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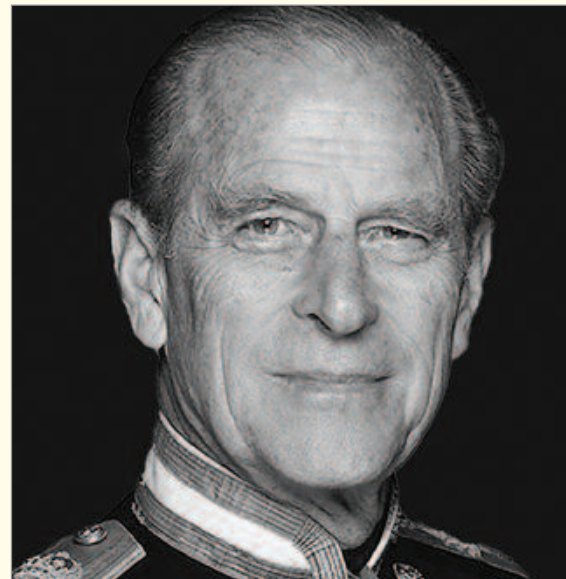
FROM THE EDITOR...



As I write this on April 9th, I have just heard that Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh has died at the age of 99. Married to our Queen, as Princess Elizabeth in 1947, he was unexpectedly thrust into the role of Consort when King George VI died suddenly in 1952, and his new wife became Queen. I had occasion to photograph him at a couple of functions in the 1990s, once at Frogmore at a community dinner, and once

at Englemere on the occasion of his 75th Birthday, and found him to be courteous, friendly and indeed, helpful, in organising those around him for my benefit. His life was one of tremendous service and we shall miss him.

Talking of longevity, one of our readers has written in to say that the wedding photographs from the 1950s that we published last month, have reminded her of the fact that her parents, Florrie and Ted Kettle were married in St Michael's Church 96 years ago (when the Duke was only 3!). She then goes on to say that all eight of their children were also married there over the years. After this dreadful year we have all just experienced it is good to reflect on



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how life goes on, how *"we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee"*.

Let's hope that the glorious month of May will see society blossom and flourish just as the earth gives forth its goodness and beauty after hibernating for the winter. Let's come out of our hibernation with the same vigorousness as nature does; after all, according to the latest wisdom from David Attenborough, we are part of nature, just as much as the flowers, greenery and small creatures that surround us.

A Happy month of May to you all as you vigorously (but carefully!) sally forth into the future.

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE SERVICE AND DUTY

So much has been written about Prince Philip over this last month but through it all the key words that come back time and again are 'service' and 'duty'. Not common or popular words in our culture but maybe the time is ripe for their revival.

Both words say something about our relationship to other people.

Service, by whom we offer to help. Duty, to whom our allegiance is owed.

One indicates self-giving, the other self-sacrifice, one a downward or outward offering, the other an upward obedience. Both suggest a realisation that we are not the centre of the universe and that our own needs do not come first. Challenging indeed.

So, if we look to follow Prince Philip's example, the questions that follow are:

- Who are we serving?
- To whom do we have a duty?

The Duke of Edinburgh followed a well established pattern for public and military service, but whilst the claims of crown and country might not sit well with all, this pattern of service and duty can also be seen in the life of Jesus and his call to all humanity.

In one of the most poignant acts of his life and ministry Jesus, who the gospel writer John clearly identifies as divine, stoops down to wash his disciples feet (John 13:3-5). This was as dirty, smelly and menial a job as it sounds. Included in those washed feet were Judas', who Jesus knew would betray him, and Peter's, who Jesus knew would desert him. Through this significant act of service Jesus declares – *'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.'* (13:14)

If you want to live a good life, if you claim to follow Jesus, if you respect the example of Prince Philip – which dirty, smelly, metaphorical (or literal) feet will you wash? Service is hard and often messy but it is essential for a fulfilled life.

Then at his darkest moment, when he knows the cross and death is imminent, Jesus shows where his allegiance lies. Luke's gospel describes Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, praying in anguish, sweating blood (a medical condition called Hematidrosis), and crying out for God to change his course.

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done"
(Lk 22:42).

Jesus' primary concern was that God's will be done, a prayer we echo in the Lord's prayer. How much courage does it take to offer that prayer when you have a sense that God's will won't bring you comfort or peace? Jesus knew that God's way was tough but that it was also good. His outward life of service stems from his upward sense of duty to his heavenly Father. Duty personified to the one to whom all allegiance is owed.

So if we want to follow the teachings of Jesus, if we honour the model of Prince Philip – to whom do we offer duty and allegiance? Is there someone who might know better how to live life than you or I do?

Service and Duty.

May we continue to be inspired by Prince Philip's legacy and let us take action in service and offer our lives to the call of duty.

With love and prayer,

SERVICES IN THE PARISH MAY

We are now back 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

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May

9:15am FAMILY SERVICE 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 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 30th May, 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 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 – 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
- Our Vimeo channel – www.vimeo.com/ssaparish (We also stream funerals to this page)
- Our Facebook pages – www.facebook.com/ssaparish.org or www.facebook.com/allsoulsacot

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASCENSION DAY 13th MAY

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.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - SUNDAY 23rd MAY - If you would like to make this next step of faith by making a formal declaration of your desire to follow Jesus, our next confirmation service with the Bishop of Reading is on the evening of Sunday 23rd May at St Mary's Winkfield. Confirmation is open to anyone aged 11+ (school yr 6).



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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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• Should you have any prayer requests for yourself or anyone you know, then send them to mary@ssaparish.org; 01344 624535, who will pass your message to our prayer team in confidence.

HELP!

• We continue to be able to help anyone in need, either by providing that help ourselves or by connecting you up with other local charities and resources. Please do get in touch if you or anyone you know locally is in need. help@ssaparish.org

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

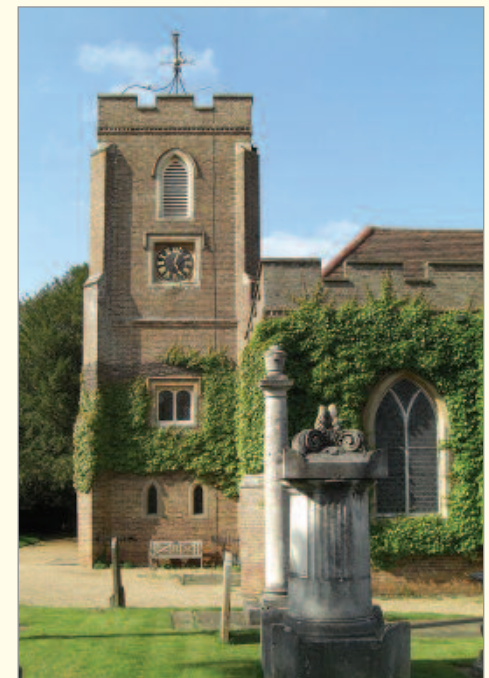
• Our weekly newsletter contains all of the latest updates as well as a note of spiritual encouragement from our ministry team. To receive this letter please contact our church office, admin@ssaparish.org / 01344 620727.



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Now that Spring is definitely here and Covid restrictions are finally starting to slowly lift we are able to get out and about more.

Our growing group of community litter pickers, the Ascot and Sunninghill Littersquad, decided to take advantage of our new freedoms and in line with government

guidance, resumed community litter picking activities in small groups of up to six volunteers, or two households.

The first group activity, was on Tuesday 13 April, when they tackled the Racecourse Heath. This was a chance for the members of the Littersquad, who so far have either been litter picking alone or with members of their own household, to meet up outside. But still followed all existing social distancing measures with small groups each targeting a specific area of the racecourse.

In recent weeks they have taken on the length of Kings Ride, London Road, Sunninghill Road, North Ascot and Cheapside as well as giving the flower meadows and woods a deep clean, ready for new spring growth. We are so proud of



all their achievements so far and hope that you have noticed and appreciated the results of all their efforts around the Parish.

If you would like to become part of this group of community minded volunteers, please email the Parish Office at enquiries@s-a-pc.com or search <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ascotsunninghilllittersquad>

For more updates on what is happening around the Parish please visit our website www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.co.uk and don't forget to follow us on Facebook @SunninghillAscotPC.

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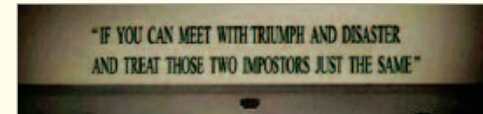
This month I am focusing on poems about courage, perseverance and hope. In these difficult times most of us have had to dig deep within ourselves and face sometimes even just everyday things with more fortitude than usual. A poem I am very fond of is *Invictus* by WE Henley. I understand that both Gordon Brown and Nelson Mandela found strength in the poem in times of trouble. It begins:

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be,
For my unconquerable soul.
And ends,
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.*

One of Rudyard Kipling's best known poems is 'If' and includes the lines:

*If you can meet with triumph and disaster,
And treat those two imposters just the same.*

It is famously inscribed above the players entrance door to the Centre Court at Wimbledon.



Emily Dickinson, is an American poet, whose work was not recognised in her lifetime, but has since been regarded as one of Americas foremost writers. Her poem 'Hope is the thing with feathers' begins:

*Hope is the thing with feathers,
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.*

Another American poet, Maya Angelou, was an inspirational writer. She was a Civil Rights activist and gifted in several areas of the arts. Her poem 'Still I Rise' is primarily about self-respect and confidence, and reveals how she can overcome anything through her self-

esteem, and lets nothing get her down. It reads:

*You may write me down in history,
With your bitter twisted lies,
You may hold me in the very dirt,
But still like dust I rise.
And in the final verse,
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear,
I rise,
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear,
I rise.*

I find poetry can lift my spirit; and enjoy both reading and writing poems every day. However, I also find lines from the book of Psalms, although not strictly poetry, beautifully written, with thoughtful, strengthening and encouraging words.

The 23rd Psalm, *The Lord is my Shepherd* is well known to many, but Psalm 121, with the first line:

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.*

And Psalm 62:

*Truly my soul finds
rest in God,
My salvation comes
from him.*

Both are uplifting and give hope and strength. To end, a poem by Langston Hughes, *Dreams*:

*Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die,
Life is a broken winged bird,
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams, For when dreams go,
Life is a barren field,
Frozen with snow.*

With more 'normal' times on the horizon, I hope like me, you may find solace, strength and inspiration from poetry.

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PC Michelle Race

The lockdown has resulted in many neighbourhoods drawing closer together in supporting local residents with needs, and in neighbours spending a lot more time talking to each other over fences or across the road. This has improved community spirit no end, and a great way to keep this spirit alive is for residents to join their local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, or start up a new scheme if there is not already one covering their respective street.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about looking out the window and being alert for any crime in the neighbourhood, it is much more than that. It serves as a valuable resource for crime prevention, in supporting the Police with things such as local home security surveys, installing crime prevention aids in homes for the vulnerable and elderly especially, helping those vulnerable and elderly residents with any other needs, and in drawing residents together in supporting one another.

The Windsor & Ascot NHW Association is making great strides in reactivating and expanding Neighbourhood Watch within the various parishes of Windsor & Ascot. Its Facebook page (@WindsorAscotNHW) is receiving multiple enquiries from interested residents and serves as a means to highlight local issues relating to crime and residents in need. New NHW schemes are continuously being set up with active Coordinators, and residents within those scheme areas can now benefit from the new initiatives being introduced by



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To search for your nearest NHW scheme, or to set up a new scheme, visit www.ourwatch.org.uk and enter your postcode.

For any questions relating to Neighbourhood Watch please contact the Windsor & Ascot NHW Association at contact@windsorascotnhwa.org.uk


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SAVE OUR WOODLAND!

The woodland area bordering the north side of Coombe Lane, Sunninghill was sold recently as a number of approximately half acre plots. The sale was made as "Woodland" (it is Green Belt), at great profit by the land speculator, but with a tentative incentive in the advertising that planning permission might be sought and given for development.

As development has increased in Sunninghill and Ascot environs, it has become increasingly important to maintain and preserve our precious wildlife and to maintain, or add to, the number of trees present, with all their beneficial effects. There are a number of hard and soft wood varieties in the area which provide a natural habitat for a wide variety of birds and animals. We should maintain this and not put it at risk of elimination.

The former owner always allowed pedestrians and dog walkers to use the woodland and enjoy it as a facility, boasting many bird species, including Buzzards, Red Kites, Tawny Owls, Woodpeckers, along with a whole host of smaller varieties. Two species of deer regularly inhabit and breed

in the woods. (The Duke of Edinburgh was responsible for re-introducing the deer to the area after the war). There are a variety of insects, snakes and bats living in the area along with rabbits and foxes and the beautiful flora and fauna which has remained until now, undisturbed for many years. Consequently, a Temporary Tree Preservation Order (TPO number 022/2020) was placed on the whole woodland which will expire in June 2021, designed to protect the area against change of use and possible development. Further protection needs to be sought for the woodland running along the railway line from Coombe Lane/Lower Village Road NNE towards St George's Lane and the wet woodland bordering the St George's Girls School playing fields to the North East, towards Wells Lane.

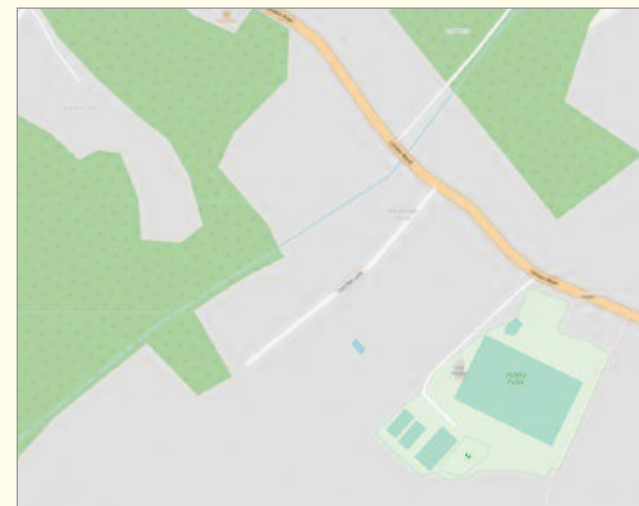
Do you think this Tree Preservation area is worth saving? Is allowing a green facility to be available in this highly developed area a good thing? Is helping wildlife beneficial to us all? Is the concreting of a potential flood area sensible?

If you do want to save our Green Belt, as a matter of urgency (time is nearly up), do please communicate with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and support a Permanent Tree Preservation Order for the woodland for future generations to enjoy.

Julie Cameron

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SUNNINGHILL BROWNIES



For the last few meetings of term the Brownies have been working on their aviation badge. For this they had to find 40 different things that fly. We did this as a scavenger hunt at home and we allowed pictures as well as the actual objects. Some of the 'finds' were as expected - balloons, kites, toy planes, lady bugs - but some were more imaginative - a baby dragon, a pterodactyl dinosaur, a boomerang and Ron Weasley's flying car from Harry Potter! Then we made paper aeroplanes and tried different adaptations to make them fly further. Finally, we made slingshot rockets which in general flew much further and faster than the aeroplanes. For our last meeting before Easter we made bunches of flowers from egg box cartons and the results were very decorative.

By the time you read this, we hope some of us will be able to meet outdoors face-to-face for the summer term. It will be great to meet up again.

Janet Pegram
(Brown Owl)





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

We are so pleased to be back to face to face meetings at 1st South Ascot Scout Group. All sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) had one face to face meeting before the Easter holidays.

The Easter bunny had hidden some chocolate eggs at Allens Field so Beavers used their problem solving skills to decipher the clues. Samuel was awarded his Chief Scout Bronze Award, which is the highest award a Beaver can earn. He had to complete at least four activity badges and all six of the Challenge badges. Well done Samuel!

Cubs energetically played several wide games at South Ascot Recreation Ground at their meeting. Amongst the many activity & challenge badges earned during lockdown that were handed out to Cubs by Akela, Ava was presented with her Chief Scout Silver Award, which is the highest award a Cub can earn. To complete it, Ava had to earn at least six activity badges plus all seven of the Challenge Awards. The Silver Award shows that Cubs have given new things a go, played their part and stuck it out, even when the going got tough. It's a really big achievement, so well done Ava.

The Scouts learn how to do an 'M' check (a safety check) on their bikes as well as making sure their bike helmet is in good order. They practiced some bike handling skills by using their brakes and controlling their bikes at low speed. The Scouts section has now grown to three patrols; Kestrel, Eagle & Fox and the new Patrol Leaders were presented with their badges. For six Scouts (Hannah, Kimberley, Maisy, Emily, Chloe & Sophie) this was their last meeting before moving to the newly formed



AWARDING THE CHIEF SCOUT BRONZE AWARD TO SAMUEL (ABOVE) AND LEFT (MAIN PICTURE), BEAVER OF THE WEEK WITH (INSET) AVA SOUTHWELL AND HER CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD.

Explorers section. Explorers is for young people aged 14 to 18 so if you're interested in joining, please contact us.

All sections are looking forward to the summer term with lots of exciting activities coming up. Scouts will be hiking, orienteering, kayaking, paddle boarding, doing a community litter pick plus plenty more outdoor activities. Cubs will be putting together a local map of services in the area as part of their World Challenge badge, working on their Naturalist badge, doing a community litter pick, enjoying high ropes adventures at Go Ape as well as a couple of hikes in Swinley Forest. Beavers will be going 'katakanuing', orienteering, taking on an assault course, hiking and bouldering/climbing.

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

*Ceri Richardson,
Assistant Scout Leader*



SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE SCHOOL

The children of South Ascot Village Primary School were busy at the end of last term creating some fabulous Easter displays at the school entrances, which formed part of the Easter Trail organized by the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). A total of 31 families and local residents got involved with the trail around South Ascot, Sunninghill & Sunningdale with a fantastic array of Easter themed decorations in gardens, windows, trees & hedges. Some of the locations featured a letter to spell out four words*. Those who cracked the code were entered into a prize draw to win chocolate Easter eggs, kindly sponsored by Wescott Building

Services. It's been a challenging time for the PTA to organize fundraising events but this has been a brilliant success both to raise much needed funds for the school as well as bringing our community together. After all the walking we've done over various lockdowns, it was still great to see families out & about hunting for displays & letters to crack the code. A huge thank you to everyone who put up a display and those who purchased a map for the trail.

* the answer to the puzzle was 'HAPPY EASTER' and 'CHOCOLATE EGGS'

Ceri Richardson, PTA Chair






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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.



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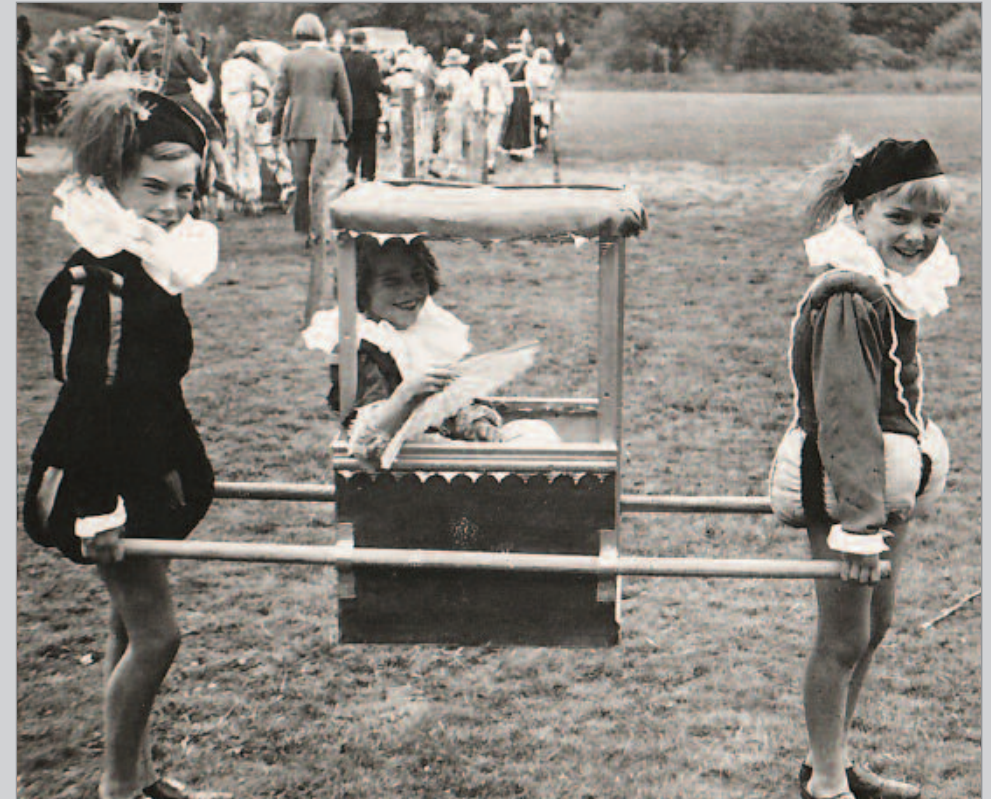
 I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO MAKE A MENTION OF MY LATE WIFE, CHRISTINE HERE. SHE WAS FORMERLY CHRISTINE HANKINS, AND UNTIL WE MARRIED SHE LIVED IN THE THATCHED WHITE COTTAGE AT CHEAPSIDE, AND AT FOREST CLOSE, NORTH ASCOT. THE PHOTO IS ONE OF MY FAVOURITES, ON OUR FIRST HOLIDAY TOGETHER AT SANDOWN, IOW. BEING HOPELESSLY NOSTALGIC, I RESOLVED TO FIND THE LOCATION OF THE PHOTO AND REVISIT IT 45 YEARS LATER. PITY THEY COULDN'T KEEP THE FOUNTAIN GOING!

STEPHEN BOWYER



STEPHEN BOWYER

BLESS HER.
JILL SMITHERS



ROBIN TURNER

 I GUESS, AS FOR MANY, I'VE BEEN SPENDING MUCH COVID TIME SORTING THROUGH OLD PHOTOS. THIS ONE BROUGHT BACK SO MANY FOND MEMORIES. CORONATION DAY (2nd JUNE 1953) CELEBRATIONS ON SUNNINGDALE FOOTBALL FIELD - NOW THE RECREATIONAL GROUND.

YOURS TRULY AT THE FRONT, ALAN STEVENS AT THE REAR WITH HIS LOVELY SISTER SHEILA IN THE 'SEDAN CHAIR'. ALAN & SHEILA'S DAD ERNIE (E H STEVENS LANDSCAPE GARDENERS LTD OR E H STEVENS {SHOP} LTD) HAD MADE US THE CHAIR USING, AS THE BASE, AN OLD TEA CHEST. MY MUM - BARBARA, 7 TRINITY CRESCENT - HAD MADE MY COSTUME AND KATHLEEN (MRS STEVENS) THOSE FOR ALAN AND SHEILA. OF COURSE WE THOUGHT WE WERE THE BEES KNEES - NO MEMORY OF ANY PRIZES BEING AWARDED!

OTHER MEMORIES? MY FIRST TASTE OF SPIT-ROAST VENISON - VERY RARE - AND COSSACK (?) HORSEMEN RIDING THEIR MOUNTS THROUGH LINES OF BURNING STRAW! THE DAY HAD BEGUN WITH US WATCHING THE TELEVISED CORONATION SERVICE ON ERNIE AND KATHLEEN'S TELLY (NOT TOO MANY ABOUT IN '53!) AT THEIR NEW HOUSE IN COWORTH CLOSE. US KIDS GOT A BIT BORED AND SOON LEFT THE 'OLDIES' GLUED TO THE SCREEN WHILE WE PLAYED FOOTIE ON THE GREEN OUTSIDE!

ALTHOUGH THE MEMORIES ARE CERTAINLY VIVID, IT WAS ALL A LONG TIME AGO. PERHAPS OTHERS MAY HAVE THEIR OWN - AND BE ABLE TO CORRECT MINE?

ROBIN TURNER

I WAS THERE! I HAD A FANCY DRESS BASED ON A UNION JACK AND A PAPER CROWN ETC. MUM MADE THE DRESS FROM CREPE PAPER AND IT WAS SURPRISINGLY STRONG. NO IDEA WHERE THE PHOTO OF ME WENT.

MARGARET BURGESS

I WORKED FOR ERNIE STEVENS FOR A FEW YEARS AND WHAT A GREAT JOB IT WAS. USED TO DO THE MOWING AND GARDENING JOBS WITH GORDON GEROME AND CHALKY WHITE. OUR MOWERS WERE THE GREAT 'DENNIS' - A LOVELY MACHINE TO USE. I THINK ALAN STARTED WORKING FOR HIS DAD JUST BEFORE I FINISHED TO GO TO PASTURES NEW.

NIC COFF



A LOVELY OLD PHOTO OF BEDFORD LANE

NEIL PARKER

MY DAD TOLD ME THAT HE WAS OFFERED A PAIR OF THESE COTTAGES FOR £500 BACK IN THE 50s...

MARY WILLIAMS



HERE IS MRS GOLDEN (AS I CALLED HER) IN 1961 WITH HER CLASS. I'M THIRD FROM THE RIGHT IN THE BACK ROW. I CAN NAME MAYBE TEN CLASSMATES.

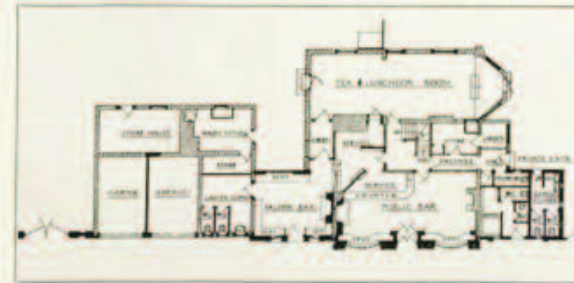
PETE STEVENSON

4TH FROM THE RIGHT, SITTING, I THINK, IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER DAVID AND 5TH FROM THE LEFT, SITTING, LOOKS LIKE KEVIN PEDEN WITH RICHARD CARRINGTON AT THE END.

WAL SHEPPARD

BACK ROW ON THE LEFT ON THE END IS MY BROTHER BRIAN CLAYTON.

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A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

I really know Spring is on the way when the clocks change, that extra hour of daylight means I can potter in the garden after work and it's nice to see what is now waking up! I have a plum tree and cherry tree in pots and the flowers are just starting to open and I can see small swellings on the apple tree where it is also forming its flower buds.



The Pieris is now in all its glory, covered in racemes of white flowers and the new leaf growth, which is bright red, will fade to a subtle pink and then finally green. It's a beautiful shrub and also enjoys the same conditions as rhododendrons which seem to thrive in this area. They like an acidic and lime free soil enhanced with leaf mould and are best grown in semi-shade. They are slow growers, I've included a photo here with a very well established one next to a red camellia in my garden, my husband said it looks like 'strawberries and cream'.

Last year I grew some strawberry plants very successfully in hanging baskets. It seemed to stop the slugs from being able to attack them and the birds also didn't seem to notice them as much, so I'm doing the same this year. I've tidied up my plants from last year, they overwinter well, cut off all the dead leaves and replanted in fresh soil with some added chicken manure pellets. They are standing on top of buckets in my greenhouse to give them a bit of a head start, and I'll hang them outside in the next week or so.

This month I thought I'd share a little on the benefits of companion planting and a more organic way of growing vegetables. I've planted more seeds in another vegetable bed, some more carrots and

radishes so have a succession of vegetables to harvest, beetroot and parsnips. I've also planted a row of French Marigolds and it's good to plant these near tomatoes as they can help to keep whitefly away. Nasturtiums deter aphids from attacking your beans, and the leaves and flowers can also be used in salads.

Plant your alliums (onions) close to your carrots to ward off carrot root fly. Most companion plants are strongly scented, mint for example confuses the pests of carrots, tomatoes, alliums and brassicas but grow in a pot as it spreads quickly by root runners. Garlic chives also work well planted near carrots and lavender works well to deter pests of carrots and leeks. Sage also confuses pests of brassicas and the leaves are often used when cooking poultry (think sage stuffing)!

In my other vegetable bed, I can see some progress, the broad beans are now a couple of inches high and the first sowings of radish are doing well and the carrots are coming through. It's important to keep the beds weeded so that they don't compete with your young plants taking important nutrients away. I was weeding at the weekend when a beautiful Peacock Butterfly landed among my carrots!

May is the month to plant your runner beans after all risk of frosts have passed, this is a job my husband likes to do. So ensure you have your bean canes put up securely and follow the instructions on the packet, you can plant these out directly into the ground, or you could start them off in toilet roll tubes as you need sufficient depth as they have long roots.

Michelle Batt



PIERIS



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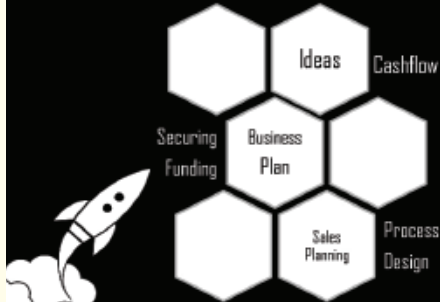
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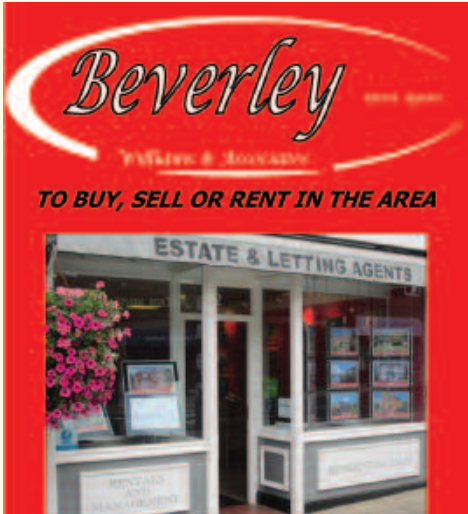
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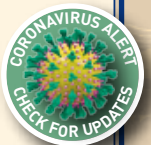
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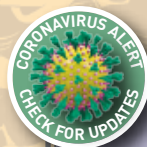
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sudoku 144

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 143:

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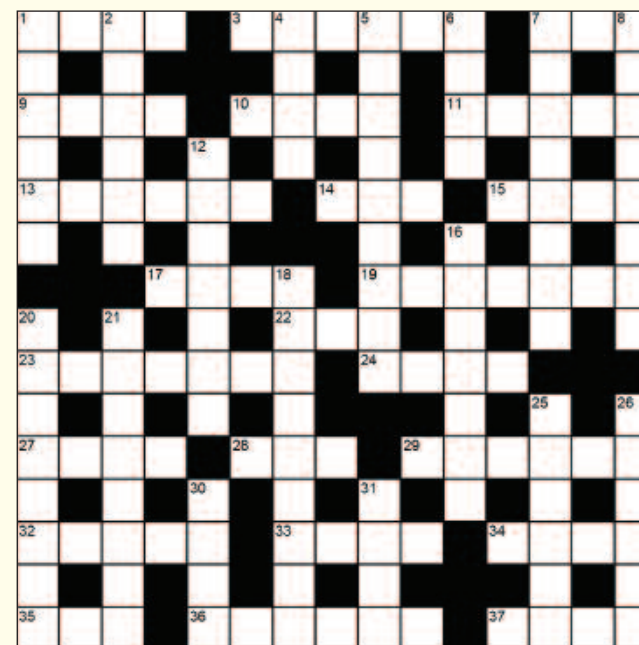
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*For this month's clues
I think you should
Find the answers
Of all things good.*

ACROSS

1. Grant, perhaps, a cuddle for husband (4)
3. Flour producer that is thoroughly modern girl? (6)
7. Char ate up (3)
9. Brand new sweet (4)
10. Kevin travelled to Ukraine city but missed the North (4)
11. Note M wrote made many an impression (5)
13. Snickers that make you scream? LOL! (6)
14. Pami loses her head over French friend! (3)
15. Made a rare find in here, precious (4)
17. Pirate bed (4)
19. Messes up lotuses (7)
22. Tailless whale is a fictional humanoid monster (3)
23. Empty, but has a heart first for compassion (7)
24. Longing for assurance - from Bob? (4)
27. Energetic like Constance? (4)
28. First-class card (3)
29. Quietly lift up thanksgiving (6)
32. Darling beauty? Born on a Tuesday? (5)
33. Noun, it contains one piece (4)
34. Be mad on honey? It's all you need (4)
35. Show off endlessly and hit this note (3)
36. Edison plays - centre field? (6)
37. Perfectly genuine (4)

DOWN

1. Eat this pie for 1,3 and 7 Across (6)
2. Very clever to sing about European Union (6)
4. Siri explained about Murdoch perhaps (4)
5. A perfect couple but one outplays the other at Wimbledon, perhaps (9)
6. Two thousand in each book (4)
7. Offer made to heartless lady in a sensitive manner (8)
8. Unfortunately strikes a star (8)
12. Cautious about it. Goodness! (7)
16. Drink fortified wine for comfort (7)
18. Looks after backwards yob? No, these young men work hard (3,6)
20. Reports news (8)
21. Get close to a very quiet fish (8)
25. Six go under, not the middle, showing pizzaz (6)
26. Admire vicar in this place for Cockneys (6)
30. Victor in Shakespeare, she's on to nothing (4)
31. Generous type (4)

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1 May	Claver Drive Coombe Lane Coronation Road Cromwell Road Crown Hill Court Dorian Drive Durning Place	James 1.1-12 (Philip & James) John 15.1-8 1 Peter 1.1-12 1 Peter 1.13-end 1 Peter 2.1-10 1 Peter 2.11-end 1 Peter 3.1-12	Almighty God, Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ Have overcome death and opened to us the gate Of everlasting life Grant that, as by your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, So by your continual help We may bring them to good effect; Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
8 May	Elizabeth Gardens Exchange Road Fennell Close Field House Close Fir Tree Close Fox Covert Close Francis Chichester Close	1 Peter 3.13-end John 15.9-17 1 Peter 4.1-11 1 Peter 4.12-end 1 Peter 5 Luke 24.44-end (Ascension) John 15.9-17 (Matthias)	God our Redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness And brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant that as by his death he has recalled us to life, So by his continual presence in us he may raise us to Eternal joy; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who is a liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
15 May	Friary Road Furzebank Hancocks Mount Heathfield Avenue Highclere Hilltop Close Holmes Close	1 John 2.7-17 John 17.6-19 1 John 2.18-end 1 John 3.1-10 1 John 3.11-end 1 John 4.1-6 1 John 4.7-end	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 you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
22 May	Holmes Close Hurstwood Kier Park Kings Road Kingswick Close Kingswick Drive Kinross Avenue	1 John 5 Acts 2.1-21 (Pentecost) Romans 1.1-17 Romans 1.18-end Romans 2.1-16 Romans 2.17-end Romans 3.1-20	God, who at this time Taught the hearts of your faithful people By sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit To have a right judgment in all things And evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; Through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
29 May	Larch Avenue Liddell Way Llanvair Close	Romans 3.21-end John 3.1-17 (Trinity) Luke 1.39-49 (visit of the BVM to Elizabeth)	Almighty and everlasting God You have given us your servants grace, By the confession of a true faith, To acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity And in the power of the divine majesty To worship the Unity Keep us steadfast in this faith, That we may evermore be defended From all adversities; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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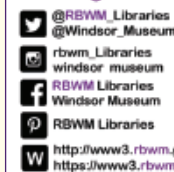
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