? (4)
18. In a roundabout way I quell yob uprising (9)
19. Top gear for cricketer in the city? (6,3)
21. Teresa prepared for Christian Festival (6)
22. Peter out on a retreat? (3)
24. Perhaps, lemon chicken (6)
26. Comic at this party? (5)
27. Dog car? (5)
28. Moi? I'm going back here to see Douglas perhaps (1,1,1)
31. English city without hospital for a mammal (3)



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