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FROM THE EDITOR...

There are many things to look forward to in this month of April, but whatever we are looking to, it must be overshadowed by the dreadful situation in Ukraine. We feel helpless in such a desperate situation, and whilst we can do small things, like send money and stuff for the relief of refugees: like pray and support fundraising efforts. But whatever we do we feel that it is not enough for people who have lost their homes, their livelihood and their loved ones. I am writing this in the middle of March, and by the time you read it, things may be different and hopefully better, but people will still have lost everything they hold dear in the most barbaric of circumstances.

I see that those brilliant people at the Cordes Hall Cinema managed to raise £600, which they were able to have doubled to £1,200 before sending off to the Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Well done them! And for getting their own projection equipment for our quality entertainment!). We are looking forward to seeing some great movies more often without leaving the village or paying a small fortune!

We are looking forward to Easter, and the hope of new life that it brings, the joy of the story of the resurrection of Christ and what it means to us. The awakening of nature we can see all around us and giving us hope that however dark and cold things get, there is light, warmth and a new life to come.

We are looking forward to a new Headteacher at St Michael's School, Matthew Thompson, who begins a new life after the Easter holiday. We wish him well. I often see him at the touch line on a Saturday morning cheering on his son and my grandson as they do great things on the football pitch! His shouts of encouragement to all the young players indicates a keen and warm interest in the children's development.

We were looking forward to the Ladies of the Ladies' Fellowship, including my wife, getting damehoods when they received an envelope through the post from Buckingham Palace. But it was not quite like that! It turns out they had sent a message of congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty's 70th anniversary of accession, for which our dear Queen was truly grateful. You can see more details elsewhere in this magazine.

We are looking forward to the Wheelbarrow Race on the Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, having changed its date from New Year's Day. Do get a team together and beg borrow or steal (maybe not steal!) a suitable vehicle which needs to contain one small(ish) person who can look forward to a guided or even misguided tour of Sunninghill at the expending of some provision of effort by other largeish persons. You know you want to get up a team of family or colleagues to compete for the honour of the coveted trophy which wasn't awarded last year to Covid restrictions. Email **rotary.wheelbarrowrace@gmail.com** to get your entry in. In 2020 the Rotary Club was able to donate £7,000 to the Ascot Day Centre as a result of this event.

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mike Cross tel 01344 303991 mobile 07737 088423

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FORGETTING / REMEMBERING / BREAKING / MENDING

hen you read this message several weeks after I have written it, the sorrows of the world will be concerning us. Whatever the specifics may be, there will be heart-breaking stories. We may be finding it hard to remember joy and hope. Jesus has been there too.

'It's the most scary thing that we could be possibly forgotten by the world'. I was struck by these words spoken a young woman in Kyiv speaking on BBC radio on Day 16 of the conflict. Being forgotten is a heart-breaking, joyless and hopeless place to be.

Forgetting and remembering are themes that run through the story of God and God's people. There is lament when people feel forgotten by God. The book of Psalms in the bible helps us express this sorrow while holding fast to eternal truths that restore joy and hope.

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?" (Psalm 42:9) But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. (Psalm 9:18) When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. (Psalm 94:19) Life is a rollercoaster of emotion and Jesus experienced it too. He turned to the psalms to express lament as he hung on the cross on Good Friday, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34/Psalm 22:1).

In that bleakest of moments, the sun stopped shining and Jesus breathed his last. Had God forgotten Jesus, his own son, who was 'of one being with the Father'? The answer comes on the third day when the sun rises, the tomb is opened and Jesus is resurrected.

God remembers Jesus and raises him to life and in doing so God remembers his covenant promise to all people and remembers our sins no more. It is a covenant of love. In dying on the cross Jesus takes the cup of suffering and drinks it for us and with us. Through him we have life, eternal life to come, and, in this life, his love to sustain us whatever we face.

Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

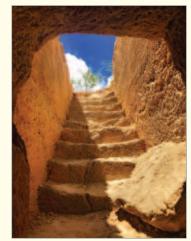
Jesus, risen Saviour, the son of the God who remembers, bringer of joy and hope, mender of breaking hearts

May we remember to share God's love and join in with the mission to bring joy and hope to others and seek to mend breaking hearts.

To discover or rediscover the story of Easter, come along to any of the Easter services and events either at All Souls or St Michael and All Angels Church. All the details are in the centre pages.

May you know God's blessing this Easter,





SERVICES IN THE PARISH APRIL

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 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April

9:15am ST MICHAEL'S INFORMAL SERVICE – Please note combined service at 10am on 17th April. 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 17th April. 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 – 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 – Informal afternoon service for young people and adults. particularly families with 9-15 year-olds. Contact Rev Tim Norman for more info – **tim@allsoulsascot.org**

SPECIAL SERVICES

• See the centre pages for full details of our Holy Week and Easter services

LOOKING AHEAD

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held at St Michael and All Angels Church at 11am on Sunday 8th May 2022 immediately following our morning worship at 10am when our All Souls' and St Michael's congregations will join together.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

- Change of time for Morning Prayer We've moved Morning Prayer to the earlier time of 8.45am at All Souls on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the hope that this will mean more can join the ministry team to pray before heading off to their commitments for the rest of the morning.
- 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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• 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 or tel 01344 624535

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





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I ould you like to make a difference in the community? Have you ever considered becoming a parish councillor? A vacancy for a councillor has arisen in our parish council and will be filled by co-option. If you live within the parish of Sunninghill and South Ascot and are interested in finding out more about representing your local community please contact the Parish Clerk. All applications need to be received by Thursday, 14 April 2022.

It is lovely to finally see the Spring sunshine and we hope you are able to enjoy the parks in the area including Victory Field, South Ascot, Blythewood and Cheapside, particularly over the Easter holidays. All the parks have children's play areas and Victory Field also has tennis courts and a skate park for everyone to enjoy. All our parks are open during daylight hours every day.

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Tom Green's Field and Blythewood are lovely, peaceful wildlife areas for walking in and we are pleased to be progressing with our Woodland Management programme in these areas. Our vision is to retain the woodland as a landscape feature accessible to the local community and to enhance its habitat value. At Tom Green's Field we are maintaining the open aspect of the area by the pruning and removal of dense undergrowth to allow wild flowers and grass to flourish. At Blythewood, thinning close grown areas allows more light onto the forest floor and helps to maintain diversity of tree species. Our objective is to actively encourage conservation of wildlife by creating diverse habitats.



Helen Goodwin Clerk to the Parish Council 01344 623480 enquiries@s-a-pc.com https://sunninghilland ascotparishcouncil.co.uk

A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

m still taking delight in the spring bulbs in bloom. Look at the stunning orange stamens in the crocuses. Did you know that saffron from the Crocus sativus are one of the most valuable plants to grow, they bloom in autumn and the saffron spice is harvested from these little flowers which is worth more than its equivalent weight in gold! I also love these little daffodils Tête-à-Tête, they are shorter than standard daffodils and tend to stand up to the spring winds as well as telling us Easter is on the way. Remember to deadhead them when they are over, so they don't waste energy setting seed. My camellias are now in full bloom and looking stunning. I have one that I've grown into a tall column and must be 9 or 10 foot tall now, once the camellias have finished flowering, I will trim it back in shape and probably reduce its height a little. It's best to trim back directly after flowering as they start to form their buds for next year very quickly and then you won't lose any flowers for next year.

You can now plant out your chitted early and maincrop potatoes. We shall be putting

ours into potato bags or pots again this year, I find it easier to tip them out and squeeze them into spaces around the garden.

I found March a little cold so am behind with my vegetable beds, but they have been cleared of all weeds and I've dug some compost from my compost bins and chicken manure pellets in. I've just sown some broad beans (Express) which are the same ones I grew last year and was delighted with the result. I've also sown some mangetout, carrots and radish and covered them all with a cloche as the nights are still cold.

I've also tidied up my strawberry plants, cut off any dead leaves, refreshed the soil and added some chicken manure pellets to my strawberries in hanging baskets and put them in my



DAFFODIL TÊTE-À-TÊTE

greenhouse balanced on top of buckets to give them a bit of a head start to provide some early strawberries, I'll hang them back outside next month.

I've also germinated some more tomato plants (Gardeners Delight) which is a small cherry tomato.

My sweet peas are growing well, and I pinched the tops out a couple of times and after a short spell in the greenhouse and then gradually acclimating to outside will plant in their final place in a couple of weeks. If you didn't start any indoors you can now plant some at the bottom of the support you want them to grow up.

Only a few of the verbena seeds and penstemon have germinated and are still tiny, but I also planted some salvia seeds, and they are growing very well. The lavender has still not germinated and whilst I know you need to be patient as it can take a long time, I've given up! This is the second time I've tried.

You can sow some hardy annuals such as

love in a mist and pot marigolds directly outside where you want them to grow and your sunflowers, great for children to get involved in gardening and see if you can have a competition for the tallest!

I'm also pruning my hydrangeas cutting back the old stems to a healthy shoot lower down. I also have a couple of roses that had blackspot last year, so I am spraying the leaves with a fungicide to help control it earlier this year.

Last year we seemed to have an excess of slugs and snails, so I've also ordered nematodes from a well-known website and applied to my garden now. I understand if you tackle this early you can reduce the damage, and this is a much more

wildlife friendly approach to control. Hopefully this will help protect the new growth on my hostas and lupins.

Michelle Batt



CAMFILIA

CROCUSES



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FAKE FUNDRAISER OR CHAMPION CHARITY? HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE AND ENSURE YOU DONATE WISELY TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

mproving weather has shown us locally there has been a correlating increase in unwanted door-to-door pedlars and charity collectors. We are all getting quite savvy now at asking these people the right questions, reciting the mantra 'we don't buy or sell at the door', or (for the more intimidating and aggressive callers) just refusing to answer the door altogether. However, when an issue or crisis quickly emerges, such as we saw with Major Tom suddenly inspiring us during the coronavirus

pandemic and now the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we need to remember to be as careful and clued up with our donations and pause for thought.

As the war and ensuing humanitarian situation in Ukraine continues, The Charity Commission

and Fundraising Regulator have urged the public to 'give safely' to registered charities because it is vital that charitable donations of goods and money reach their intended causes.

The crisis in Ukraine has shown support, courage, compassion and dedication from so many people but it is regrettable that some will use the current situation to their own advantage, seeking to exploit individuals and businesses. Times of crisis can bring out the best in people, but scammers and fraudsters might see it as an opportunity. Charity scams are small in comparison to how many donations are made safely, but the charity sector generates an annual income of over £76 billion making it an

attractive target for criminals.

Legitimate UK charities are pivotal to a collective response to this crisis so you can give your support wisely and confidently if you follow a few of our tips.

The Disasters Emergency Committee, (www.dec.org.uk) a coalition of 15 leading UK charities, has launched its collective appeal to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to civilians suffering during the conflict. Many registered charities are also helping to provide vital life-saving services,

like water, food and healthcare, to those caught up in the conflict, including those forced to flee to neighbouring countries. Take a look at

www.gov.uk/findcharityinformation

By giving to a registered, regulated charity,

the public can have assurance that their funds will be accounted for in line with the charity law framework. Established charities have experience of responding to disasters and are usually best placed to give the best support matching the current need.

Members of the public initiating their own informal fundraising appeals are unlikely to be linked to established registered charities and should have made themselves aware of the ongoing responsibilities associated with overseeing and managing funds to ensure they are applied in line with donors' wishes.

People looking to donate to legitimate causes supporting Ukraine and neighbouring countries should be aware:

well-known charities, creating their own charity names and impersonating people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Scammers will pretend to be legitimate

• Scammers will be cold-calling, direct messaging and creating fake websites and pages on social media to raise funds. Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments in unsolicited emails, texts or social media messages. They may attempt to lure you into unwittingly downloading malware onto your device or take you to a fake website to steal your money and personal information.

- Not to donate via fundraising pages on platforms that do not verify the legitimacy of the fundraiser or that do not guarantee your money will be returned if the page is determined to be fraudulent.
- Be careful about crowdfunding requests as these may be fake. Check the terms and conditions of funding platforms and ensure you are dealing with official organisations.
 If you are unsure, make your donation to an established charity instead.
- Never donate directly via a link you have been emailed / seen on social media. Do your own research and independently research the charity.
- Check the charity's name and registration number at www.gov.uk/checkcharity. Most charities with an annual income of £5,000 or more must be registered.
- Contact the charity directly or find out more online about how your donation will be used.
- Look out for the Fundraising Badge on charity fundraising materials, this is the logo which shows that a charity has committed to fundraise in line with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities. Helen Stephenson CBE, Chief Executive of the Commission said: "The public, as always in times of crisis, has responded generously to

help those in dire need in Ukraine itself or who have escaped to neighbouring countries. It's important that this money goes to those who need it most, those whose lives have been uprooted by fighting. We encourage everyone to follow our simple steps to check that their money gets to its intended cause. Donating to a registered charity is a good way to feel confident of that".

The Fundraising Regulator is the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Gerald Oppenheim, Chief Executive of the Fundraising Regulator said: "The devastating situation in Ukraine has captured the hearts of people across the UK, leading to an outpouring of public generosity in response to fundraising campaigns. But people should think carefully before donating goods or money, so that their donations reach the people who need it most. Charities are responsible for making sure that their donations are used for the purpose they were fundraised for. That is why, if you are thinking about supporting a fundraising campaign, you should make sure that it is for an established, registered charity that is subject to charity law and fundraising regulations".

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YET ANOTHER COURIER FRAUD!

etails are very sketchy at the moment, but it appears to follow the standard script. If you or anyone you know receives a call from a DC at Hammersmith Police station to say their debit cards have been cloned and they have some lads in custody, JUST PUT THE PHONE DOWN!

This is a standard courier fraud. The victim received a call from a DC Roberts at Hammersmith Police Station on the 7th March, to say their debit card had been cloned and they needed to call their building society immediately, to cancel the card. He could put them through immediately to do that. They spoke to the person, who purported to be the building society, answering all the security questions. The person who was supposedly the building society, asked them to go and withdraw 5,000 euros. They would then send a courier to collect it. The euros were collected shortly afterwards.

This has now been reported to the police and there have been further calls from the scammers trying to carry the scam on, but there are very few details at this time.

Please pass on the details of courier fraud to everyone you know to prevent them from becoming victims.

NEWS UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

hy not start a new scheme in your street? A scheme is a group of members, usually in the same road or area, which has a coordinator to manage the scheme.

In the last week, we have had enquiries from various residents and we are delighted to announce that three new schemes are being set up. There are many benefits to starting a scheme - awareness of types of crimes that affect our communities such as vehicle crime and advice on scams, access to CCTV, for instance.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about crime awareness though. It's about supporting communities and tackling issues within them like, loneliness and vulnerability. Being aware of these issues will enable you to be proactive in your community to help those in our communities that need support.

Please contact us on contact@windsorascotnhwa.org.uk and we will be delighted to assist.

Valerie Pike, Chairman of Windsor & Ascot NHW Association.

Jeffrey Pick Police, Community Engagement & Resilience Officer, Windsor & Maidenhead



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A GONG FOR GEORGE

eorge Spinks, a long time member of Reeds Weybridge RFC has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the 2022 New Year's Honours List for services to the club.

George commented:

"Reeds Weybridge RFC, is one of Surrey's most successful community rugby clubs, developing rugby players of all ages, with the active participation of their families. The club has been the bedrock of my social life for over fifty years and I am so excited to receive this award. During a game of rugby, a player sometimes gets a yellow card for offences committed by the team. On this occasion I have taken an award on behalf of the fantastic army of coaches, tea ladies and club members that make Reeds Weybridge RFC such a great family club."



MISS ANNIE

The following has been sent to us by Mary Simpson, Hon Vice-President of the Quince Players – Ed

moved to this parish 50 years ago and since then have worshipped at St. Michael's Church. I

have also been a member of the Quince Players since I moved into the area and am an Honorary Vice- President. I too saw the pantomime *Adventure in Pantoland* and, like you, thoroughly enjoyed it. I was so pleased to read your Editorial comment and review both of which I heartily agree with.

My dear friend, Marigold Matthews, has lived in Sunninghill all her life, and was a

member of the choir at St Michael's and worships there. She arranged the flowers for many years and delivered the parish magazine. She is also an Honorary Vice- President of the Quince Players.

On the 1st of March, her 16-year-old Bichon

Frise, Miss Annie, whom she rescued at the age of 2, was put to sleep by the wonderful vet at Sunninghill Veterinary Surgery, Johanna Headley. Miss Annie has bequeathed her basket, beds and coats for the relief of pets in Ukraine, and the surgery is kindly facilitating this.

Mary SImpson

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP AND THE QUEEN

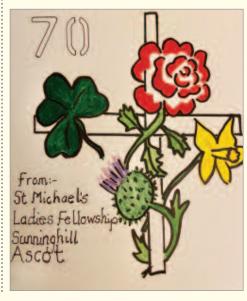
n early February, The Ladies' Fellowship sent off a card to Her Majesty to congratulate her on the 70th Anniversary of her accession to the throne. The card (illustrated) was designed and painted by Mary Humphreys. Her design incorporates the floral emblems of Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland flanking the Cross. Olivia Brady helped with the wording, whilst Pami composed a short ode, as follows:

"God save our gracious Queen
How long you've lived, our noble Queen!
For seventy years you've done your duty
With compassion, love and endless beauty.
So, here's to the longest reign that's
ever been –
Thank you, Majesty
Our gracious Queen."

The ladies, having signed their names, posted it off to Buckingham Palace. Not long after, we were delighted to receive a lovely card in acknowledgement from the Queen.

Happy Platinum Jubilee, Your Majesty!

Pami Cross







1st SOUTH ASCOT



he Beavers started the month with an invention / creation evening making some wacky and wonderful ideas out of recycling – musical instruments, rockets, tanks, weighing scales, mini theatres, you name it they made it. We were then were enormously fortunate to spend our Pancake Day session at All Souls where we hosted by

Nicola who helped us with the required elements of the Faith badge. We began with a huge Pancake race, had quizzes and games and finally the Beavers acted out the story of the Good Samaritan – everyone had a ball, thank you Nicola!

Our last meeting of the month was back in the hut for a session on Money Skills. Our











youngest Beavers aren't quite 6 yet but important to start them early. We learned about the History of Money, the difference between what we needs and want, borrowing and saving and MOST IMPORTANTLY we invested a bag of sweets each into the Beavers Bank and we are hopeful that they may have grown by next week..

For the Cubs the first half of the month was about climbing, a session getting them used to the equipment - dragging each other around the hut and flying about on climbing ropes and gurneys - a great way to spend an evening. With their new found knowledge they headed off the following week to Wokingham climbing centre where they tested their skills and bravery on some pretty daunting climbs and they all did amazingly well.

The Cubs finished the month with an International night, designing flags and being treated to some wonderful food from around the globe cooked by Sonia... if I had known I would have stayed!!!

Our investment in the hut continues and we have just finished a patio in the garden at the back which will be a real asset once the weather improves. Bring on the warmth and some outdoor activities.

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, meet on a Tuesday from 7–8pm. Scouts, for 10½–14 year olds, meet on a Thursday from 7–8:30pm. Explorer Scouts, for 14–18 year olds, meet 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

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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.



THIS IS MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER, GRANNY GATES, OUTSIDE HER COTTAGE AT THE TOP OF UPDOWN HILL WINDLESHAM. SO SAD TO SEE HER BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE GARDEN TARMACKED OVER AND A GREAT GAS GUZZLER SITTING THERE INSTEAD.

SUZIE BLACKMAN

ONE DAY ALL THOSE PAVED-OVER FRONT GARDENS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF COUNCIL TAX...

RICHARD MULHOLLAND

A LOOK BACK AT SOME OLD PHOTOS OF HEATHERWOOD.

NEIL PARKER

I REMEMBER MY MUM ESCAPING
FROM HERE IN HER
NIGHTIE, TRAVELLING HOME
ON THE BUS, AND BEING
INDOORS WHEN I GOT IN
FROM SCHOOL. ONE OF
HER OFF-DAYS AFTER
ANAESTHETIC! ALWAYS
MADE HER A BIT CONFUSED.

BRENDA GLASSPOOL

HERE IS A PHOTO POSTED ON BEHALF OF MY DAD, VERNON COLLINSON. IT SHOWS ROYAL ASCOT UNITED WINNING THE BERKS BUCK LEAGUE AND FIELDEN CUP IN 1947-48.

EMMA DUNBAR

GREAT PICTURE. I HAVE A FRAMED ORIGINAL. MY DAD, NOEL TAYLOR IN FRONT, UNCLE JIM RICHARDSON, UNCLE ALAN JONES, GRANDFATHER BILL MORTON. GREAT MEMORIES OF WHEN THEY PLAYED ON THE HEATH PITCH AT ASCOT RACECOURSE, THEN LATER AT NEW ROAD.

DAVID TAYLOR

MY DAD WON THE FIELDEN CUP WITH FINCHAMPSTEAD. HE WENT ON AND PLAYED FOR ASCOT WHEN THEY WERE ON THE HEATH, BUT GAVE UP A SHORT WHILE AFTER THAT. I'M PRETTY SURE THAT WARNERS THE BUILDERS USED TO BACK ASCOT.

ROBERT TURNER

MY DAD SAID 'GREAT RESPONSE TO THE PHOTO'. HE'S VERY WELL AND HAS LOVED READING ALL THE COMMENTS. HE WAS 10 YEARS OLD WHEN THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN AND REMEMBERS ALL THE PLAYERS WHO WERE HIS LOCAL HEROS.

EMMA DUNBAR



DAVID GINGER



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St Michael's celebrated
World Book Day by holding
a Pyjama day for the children.
Everyone came in wearing
pyjamas or hoodies and enjoyed
many activities during the day.

The day started in the playground where all the year groups mixed and the younger children were able to share their books with the older years. Everyone had fun sharing their favourite books and they all got to choose a book from the library to take home.







VILLAGE SCHOOL

GOING GREEN FOR THE QUEEN!

t South Ascot Village School's Forest School, the Year 2 pupils have been discussing the importance of trees in the world. They came up with some memorable quotes. Here are some favourites:

"We need to protect the trees because if there are no trees the Earth will be sad as the Earth loves woodlands."

"If there are no trees on our planet we will run out of oxygen!"

"The Earth is like a rubbish bowl as there is so much litter, trees help us."

As part of the Queen's Green Canopy, the school was gifted 30 native British trees from the Woodland Trust (organised by the sustainability team at the Royal Borough). The trees included Rowan, Field Maple and Hawthorn. The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".



The Year 2 pupils took turns to work alongside our very own Horticultural expert, Mrs Anderson to plant a tree each on the hill to extend our already impressive and extensive woodland.

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Kate Rimell, Headteacher





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POETRY CORNER

everal readers of the Poetry Page have asked me to write about the poetry of Robert Frost, who happens to be one of my favourite poets. My only problem is selecting which of his many and varied works to write about.

Robert Frost was born in San Francisco in 1874. Following the death of his father, he moved with his mother and sister to Massachusetts. His first poems were published in 1913 and in 1924 he won the first of four Pulitzer Prizes. During the 1940s tragedy struck the family. His youngest child died in 1934, his wife Elinor in 1938 and his son in 1940. The three deaths devastated him and much of his work post 1940 reflected these tragedies. In 1953, he was awarded honorary degrees from both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Robert Frost passed away in January 1963, suffering a pulmonary embolism following surgery. His last words and Epitaph were; "I had a lover's quarrel with the world".

I first became aware of Frosts poetry when Stopping at Woods on a Snowy Evening was read at a funeral. It is a descriptive and atmospheric poem and the last lines,

"But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep"

I found to be haunting and inspiring at the same time. Frost's poetry was admired for its descriptions of rural life, and portrayal of ordinary people in their everyday surroundings. It also reflected his own experiences of life living in the countryside, particularly the effects of the seasons on the landscape; ice, wind and snow are common themes. When he references ice, snow etc. the poem often leaves the reader with thoughts to reflect on and expand on. For example, *A Dust of Snow:*

"The way a crow
"Shook down on me,
The dust of snow
From a Hemlock tree.
Has given my heart,
A change of mood.
And saved some part,
Of a day I rued."
Or.
A Patch of Old Snow.
There's a patch of old snow in a corner,
That I should have guessed,
Was a blow away paper the rain,
Had brought to rest.
It is speckled with grime as if,
Small print overspread it

The news of a day I've forgotten – If I ever read it."

One of his best-known poems is *The Road not Taken*. The theme is making the right decisions at the right time – but also the choice the writer didn't take which still haunts him. It ends:

"I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

Frost's poetry often leaves the reader with things to think about, as in 'Nothing Gold Can Stay':

"Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold, Her early leaf's a flower, But only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf, So Eden sank to grief. So dawn goes down to day, Nothing Gold can Stay."

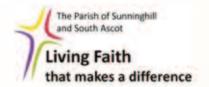
The poem explores the idea that nothing good, perfect or precious (ie gold) can last forever. To end the poem *Fire and Ice*, a poem perhaps with significance in the world today.

"Some say the world will end in fire, Some say in ice, From what I've tasted of desire, I hold with those who favour fire. But if it had to perish twice, I think I know enough of hate, To say that for destruction ice, Is also great And would suffice."

The theme is the end of the world and emphasises that human emotions are destructive. Fire stands for passion and desire and ice for hatred. Both are dangerous emotions and may bring the downfall of the earth. We humans will perish on earth if we persist with hate and greed – and desire and hatred can lead to wars. Robert Frost was a prolific writer. His work covered many and varied subjects. Much of his work is very readable and enjoyable, it has rhythm and rhymes. His poetry concerning landscapes, the seasons, nature and the American people are particularly interesting and entertaining.

Read, Explore and Enjoy.

Alison Drummings



Easter 2022

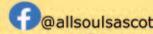
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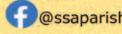
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11-13 April	Mon-Wed	Zoom	7.00 pm	15 minutes of Evening Prayer
14 April	Maundy Thursday	St Michael's	10.30 am	Holy Communion
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15 April	Good Friday	All Souls'	9.15 am	Good Friday Service for All Ages
		All Souls'	10.30 am	Stations of the Cross
		St Michael's	5.30 pm	Good Friday Service Meditation at the Cross
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Would you like to join me?

You don't have to know how to play - I'm happy to teach you and crib is so easy. You don't need to bring anything either, just turn up. If you want more information, call me on the number below or email me. It's very easy to chat over a game of cards so don't feel shy about coming on your own. Maybe later on we can include some board games? The first session is on Tuesday 5th April, 2pm to 4pm. You don't have to come for the whole two hours, just pop in when you can. Coffee/tea and biscuits will also be on offer. Look forward to seeing you!

Vanessa Cummings 07778 742203 email vcatcordeshall@gmail.com



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APRIL 2022

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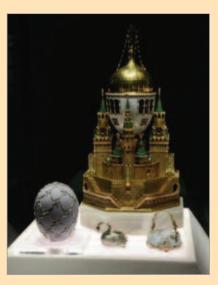
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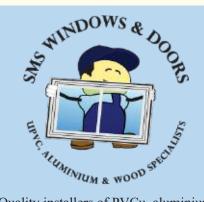


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Clare Phillips (M.A. Royal College of Art, London) has been a curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum since 1989. As a jewellery historian she is part of the small team dedicated to the V&A's jewellery collection and is the author of the V&A's classic book 'Jewels & Jewellery'. In addition to her work with the permanent collection, she has been responsible for the more focussed jewellery content within many major V&A exhibitions from 'Art Nouveau: 1890-1914' in 2000 to 'Frida Kahlo: Making Her Self Up' in 2018. Her books range from Thames & Hudson's accessible introductory text 'Jewelry - from Antiquity to the Present' to 'Chaumet Tiaras: Divine Jewels' which she coauthored in 2019. In 2006 she curated the exhibition 'Bejewelled by Tiffany' at the Gilbert Collection, Somerset House.

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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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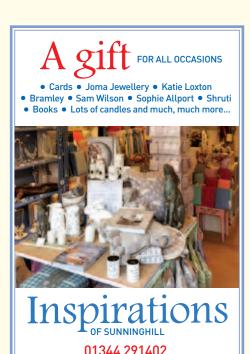
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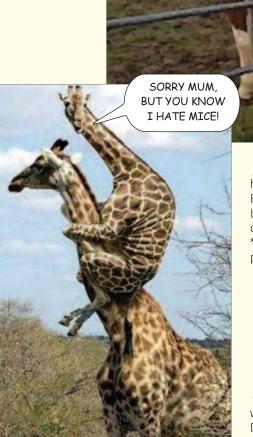
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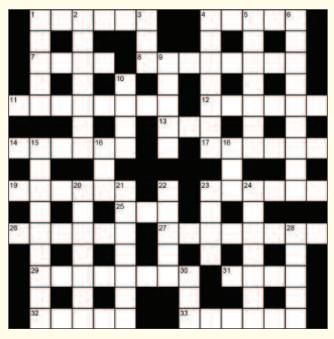
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.213



The answers to Crossword no.213 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.212 were:



The first three clues, If I may beg your pardon, Make something that's Blooming in a garden.

ACROSS

- 1. A release for American relative (6)
- 4. European flower? (5)
- 7. Frozen bun Mike first defrosted (4)
- 8. Cite pill shape, it's like an Easter gift (8)
- 11. Ward off folk reportedly from small tree (5.3)
- 12. Fortune teller at local shopping centre? (6)
- 13. Pamela with a heart of wood, unfortunately
- 14. Shoo! Don't start to tell a story in a gale (6)
- 17. Oriental queen might celebrate this festival?
- 19. Strangely smiley Englishmen (b)
- 23. Grows buds (6)
- 25 Union isn't on at college (3)
- 26. Fun evening but a bit rough (6)
- 27. The French cheese combined with Chinese fruits (8)
- 29. Pruned it vigorously then dug up these vegetables (8)
- 31. Hit this garden visitor? (4)
- 32 & 30. No, don't mess with my gardener!.... (5.3)
- 33. ... 30 and Sam are crazy travellers (6)

DOWN

- 1. US Vice President played Wagner endlessly (5)
- 2. Perhaps one spread manure with lime first (7)
- 3. Lady in the garden the day before (3)
- 4. Greeting last character in Rome for underground shoot (7)
- 5. Those in office not going out in surprisingly rainy St. ((2-5)
- 6. Do well on fast time, very good! (9)
- 9. Compare with tree growth reportedly (5)
- 10. Garden flower grew (4)
- 15. ... but mentions nothing about allium (5-4)
- 16. Four on unknown trailer (3)
- 18. Remains of a tree? (3)
- 20. Ron grew vine around it in the surrounding area (7)
- 21. Cheerfully appear in parts of Sunninghill, ves! (7)
- 22. Apparently untamed playwright? (5)
- 23. Observe daughter sowing this? (4)
- 24. Trouble comes up after broken hope for tragic Shakespearean (7)
- 28. Trim top off garden bushes and the sides! (5)
- 30. See 32.

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01 Dorian Drive Exod.6.2-13 Durning Place Exod.7.8-end

> Elizabeth Gardens John 12.1-8 (Passion Sunday)

Exchange Road Exod 8.1-19 Fennell Close Exod 8.20-end Field House Close Exod 9.1-12 Fir Tree Close Exod 9.1-13

Most merciful God Who by the death and resurrection of they Son Jesus Christ

Hath delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross We may triumph in the power of his victory; Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee

In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and for ever.

08 Fox Covert Close Fxod 10 Francis Chichester Cl Exod 11

> Friary Road Luke 19.28-40 (Palm Sunday)

Furzebank Luke 22.1-23 Hancocks Mount Luke 22.39-53 Heathfield Avenue Luke 22,54-end

Highclere John 13.1-17,31b-35(maundy) Almighty and everlasting God Who of thy tender love towards the world Hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ To take upon him our flesh

And to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his

Patience and humility And also be made partakers of his resurrection;

We beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family

For which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

15 Hilltop Close John 18 and 19 (Good Fri)

Hurstwood John 19.38-end Kier Park Luke 24.1-12 Kings Road Exod 12.1-13 Kingswick Close Exod 12.14-36 Kingswick Drive Exod 12.37-end

Betrayed And given up into the hands of sinners And to suffer death upon the cross;

Almighty God

Who liveth and reigneth with thee, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

Lord of all life and power

22 Larch Avenue Exod 13,17-14,14

Liddell Way Exod 1415-end Llanvair Close Llanvair Drive

Kinross Avenue

John 20.19-end Mark 13.5-13 (Mark)

Exod 13.1-16

London Road John 15.5-21 (George) Lower Village Road Exod 16.11-end

Monks Walk Exod 17

Has overcome the old order of sin and death To make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin And alive to thee in Jesus Christ

Who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son

May reign with him in glory; To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be praise and honour, glory and might

Now and in eternity.

29 Monks Drive Exod 18 1-12 Monks Close Exod 18.13-end



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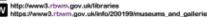
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