

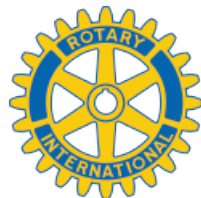
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FROM THE EDITOR...



Welcome to the Roaring Twenties! Hopefully through this magazine and through the Church we can inject a little peace in your life, an oasis from the perils that surround us as we start a new decade. It seems to be widely accepted that we have started a new 10 year cycle but I would argue that cycles start with 1 and not 0, so we are in fact at the end of the last one. Discuss!

I do hope that you enjoy our contribution to your life month by month, and it needs to be said that it is brought to you not only by our hard working editorial team, but essentially by our advertisers; those who faithfully seek you out month by month by soliciting your custom through our pages. They are our paymasters and we hope that their patronage pays dividends in terms of customers who seek them out. Our little magazine hopes to not only entertain you with its editorial content but to inform you as to what's what and who's who – where you can get a plumber, electrician, accountant, solicitor and so on and so on. All human activity



is there! Please do use them, for if we lose them, Sunninghill and South Ascot will be the poorer (we may have to go to Bracknell or Reading, heaven forbid!), and we will disappear! Don't forget that we can also be found on the church website, if we can't prise you away from your device, at www.ssaparish.org

We are going through turbulent times (when have we ever not!) and it would be interesting to hear from some of you as to what you make of it all

and publish some of your letters on the subject of life, the universe and everything (the answer really isn't 42!) so please write to me at The Editor, magazine@ssaparish.org with your point of view and we may give you an airing! Or, if you are not connected, post it in the old fashioned way to The Editor, Parish Magazine, St Michael & All Angels' Church, Church Lane, Sunninghill SL5 7DD. Or better still, bring it with you on Sundays.

On the subject of contributing to, after all, what is a community focussed magazine, we are still looking for someone who could commit to penning a short piece with pictures on gardening every month. Since our last gardening contributor retired, my own garden has become overgrown and disgraceful. So if this is you, please contact me with some urgency! My number and email address are in this magazine, and I would love to hear from you before the growing season starts all over again!

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FEELING AT HOME

Where do you feel at home? It might be the house or flat you now live in? Or maybe a place from childhood? Perhaps there's a seat on the football terrace or at the theatre that's home for you, or it's being down the local pub or at the club or the friends house? Or maybe nowhere quite feels like home.

It strikes me that the feeling of being 'home', of being content and feeling safe and secure is something that is becoming increasingly fleeting. We are often sold on the need to move on to the next thing, the new place, job, relationship or challenge.

Maybe we can't feel the peace of 'home' if the kitchen's not clean or the family aren't present (or are present!). Our lives are meant to be better than this, somehow, aren't they? And so that sensation of being at home and being settled gets lost. When was the last time you knew the peace of home?

Over these last few months, with the arrival of our latest child Matthew, I have needed to take some time off for various reasons. Being encouraged to just spend time at home, I recognised that my home life was not something I particularly cherished. For example, I used to try and rush through my children's bedtime. If I could get it done then I could maybe relax, get some work done or watch what I wanted on TV. I was always onto the next thing. However, with a newborn the next thing I wanted to do never seemed to come. I was left frustrated, a little bitter perhaps and certainly exhausted. If I could have chosen being at home or the pub – well it wouldn't have been a difficult choice.

Noticing this frustration and realising it was helping no one, I decided to try and just enjoy the kids' bedtime, however long it took. Now watching my children drift off to sleep is a highlight of the day. Not so that I can get on, but rather because there's just beauty in that moment.

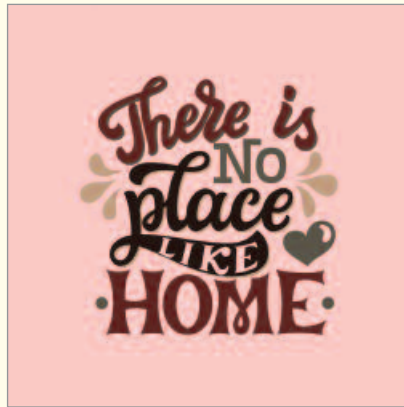
Granted, children falling asleep is a bit of a miracle, but I've realised that the same is true of many of the simple things in life. I know plenty of you for whom gardening makes you feel at home, or cooking, or chatting to your family. I'd like to encourage you, even as I encourage myself, to try and enjoy some other part of being at home too.

There is a verse at the beginning of John's gospel which talks about *'the Word of God making his dwelling [or home] among us.'* (1:14) John's story about Jesus continues with Jesus declaring that wherever we are, he is still in the business of making his home with us (John 14:23).

When we take the time to enjoy being at home, can we stop striving for a moment and become aware of the peace, beauty, creativity, generosity and love that is around us. Maybe, if we do, we are beginning to glimpse the shimmers of divine love or hear the echo of that divine promise. God making his home with us.

Since the leaving of Eden, God has been calling his prodigal sons and daughters home, and making his dwelling with them. It is my prayer that you may know more of his peace and presence in your home this month.

With love and prayer,



SERVICES IN THE PARISH FEBRUARY

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

9:15 – THE FAMILY SERVICE

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

- 2nd – The Good and Beautiful God - God is Love
- 9th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is Holy
- 16th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is self sacrificing (HC)
- 23rd – The Good and Beautiful God - God transforms



10:45 – THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE (BCP)

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

- 2nd – The Good and Beautiful God - God is Love (HC)
- 9th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is Holy (MP)
- 16th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is self sacrificing (HC)
- 23rd – The Good and Beautiful God - God transforms (MP)

Key: HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer



10:30 – ALL SOULS WORSHIP

With Sunday School or children's activities

- 2nd – Candlemas Cafe Church – God is Love
- 9th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is Holy (HC)
- 16th – The Good and Beautiful God - God is self sacrificing (WfL)
- 23rd – The Good and Beautiful God - God transforms (HC)



SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Mothering Sunday - 22nd March at 10am
- Alpha course - Wednesdays (7:45pm-9:45pm) with light refreshments or Saturday mornings (8:30am-9:45am) with coffee and pastries. All sessions are held at All Souls' Church, South Ascot.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Palm Sunday – 5th April at 10:45am (HC)
- Easter Sunday – 12th April at 10am (HC)

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PRAYER

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY

LEARNING, GROWING AND SHARING FAITH

- Thursdays 8pm – St Michael's church hall



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- Larklands – 2:30pm, Tuesday 4th
- Meridian Court – 10:30am, Monday 3rd
- Ascot Grange – 2:30pm, Monday 3rd
- Castleman House – 2:30pm, Tuesday 11th



MEN'S BREAKFAST

- Saturday 15th at 9am – Prescott's Brasserie, Cedar Lodge, Lynwood Village



LET'S DO LUNCH

- Monday 10th at midday in All Souls. All welcome.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

- Wednesday 26th – Ploughman's Lunch in the hall at St Michael's



CHAT AND CRAFT

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

CHURCH CHOIR

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



LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

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

TODDLER PRAISE

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

- Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by arrangement
- For one off and special events see the notices pages
- For any of the above, contact details are available on page 48





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What can you do:

- **Never** agree to have any work done by someone who has knocked on your door/cold called on the phone.
- **Don't** be rushed into making a decision on work. Don't sign any waiver for work to be started immediately. Take your 14-day cooling

- **Moss on the roof** – although considered by some to be unsightly it is not generally detrimental to the roof. Consumers should not have their roofs jet washed as it will damage the surface of the roof tile and reduce its lifespan. Walking on the tiles while jet washing can also lead to damage. Cold callers will often extol the virtues of sealant for the roof, these claims are at best exaggerated and at worst completely false.

off period to think about the deal and speak with friends and family.

- **Spray foam insulation** – Consumers are warned to be very careful if approached to have this sort of insulation sprayed onto the roof timbers. If you already have conventional loft insulation the foam can have a negligible effect on heat loss. It can also increase the risk of trapped moisture leading to rot and decay. Also some mortgage lenders will not lend on properties which have this insulation.

- If you think you need any work get a few quotes and use a trader from an approved scheme – *Buy with Confidence / Trustmark* which have a dispute resolution schemes.
- Report suspicious activity to the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also report to Trading Standards via 03454 040506.

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IT'S FEBRUARY, SO PANCAKES AND ROSES, AND IT'S A LEAP YEAR!

So, we are blessed with an extra day this month, and it's on a Saturday! Make the most of it because there won't be another one until 2024. We need this to keep our timekeeping in line with the Earth's evolutions round the Sun. It takes us 365 days, 5 hours 48 minutes and 45 seconds to circle round the Sun, give or take. If we didn't put an extra day in the calendar every 4 years we would be out of step with the Earth's cycles by 24 days in each hundred years, and that wouldn't be nice. Rumour has it that Julius Caesar first noticed this and introduced the extra day in 45BC (February was the last month of the year in those days so that made sense.) This was ok until towards the end of the 16th century when things were again getting out of step with the real world, and so Pope Gregory XIII (right) introduced the Gregorian Calendar in 1582 and that's the one we use today. The ancient Roman calendar before Caesar used to add an extra month every now and then to get it right! Imagine that!

Ladies will be pleased to know that they are entitled to propose marriage to their beloved on this day and in many European countries, especially in the upper classes of society, tradition dictates that any man who refuses a woman's proposal on February 29 has to buy her 12 pairs of gloves. The intention is that the woman can wear the gloves to hide the embarrassment of not having an engagement ring. During the middle ages there were laws governing this



tradition. Which leads me nicely on to Valentine's Day on the 14th. Do people still use this as an opportunity to send a loved-from-afar one a card or a flower anonymously? Do you buy your beloved a bunch of flowers or bestow another token of love, and if so, why not do so more often; after all, love makes the world go round, and it could certainly do with a mass movement of love right now! Can I ask you, beloved Reader, to email me at magazine@ssaparish.org with your personal thoughts on the matter? I won't reveal your identity but will collect your thoughts and muse on the matter in next month's issue.

So, ladies, you need to get your man in the right frame of mind well before the critical 29th February, and to do that you can rustle up some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, on the 25th, and here's the recipe:



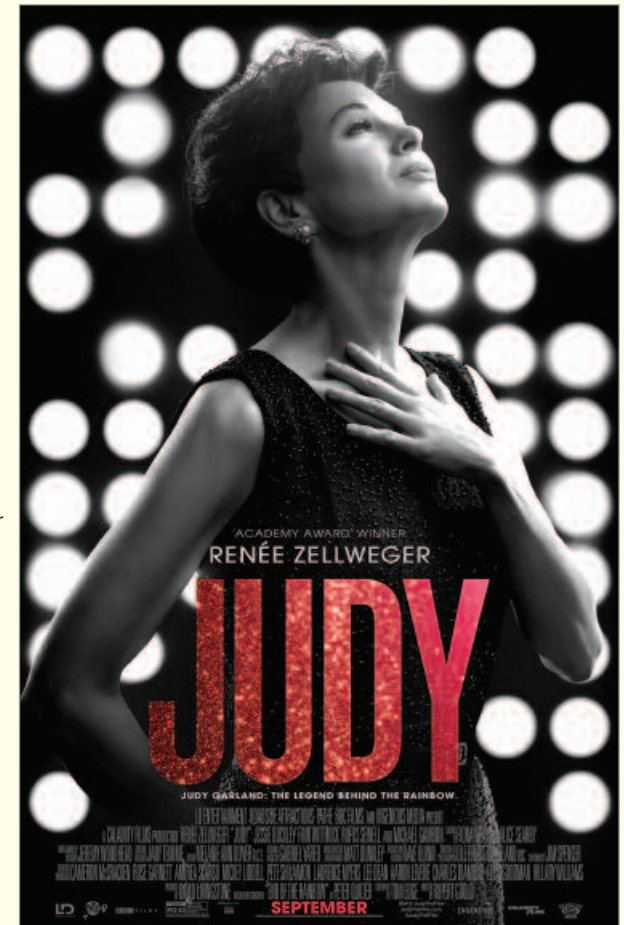
Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs (crack them first and dispose of the shell), 300ml milk, 1 tablespoon of sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl and whisk to a smooth batter. Set aside for 30 mins to rest; then cook one side in a lightly oiled hot frying pan for a minute, toss high so that it turns over and falls back in the pan and cook the other side for a minute or two. Don't worry if you miss and it falls on the floor, you have plenty more batter! Even I can do this so it can't be hard. Then sprinkle with your favourite tipple (i.e. lemon juice, sugar, maple syrup, brandy), roll over (the pancake, not you), and serve piping hot. He or she will love you forever and be agreeable to your proposal on the 29th. Maybe.

The Cordes Hall Cinema will flicker back into life on Saturday the 8th and will be showing the following films: Kids' Club at 11am, Toy Story 4 at 2pm, then Downton Abbey (PG, 2hrs 2mins) at 5pm, pretty much standard TV fare on the big screen but if you're a fan you'll love it. Everyone's in it that you know and love. Then at 8pm, it's the story of Judy (12A, 1hr 58mins). Legendary singer, Judy Garland as portrayed by Renée Zellweger, arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. If you don't

know where the Cordes Hall is, I can reveal that it is Somewhere over the Rainbow.

This is slightly out of town, but involves my wife so I am pressed to include notice of this delightful opera, otherwise it'll be me who gets shot. Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin by Park Opera at the Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park between the 26th and 29th February at 7:45. It's all sung in English, so you'll know what's going on. It's about a man who kills his best friend in a duel over a woman. Love, passion, betrayal and death all in the space of two hours or so. And fabulous music. What's not to like? Tickets between £18 and £24 (children half price) from 01344 484123 or southhillpark.org.uk

Mike Cross





Want to thank an unsung hero?

New social thanking platform recognising unsung heroes in education and the NHS launches in Ascot

TAP (Thank and Praise), is a unique platform on WhatsApp, which enables parents and patients to show their appreciation to employees in schools and healthcare/NHS.

TAP was borne out of sheer frustration. Founders, and local residents, Phillip and Sandie Curtis have received outstanding service from the NHS and education authorities for their special needs son, but have always found it difficult to relay their appreciation to the right individuals.

TAP has launched in Ascot, and we invite everyone who has been served well by someone in healthcare and/or education, to join TAP on WhatsApp, by scanning the QR Code below, or send your name to 07871 064296, with details of who you would like to thank. TAP is safe, secure, and free to use.

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SCOUT GROUP



The Group has been busy as ever! Scouts have been showing how helpful they are by packing shopping bags at Waitrose before Christmas to raise money for the refurbishment of our 90-year old Scout Hut (any funds gratefully received as it is a big project costing over £35,000). The Scouts also served mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies to those attending the Carols on the Green in December. They also had lots of fun skydiving at an indoor centre in Basingstoke.

The Cubs went camping in November – and no, they didn't sleep in tents but in the warmth of the hut available in the grounds of Windsor Great Park. They hiked to the Copper Horse and built a raft using their pioneering skills.

Beavers sang carols to the residents of Ascot Grange and had a fun night of games



on their last night before the holidays. We are also very proud of 4 Beavers who earned the top award, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award with a certificate signed by Bear Grylls! Well done to Toby Jones, Ethan Smyth, Fenella Adkins and Arthur Adkins.

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A CALL TO ACTION – WE HAVE A PLANET TO SAVE!

One of the outstanding features of 2019 was 'the clarion call' to address global climate change. We saw many natural disasters, with unprecedented flooding and bushfires dominating the news bulletins at Christmas.

Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, described the climate catastrophe as "the greatest crisis of the age; the time to act is now." He called for us to "make the adjustment to our Church and individual lives" and to "take a daily decision to focus on climate action." Pope Francis: "civilisation requires energy, but energy use must not destroy civilisation" (*Church Times*, 21 June 2019).

What are the implications for Christians and for all people who care about our Earth? Is this responsibility for our planet something that we can leave to our governments to do? The lack of consensus at the Madrid COP 25 talks and no implementation plan yet for the UK does not inspire confidence.

The Revd John Weaver (2007) suggests that although Psalm 115 states "The Earth is the Lord's, he has given it to us", it is only on leasehold, to rule on God's behalf (Genesis 1: 26, 28). Genesis 2:15 states "We are stewards of God's world". But we have not followed the Maker's instructions!

For a Christian life we cannot simply have dominion over the Earth and plunder resources. We have a responsibility to be ethical stewards, caring for the Earth, sharing resources with the poor and exercising restraint.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors but borrow it from our children" (Native American proverb). Fortunately, we have a chance to limit the damage – if we act now.

The Swedish schoolgirl activist, Greta Thunberg, urged world leaders to act immediately, before it is too late. Her film with George Monbiot highlights the need to use nature itself to tackle the climate crisis. Living ecosystems like forests, mangroves, swamps and seabeds can pull enormous quantities of

carbon from the air and store them safely, see <https://youtu.be/-Q0xUXo2zEY>.

The Take Home message: don't cut down your trees and plants! Plant more trees and reduce the use of pesticides and artificial fertilisers.

Although we may not be able to change the world, we can all change our own backyard. At St Michael's and All Souls churches we are doing simple things like replacing conventional light bulbs with LEDs, recycling paper, reducing single-use plastics and reducing waste. We are starting to look at the use of our buildings, our land and energy consumption.

Small things. But each one of us CAN make a difference. And the more of us that do, the bigger that difference will be. So how would it be if each of us did 'Just One Small Thing' differently? For example, sometimes walking, cycling or using public transport instead of the car; buying locally sourced feeds from farmers' markets or growing our own; avoiding excessive packaging; cutting down on single-use plastics, re-using bags for shopping. That piece of clingfilm may be around in 1,000 years' time. But we may not. Dust off some vegan and veggie recipes.

Take time to get informed and research solutions. Google topics such as: personal-climate-change action (further websites listed below).

Anyway, I hope that gets you started! Let's see if we can each try 'Just One Small Thing' to collectively make a difference in 2020. Happy New Year!

Astrid Ingham Brooke

Interesting websites:

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency

www.wired.co.uk reusable cups, tote bags and climate change myth-busting

www.mybaba.com/parent-eco-switches 10 Easy Green Switches for Busy Parents (for everyone, not just parents)

www.globalstewards.org lots of information about ecological living



REVIEW SLEEPING BEAUTY

QUINCE PLAYERS, CORDES HALL, SUNNINGHILL
9th–12th AND 15th–18th JANUARY 2020

Let's do the Time Warp Again... Sorry, wrong show, but we all finished the evening at the Cordes Hall by standing in our seats and doing the Time Warp. Well, we had just slept for a hundred years! I'm pleased to say though, that the audience were very much awake and joining in with clapping, hissing, booing, laughing and hes'behindyouing at the Quince Players' annual pantomime. This year it's *Sleeping Beauty* directed by Andrew Darling with some panache, I have to say. The cast of thousands all knew what they were doing, and I went on only the second night and didn't spot any slip-ups. The jokes were corny (we love corny jokes!) but laugh out loud mostly and I loved the dialogue between Fetch (Simon Hurry) and Carrie (Jenny Faulkner-Hooper) who quickly went through a list of about 30 or 40 British towns and bringing them into their discussion with such lines as "the cows didn't want their 'uddersfield" Get it? Jokes such as Nurse Hettie Harpic (Quiller Rees) trying to resuscitate the newly sleeping Beauty – Princess Rose (Sadie Nuttall) to the strains of "Stayin' Alive", the iconic Bee Gees song. Fortunately Prince Alexis eventually turned up in the guise of his great grandson Prince Alexander, wittily and spiritedly played by newcomer Charlie Stokes, and saved the day by cutting his way boldly through the beautifully choreographed trees and brambles. Belle Whitbread was suitably twinkly as good fairy Lilac and although she exuded goodandkindness, there was a determination in her style, so you felt almost sorry for the bad Witch Hazel, exquisitely



personified by Fiona Barker, who couldn't quite get her "spell"ing write in the long run, but gave us several nail biting moments. Allison Sharpe and David Barker were suitably regal as King

Cactus and Queen Marigold, so regal in fact that maybe they could take over from Harry and Meghan! Lots of songs and dancing from a well-trained and good-looking chorus, and I was impressed by Sadie's singing voice, and hope to hear more of that in future productions. A novel device in this production was the three "Quincerley" Sisters who came to sing in front of a 1940s microphone right at the start and from time to time. The FAB three were Florence Hooper, Amelie Barker and Becky Dore. That was a nice touch to the proceedings, and again some pitch perfect singing voices. Altogether a greatly enjoyable evening and the Quince Players seem to be attracting some highly talented young people which just goes to show that the good people of Sunninghill are neither Sleeping or in a Time Warp. Long may it continue.

Mike Cross



MIKE CROSS

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IS THIS NEAR WHERE THE OLD CHEQUERS PUB WAS?

NEIL PARKER

I WONDER IF THE CARRIAGE WITH THE TWO HORSES AND LIVERIED COACHMAN BELONGED TO SOME WEALTHY PERSON OR WAS ONE WHERE YOU COULD PAY A FARE LIKE A BUS AND GET A RIDE TO THE NEXT STOP?

JANET SANDERS

I LOVE THIS!! THANK YOU!! JUST NOTICED THE SIGN ON THE FAR RIGHT SAYS ALFRED HALFPENNY, SO DEFINITELY THE OLD CHEQUERS PUB!

ANDREA RUDDICK

SUNNINGDALE SADDLERY STORES AND STATION POST OFFICE IS NOW SUPER VETTURA SUNNINGDALE. THE CHEQUERS PUB ON THE RIGHT IS NOW CALLED THE BROOMHALL HUTT. HALFPENNY'S GARAGE BEYOND THAT IS NOW THE MAJESTIC WINE WAREHOUSE.

ROGER KOHN



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I TOOK THE TICKETS, DID THE ANNOUNCING AND SHUNTED, COUPLED AND UN-COUPLED THE TRAINS IN 1973/74

JON MORTON

SPENT MY CHILDHOOD AND TEENS AROUND THE STATION. DAD WORKED FOR THE RAILWAY, MUM WORKED IN THE STATION HOTEL. MY OTHER HALF WAS FRIENDS WITH DOUGIE POULTER WHO WAS STATION MASTER AND LIVED OVER THE STATION. IN MY TEENS I REMEMBER GOING ROUND BACK AND TAKING THE CRATES OF EMPTIES IN FRONT OF HOUSE TO GET MONEY BACK ON THE BOTTLES!

ANGIE BLIGHT



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NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS, NO PETROL STATION, NO TARMAC AND NO CAR PARK.

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THIS WAS TAKEN AT THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR '75 I THINK. A PRODUCTION OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND. THE ONLY PEOPLE I KNOW ARE: BACK ROW (L TO R) SUSAN SAVAGE, SUSAN MATTINSON, SUZANNE SLOPER, MARTIN HARRISON, PAULINE WILKINS, MARY DAVIDSON, KATHRYN CARTER, HELEN BERTULSONS (ME); MIDDLE ROW (L TO R)?, DEBBY STEPHENSON, SHELLEY HESELTINE, NIGEL WOOD, IAN POULTON; FRONT ROW (L TO R)?, DUNCAN? MICHELLE BERRYMAN?, JOANNA MORRIS, ALISON HAMMOND, MICHAEL GOODEN, JOANNA SMITH, RUSSELL ADAMSON. THE TEACHER WAS MRS CLARKE.

HELEN RICKETTS



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THE ANNUAL WHEELBARROW RACE

The annual Sunninghill Fancy Dress Wheelbarrow Race organised by the Rotary Club of Ascot was held on New Year's Day 2020.

This is a cracking way to start the New Year with plenty of laughter and fun while raising money for worthy causes. We were blessed with perfect, dry weather ensuring an excellent spectator turnout.

The team race, of at least four members pushing barrows, takes a circular route through the lanes of Sunninghill village with four compulsory drink station stops at The Duke, The Dog & Partridge and The Carpenters Arms. The start is at St Michael's school where, before the race, David Jones and his Jazz Band entertained the waiting teams and spectators along with St Michael's



ROGER KOHN

PTA, who organised a coffee and breakfast bar. This year 18 teams signed up for the race and, as usual, the imagination and fun of the community shone through. We had the Cowes Ferries (Mooos) from the Hope Trust; the Scooby Doo Be Doos being chased by Ghosts and Ghouls, both from the Sunninghill Curry Club; Over the Sunninghill, Tour de Sunninghill, Wheely Good Hymns and Super Heroes to name just a few. Good to see so many wonderful families and mixed teams with the likes of Preserve and Conserve promoting environment awareness. Charlie, you are supposed to push the barrow, not carry it!

The fast teams quickly shot off at noon while others took a more sedate pace showing off their costumes and barrows and singing a song or two, bringing smiles to the faces of the on-lookers. It truly demonstrates the fantastic community spirit of the Ascot area and Sunninghill Village in particular.

After the last barrow finished all congregated in the Comrades Club where drinks and a Hog Roast welcomed... and where the prizegiving, raffle draws and auctions were held.



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TEAM PRIZES:

- Fastest men's team: Scooby Be Doo Be Doos
- Fastest mixed team: Maya
- Fastest adult/children: Wheely Good Hymns
- Best fancy dress: Cowes (Moos) – Hope Trust
- Most money raised: The Hope Trust

All in all, just a fantastic day enjoyed by all. We have not finished completing the accounts but we do know we will be able to donate £7,000 to the Ascot Day Centre and should have some

money left over to use to support other local charities.

And last, but certainly not least, a special thank you to all the spectators who gave generously, the myriad of volunteers providing marshalling and collection duties, along with our sponsors Signature Homes, Ascot Race Course, The Marist School, Beverley Williams Estate Agents and The Carpenters Arms.

*Robin Pickup,
Rotary Club of Ascot*



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ASCOT MATTERS



▲ THE INFAMOUS SUNNINGHILL CURRY CLUB (FUELLED BY MAYA RESTAURANT) SENT TWO TEAMS INTO BATTLE THIS YEAR: THE SCOOBY DOO BE DOO MYSTERY TEAM AND SCOOBY DOO GHOSTS AND GHOULS. L TO R: MOULIN FIALA, JAMES (GET-ON-DOWN) BROWN, CHRISTIAN HANSEN, PETER CURRY, CHRISTIAN LEIGH, MICKY KING, ROB ABELL, LLOYD BRISTOW AND HARRY KING.

◀ THE SCOOBY DOO BE DOO MYSTERY TEAM EMERGED TRIUMPHANT IN THE RACE, WINNING IN A TIME OF 9 MINUTES 46 SECONDS... WITH GHOSTS AND GHOULS CHASING THEM.

THE ANNUAL WHEELBARROW RACE IN PICTURES



Being in the heart of the village, St Michael' School is a hugely important part of the community. As such, we strive to be a welcoming, caring place where our children thrive. Our staff all work hard to ensure every aspect of a child's well being is looked after and we have joined a new initiative to make sure all our staff feel appreciated for the work they do. It's a way for us to show gratitude to each other as colleagues but also for families to express thanks if they would like to.

The TAP initiative is a way for anyone in the community to show their thanks to teaching or non teaching staff and is best explained as this...

"Thanking made easy... and why it matters SO much!"

TAP (Thank and Praise) was borne out of sheer frustration; founders, Phillip and Sandie Curtis have received such excellent service from the NHS and Education Authority, particularly for their special needs son, but have always found it difficult to relay their appreciation.

Our culture often seems driven to look for the worst, to highlight what is 'wrong', instead of giving thanks and praise for the good that can be found in so many, especially in unsung heroes in education and healthcare.



TAP has unique platform on WhatsApp, which makes it quick and easy to give thanks to those people who serve us so well, whilst giving a positive experience on social media. Scientific evidence proves that both giving and receiving thanks, improves mental health and happiness, and meets a basic human need for appreciation.

Those who receive thanks, will be awarded TAP points, which can be redeemed with retail partners.

The founders of TAP have an underlying mission, which is quite simple: to make the world a better place. We can all contribute to making others feel worthy and appreciated by giving genuine thanks, when deserved."

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Francesca Antoniou, Teaching Partner

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*Kate Rimell
Headteacher*





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To cut a long story (they were held on line for about 2-4 hours, at least), they eventually sent a messenger to collect that cash. Only later did they realise that they had been severely scammed. They also realised just how vulnerable they were to strangers.

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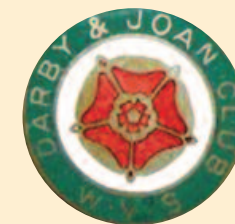
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sudoku 132

The solution to Sudoku 131:

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





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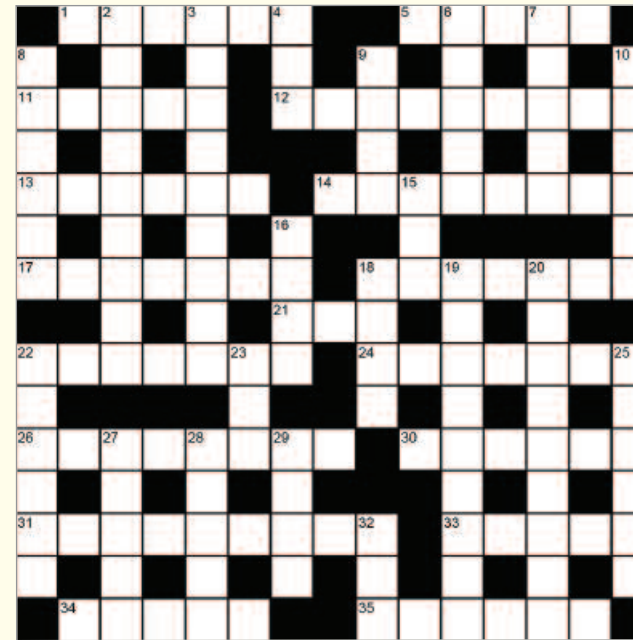
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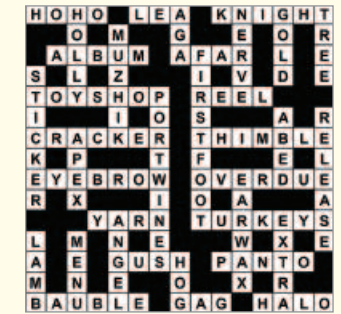


CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.191



The answers to Crossword no.191 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.190 were:



*This month I'm looking for romance,
So I've taken you back to an old-fashioned dance.
The first three clues, without a doubt
May make you feel like an odd man out!*

ACROSS

1. Epidemic going from right to left in European capital (6)
5. Possessive pronoun for those in white stockings? (5)
11. Unfortunately treble left out in French hat (5)
12. Thing, one on grievance (9)
13. The sick endlessly disrupt moral code (6)
14. Little grey can-can dancer (8)
17. Mysteriously, ain't it a Russian princess? (7)
18. Mr Livingstone perhaps in sort out before Monday (7)
21. Break this to start a conversation, then put it in your drink! (3)
22. Minnie makes beastly noise on dear French 1930s jazz song (7)
24. Ask for the hand of professional model (7)
26. Boo very loudly at first to upset Casanova (5,3)
30. Violinist you hide away but don't ring (6)
31. She might mind being 1,5 & 11! (9)
33. Often nuisance is hidden – how boring (5)
34. Perhaps did this for a dance around a desk (5)
35. Del Boy lost his head – what a cad! (6)

DOWN

2. Initially loud and rough, in the slum they play fairly slowly (9)
3. Entrance pound but go in uninvited (9)
4. Coe ran round green (3)
6. Coughs while riding out? (5)
7. Move quickly in this dress? (5)
8. Aykourn invited these friends but they're not here! (6)
9. Open a container?..... (4)
10. Tinned mash for 24 (6)
15. Outrage caused by topless gentleman?
16. Couple match (4)
18. ... two points on exercise then cried (4)
19. One temple made for running away to? (9)
20. "Well said", exclaimed Queen Cleo (9)
22. Spite shown when first meeting Carroll's girl (8)
23. Peter out on retreat? (3)
25. 51on team between Everton & Rangers, magic! (6)
27. I slave endlessly over glass containers of 25, perhaps (5)
28. Historically, a chief magistrate. It's about the first lady (5)
29. Ring for Alfie's instrument (4)
32. Go wrong in the centre of Kerry (3)



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