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FROM THE EDITOR...



This is literary month; well it is at Magazine Towers! Our Crossword this month will test you on books and authors, and the newly refreshed Sunninghill Library have written an article for us and have promised to do so on a regular basis! One of our church congregation members has just had a book published, and we have secured a copy from the ubiquitous Amazon bookstore. It's a scholarly work on the meaning of the *Book of Revelation* titled "When the Towers Fall". Do get a copy and let us know what you think. In fact, it would be good to hear from you if you have recently read a book, any book, that sets you on fire, we'd be interested in publishing your review of it.

We are all getting older, I notice. In the last few weeks, I have been to a Golden (50th) Wedding anniversary celebration, and an 80th Birthday party. Conversely, I have also been to a 2-year-old birthday party, and an 18-year-old's party. All celebrating people who have brought, and will undoubtedly bring, Joy to the world. It doesn't necessarily follow that age brings wisdom, though. Sadly, there is there is not much joy in the country of Ukraine, the war there causing much misery, heartache and devastation. Our hearts go out to the people there, who, through no fault of their own, are caught up in this conflagration.



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The Church is doing its bit to support the people of Ukraine; the PCC is pleased to be able to house temporarily a lovely family from Ukraine in a property in Sunninghill and St Michael's is the drop off point for Ukraine Aid - Ascot, a community group collecting much needed baby items, food, first aid items and other essentials and filling lorries to send to Ukraine to help those trapped in places with no water, light or heat. More is needed, see the notice on page 27 of this magazine.

Next month is our Queen's Platinum Jubilee and I hope you are making plans to celebrate a glimmer of light in our dark, dark world! If not, don't despair! There is a fabulous concert at St Michael's Church on Friday June 3rd. Our magazine will have bounteous images of the Wheelbarrow Race taking place on the May 2nd Bank Holiday, and a review of the Quince Players' "Allo, 'Allo" on May 5-7 and 12-14 (www.quinceplayers.com).

So much to pray for, so much to look forward to.



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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE



A certain priest was asked a question: “*What is the most difficult thing about being a minister?*” His answer was simple and straightforward – “*to practice what I preach!*”, he replied. I can relate. I tend to preach thankfulness. I teach those around me to be grateful always, in every situation they find themselves. As ministers we also preside over God’s altar in the church, which emphasises the call for thanksgiving (Eucharist). But I must confess that being thankful, simple as it may sound, is not something I always do enthusiastically.

Gratitude requires us pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for everything – whether little or big. The more we do that, the more we discover how blessed we truly are. We discover a new shiny window of light even in the darkest of hours – but more importantly, we discover that life is truly worth living. However, there is a general reluctance in giving thanks. Often it is something we think we can do without. It is no surprise that the bible teaches about the story of ten men who received their healing from Jesus, but only one returned to give thanks (Luke 17:11-19). This is a sad reminder of how we take for granted the value of thankfulness.

A helpful exercise that counsellors often suggest to marriages, is to let the couple identify what they are grateful for in their partner. The more they incorporate thankfulness everyday as their pulse of life, the more they discover the beauty and potential that lies within their relationship – a hidden diamond within each other. “*Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.*” – Henry Ward Beecher. This is the same concept that David preaches unto himself: As the famous words go, “*bless the Lord oh my soul!*” he says, and “*forget not his benefits!*” (Psalm 103:2). In fact, thankfulness is a helpful catalyst towards our happiness. For it turns what we have into ‘enough’. “*It’s the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.*” – Amy Collette.

Let’s face it, we have been through a lot as a people. If you are reading this, then you survived the one of the most brutal pandemics this world has ever seen. Life always leaves us with something to worry about, but we can isolate the good things we see around us and be grateful for them. Of course, this is easier said than done, I know! How do you tell a victim of war in Ukraine who has lost about everything to be thankful? The truth is, there is always something to be grateful for, always!

This month as a parish, we are grateful to God for the joys of Easter, and His unconditional love expressed in His Paschal Mystery. We are grateful that more are finding God and making the most of their lives in their own special way, even in these difficult times. Not everyone who reads this shares our Christian faith, yes. But we can all be grateful to be part of this magnificent dance of life. We can all help each other through trying times, especially in this current economic climate. We can also be a brother’s (or sister’s) keeper in these tense ruthless war times. We need each other, and therefore, let us all be grateful for one another! Thank you!

Rev Vusi Mabuza (Associate Minister)

SERVICES IN THE PARISH MAY

Our pattern of services is 9:15am and 10:45am at St Michael’s and 10:30am and 4pm at All Souls.

Check our websites for all the latest information about church life.

Living with COVID: Legal restrictions have now been removed but we continue to have regard for keeping each other comfortable and safe while COVID remains present in our community – please do talk to us about how you are feeling so we can ensure you are able to enjoy worshipping in our church buildings. Please feel free to wear a mask if you wish and sit wherever you feel comfortable. If you are feeling at all unwell, please stay at home to keep everyone safe from any infection.

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15am ST MICHAEL’S INFORMAL SERVICE – Please note combined service at **10am on 8th May** followed by the APM and APCM. Join us for our informal, child-friendly, 30-minute 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 ST MICHAEL’S TRADITIONAL SERVICE – Please note combined service at **10am on 8th May** followed by the APM and APCM. 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. Contact the St Michael’s Office for more info – admin@ssaparish.org

10:30am ALL SOULS WORSHIP – Please note combined service at **10am on 8th May** at St Michael’s followed by the APM and APCM. 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. Café Church is back on the first Sunday of the month. For **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Rev Vusi Mabuza for more info – vusi@allsoulsascot.org

4pm ASCOT@4 AT ALL SOULS – Please note there is **no service on 1st May**. Informal afternoon service for young people and adults, particularly families with 9-15 years olds. Contact Rev Tim Norman for more info and to check plans during the summer months – tim@allsoulsascot.org

SPECIAL SERVICES

- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held at St Michael and All Angels Church at **11am on Sunday 8th May** immediately following our morning worship at 10am when our All Souls’ and St Michael’s congregations will join together.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Sunday 5th June**. For Pentecost our St Michael’s congregations will combine for a service at 10am and All Souls will have an Outdoor Service and Jubilee Party on the Green in South Ascot starting at 10:30am

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

- Morning Prayer now begins at 8:45am at All Souls on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All welcome to join the ministry team for 15-20 minutes of prayer following a simple liturgy.
- Please join us on Fridays for an informal Evening Prayer at 5:30pm at St Michael’s.

E-PRAYER CHAIN

- 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.



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TODDLER PRAISE

• 10:30am on Tuesdays. Our popular, weekly preschool service at All Souls' with Nicola Shaw is meeting again. A great time to share God, faith and life with your little ones and other parents. Contact nicola@allsoulsascot.org to find out the latest information

YOUTH WORK

• Rev Sarah Mortimer oversees our youth work. Look out for information at www.ssaparish.org/youth. Contact sarah@ssaparish.org to be added to the youth mailing list

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**



PARISH REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

27th February	Kayara Knox
27th February	Ray Knox
6th March	Seren Jones
17th April	Amelia Cole
17th April	Kayley Nicholls
17th April	Sonny Bell

MARRIAGES

26th March	Alistair Ship and Harriet Castle
2nd April	Ben Stephenson and Kate Rowe

FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS SERVICES

17th March	Joyce Bowyer
25th March	Lesley Jarman
29th March	Kenneth Bateson
1st April	Bernard Gale
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PLATINUM PARTY IN THE PARK

JOIN US ON THURSDAY 2nd JUNE AT VICTORY FIELD TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

This is an extra special event that is part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place all over the country. There will be entertainment for all the family starting with live music on our specially erected open-air stage from 4:30pm. There will also be stalls including food stalls and a beer and Pimms tent, as well as fairground rides for the children. Or bring your own picnic and rug so you can relax and enjoy the party atmosphere.

At 9:45pm the Jubilee Beacon will be lit and our community choir will lead the singing with a song specially composed for the Jubilee "Song for the Commonwealth".

Disabled parking available onsite; other

parking is available at St Michael's church and in the Racecourse's Car Park 10, from where a park-and-ride bus will take you to Victory Field.

For updates on the event follow us on Facebook or Twitter or visit our website www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.co.uk
We look forward to seeing you there!

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A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

I love the month of May, warmer days and time to plant out your summer bedding. We still need to be careful of the risk of frosts until the end of the month, you should protect any delicate plants with cloches or fleece if a frost is forecast. You can also now plant your hanging baskets. I have bought some coconut fibre liners this year and then I pop a bit of plastic or an old saucer in the bottom to help retain the water. Half fill the basket with compost with some slow-release fertiliser and some water retaining granules mixed in and push some up the sides. You can buy lovely selections of hanging basket flowers at the garden centres with a variety of trailing flowers and evergreens. Pop these and trailing lobelia around the edges, leaving only a thumb width between each plant. Then in



the centre place your main upright plant, I often use a geranium. Then fill in all around the edges with the same compost mixture as above firming in between your plants. Water them in well, I will place mine on top of a bucket in my greenhouse for a couple of weeks before hanging out to try to give it a head start, but if you don't have a greenhouse, they should be fine to hang out, cover with fleece if a fierce frost is forecast! My Peris was looking beautiful with its flame red new growth and then we had a heavy frost and it's spoilt it.

The cheerful flowers of the forsythia are now over and now is the time to give them a good prune. Without regular pruning forsythias tend to develop into tall, ungainly shrubs with congested growth and bare stems at the base. Cut back flowered growth to vigorous upward and outward facing shoots lower down. Also remove up to one fifth of the oldest stems from the base of the plant. This will encourage new strong shoots to sprout from the base. Flowers are borne on the new growth so don't leave it too late or you won't have any flowers next year. Forsythia is very easy to propagate, and this is how I grew mine, and is a great way to create new plants from some of the stems you have just pruned! I filled a trough with compost, trimmed the ends of the stems and removed any lower new leaves leaving about six inches of stem, dip in rooting powder and push into the soil. You could use pots, then keep watered. They should be ready for you to plant in their final place next spring.

The photo of the lime green zingy plant is a type of Euphorbia or commonly known as spurge. There are many varieties but this one seems to have arrived of its own accord in my garden and I've not yet identified which it is, but it seems to like a semi shaded spot and it



EUPHORBIA



FORSYTHIA

has spread but seems easy to pull out where I don't want it. I think I may move some as it will look lovely in another shady border that I have and set of the foliage of some other plants. You should cut off the flowers after blooming and always wear gloves when handling the plant, their milky sap irritates the skin and eyes, and is poisonous if ingested.

The grape hyacinths are now just going over, but naturalise very well, and are worth planting in a sunny spot. Still on the blue theme, the dainty flowers of Forget-me-nots have filled a border and will happily self-seed around your garden, they are a lovely filler for the border early in the year and seem to be happy flowering in sun or shade. I tend to allow them to seed and then pull many of them out making room for some summer bedding plants, knowing they will appear the following year.

This year I am growing some Cucamelon and have started some seeds in individual pots in my propagator. They look like miniature watermelons but are the size of



FORGET-ME-NOTS

large grapes and taste like cucumber and are nice and crunchy. Great to pop in a lunch box and look so cute which may entice the kids to eat them! I will grow these up an obelisk, they are very easy to grow. I've also started off some cucumber and courgette seeds too.

Michelle Batt



GRAPE HYACINTHS

A NEWS ROUND-UP FROM RBWM TRADING STANDARDS

BIRD-FLU IS OVER

We are delighted that the avian influenza outbreak we had in the borough has now officially been declared over. During early January a 3km disease control zone was put in place when bird flu cases were confirmed in a large number of swans. Restrictions in movements and enhanced biosecurity measures were placed on bird keepers, dogs were required to be kept on the lead and it was not permitted to feed the wild swans in the riverside areas whilst measures were taken to bring the disease under control. Surveillance and control work was carried out and after a period of completion the control zone was lifted at the end of March enabling bird keepers, particularly keepers of commercial flocks, to go somewhat back to normal. Low level monitoring is still taking place to ensure the disease is not returning to the area.

CHARTER SIGNED WITH ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW

Visitors to the Royal Windsor Horse Show, 12 to 15 May in the private grounds of Windsor



Castle, can be assured they will be getting a fair deal at the shopping outlets thanks to a partnership between the council's Trading Standards service and event organisers.

Trading Standards secured Real Deal accreditation for the show's shopping stands, signing a charter demonstrating a commitment to providing a safe and fair shopping experience by preventing counterfeit or illicit goods being sold and maintaining the very highest standards with the retail offerings.

The Royal Windsor Horse Show is the UK's largest outdoor horse show regularly featuring around 200 shopping stands and attended by 55,000 people from across the world. A further 18,500 people will be coming to watch the Platinum Jubilee Celebration this year.

Traders are already carefully vetted by the organisers, with support from Trading Standards, who ensure they are legitimate businesses. Checks are made on what is being sold and where the products are made or sourced from, that prices are displayed, business contact details are shared so that

customers know how to contact them and that the highest level of customer service is provided.

The Real Deal accreditation will strengthen this partnership working. At the heart of the campaign is a national markets' charter, which sets out key principles for market operators, local authority Trading Standards services and industry and trademark representatives to sign up to and abide by.



Not only does this agreement provide greater confidence for consumers, ensuring they can enjoy the shopping experience with peace of mind, it supports the legitimate businesses who attend and prevents them from being potentially undercut by others who may be attempting to sell counterfeit or substandard goods.

Visitors will be able to confidently shop at this event, buying safe, legal products and properly labelled goods which are accurately described, clearly priced, and from retailers they can identify and get back to in the event there are any issues with their purchase.

VIDEO DOORBELLS

The trading standards service have been supporting vulnerable residents and helping to deter doorstep scams by installing video doorbells. We started with our list of known vulnerable residents – people who may have been targeted by scammers previously and where we had already conducted some safeguarding work with them or put in place other preventative measures such as a telephone call blocker. We identified a Cheapside resident to do our first test installation and successfully fitted the device in early April, allowing the resident to see who is at the door by viewing it on their tablet or smartphone before deciding whether to open the door.

We are not currently taking any new requests from residents specifically for these devices as we already have a sufficient number to assess. However, if you feel you would benefit from a safeguarding visit, scams advice, a video doorbell or call blocker at a later date please do contact us.

BANK SCAMS

During March the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) urged UK consumers to be on the lookout for scams as it supported World Consumer Rights day, which this year focused on Building Fair Digital Finance. Consumers International report that the UK has been branded 'bank scam capital of the world'.

Trading Standards have a key role to play in keeping UK consumers safe when shopping online, especially as consumers are facing increased financial hardship with the

cost-of-living crisis.

CTSI Chief Executive Officer, John Herriman said:

"The cost-of-living crisis will lead fraudsters to exploit the public, especially the most vulnerable, who may fall victim to scams or unfair practices as they look to save money when shopping online or looking for finance deals.

"Regulators must work together to plug the gaps in a rapidly evolving online marketplace. Despite significant reductions to budgets in the last decade, trading standards services work in partnership with other agencies, going above and beyond to protect consumers."

The consumer landscape has changed so rapidly over the last couple of years, many people have changed how they do many of their day-to-day activities. We rely on digital and cyber technology more and more, from our smart phones through to our computers. Scammers have also seen the changes in digital culture and have therefore adjusted their tactics to ensure that their criminal networks flourish at a time when the UK is struggling.

Trading Standards see prevention as a key pillar in the foundations of tackling scams and the criminals who operate behind the scenes. We urge consumers to question transactions, take time to think and never respond to any pressure to part with goods or money. Consumers should never be embarrassed in reporting a scam, because we as enforcement agencies need this information to work together to ensure consumer protection measures are strong enough that the scammers are disrupted and taken to task.

REPORTING SCAMS

If you have made a payment in response to a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible.

For consumer advice, please call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 1133**. To report scams in England and Wales, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**. Join Friends Against Scams using our new dedicated link: **www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/RBWM**

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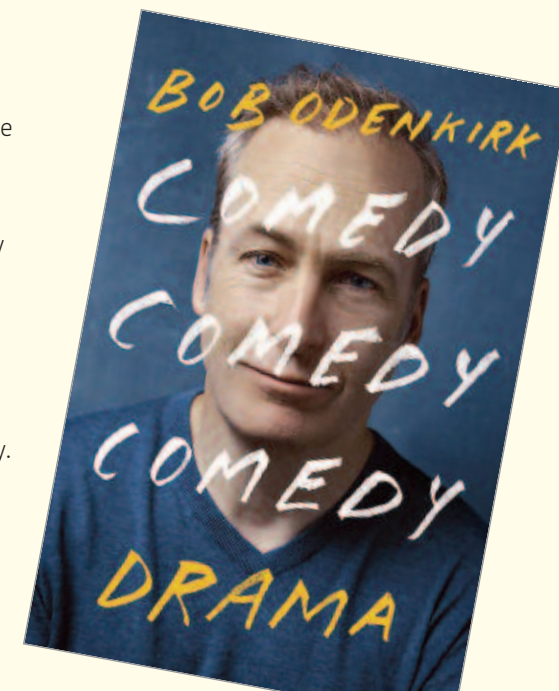
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POETRY CORNER

“**W**hen the power of love, overcomes
the love of power, the world will know
peace.”

Quote attributed to Jimi Hendrix. I happened to be reading this quote just as the tragic and deadly events began to unfold in Ukraine early in March. I began to think of suitable pieces focusing on peace and war, not just poetic, but also in the words of songs, mainly from the sixties, when the world again felt unstable and dangerous. Bob Dylan who recently received the Nobel prize for Literature, wrote in the lyrics to *Blowing in the Wind*,

*How many times must the cannon balls fly,
Before they're forever banned?
and also,
How many times can a man turn his head,
And pretend that he just doesn't see,
And ending,
How many deaths will it take 'till he knows,
That too many people have died?
With the refrain, The answer my friend is
blowin' in the wind.*

In *Turn, Turn, Turn*, written by Pete Seeger, with words from the Bible, Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, reads,

*A time of love, A time of hate, A time of war,
A time of peace.
And ends,
A time for love, A time for hate, A time for
peace, I swear it's not too late.*

Another quote from Psalm 3 reads,

*I lie down and sleep,
And wake again because the Lord sustains
me,
I will not fear that tens of thousands assail
me on either side.*

Muriel Rukeyer, was an American poet also writing in the 1960s. In her work *Poem*, she describes a turbulent world and the difficulties of reconciliation.

*'I lived in the first century of world wars,
Most mornings I would be more or less
insane,
The newspapers would arrive with their
various stories,*

*And the news would pour out of various
devices.'*

Alfred Noyes was an English poet and author. He married an American, and went to America in 1913, to lecture on World peace and disarmament. In his poem *On The Western Front*, he writes,

*We who lie here have nothing more to pray,
To all your praises we are deaf and blind.
We may not ever know if you betray,
Our hope to make earth better for mankind.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1807- 1882, is one of the few American poets to be honoured in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey. His poem *Christmas Bells*, was his heartfelt reaction to the Civil War.

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep,
The wrong shall fall, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men.*

Thomas Wyatt 1503- 1542, was an English poet, who also lived through turbulent times – The Reformation and Dissolution of the Monasteries. His poem *I find no Peace*, reflects on the turmoil in his mind and lack of inner peace. It begins,

*I find no peace, and all my war is gone,
I fear and hope, I burn and freeze like ice,
I fly above the wind, yet can I not arise.*

I leave you with reflective words by Issac Pennington, a Quaker:

*Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness,
And bearing one with another,
And forgiving one another,
And not laying accusations one against
another,
But praying one for another,
And helping one another up with a tender
hand.*

We all feel desperately for the people of Ukraine, we can pray for them, and do anything we can practically to relieve their suffering. And fill our own hearts and homes with love.

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March was a busy month for all sections with the Beavers investing 2 new members – welcome to Eifion and Harvey! They finished off their Money Skills badge – designing their own currency as well as reaping their Interest rewards from Brown Bears’ Bank and doubling their sweet Investments. The Beavers then moved on to the Communicator badge where they started to learn about sending emails and most importantly remembering important phone numbers. Both the Beavers and the Cubs then ran a Mothers’ Day café where they served tea, cakes and gave handmade cards to their mums. Our local Police officers then kindly joined us to talk about what they do, answer some fairly interesting questions (including “Are you bunking off to be here tonight?”) and to take all of the kids fingerprints which they said was for fun but seemed like a sensible



future precaution. We also need to apologise to our ever-patient neighbours in Church Road who had to suffer the kids finding the siren button on the police car! Both sections then went on a hike up at Tally Ho farm which was finished off with a huge Easter Egg Hunt – a big thank you to Morrisons in Bracknell for providing Eggs.

The Scouts have been brushing up on their First Aid skills and had a visit from an A&E Consultant who was very impressed with what they had learned so far so well done all! They have also been honing their map reading skills and have planned out 2 hikes for later the Summer term. And no term is complete without a camp fire when they had a log chew and a debate about topical issues.

Our Explorers Group have been helping sort out our stores, checking equipment and preparing for their International camp and took their frustrations out on some golf balls



at Golfplex in Binfield with mixed results!

As a Group we managed to get the patio finished – thanks to Ben at BS Property Services and also we invested Sonia as a new Cub Leader – WELCOME!

1st South Ascot Scout Hut is on Church Road, South Ascot. Beavers, which is for 6-8 year old boys and girls, meet on a Tuesday from 5:45-6:45pm. Cubs, for 8-10½ year olds, meets on a Tuesday from 7-8pm. Scouts, for 10½ to 14 year olds, meets on a Thursday from 7-8:30pm. Explorer Scouts, for 14 to 18 year olds, meets on a Wednesday from 8pm. All meetings are term time only.

Volunteers to help run the various groups



are always welcome. To get involved as a volunteer, to rent out the Scout Hut or for further information please email 1stsouthascotscoutgroup@gmail.com

James Brown, Beaver Leader



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.



I WAS BROUGHT UP HERE MY MUM LIVES HERE AND HAS ALL HER LIFE AND I HAVE MOVED BACK TO MY ROOTS AND LIVE HERE AGAIN....

PETER WATTS



PETER WATTS

RECENTLY LOST MY DAD GEORGE WATTS (PICTURED RIGHT) AND WE HAVE FOUND THIS PHOTO PROBABLY TAKEN MID-1950s. ANYONE KNOW WHO THE GENTLEMAN ON THE LEFT IS?

SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I REMEMBER GEORGE FROM MY YEARS WORKING AT ELLISON'S IN ASCOT.

LORRAINE JONES

THE GENTLEMAN ON THE LEFT IS ROBERT STAFFORD, MY WIFE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW. BOB MOVED TO YORKSHIRE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO AND ONLY DIED FIVE YEARS AGO. HIS DAUGHTER STILL LIVES IN YORKSHIRE, I WILL TRY AND SHARE THE PHOTO WITH HER.

RAY HENLEY

DONNA BOWYER

IT'S JUST HOW I REMEMBER IT. PRETTY SURE MY DAD WAS OFFERED THAT PAIR OF HOUSES FOR £1,000; £2,000 FOR THE FOUR, SOMETIME IN THE LATE 1950s. SADLY, HE DIDN'T THINK PROPERTY WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT AT THE TIME...

MARY WILLIAMS



BEDFORD LANE, SUNNINGDALE.

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SUE RAVEY

MUM, VI STEVENSON IS ON THE RIGHT OF THE TOAST MASTER. THIS WAS A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE SUNNINGDALE CIVIL DEFENCE COLLEGE. DOES ANYONE RECOGNISE OTHERS?

SUE RAVEY

ON THE RIGHT, EILEEN AND ROBIN MUIRHEAD.

KATHY EDWARDS

BET BOLT, FAR LEFT?

TRACY EMMINS



NEIL PARKER

PACK'S USED TO BE NEXT TO THE NAG'S HEAD IN THE HIGH STREET, OLD SUNNINGDALE. NOW PART OF THORPE/ATOM, BUT ALSO USED TO BE ERNIE STEVENS, THE GREEN GROCERS.

MARY WILLIAMS

IT MOVED TO THE CORNER OF CHOBHAM ROAD ON THE A30 IN SUNNINGDALE BEHIND THE ESTATE AGENTS.

SUSIE LANEY

PACKS MOVED INTO SECURITY AND GATES AND ARE BASED AT 1 BROOMFIELD HALL BUILDINGS NOW. (PACK'S INFOTEL)

AJAY NEHRA



ANDREA RUDDICK

The pupils and staff at St Michael's have been busy this month!

We are now on Twitter! The classes have enjoyed tweeting about their activities this term including cookery and science and it's a lovely way for the parents to see what the children are doing at school.

Year 2 have been making Easter gardens in their RE classes, each object representing a symbol of the period of Lent leading up to Easter and the Ascension.

This term we have had our interim Head Teacher, Mrs Ball at the school. On her last day each class presented Mrs Ball with cards and presents to thank her. Some classes also sang songs and read poems. Everyone at St Michael's is incredibly grateful to Mrs Ball for her hard work and commitment to the school during the term. The pupils and staff will miss her.

Mr Thompson will start his role as Head Teacher after the Easter break.

Helen Miles





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- **New underwear (kids' / adults')**
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Many thanks,

*Lynda Yong & Lana Yesman
on behalf of the Ukraine Group*



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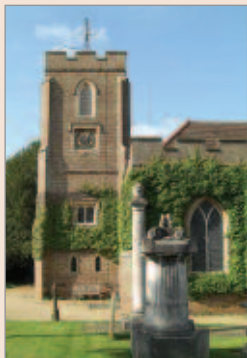
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The proposal is that 2/3 of all receipts would go to the Church and 1/3 would be paid out to winners drawn from the pot of contributors, between the two services, in the Church

Hall, on the first Sunday in every month, starting in June.

If this were to be popular and 100 monthly entries were received, the total contribution each month would be £1,000, and thus £12,000 in a year, of which £8,000 would benefit the Church.

I do hope that you would see this as something of a fun event as well as at the same time being a fairly painless but beneficial way to help our Church's ailing finances.

If you do not normally attend church, or are unable to, but would like to support this initiative and be a member of the '100 Club', please email me for an application form at davidmear@gmail.com

If you do attend, there will be application forms at the back of the church and I do hope you will take one.

Thank you.

David Mear



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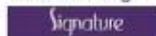
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Shirley Smith Graduated from the University of East Anglia with a first class honours degree in the History of Art,

specialising in the Italian and Northern Renaissance. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a part-time lecturer for the University of East Anglia and for the Department of Continuing Education of the University of Cambridge. She has run study days and certificate courses as well as residential weekend courses. She also lectures to the Art Fund and individual clubs and societies. She is particularly keen to set the art and architecture of the period in the context of the society for which it was produced.

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TUESDAY 7th JUNE at 10:30am

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Jennifer Toynbee-Holmes is an experienced guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern and lectures at various art societies and institutions. She has a special interest in British and European art of the late 18th, 19th and early 20th century. Having gained an MA in film and television practice, Jennifer had a long-standing career spanning twenty years as a television producer/director making documentaries and factual programmes for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4. She was also a visiting lecturer at Goldsmiths College and Birkbeck, University of London and a senior lecturer at Southampton Solent University in the Faculty of Media, Arts and Society.



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sudoku 155

The solution to Sudoku 154:

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!

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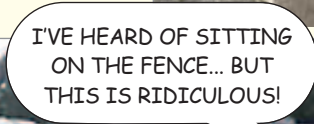
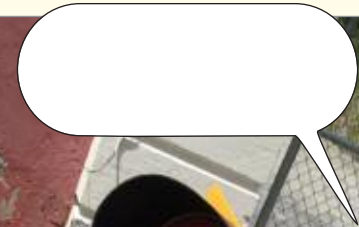
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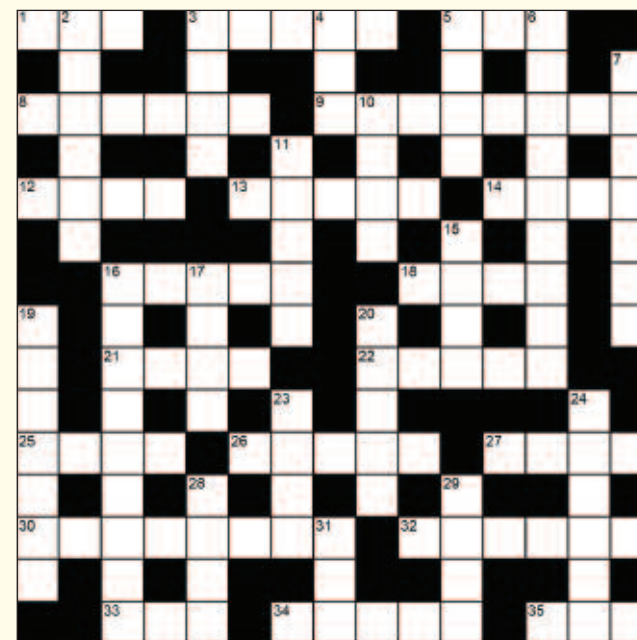
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.214



The answers to Crossword no.214 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.213 were:



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- Rabbit Chops? (3)
- Sweet babies and tots are made of this (5)
- Ruth headed off, turned to find shelter (3)
- Posing like member of royalty (6)
- Mixes tea tree contents first, and so on (2,6)
- Plaidy denim trews? (4)
- Cannot endlessly mix up writer's middle name (5)
- Diarist who wrote undercover? (4)
- His poetry includes works by Ronnie Barker etc (5)
- To overbear contains this action word (4)
- Hogg put up works of artist ... (4)
- and stern portrayals of another called Max (5)
- The Shining author, with royal heritage? (4)
- Evelyn and son write about a fight, reportedly (5)
- Look at study (4)
- "Beautician's Tool", a Fellini creation (4-4)
- I'd hang around, hoping to see Indian Prime Minister? (6)
- Have a go round Indian state (3)
- Flood rising, but not recently (2,3)
- Put a spell on Henry's first discarded wife (3)

DOWN

- see 3 down
- 3 and 2. Surprisingly, June's a neat writer (4,6)
- Child's shelter (3)
- 19's character makes a pile, it's said (4)
- Article on oven piece was written by Tolkien (3,6)
- Harry and Meghan initially moved out of line, taking the children from here in story (7)
- Ratty friend drunk at do (4)
- Awkwardly raze a poet who is worth a weighty amount? (4)
- State founder to write name (4)
- At the start of Genesis (9)
- Be cross, changing gear (4)
- Author, sadly sickened, losing energy (7)
- Father, gentleman, produced Belgian author (5)
- Saintly letter writer (4)
- Du Maurier's pen had broken (6)
- Sounds like a bid was made for ditch builder (4)
- Shakespeare came back looking sombre (4)
- Character left on the shelf fell off, losing leg first (3)

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02	New Mile Cottages	John 14.1-14 (Philip & James)	
03	Oriental Road	Exodus 20.1-21	
04	Oliver Road	Exodus 24	
05	Pembroke Close	Exodus 25.1-22	
06	Porchester	Exodus 28.1-4,29-38	
07	Princes Gate	Exodus 29.1-9	

08	Pump Lane	John 10.22-30	Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, From the death of sin to the life of righteousness, That we may seek those things which are above, Where he reigns with you In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and for ever.
09	Queens Hill Rise	Exodus 32.1-14	
10	Queens Place	Exodus 32.15-34	
11	Queens Close	Exodus 33	
12	Quince Close	Exodus 34.1-10,27-end	
13	Ravensdale Road	Exodus 35.20-36.7	
14	Regents Walk	John 15.9-17 (Matthias)	

15	Royal Victoria Gns	John 13.31-35	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, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
16	School Road	Numbers 9.15-end,10.33-end	
17	Silwood Close	Numbers 11.1-33	
18	Silwood Park	Numbers 12	
19	Silwood Road	Numbers 13.1-3,17-end	
20	Spring Gardens	Numbers 14.1-25	
21	St George's Lane	Numbers 14.26-end	

22	St Mary's Hill	John 5.1-9	God our Redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness Whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness 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 alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
23	St Mary's Road	Numbers 16.1-35	
24	Stanmore Close	Numbers 16.36-end	
25	Sunninghill Close	Numbers 17.1-11	
26	Sunninghill High St	Acts 1.1-11 (Ascension)	
27	Sunnybank	Numbers 20.1-13	
28	Tenby Drive	Numbers 21.4-9	

29	The Covert	John 17.20-end	Grant, we pray, almighty God, That as we believe your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ To have ascended into the heavens, So we in heart and mind may also ascend And with him continually dwell; Who is alive and reigns with you, In the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
30	The Poplars	Numbers 7.36-end	
31	The Terrace	Luke 1.39-49 (Visitation)	

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