

A photograph of a stone archway leading to a landscape with a sunset and three crosses on a hill. The archway is made of rough-hewn stone and is surrounded by lush green foliage. The landscape beyond the archway features a sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. In the distance, a hill is visible with three crosses on top. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

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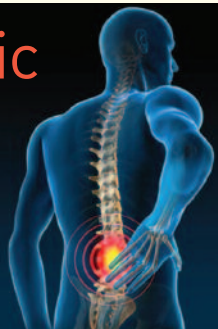
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FROM THE EDITOR...



At last! Spring is here, and to prove it we have some wedding photographs for you, a collection of Spring poems, and a hope springing from the message that Easter brings us. The children are back at school and I do wish them well. The children in our family seem to have mixed feelings about the return, but our teacher relatives are delighted. Of course, there are issues arising, but what area of life does not present us with dilemmas? There are many things to worry about these days, not least Royal Ructions; Brexit Bargainings and Bad Feeling; Covid Conundrums; NHS pay-levels and How Safe are our Streets? The swift vaccine roll-out has also given us hope that we can get on with our lives. Of local importance is the issue of the Sunninghill Library possible closure which is discussed later in this magazine. We have more practical gardening tips from Michelle, so why not get out there and work out the frustrations of the past 12 months or so with your spade and trowel? The answer to many of our problems can be found whilst on our knees, either in the garden or in church. We are sorely in need of a huge dose of Common Sense, (not to mention Common Prayer!) in all this and hopefully the contents of this humble magazine can provide that.

Peter Franklin's excellent article on his personal journey through village history from the 1950s shows us how timeless our village is and how even though things change around us, nothing really changes! Our regular pages on Historical Sunninghill and District seem to be well received, all thanks to our designer, Roger, whose journeys back in time have triggered so many memories for many of you in and around the area. I can assure you that his Time Machine is eco-friendly and although well-used is still in perfect working condition!



But my own Time machine can go forwards as well as back, and I can see daffodils blooming, greenery on the trees, and a golden globe appearing through the misty shrouds. I know that the past 12 months has brought us up rather sharply in our outlook and that, as we always have, we will learn from it and live better in the days to come. Heavens! When I was born they were raining bombs on us, but we managed to get through that!

A Very Happy Easter to you all and I hope that your future blossoms in line with the great triumph of nature!

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FIRST WORDS



If you came back from the dead what would be your first words? *'Honey I'm home'; 'What's for dinner?'; 'Who won the match?'* Around 2,000 years ago, in the early morning, on the first day of a new week, in a Jerusalem garden, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This is the truth that Christian faith hangs on. This is what Christians celebrate on Easter Day the world over. If you want to explore the event in

detail, read the gospel stories in the Bible for yourself or a book like Lee Strobel's *'The Case for Christ'* – a journalist's investigation of the evidence for Jesus (now also an excellent film).

Rather than explore that history, in this short article I want to reflect instead on Jesus' first two sentences. They were questions he asked Mary Magdalene in that garden. Questions I know he still asks me and I believe he asks us all today.

The first question is - *'Why are you weeping?'* (Jn 20:15).

There was much for Mary to be upset about, as there are for us all when we look at the world and the pandemic, when we consider our losses, and when we look honestly at our own hearts and lives. But if we are standing before the one who has conquered death and who can forgive all our past mistakes and failures, all fears can be put aside and all tears can be wiped away. Please don't misunderstand me, pain and loss is real and feels great, tears are good and often a gift but Mary's tears were those of someone without hope. Standing before her, and us at Easter, is hope personified and in his presence the tears of hopelessness, shame and despair can be wiped away.

Jesus continues *'Who is it that you are looking for?'* Mary is confused and bewildered. She doesn't recognise her dear friend, he was supposed to be dead after all. We too, often forget that God is real, living and closer at hand. God's supposed to be dead after all. Hasn't 20th Century atheism or scientific progress or just the busyness of my life done away with him? But our hearts and souls still search and still cry out for meaning and purpose and for someone to fix it, just like Mary's in her pain that first Easter Day.

What is it that you have cried about recently? Do you know the hope that the risen Jesus can bring, even through your tears?

What is it that you are really searching for? Might that be found in Jesus?

Mary's world changed when Jesus spoke her name. He is closer than you think, you might not recognise him straight away but he knows you and is calling you if you can stop and listen. He has the answer to your deepest longing.

One of these questions might just be the first words Jesus is asking you but they won't be the last. Across our Easter services we will be hearing again the words he spoke to his disciples like Mary, and hearing him speak into our lives for 2021. Words of hope, of comfort, of forgiveness and unconditional love. Do join us in person, or online (see page 9).

And may you know the hope of the risen Christ in your heart this Easter.

May God bless you.



SERVICES IN THE PARISH

APRIL

From April we will be moving to weekly in person services at both St Michael's and All Souls churches: 9.15am and 10.45am at St Michael's and at 10.30am at All Souls.

We are delighted to be returning to in person worship at both churches, whilst also livestreaming our worship for those who remain at home. Safety, simplicity and spirituality remain our guiding principles. We encourage the wearing of face coverings unless you have an exemption and are unable yet to offer refreshments at the end of services. We will also be adhering to social distancing rules. We will be following the latest church guidelines with regards to singing and Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding.

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15am FAMILY SERVICE (11th, 18th and 25th April) – Every Sunday at St Michael's Church. Join us for our informal, child friendly, 30-minute family service. With lots of interaction, music and some space for reflection, discover the joy of worshipping together. Contact Rev Sarah Mortimer for more info – sarah@ssaparish.org



10:45am TRADITIONAL SERVICE (11th, 18th April – St Michael's Church – Alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, we use the traditional liturgy of the Book of Common prayer, hymns, prayers, bible readings and sermon to help sustain us spiritually week by week. NB – on the 25th April, we will join together at All Souls for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) from 10:30am. Contact Rev Stephen Johnson for more info – vicar@ssaparish.org



10:30am ALL SOULS WORSHIP (11th, 18th, 25th Apr) – We gather each week, using the best of traditional and contemporary worship, to meet with God through hymns, readings, preaching and prayer. We use a varied pattern of services with Holy Communion every other week. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Rev Vusi Mabuza for more info – vusi@allsoulsascot.org



4pm ASCOT@4 – Look out for our new afternoon service, restarting in April. Ascot@4 intends to connect with our young people (yr5+) and their families as we invite you to explore the adventure of faith together. Contact Rev Tim Norman for more info – tim@allsoulsascot.org

WATCH ONLINE – You can join in all our livestreamed services, either live or catching up at a later date. To watch our content please visit

- Our websites – www.ssaparish.org/worship-at-home or www.allsoulsascot.org/worship-with-us
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UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER DAY – 4th April – see our service notices on page 9 for all the details

APCM – Sunday 25th April, 10:30am at All Souls – Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives the reports and accounts from 2020 and is your opportunity to ask questions and explore how our parish is developing.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are greatly looking forward to the return of many of our regular activities and events. These will be publicised via our weekly newsletter, website and Facebook pages as we wait for government and church guidance on their return.



SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45am on Zoom. Nicola Shaw leads Sunday School activities, songs, and bible stories over Zoom. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org / admin@ssaparish.org for the meeting ID, password and downloadable activities.



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TODDLER PRAISE

- 10:30am on Tuesdays – Meets on Zoom. Our popular, weekly preschool service with Nicola Shaw meets on zoom. A great time to share God, faith and life with your little ones and other parents. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org for the meeting ID and password.



YOUTH WORK

- Rev Sarah Mortimer oversees our youth work and will be developing plans to bring our young people back together again in person over the Summer. For more information, contact sarah@ssaparish.org

PARISH LETTER

- Our weekly newsletter contains all of the latest updates as well as a note of spiritual encouragement from our ministry team. To receive this letter please contact our church office, admin@ssaparish.org / 01344 620727.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

This will be another unusual Holy Week but we hope it will mark our return to services in both churches from Easter Day.

PALM SUNDAY 28th March

- 9:15am Family Service in person at St Michael's
- 10:30am Morning Worship from All Souls [Livestreamed]

Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st March

- 8pm Service of Compline at St Michael's [livestreamed]

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

- Watch a prerecorded service for this day on our websites.
- 8pm - Join us for a simple Last Supper service held at St Michael's

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

- Watch a prerecorded service, particularly aimed at children and families on our websites.
- 1pm at All Souls: An hour at the Cross meditation [livestreamed].
- 3pm at St Michael's: An hour at the Cross meditation [livestreamed].

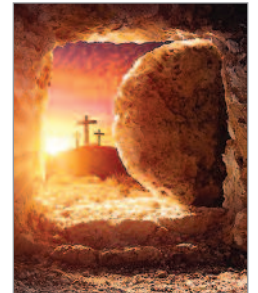
HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

- 6:30-7:30pm - Easter Watch service at St Michael's for our young people and their families. An outdoor service particularly suitable for our families with children in Year 5 and upwards. Gather outside around a fire as we watch and wait between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

EASTER DAY Sunday 4th April

- 6am – Sunrise Holy Communion at St Michael's [livestreamed]
- 8am - Said Holy Communion at St Michael's
- 10am at St Michaels – Celebration Communion Service [livestreamed]
- 10:30am at All Souls – Celebration Communion Service.

From Easter Day onwards we will be moving back to weekly services at both churches.






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*This poem has been sent in
by the Bishop of Reading - Ed*

CONVERSION

He was a born loser,
 accident-prone too;
 never won a lottery,
 married a girl who
 couldn't cook, broke
 his leg the day before
 the wedding
 and forgot the ring.
 He was the kind
 who ended up behind a post
 in almost any
 auditorium. Planes
 he was booked to fly on
 were delayed
 by engine trouble
 with sickening regularity.
 His holidays at the beach
 were almost always
 ruined by rain. All
 his apples turned out
 wormy. His letters
 came back marked
 'Moved, left no
 address.' And it was
 his car that was cited
 for speeding
 from among a flock of others
 going 60 in a
 55 mile zone.

So it was a real shocker
 when he found himself
 elected, chosen by Grace
 for Salvation, felt
 the exhilaration of
 an undeserved and wholly
 unexpected Joy
 and tasted, for the
 first time, the Glory
 of being on
 the winning side.

Luci Shaw, b. 1928



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OBITUARY

RAB McEWAN

1926-2021

Sadly, my father Rab McEwan died in January this year having reached the grand old age of 94. He and my mother Ann moved to Cheapside from Sunningdale in October 1985 into their lovely cottage with the spiral staircase and the pretty courtyard garden. They loved it there.

Rab had recently retired from his life as a Sales Director for an American oil company and apart from golf and gardening, he and Ann enjoyed local village life. Rab did various community roles – treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, the horticultural society committee; he advised people starting small businesses, he drove elderly people to hospital visits, he was a sidesman at St Michaels and All Angels and they found themselves amongst a very friendly community, many who remain friends.

Rab was born in Hove, Sussex. He went to school at Sherborne in Dorset. After National Service (which included a trip to Egypt where he met Ann, aged 15), he attained his degree at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. While studying for his degree, he must have played a lot of golf, as he had a very impressive handicap of 4.

After Egypt, Rab and Ann stayed in touch and after 5(!) proposals of marriage, she eventually said yes. They were married in April 1953.

At home, Rab always had ‘projects’ on the go – he built a conservatory onto the house in Sunningdale, he laid the patio, built a massive pond, a large vegetable garden, a rather unsuccessful foray into homemade wine and beer

Our family holidays mostly involved a tent or a caravan and lots of British rain. There was a famous time Rab totally re-packed the roof rack because it just wasn’t right...however, half way down the motorway, two sleeping bags fell off the roof and Ann ran across the motorway to rescue them. Thankfully motorways were quieter in those days.



On another holiday in Wales, we were all in the sailing boat in a strong tidal race trying to get over a sand bank. We missed the correct channel, the boat capsized and everyone was thrown into the sea, Ann ended up under the boat with a rope around her neck. Rab managed to right the boat, get us all back in and find a friendly local who gave us a tow back to the camp site.

We survived.

In his retirement, Rab had more time for golf and was pleased to be one of the youngest “old fogies” as he called them. He set up the Seniors section at Sunningdale Golf Club which still goes today and played a founding role in a golfing society for students at Oxford and Cambridge - The Divots and Stymies golf society which also still runs today.

Rab was a man of great modesty, he had strong morals. He loved reading, and attempted The Times Crossword most days. He loved wine and food and golf and most of all he and Ann loved entertaining – dinner parties, wedding anniversaries, family lunches and birthdays. I have such fond memories sitting in their lovely garden in Cheapside.

Clare Wilson


Wedding Album



VICTORIA AND JACK LUCAS WERE MARRIED AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ON THE 10th OCTOBER, BEFORE HEADING FOR THEIR WEDDING BREAKFAST AT THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOTEL (WITH ONLY 15 GUESTS ALLOWED). VICTORIA SAYS, "WE FEEL SO LUCKY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GO AHEAD DESPITE THE ODDS AND HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL DAY. HUGE THANKS TO STEPHEN AND ALL AT ST MICHAEL'S FOR MAKING OUR DAY SO SPECIAL!"



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THE GIFT OF ADOPTION

It is hard to believe that there are over 3,000 children waiting to be adopted in the UK, plus many more in foster care. All children should have the security of a stable home and loving family, and I believe that some of us are being called to consider how we can make a difference in this area.

We adopted a 2-year old when we lived in South Africa, without realising the severity of his neglect and needs, so started a journey of discovery and learning about why love matters, and how important nurturing and security is to the development of children.

It was only when we returned to the UK, and adopted our daughter here, that we were given training, advice and a huge amount of support, that we really

understood the true impact of what we were doing.

I think we always knew we would adopt, and were divinely presented with our first, whilst living in South Africa. We then realised he needed a sibling and adopted once we returned to the UK 14 years ago. We definitely considered a third, but due to our son's special needs, did not feel it would be the right thing to do, so closed that door... or so we thought.

Although both our children begged us to adopt again, we decided that as they were both in senior school, time had lapsed, and we had moved on. We had other plans for our future.

However, during lockdown, completely out of the blue, we had a call asking us to adopt a 7-month old girl! And, the weird thing is, we didn't even have to discuss this; we just felt it was a gift from God, and therefore accepted with open arms.

Although adoption can take up to a year from the initial application, when God is in it, things can move at high speed, and of

course, when His will is being done, everything slots into place perfectly.

With our three children we feel we have been blessed more than abundantly; each one was born to be with us, God knows, even before they are born, who is going to raise them, and he may have your name on a vulnerable little one who is just waiting for you to say 'I will!'

I suppose, if we stop and think, there are lots of questions, like, will I love someone else's child like my own, will they fit in with my family, will I cope, what if they have trauma from the past, etc, etc, which is why we must remember that God never gives us more than we can cope with, He only wants joy for us, He will

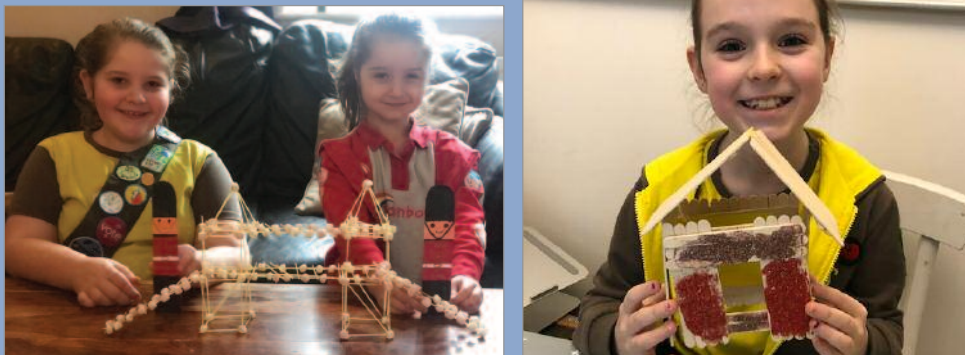


equip us and guide us for whatever we do in His name.

It has been such a joy to witness the miraculous way that God has healed our son, and how He has filled our daughter with His spirit, using them to bring us closer to the Lord. Our new little addition is delightful, and further testimony to His provision; we prayed that she would be an easy baby, would sleep through the night, eat well, meet milestones etc, and even though she came to us with a lot of uncertainty around her development, she is a huge example of God's healing miracles.

In the UK there are lots of opportunities to find out more about adoption and fostering, without any commitment, and if your heart is beating a bit faster whilst reading this, or if you are just curious, or thinking about the empty room in your house, I urge you to take the first step, you have nothing to lose - find out for sure, if God is prompting you to adopt or foster.

Sandie Curtis



On February 22nd every year the Girlguiding movement celebrates Thinking Day. On this day we think about Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in different countries around the world and celebrate our friendship with them. Normally all the local units would meet together to do this but this year, of course, we have been unable to. So instead, Rainbows and Brownies took part in a virtual sleepover called 'World Thinking Day @ home'. We joined up, virtually, with thousands of other Brownies and Rainbows across the south west of England and together we visited our five World Centres which are situated in Switzerland, London, Mexico, India and Africa.

The World Centre in Switzerland is called 'Our Chalet' and on our visit there we made swiss pancakes, decorated a kuhglocke (cowbell), made a 3D chalet out of lolly sticks, made alpine hats and our own model skiers. Some of the pancakes didn't manage to stay in the pan, but they were all delicious!

Our next World Centre visit was to 'Sangam' which is in Pune in India. Here we created Rangoli patterns out of pasta, painted hands with henna decorations, made garlands out of popcorn and learnt some Bollywood dancing. The popcorn garlands were easy to make, the difficult part was to resist eating them before you could wear them!

After lunch we went to Africa to visit the 'Kusafiri' World Centre. Here we made wild animal pictures from our hand prints, tried out some Kente weaving and took part in an African dance workshop. The African dancing wasn't as graceful as the Bollywood dancing but it certainly released any pent up aggression.

The last World Centre we visited before bedtime was 'Our Cabana' in Mexico. We made paper skulls for Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), cactus bunting, sombrero hats from biscuits and marshmallows and pinata cakes which contained sweets and smarties in a secret compartment when you bit into them.

The day ended with campfire songs from around the world, some old favourites and some new ones for us to learn, followed by a bedtime story.

The next morning, we started the day by renewing our promise, then some yoga before our visit to the last World Centre - Pax Lodge in London. This one was easier to get to as we didn't need passports, but did have to hang on tightly on the

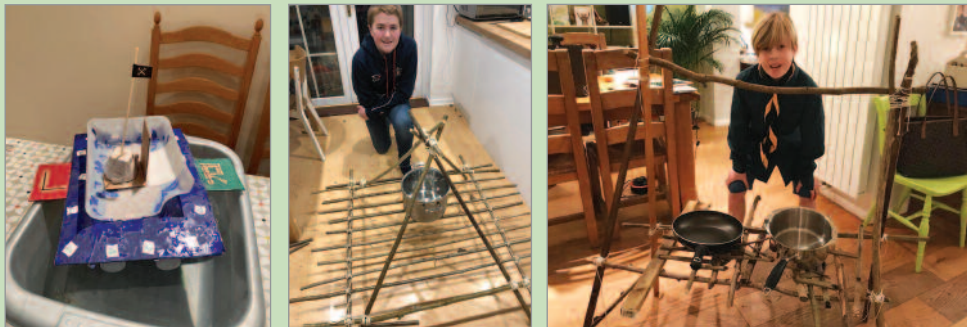
underground journey! Here we made guardsman bookmarks and peace doves bunting (Pax Lodge means peace, hence the doves). We learnt some cockney rhyming slang and some of us prepared a traditional afternoon tea to savour in the afternoon. We all had a go at constructing Tower Bridge out of spaghetti and marshmallows - apparently the spaghetti is a bit stronger if you wet it first, but not too much.

So, a fun couple of days for us all, made possible by the mums and dads who were so supportive of their girls in providing the materials, their own time and their energy - though none of the mums were willing to share their photos of themselves doing the Bollywood dance.

Thanks to all who took part and we look forward to perhaps being able to meet in person again in the summer term.

*Brown Owl Janet,
 Sunninghill Brownies*





BEAVERS [♣] 1st SOUTH ASCOT SCOUTS [♣] cubs [♣]

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to all the amazing leaders who have kept Beavers, Cubs and Scouts going each week via Zoom. They really do a wonderful job of thinking up new activities to do which all the children love being a part of.

Beavers Since last month, Beavers have continued to take care of and record their bulbs growth and are beginning to see the rewards of their efforts with flowers. They've been working on their photographer's badge. Our young leader, Dominic, joined us to tell the Beavers about how to use a camera and take a good picture. We talked about good tips and things to avoid to get a better photo and tasked Beavers with a photo project over half term. They've learnt about water and fire safety. Then recently as part of their health and fitness badge they made a healthy snack packed full of superfoods like chia seeds, oats, dried fruit and healthier sweeteners and fats like honey and coconut oil. If they taste good enough they can give as present to mums for Mother's Day along with the cards they made. Some Beavers have been working extra hard on badges at home - cookery has been popular.

Cubs have been working on their home help activities during half term and helping at home. We've also been practising our cookery skills as part of chef badge by making a 2 course meal - all parents reported delicious meals were made by their children! Cubs also have completed a home camp and 2 hour hike, and have been taking part in Lego activities as part of skills challenge badge! We are

also about to award another Silver cub badge to -the top award for Cubs!

SCOUTS Watch this space - *NEW EXPLORER UNIT* for ages 14-18 to open in the Spring/Summer. Get in touch if you're interested in joining.

Another huge thank you to the Groundsmen from Ascot Racecourse who have planted new trees and grass seed in our garden - we can't wait for it to transform into a great space for the Scouts to play in. Photos in the next magazine once the grass has grown! Also, thanks to the Church Road resident who donated 3 trees - much appreciated.

Any questions about who we are and when we meet, please contact Fiona Jones, on 07939 490475 or email: 1stsouthascotscoutgroup@gmail.com.

Fiona Jones, Group Scout Leader





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What a delight it is to have all the children back in school here at Cheapside! They have slotted effortlessly back into school life and are so enjoying re-engaging with their friends and the staff.

On Thursday 4th March, it was World Book Day but as this was whilst the majority of children were still at home we decided to postpone it until all the children were back. So, on Thursday 11th March, we celebrated World Book Day in style. This year, we simply asked children to dress up as their favourite character and in school we spent the day celebrating all things book-related. It was a wonderful opportunity to allow the children to express themselves and enjoy the simple pleasure of dressing-up. We had several Harry Potters, a Little Red Riding Hood or two and even an Angelina Ballerina! We also did our own version of 'The Masked Reader' where teachers had pictures taken hiding their faces behind books – the books themselves were often the clues and the children were fantastic at guessing who was who.

*Clare Roberts,
Assistant Headteacher*



During March to aid the children's well being and to frankly have a good bit of old fashioned fun, the amazing Year 6 teacher Miss Tracey organised "The Great St Michael's Bake Off".

The challenge was to bake something on the theme of books, to help celebrate World Book Day. The children were invited to interpret this any way they liked - the more imaginative the better! Entries were judged in the following categories:

- Most innovative design
- The neatest
- The most impressive structure
- The most unique interpretation
- Looks the most delicious

We had nearly 50 entries and it was very difficult to judge, as there were so many amazing entries and everybody obviously put so much time and effort into the design of their idea and the actual baking and decorating of the cake. We had to



HOPE

enlist the help of an external judge, who is not involved in the school. The winners for the categories are as follows:

- Most innovative design - Hope (Year 3) BFG Snozzcumber Cake
- The neatest - William (Year 1) Willy Wonka Cake
- The most impressive structure - Tom K (Year 3) 13 Story Tree House Cake
- The most unique interpretation - Alicia (Year 6) The House With Chicken Legs Cake
- Looks the most delicious - Harrison (Year 5) Gruffalo Cake

One cake kept cropping up in every category, so an extra special Star Baker Cake category was created for Lottie (Year



TOM



SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE SCHOOL

GOOD TO BE BACK!

6) for her Dr Seuss Cake. All winners received a book token as a prize.

Thanks again to all the children and parents for such a fabulous effort and all the cakes can be found on the school website www.st-michaelsprimary.co.uk

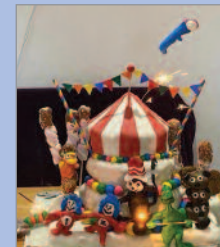
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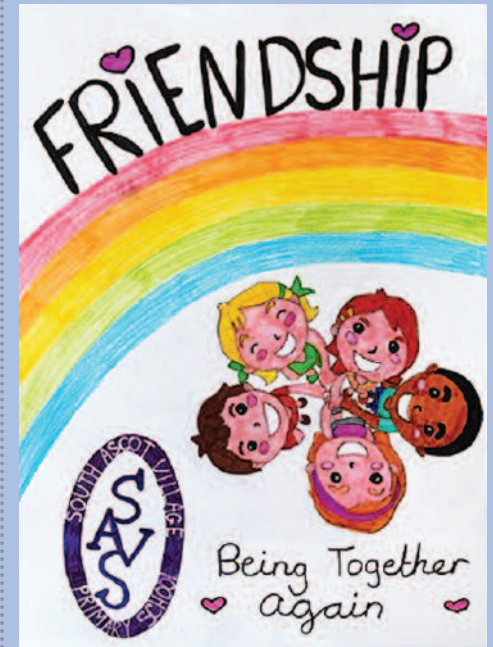
HARRISON



LOTTIE



ALICIA



All of us at SAVS are so happy to be back once again. Without the children and staff, the school is nothing more than a shell! Now, the school is full of life, laughter and learning in all of its forms. We are all learning:

- to come together, once again, as one cohesive team
- the new rules and current restrictions
- resilience and tolerance
- new knowledge and skills
- to work and play together
- to relax and have fun!

Kate Rimell, Headteacher

HISTORIC Sunninghill AND DISTRICT

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO NEIL PARKER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE 'HISTORICAL SUNNINGHILL, SUNNINGDALE, ASCOT AND SURROUNDING AREAS' BLOG FOR PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE MATERIAL FROM THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES.



THESE PHOTOS WERE PASSED DOWN TO ME BY MY LATE FATHER – PHIL COOPER. I'M ASSUMING THAT THEY WERE OF FRIENDS OF HIS, BUT AS DAD WOULD NOW BE 93, THEY'RE PROBABLY NO LONGER WITH US. I'M HOPING THAT A FAMILY MEMBER MIGHT RECOGNISE SOMEONE, SO HERE GOES...

JULIE TURNER



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THAT'S MY MUM AND DAD, JOHN (WILLIAM JOHN) COOPER AND JENNIFER BEMMER, MAY 1958. STILL MARRIED AND LIVING IN COMOX, BRITISH COLUMBIA. RON WILTON IS BETWEEN THEM, BY THE TREE.

KAREN COOPER



JULIE TURNER

MUM AND DAD, ERIC AND EILEEN LANEY. DAD'S BROTHER GEORGE IS BEHIND AND THEIR MUM KATE. 17th MARCH 1955. MANY THANKS FOR POSTING THIS, JULIE.

JAMES LANEY

AUNTY KATHY, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WONDERFUL PHOTO: YOUR LOVELY MUM AND OUR WONDERFUL NAN. MUM, PAULINE TILBURY, TAKE A LOOK TOO X.

SYLVIE HUNT



JULIE TURNER



JULIE TURNER

IMPORTANT ADVICE FROM RBWM TRADING STANDARDS

Did you know 'food inspectors' are silently protecting you? Trading Standards and Environmental Health share different aspects of food law enforcement to ensure customers get the right information and are kept safe.

Environmental Health Officers are responsible for registering food businesses and inspecting them for health and hygiene. You may have seen the star hygiene rating stickers at restaurants and takeaways. It is not a legal requirement to display these, normally those premises with the lower ratings choose not to whilst the higher rated 4- and 5-star premises use them as a marketing tool. Trading Standards ensure that where displayed they are current and correct i.e. not an out of date rating which may no longer be



applicable. A survey conducted by RBWM Trading Standards found that 11 out of 50 premises visited were displaying higher ratings that they were entitled to which was misleading customers.

Lockdown seems to have increased innovative business start-ups from home, utilising Next Door, Facebook, and other social media. This has included home-based food businesses such as cake makers, sweet boxes, treat bags, delivered dinners, create-your-own ice-creams with toppings, cocktail deliveries, and Indian takeaways. For health, hygiene, safety, and fair-trading reasons food businesses are subject to Regulation, and customers should be kept safe and protected from home-based businesses in the same way as with shops and high street restaurants. For anyone considering such a business venture



but unsure of the controls, there is an excellent guide to get you off to a great start:

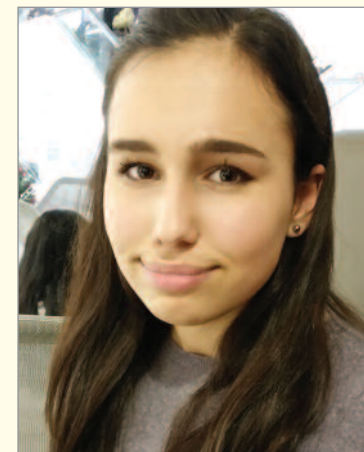
www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/starting-a-food-business-from-home

In the borough we have recently discovered a new shop selling imported sweets and cereals from the USA. Imported food will normally require extra labelling to comply with UK laws. Also, some additives (such as colourings in sweets that make children hyperactive) are more tightly controlled in the UK than the US. A niche food business such as this should make initial contact with their local trading standards service in order to ensure the imported foods comply with UK laws. In this instance they did not, neither had they registered with Environmental Health as a new food business which is a legal requirement. These raised concerns and we prioritised it for action - on visiting it was noted that the scales being used were not accurate or fit for purpose, the weight indication was not provided to the customer and the majority of the imported food did not have labelling sufficient to comply with UK food labelling law.

Food businesses need to be gearing up for "Natasha's law" at the moment which fully comes into force from 1 October 2021 and will give consumers extra vital information about all the ingredients in a food product, including the allergens involved, in 'pre-packed food for direct sale'.

All foods that are prepared in cafes, shops or stalls and then pre-packaged by hand for sale will need to comply with Natasha's Law.

Following the



tragic death of Natasha Ednan-Laperouse (pictured), the teenager who died after suffering an allergic reaction to a Pret a Manger baguette, the government confirmed stronger laws would be implemented to protect those with allergies and give them greater confidence in the food they buy.

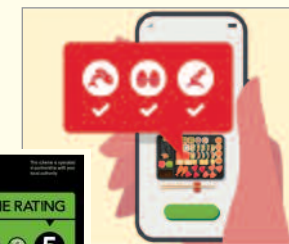
Currently, food prepared on the premises in which it is sold is not required to display allergen information on the label, meaning allergy sufferers sometimes lack confidence buying food to eat whilst they are out.

Natasha's mother Tanya Ednan-Laperouse said: 'The introduction of Natasha's Law is hugely significant for people with food allergies in this country. It brings greater transparency about what people are buying and eating, lays down new standards for the food companies, and highlights the growing epidemic of food allergies.'

We have already worked with the excellent people at Thames Valley Farmers Markets who organise and regulate most of the markets in the area to get information, templates, resources and support to the stall-holders so they can gear up for this change, and we will be getting information out to other small businesses in the area to help them comply during the Spring and Summer.

If you have any concerns about a food business in the area, or need some guidance to set one up properly yourself please drop us a line to trading.standards@rbwm.gov.uk

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SUNNINGHILL LIBRARY

RBWM are proposing to close Sunninghill library, stop the container library visiting Sunningdale and reduce the opening hours at Ascot library.

Sunninghill Reading Room opened in the middle of the 19th century becoming a Trust in 1885. During the Second World War it was used as an overflow dining room for St Michael's school to accommodate the many children evacuated from London. These children, now elderly, still visit the library and reminisce. In the 1950s twenty households petitioned for better library facilities and in 1958 Berkshire County Council took over the management. Currently the Royal Borough of



St Michael's school across the road! They propose that current users should visit the Ascot Durning library which is 1.6 miles distant, with the assumption all readers will have their own transport to travel there or use the infrequent bus service. With talk of falling literacy levels, loneliness and more people reading during lockdown the library should be seen as essential to village life.

First we must ensure the library stays open, even if the hours are reduced, as if it does close it will not open again. We need to increase the numbers using the library and this shouldn't be too

difficult. We could also use the room for groups, meetings, book clubs etc when the library is closed.

Lots of possibilities for such a convenient space in the village.

The borough plans to reduce the opening hours in June and close the library in September.

Please see the RBWM Library Transformation proposal and support the appeal by **30 April** to keep the library for the village. You can read all the details at www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/consultations/library-consultations, email digital.support@rbwm.gov.uk, phone **01628 796969** or write to Consultation Response, Maidenhead Library, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1QU

(see RBWM notice on page 47)

Glen Couper



Windsor and Maidenhead are responsible for library provision. They completely refurbished the library in 2002 and ensured easy access for disabled readers. Recently further upgrades have provided access to computers, photocopying and other services for the local community.

RBWM states the library is not fit for purpose? They claim it is underused EXCEPT by children coming out of

A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

Happy Easter Readers! Haven't the daffodils been a joyful sight! One of my lovely neighbours came up with the idea for us to plant some daffodil bulbs at the end of our road in a large grassy area in celebration of the friendships we have made as neighbours during the last year; unfortunately there were road works and it was covered in rubble for most of the autumn so I'm sure we will plan to plant some this year, but when I see them it brings this lovely sentiment to mind.

As promised my camellias are now in bloom and looking beautiful. Camellias are suitable for woodland or shaded areas and



acidic soil; you should position them in a sheltered site and avoid early morning sun as buds may be damaged by cold winds and late frosts. They are evergreen shrubs with glossy leaves with shades of white, pink, or red flowers born in the spring. They can become large bushes but you can cut them back right after flowering, the flowers start forming for the next year quite quickly so if you cut back too late you may lose the next year's flowers.

I'm very pleased with the progress my tomato plant seeds have made; they now have their first true leaves and are growing nicely on a windowsill. I have a couple of



PINK CAMELLIA

small, raised vegetable beds so I prepared them ready for planting at the beginning of last month, digging in some well-rotted manure, some ashes from my fathers' wood burner and the contents of one of my compost bins.

I've been sorting out my seed packets and putting them in order of planting by month. I've now planted some broad beans (Express) which is the fasted broad bean to crop according to the packet; mangetout; the first sowing of radish (Rainbow Mixed) hoping for some early crops and some carrots (Early Nantes 2) following the instructions on the packets. I've covered them with a clear cloche to protect them from the cold nights we are having and impatiently waiting to see something pop up! I've also sewn some basil and parsley indoors on the windowsill, I love the smell of basil when you brush its leaves and it tastes delicious layered with tomatoes and mozzarella drizzled with extra virgin olive oil.

My husband, Neil is responsible for growing our potatoes, he has bought Vales Sovereign and Arran Pilot; he has laid them out on trays and put on my shed bench waiting for them to chit (grow sprouts); old egg boxes are also very useful for this purpose; once they are an inch or so long



RAISED VEGETABLE BED

he will start planting. We use tubs or potato bags; he'll fill about quarter of the way and put about 3 seed potatoes in each and then cover with a couple of inches of soil; as they grow he'll add more soil just covering the leaves until he reaches the top. We find this a space saving way of growing potatoes in a small garden and also easier to harvest.

I've also planted some carnation seeds in some modular trays, planting them ¼" deep and put in my heated propagator. I'll turn it off and take the lid off as soon as they have germinated which will take 2-4 weeks.

I have a very long laurel hedge in my garden and whilst I have it cut back twice a year it had become very deep; so I've taken the plunge and had it cut back by almost a metre before the birds started nesting; it currently looks very bare and a little sad but I've been assured it will grow back well!



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SPIRIT LIFTING POETRY

I gave much thought to the topic for April, a repeat of Spring? Easter? but decided we need to keep our spirits up for a while longer, hope is on the horizon, but meanwhile some amusing poems and limericks to help us all smile.

To begin, Roger McGough, a favourite poet of mine and one of the 'Liverpool poets' of the 1960s.

Wiwis

*To amuse emus on warm summer nights,
Kiwis do wiwis from spectacular heights.*

And a longer poem, **Mafia Cats**

*We're the Mafia cats, Bugsy, Franco and
Toni,
We're crazy for pizza, with hot pepperoni,
We run all the rackets from gambling to
vice,
On St. Valentines day we massacre mice!
and ends,
We're the Cosa Nostra,
Run the scams and the fiddles,
But at home we are
Mopsy, Ginger and
Tiddles.*

To follow a few short poems and limericks, the first by Spike Milligan:



Bump

*Things that go bump in the night,
Should not really give one a fright,
It's the hole in the ear, that let's in the
fear,
That and the absence of light.*

Ark Anglers

*by Celia Warren
Noah let's his sons go fishing,
Only on the strictest terms,
Sit still, keep quiet and concentrate,
We've only got two worms.*

Short Visit, Long Stay. Anon
*The school trip was a special occasion,
But I never reached the destination,
Instead of the Zoo, I was locked in the
loo,
Of an M62 service station.*

And an offering by Lewis Carroll:

*How doth the little crocodile,
Improve his shining tail, And pour the
waters of the Nile,
On every golden scale.
How cheerfully he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws.*

Keep smiling everyone if you can.
And to finish a poem by Marriot Edgar,
The Lion and Albert. Read it if you can in
your best Yorkshire accent.

*There's a famous seaside place called
Blackpool,
That's noted for fresh air and fun,
And Mr and Mrs Ramsbottom, went
there with young Albert their son.
A grand little lad was young Albert,
All dressed in his best, quite a swell,
With a stick with an 'orses' ead 'andle,
The finest that Woolworths could sell.*

I won't spoil the story but suffice to say it
ends in the Magistrates Court, and when
the Magistrate rules that no one was to
blame for young Albert's fate, it ends:

*At that mother got proper blazing,
And thank you sir kindly said she,
What!; waste all our lives raising
children,
To feed ruddy lions? Not Me!!*

Alison Drummings



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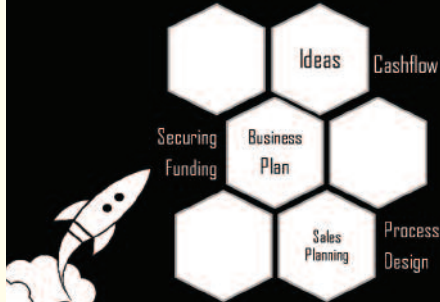
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NEWS FROM SUNNINGHILL & ASCOT PARISH COUNCIL



It is lovely to finally see the Spring sunshine and 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, with the easing of Covid restrictions due on 29 March, we will be pleased to be able to re-open our fitness equipment, tennis courts and skate park for everyone to enjoy. Do remember to maintain social distancing, though, and to wash or sanitise hands before and after using the equipment so as to keep other users safe. Our Victory Field park is open during daylight hours every day.

We are very excited to be in the final stages of planning the refurbishment of Cheapside Play Park which we hope to have installed in time for the school summer holidays. As soon as the plans are confirmed, we will be publishing them for everyone to see.

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, and we are planning a new wildflower area so do look out for that. 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.



Helen Goodwin,

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SUNNINGHILL CHOIR REMEMBERED

The memory is as clear as if it were yesterday. Sitting around a blazing coal fire at our home in Bowden Road in early December 1954. Dad reading a book, Mum knitting, Gran dozing in her armchair, me on a stool in front of the fire listening to a serial on the radio. My older brother, Dave, had returned from choir practice the previous evening with a message from the choir master, Mr Duckett, asking whether his younger brother would like to join the choir. That following evening, in the cosy glow of the fire, Mum broached the subject. I was not particularly interested; I went to church on Sunday mornings with them and did not see any point in moving up to the choir stalls. The radio serial was holding my attention. Then Mum played her trump card, if I went along for one evening to see if I would like it, there could be a box of chocolates in it. If I didn't like it, at least I would have given it a try. Well, bearing in mind that war time sweet rationing had not long finished, that was like winning the lottery. I succumbed.

Now Edwin Duckett had not experienced a blinding epiphany that there was a budding choral prodigy born into the Franklin family. He was a very precise and organised man, and liked an evenly balanced choir in every sense. He had an odd number of boys in the choir and needed an extra boy to give even numbers in the choir stalls. Thus began over sixty years singing in choirs – I was hooked, and have sung in parish choirs, choral societies and chamber choirs ever since.

To be honest, I can't remember much musically of those early days with Mr Duckett. I can remember the ancient musty smelling black cassocks worn with stiff Eton Collars and bows, which were mercifully replaced by blue cassocks and ruffs a little later. The vicar at that time was Rev. Gerald

Thursfield, who had a rather high tremulous voice, which reminded us boys of a children's radio programme character Larry the Lamb, so he was henceforth irreverently known as Larry. I can also recall Sergeant Major Jones, a veteran of both Boer and the Great War. He would walk up the aisle with the collection plate, straight as a ram rod, with a moustache heavily waxed to two perfect horizontal points. On Armistice Day he would appear with a chest full of medals. Also remember George Salter, the verger, who was followed by his son Graham in the same role. Graham was later to teach me to ring the bells.

Rev'd Thursfield's time drew to a close shortly after I joined the choir. A lavish farewell was organised at the Cordes Hall, and as the youngest choir boy, I was chosen to present him with a cheque for £134 -2 shillings collected from friends, colleagues and well-wishers (this is equivalent to around £3,500 in 2021 so not an insignificant sum). After a short interregnum, the new Vicar arrived, Rev'd Frederick Vickery. Although a kindly man, he was fairly disorganised, and always looked as if he had overslept and got dressed in a hurry. He was very supportive of the choir, allowing us to play cricket on the Vicarage lawn before choir practice in the summer, and arranging choir outings, one to the seaside at Brighton, and another to see the new musical *Oliver!* in London's west end. This was a real treat, and I fell in love with Georgia Brown playing Nancy! One lasting memory of Fred, as the choir irreverently called him, was of a choir practice on a winter's evening in 1963. Fred rushed into the church part way through choir practice to announce that US President Kennedy had been assassinated and held an impromptu service then sent us all home. He was a bachelor and rattled around in



the big old vicarage. Sadly, he took his own life in later years, and I can recall the sad occasion of his funeral.

Not long after Rev'd Thursfield's retirement Mr Duckett also retired in 1957. A farewell party was held for him in the old Vicarage. The new organist and choirmaster took over, this was Tom Reed. Tom was blind from birth, an excellent organist and accompanist. Despite his disability, he always seemed to know where we all were and what we were up to. As many blind musicians were, and probably still are, they were also trained as piano tuners, Tom supplemented his income by looking after many of the pianos in the village. He lived in the School House in School Road with his wife Amy and son John. He also played the organ for funerals at Woking Crematorium. This required him to make a bus journey with three changes to reach his destination. A journey always taken on his own with incredible confidence. I have a lot to thank Tom for. He always encouraged me in my singing. He would put on recitals and concerts, and one year, probably around 1965, he put on a choir and organ concert, with the main item being Stainer's Crucifixion. He brought in a professional tenor for the solos, and asked me if I would take the Bass solos and duets with the tenor. I accepted with trepidation, but he

coached me all the way and gave me the confidence to carry it off. That was the first of many solo appearances to this day. The most memorable thing of the concert, was that Tom had hired a baby grand piano for one recital item. When rehearsals were over in the evening, I stayed behind to tidy up and prepared to leave. Tom told me to go ahead, he would stay behind and tune the piano. Unthinkingly, I said that as he was staying I would leave the church lights on when I left. Tom grinned and said that it was OK for me to turn them out when I left, which I did. I often wonder what would have happened if someone had come into the darkened church that evening, only to hear the mysterious plink, plink, plonk of a ghostly piano in the darkness!

Following the sad demise of Rev'd Fred Vickery, we welcomed Rev'd Edward Gibbon, a retired RAF Padre. He became a firm family friend. Edward officiated at our wedding and baptised our children. He hosted many lavish garden fetes in the grounds of the Vicarage. He always put a barrel of beer in the garage for the helpers, and insisted that no one could go until it was empty – happy days! The last time I saw him was when he came back for the funerals of Dad in 1990 and Mum in 1992.

In the early days of the choir it was made up of boys and men. Boys



misbehaving in the sermon would often get a substantial pat on the head with a heavy hymn book from Harold Macey in the back row. Adult men in the choir became lifelong friends, particularly Bill Brown and Trevor Lewis, Bill followed me many years later to join the choir of The Royal Memorial Chapel Sandhurst, where he sang right up until he died. Among the boys I am still friends with Harry Macey, who became organist at Holy Trinity Sunningdale and led Egham & District Choral Society for many years, now retired to Norfolk. The inevitable happened in the 1960s, girls, and then women were brought into the choir. I have to say to my great delight, as I found my first steady girlfriend in the choir, and we had many happy years together until, work and college in different parts of the country drifted us apart. I sang in the choir right up until 1972, when I married, moved away and found new choral pastures further afield.

I have returned to help out in the choir for weddings, funerals, memorials and concerts when needed. The most recent was to sing with an octet for a memorial

service in 2020. It was an Octet formed by a group of colleagues. The leader of the Octet emailed me asking if I could sing for the service. He said it was a church in Sunninghill and he would send me directions. I jumped at the chance. It was a fairly emotional visit, as it was the first time I had been in the church for a service since my mother's funeral in 1992. However it was good to see the old choir photo from the 1920s in the vestry, which included my Dad as a boy and my Grandad in the back row, also a photo of me in the choir in 1957 at Mr Duckett's retirement with my brother in the back row.

I was baptised, confirmed and married in the church and both our children baptised there. Mum and Dad's ashes are interred right opposite the West door with a plaque to mark the spot, and the Bishop's chair sits in the side Chapel in memory of our Dad. St Michael and all Angels holds a special place in my heart. A choral lifetime started by Cadbury's Milk Tray all those years ago.

Peter Franklin

LOCKDOWN YOUTH DJ SET IN ALL SOULS

On Saturday the 24th of October, All Souls' Church, South Ascot, provided a unique venue for a mix of club dance music. 17-year-old James Finch, along with five of his friends entertained over 200 online viewers with a DJ livestream. In order to meet social distancing requirements, they setup the church with an extensive array of lights and a sound system and recorded this the day before, so as to be able to edit all the footage ready to livestream on the Saturday evening.

James' intentions before Covid-19 were to organise and DJ a series of music events



for the local teenage community. These were to be held over the summer months introducing All Souls' Church to a new generation in a unique way. Like so much else, these had to be cancelled, but not to be deterred James got the support from Revd Stephen Johnson for this new concept.

James and his friends are all residents in the parish, and they are looking forward to running lots of other local events in the community once restrictions have lifted.

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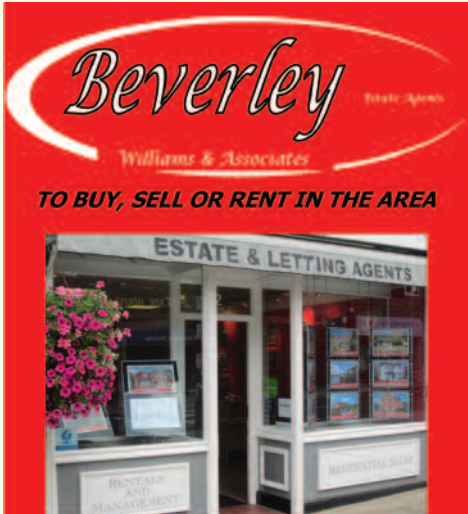
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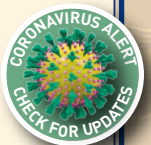
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Being someone who loves dogs, I would like to do a little to support a charity connected with them. Over the last three years, I have been painting on canvas or art paper with the aim to sell them and be able to give the profits to Assistance Dogs. We have all seen examples of the wonderful things dogs can be trained to do and at a time like this, charities are finding it tough.

I am a member of Ascot Inner Wheel which supports many charities and remember one of our speakers from a charity supporting Assistance Dogs who brought her remarkable dog with her. We were amazed how it pushed a load of washing into a 'washing machine' and did various other clever things!

As you can imagine, it is very difficult to market the paintings (64 of them to date) so appreciate being able to tell you about my ideas in the magazine. One of them is pictured to show you, but they are all very varied, both in style and colour. Apart from those already painted, my hope is also that, like one good, kind friend did, I will be given a description of the painting needed, with size, colours, paper or canvas, frame or no frame, etc. Should any of you be interested, I can email you my complete collection to look at. Prices vary from a very reasonable £50 to £65. My email is hilary.mear@gmail.com and my phone number is **01344 621419**. Thank you.



Hilary Mear

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The consultation is seeking your views:

- 1 Please provide your feedback on the Library Transformation Strategy.
- 2 What alternative suggestions do you have to the proposed savings?

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sudoku 143

All you need to do is to fill in all of the 81 squares in the puzzle so that each column of 9, each row of 9 and each 3 x 3 square includes every number from 1-9. No prizes – just an enormous amount of satisfaction! Well done if you noticed that we accidentally printed last month's solution alongside the puzzle!

The solution to Sudoku 142:

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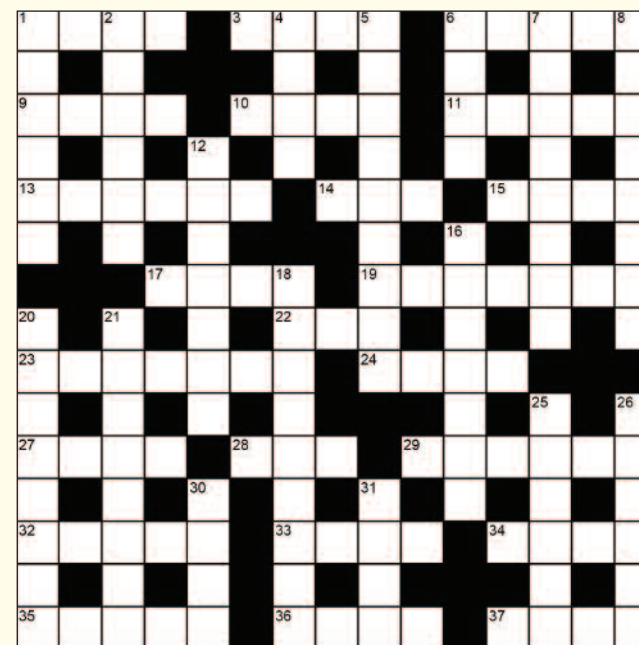
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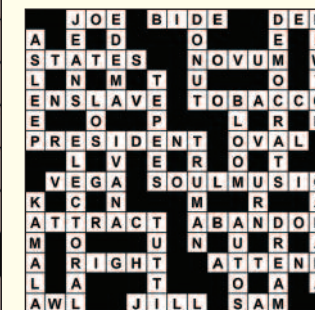


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1. French march on planet; with perseverance? (4)
3. The Beatles record aide (4)
6. Perch for tailless cockerel (6)
9. Hundred greetings for a Roman in a French wine cellar (4)
10. Two American soldiers meet young French girl (4)
11. Crazy to go in French river? (5)
13. "Le Coot" translates as a wild cat (6)
14. Consumed pâté, but not quietly! (3)
15. Advertisement includes a French colour (4)
17. Favourites back 18 for example in ballet (4)
19. French author who created Leo & Remi (7)
22. Sprite? No, mix Pimms, but not for MS (3)
23. Junior to urge on Yves relentlessly (7)
24. In France, seven is nearly half-way through a month (4)
27. Advanced fast (4)
28. Louis' heart says "yes"! (3)
29. Small & slim like a mademoiselle? (6)
32. Beauty in a cloche, it's said (5)
33. See 25 on this trip (4)
34. Locks going up in Manor Farm (4)
35. Fob off EU product from un boucherie (5)
36. Note frayed collar (4)
37. 80's English rock band seen through a haze? (4)

DOWN

1. Cameron, unusually not English, becomes President (6)
2. Nice area without a body of water (6)
4. French port, reportedly, is way out! (4)
5. Make em print, with an afterthought, of best time to visit Paris? (9)
6. Pink flower (4)
7. Invent eleven metre ring for measuring oxygen in blood (8)
8. Emmanuelle artiste makes alliances (8)
12. Train to go round Crete (7)
16. One who applauds a clanger! (7)
18. Giselle, perhaps, goes for a spin (9)
20. For afters, programme changing ending from Belgian to Swiss (8)
21. Qué? In France she follows North to find food like this (8)
25. English and French file this way to find Parisian landmark (6)
26. Engineers black artist (6)
30. Ninth bridge in Paris? (4)
31. Hold a ring for Victor, for example (4)

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DAILY PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY, APRIL 2021

Please use these bible readings, street names and weekly prayers to help you to pray for our community. If you would like pray for anything then please email mary@ssaparish.org or contact our church office. All requests are kept in strict confidence.

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| 01 Apr | Watersplash Lane Whitmore Lane Whynstones Road HE IS RISEN Winkfield Road Woodend Drive Woodlands Close | 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 18.1-19.end Matt 27.57-end Mark 16.1-8 Matt 28.8-15 John 20.11-18 Luke 24.13-35 | Lord of all life and power, Who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son Hast overcome the old order of sin and death To make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin And alive to thee in Jesus Christ, May reign with him in glory; To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be praise and honour, glory and might, Now and in all eternity. |
| 08 Apr | Woodlands Ride All Souls Road Armitage Court Ascot High Street Ascot Wood Bagshot Road Beechcroft | Luke 24.35-48 John 21.1-14 Mark 16.9-15 John 20.19-end John 3.1-8 John 3.7-15 John 3.16-21 | Almighty God, Who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins And to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness That we may always serve thee In pureness of living and truth; Through the merits of Jesus Christ thy son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. |
| 15 Apr | Blacknest Gate Bouldish Farm Rd Bowden Road Bridge Road Brockenhurst Road Buckhurst Lane Buckhurst Road | John 3.31-end John 6.1-15 John 6.16-21 Luke 24.36b-48 Eph.1.1-14 Eph.1.15-end Eph.2.1-10 | Almighty Father, Who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples With the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, That we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life And serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; Through Jesus Christ thy son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. |
| 22 Apr | Carberry Lane Cardwell Crescent Carroll Crescent Cavendish Meads Charters Lane Charters Close Cheapside Road | Eph.2.11-end John 15.18-21 Eph.3.14-end John 10.11-18 Mark 13.5-13 Eph.4.17-end Eph.5.1-14 | Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, From the death of sin unto the life of righteousness That we may seek those things which are above, Where he liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. |
| 29 Apr | Church Lane Church Road | Eph.5.15-end Eph 6.1-9 | Almighty God Who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ Hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life We humbly beseech thee that, As by thy grace preceding us Thou dost put into our minds good desires So by thy continual help We may bring the same to good effect; Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. |

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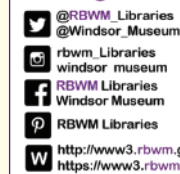
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