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## FROM THE EDITOR...



May I wish you all a very Happy New Year; if it's not too late! Still in our bunkers after almost a full twelve months! I was looking at *The Magazine* for last February just before we came embroiled in all this. I was hoping that "our little magazine and the Church it represents would act as an oasis of peace from the perils that surround us". Little did we know exactly what those perils would be! I was imploring you to make use of the services our advertisers provide, and that goes for 2021 too, They really need our custom more than ever.

No one has responded to my plea for someone to write a regular piece on gardening. I'm guessing that many of our readers have been honing their green planting skills and knowledge over the past year and could write an entertaining and educative piece once a month for the delight and sustenance of those of us who have no clue. Please let me know

if you think you can do this. For instance, I installed a bird feeder at great expense in my garden about this time last year to help them out in these dark times and to provide us with some daily delights. But have they flocked to sample our culinary delights (2 types of tasty morsels on offer), and fill our humdrum lives with joy? They have not; in fact, we see fewer birds now than before the installation. Maybe they are all self-isolating?



Talking of which, I do hope that everyone is managing to cope with the many privations and anxieties that the current situation is imposing on us. Hopefully it will bring us back to a national spirit of co-operation and togetherness which has been sorely

missed over the last few decades.

However, we have a vaccine and the green shoots of a better society are beginning to appear (discuss.), let's all make an effort to water and nourish them. I began my editorial last year with "Welcome to the roaring twenties!" - well, they are roaring all right, but not in the way we expected, so let's get this thing over with and make it so.

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## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev'd Sarah Mortimer joined the team in the parish in July 2020 and this month the minister's message comes from her.



### PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER

How do you feel about jigsaw puzzles? Is it a top favourite pastime, or to be avoided at all costs? What kind of image would you choose to piece together? We've had a cityscape on the go with lots of blue sky and framed by golden autumn leaves in the foreground. No prizes for identifying which city!



End of year purchasing analysis showed that jigsaw puzzle sales soared during 2020. It's just one small sign of the dramatic changes there have been in our activities and patterns of life over the last year. And we adapted as best we could, sometimes gracefully, sometimes grudgingly, sometimes agonisingly, but always with that sense of being in this together.

We understood the need for our personal choices to be for the greater good of everyone; that we were connected. Just as each piece of the jigsaw has to be attached in the right place for the picture to be right, we have each needed to do our bit. You might be one of the vast number of plain blue pieces that make up the sky, part of the essential backdrop of people simply adhering to government guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. Or are you one of the golden bits? The autumn leaves in the foreground, a key worker on the frontline?

But of course no two pieces of jigsaw are actually interchangeable: when you look closely even those blue pieces that form the huge tranche of sky have distinctive features. No one can replace us; we are unique – the only perfect fit for the role of being ourselves in this community.

The need to contribute to the big picture continues in 2021 as we seek to be part of piecing together a landscape where COVID is controlled and no longer wreaking havoc. Where can our resource come from to keep on keeping on? Jesus paints the evocative picture of himself as the vine and us as branches, able to show love and be fruitful in our lives as we stay connected to Jesus' love (John 15). And the early Christian leader Paul used the image of an olive tree to explain how branches can be grafted in for a first time or regrafted in to connect or reconnect to the nourishing root of the tree (Romans 11).

The Christian season of Lent begins on 17th February and is traditionally a reflective time. Let's take it as an opportunity to connect, reconnect or strengthen our connection with God. And let's do it together: in our families, with our friends and in our church. Our website will have the latest information about how you can join in. Your contribution to a shared conversation about faith might just be the missing piece in someone else's faith jigsaw.

With love and prayer,

## SERVICES IN THE PARISH FEBRUARY 2021

This latest lockdown has meant more change for everyone. The Government has asked us to stay at home to save lives and protect the NHS. Under the current regulations public worship may continue. We did consider closing, as other churches have done. Rather, Stephen led a review of our COVID planning and with a renewed and strengthened message to follow the Hands, Face, Space guidance and make our own safety and the safety of others paramount in our choices, we will continue with a reduced pattern of public worship in our buildings and maintain our livestreaming of services for those at home. Safety, simplicity and spirituality are our guiding principles

Face coverings must be worn inside the Church building unless you have an exemption. There will be no singing and no refreshments offered at the end of services as per the guidelines set out to us. We will also be adhering to strict social distancing rules. We thank you for your understanding.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**FAMILY SERVICE** – 9:15am Informal worship moves back to *Zoom* during this lockdown, particularly suitable for families.

**TRADITIONAL SERVICES** – Our aim is to alternate public worship each Sunday between St Michael's (10:45am) and All Souls (10:30am) during this lockdown.

- Sunday 7th February 10:45am at St Michael's - Seeing Jesus' glory – The Incarnation (In 1)
- Sunday 14th February 10:30am at All Souls - Seeing Jesus' glory – The Transfiguration
- Sunday 21st February 10:45am at St Michael's - (LENT 1) – The Cross, God's promise
- Sunday 28th February 10:30am at All Souls - The Cross, God's gift

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – 9:45am on *Zoom*.

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- Should you have any prayer requests for yourself or anyone you know, then send them to [mary@ssaparish.org](mailto:mary@ssaparish.org); 01344 624535, who will pass your message to our prayer team in confidence and space to pray.

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• **MORE GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES** will develop over time so keep following our Church Facebook pages and websites for the latest news, including video updates from Stephen.





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### BAPTISMS

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1st December 2020 Rose Pilgrim

30th December 2020 Bruce Singleton

4th January 2021 David Johnston

## OBITUARY

### DAVID JOHNSTON

5th May 1942 – 11th December 2020



I'm sorry to have to record the death of David Johnston, who died two weeks before Christmas. His funeral was at Easthampstead Crematorium on the 4th January, but it is intended to organise a Memorial Service at St Michael's Church when circumstances allow. David was a devout Christian and a long-standing member of St Michael's and All Souls. He was a tenor in St Michael's Church Choir for many years, and often lent his musical talents (he could strum a good guitar too!) to our informal Praise Party. His life was spent in service to education, in particular with special needs children, latterly at Manor Green School, where he continued on a part-time basis long after his retirement. He was often to be seen on stage or behind the scenes at the Quince Players productions. His wife, Jan, died some years ago, and he leaves his three daughters, Lena, Carron and Sally, many grandchildren, and his friend Aileen. We could write a book about David, but don't have the space. Farewell to a much loved member of our community.

*Mike Cross*

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## POETRY INTO THE NEW YEAR

As I write, January has just begun and if the weather forecast is accurate it will be a long cold month. So, let's think about 'love' and St Valentine's Day - with romantic verse to suit the occasion, beginning with perhaps one of the most beautifully written poems about love written by Christopher Marlowe. **The Passionate Shepherd To His Love** begins,

*Come live with me and be my love,  
And we will all the pleasures prove."  
And goes on to describe all the wonderful things he will bestow on his lover ending;  
"If these delights thy mind may move,  
Then live with me and be my love.*

**Hinterhof**, a poem by an English modern poet James Fenton begins,

*Stay near to me, and I'll  
stay near to you -  
As near as you are  
dear to me will do.  
Near as the rainbow to  
the rain,  
The west wind to the  
window pane,  
As fire to hearth, as  
dawn to dew.*

Perhaps an unusual choice, but still romantic in its way, **The Owl and the Pussy Cat** by Edward Lear, an unlikely pairing but you cannot deny the romance in the poem:

*O lovely Pussy, O Pussy my love,  
What a beautiful Pussy you are!*

One poet of whom it could be said should be able to write romantic verse is Robert Burns. Well known as a 'ladies man', one of

his best known poems, **My Luve is Like a Red, Red Rose** includes the lines,

*As fair thou art my Bonnie Lass,  
So deep in love am I,  
And I will love thee, still my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning was a poet of the Victorian Romantic movement and wrote:

*How do I love thee let me count the ways,  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and  
height my soul can reach.*

Adrian Henri, one of the Liverpool poets of the 1960s, with Brian Patten and Roger McGough, wrote **Love Is**, a slightly risqué poem which ends,

*Love is you, love is me,  
Love is a prison and  
love is free,  
Love's what's there  
when you are away  
from me,  
Love Is.*

However, as Shakespeare wrote, 'the course of true love never did run smooth' so to finish, an amusing few lines by Wendy Cope, **Loss**:


*The day he moved out was terrible,  
That evening she went through hell,  
His absence wasn't a problem,  
But the corkscrew had gone as well!*

Happy Valentine's Day, all you romantics!

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### COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING

In 2020 the value of public greenspaces, as a haven for exercise and relaxation, could not have been more recognized. However, sadly this recognition has gone hand in hand with a large increase in left litter. Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council has been operating a volunteer litter picking scheme since the start of November 2020 to keep our parish looking its best. Volunteers and Parish Councilors regularly cover the main parks and streets of South Ascot and Sunninghill up to Ascot High Street. Working together we aim for a litter free Parish but there is a long way to go. According to the results of Keep Britain Tidy's national survey of the state of England's streets, litter has increased since the survey was last carried out in 2014/15. The most commonly littered item is cigarette butts, found on 79% of sites surveyed. The following three most littered items are confectionery packs (found on

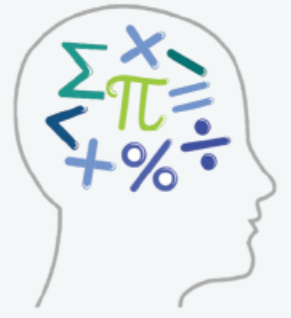
60% of sites), soft drink bottles and cans (52%) and fast food related litter (33%). This pattern of "on the go" related litter is reflected in the rubbish bags of our volunteers but we can effect change. Clearing our green spaces of litter and improving the appearance of our Parish is an effective way to generate pride in our local area. This appreciation of litter free places can bring about the shift in behaviour needed to stop littering happening in the first place. To create the clean parks, woods and streets we all want to see, picking up litter is an important small step. If you are interested in becoming one of our community litter pickers, please do contact the Clerk at [enquiries@s-a-pc.com](mailto:enquiries@s-a-pc.com) to volunteer.

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## SUNNINGHILL BROWNIES



For our final meeting of the autumn term the Brownies decided they would like to do some Christmas themed dressing up. They collected cardboard, paper bags, newspaper etc from their recycling and used it to make their costumes. Some girls dressed themselves up, some made a costume for their favourite toy and one roped in a willing brother to be their model. You can see the results in the photos - a

splendid reindeer, a penguin disguised as a reindeer and a completely camouflaged brother!

Brownies will be continuing (re-zooming?) virtually online this term, and we eagerly await the time when we can meet face to face again.

*Brown Owl,  
Sunninghill Brownies*







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I thought you'd like to know that the refurbishment to our 90-year-old hut is now complete and it looks amazing! The Scout Hut has been fully insulated with new external cladding, the roof is brand new, the floor sanded and varnished, storage areas reconfigured and a new staircase to access the mezzanine level, double glazed windows installed in the kitchen and toilets, inside totally re-painted and outside lighting and heaters installed. The hut is now warm and dry!

1st South Ascot Scout Group would like to thank the following organisations and individuals who contributed to the project: the fantastic builders at MTN Solutions, All Souls' Church, Sunninghill Trust, Ascot Fire Brigade Trust, Shanly Foundation, Leslie Sell Trust, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Sunningdale Hope Trust, Berkshire Community Foundation, Charities Aid Foundation, Crowthorne Fencing, Hire Direct, Gigawatt (for the new lights and heating) and the Leaders, Beavers and Cubs who all did sponsored activities last summer (James and Sam Brown, William Jones, Oliver and Leo Jones and Isaac Richardson).

We also fitted an amazing fire pit into the rear garden but now need

to landscape the garden which is our next job and more fundraising needed - although we have been kindly donated the time from the groundsmen at Ascot Race Course to help with the gardening which is needed. Something very good did come out of 2020!

*Fiona Jones  
Group Scout Leader  
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## HELP FOR EXPECTANT MUMS AND NEW MUMS!

Hello, my name is Bernice and I'm a practising midwife of 20 years and now a personal trainer and Pilates teacher specialising in women's health. I set up my own local company 2 years ago and run a variety of classes for women of all ages, from pregnancy until menopause!

During the initial lockdown last year, I set up a Bracknell Bumps group, working with Home-start Bracknell Forest. Home-start is a charity that supports ordinary parents in extraordinary times, and I think we can all agree that this has been an extraordinary year! This group has supported so many mums and became a lifeline for some. It helped them connect and it's been lovely to hear that they are now managing to meet face to face as well as continuing online. We expanded the group to include the mums with their babies as we wanted to stay connected and we still meet weekly. As a midwife I know how important these connections are and I am keen to expand this to help reach expectant mums in Ascot and the surrounding areas.

One of the benefits of joining the group is keeping up to date with current maternity guidelines in the local area and having time to discuss different topics. We discuss all things about birth and beyond as well as exercise and nutrition in pregnancy. As a local trainer it has also been fantastic to welcome some of these women into my outdoor or online classes and again see them connecting and making friends with other mums.

So, if you live in Ascot or the surrounding area and are currently



pregnant please get in touch, you can join my free closed Facebook group and cuppa and chat sessions that are run on Zoom. I would love to hear what sorts of topics you would like discussed and have also got lots of contacts and info I can share with you. But my overall aim is to keep you connected and able to meet other expectant mums or new mums in the area as this is still such a difficult time to be pregnant, or a new mum.

You can request to join my free facebook group at [www.facebook.com/berniceascot](https://www.facebook.com/berniceascot) or message me via email [bfitascot@outlook.com](mailto:bfitascot@outlook.com), there are also links to the group on [www.bfitascot.co.uk](https://www.bfitascot.co.uk)

Bernice Littleboy



## COVID EXPRESSED - THE NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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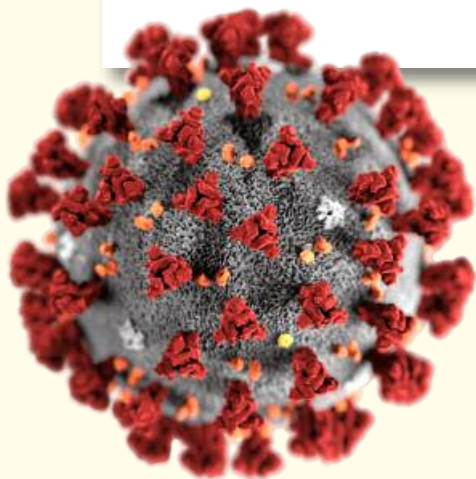
Schools open, schools close; some in and some out  
no exams if you're Welsh, is that a fair shout.  
Are we not all key workers when put to the test  
Check and trace us is surely the best.

I am socially distanced and wearing a mask  
and forbidden to visit a number of tasks  
So I stay in my bubble away from the pub  
and Zoom all my friends on my computer hub.

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If you're vulnerable and shielding, isolation is best  
but we are all exposed, so stay home and test  
a quick swab throat and nose, you'll know soon enough  
'til we all get a vaccine to call Covid's bluff.

*Duncan MacPhee*



## CHEAPSIDE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the last day of term, the children of Cheapside School were treated to a festive surprise as they left school when a fluffy flurry of snow, courtesy of a snow machine, swirled over them as they walked out of the school gates. The parents were themselves treated to Year 6 Singing Club singing carols and Christmas songs as they lined up to collect their children. The singers were really entertaining, even incorporating some of their Makaton signing skills and it brought a real flavour of festive cheer to the end of term.

The beginning of this term has not been quite what we had hoped for in schools, with

many children now learning from home, but we have been amazed at how quickly staff and families have adapted to the new online learning platform. Alongside supporting children at home via this online learning, staff are also supporting the children who are still in school each day. We appreciate that these are challenging times for our school community and we cannot wait to welcome all the children back into school in the not too distant future!

*Clare Roberts,  
Assistant Headteacher*





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

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VE DAY 1945. HOW MANY DO YOU RECOGNISE? THERE ARE TURNERS, TAYLORS, STEVENS, AND MANY WHO LIVED IN BEDFORD LANE. ANOTHER PHOTO TAKEN BY DICKIE END

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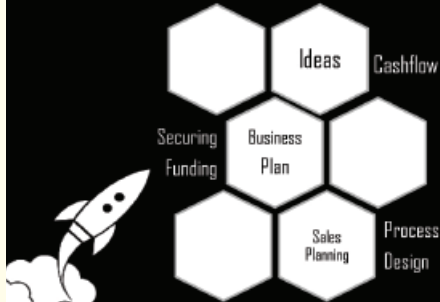
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February brings a spotlight on love and relationship, so it seems a good time to ensure we look out for those in our communities and help people stay away from romance fraudsters.

### What is romance fraud?

As with all other rogue traders and fraudsters they will seek out victims who are vulnerable in some way, and with romance fraud it is seeking to exploit the lonely in search of love or companionship.

Romance frauds happen when the victim thinks they've met the perfect partner through an online dating website, social media site or app, but the other person is using a fake profile to form a relationship with them. Trust is built up over time which eventually leads on to asking for money or enough personal information to steal their identity. This is called 'catfishing'.

According to card payment body 'UK Finance', romance scams cost the UK public £12.6 million in a single year, with over 1,400 cases reported. Only £0.6 million of the stolen money was able to be returned to the victims.

### How does it happen?

Romance fraudsters are masters of disguise, deception and manipulation and will go to great lengths to create a false reality in which an individual feels that they are making reasonable and rational decisions.

The challenge for many family and

friends of romance fraud victims is being able to disrupt the false reality created to enable the victim to see the situation for what it really is – a fraud.

### How can we all help protect victims?

Given our contacts with scam victims and community groups, Thames Valley Police have recently asked us to help share their new 'Romance Fraud e-booklet' which is a 20 page electronic booklet which we can email to you on request, giving detailed examples



of how the different types of romance fraud work. This has been developed by Thames Valley Police's Economic Crime Unit alongside Dr Elisabeth Carter, Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Forensic Linguist at the University of Roehampton.

It can be shared with individuals to empower them to make informed

decisions or discussed in your social circles or community groups to build knowledge.

You can find and save the booklet by typing this into your internet browser: [shorturl.at/oJMU7](http://shorturl.at/oJMU7).

Trading Standards' 'Friends Against Scams' is a national initiative which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering people to take a stand against scams. For more information visit

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## SUNNINGHILL RADIO!

**S**unninghill Radio is a local online radio station set up during the first lockdown by local Year 11 resident, Jackson Sanders. Broadcasting online every Saturday from 12pm to 11pm, and there is a schedule of six or seven varied weekly shows presented by other locals – including friends and family. The programmes feature great music from the 60s to current day and also include a current and local affairs phone in show, Tracking Back where a different guest each week chooses five tunes which take the listener through their life, Jazz Dance, a Saturday evening show focusing on jazz from around the world, decade specials on the 60s, 70s and 80s, great chat, quizzes and more.

Jackson explains that a couple of months into the first lockdown, he was beginning to put together radio show recordings for friends and family he couldn't see and had the time to look into it further and set the station up: "I've always wanted to be a radio presenter because of my love of music and presenting and lockdown gave me the perfect opportunity to do this. There were not many opportunities available – particularly at my age – and so setting something up was the best option."

It has not all been plain sailing though! Jackson has struggled with technical bugs, poorly presenters and failing software – as well as learning how to manage volunteers, get to grips with music licensing and ensuring the shows go on each week, but he admits that "it is very rewarding presenting my shows, producing shows for others, listening to the radio and hearing feedback from people who have

enjoyed the station."

Having ironed out most of the technical gremlins and with some new local volunteer presenters due to start broadcasting shortly, Sunninghill Radio is now looking to help raise awareness of local issues – while maintaining its overall focus on great music! There are lots of ways to get involved from calling in on issues, requesting a track, taking part in a quiz, to helping out with the running of the station.

To listen to Sunninghill Radio:  
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## NEWS FROM THE BEAT



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

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about looking out the window and being alert for any crime in the neighbourhood, it is much more than that. It serves as a valuable resource for crime prevention, in supporting the Police with things such as

local home security surveys, installing crime prevention aids in homes for the vulnerable and elderly especially, helping those vulnerable and elderly residents with any other needs, and in drawing residents together in supporting one another.

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

To search for your nearest NHW scheme, or to set up a new scheme, visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and enter your postcode. For any questions relating to Neighbourhood Watch please contact the Windsor & Ascot NHW Association at [contact@windsorascotnhwa.org.uk](mailto:contact@windsorascotnhwa.org.uk)

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## GAMBIA UPDATE

An update on our fundraising for The Gambia and the schools our churches support. We had a very successful Quiz with amazing questions set by Pami Cross. It was won by Peter and Sheila Brown who scored 39.5 out of 50, well done all. It raised over £1,000 and we sent some of the money immediately so that they got it before Christmas.



before arrival to the country and travellers will have to pay to stay in a facility awaiting another negative result. This will have a negative impact on vital tourism and inevitably result in more poverty.

The Archdeacon Mattias George Memorial School in Serrekunda need money for registration fees for the West African Examination Boards of Grade 9 and 12.

This enabled the schools to be in session as many of the children's families are now unable to pay the fees. They were able to pay the salaries of the teachers so they didn't lose them. It helped to purchase sanitizers, bleach and tissues to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible.

All three schools still have urgent needs so our fundraising must continue, The Gambia has seen a resurgence of COVID cases over the last week, four times as many cases! Entry requirements to the country are a negative test within 72 hours

The Rev JC Faye school c/o St Mary's Cathedral in Banjul need extensive repairs to buildings and electrification of the High School classrooms. The Agricultural college in Farafenni need support in developing the layer component in poultry.

Please see our *Just Giving* page for the Gambia at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/allsoulsgambia](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/allsoulsgambia)

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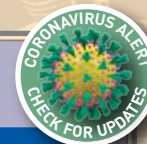
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Fiona Jones

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

## sudoku 141

The solution to Sudoku 140:

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

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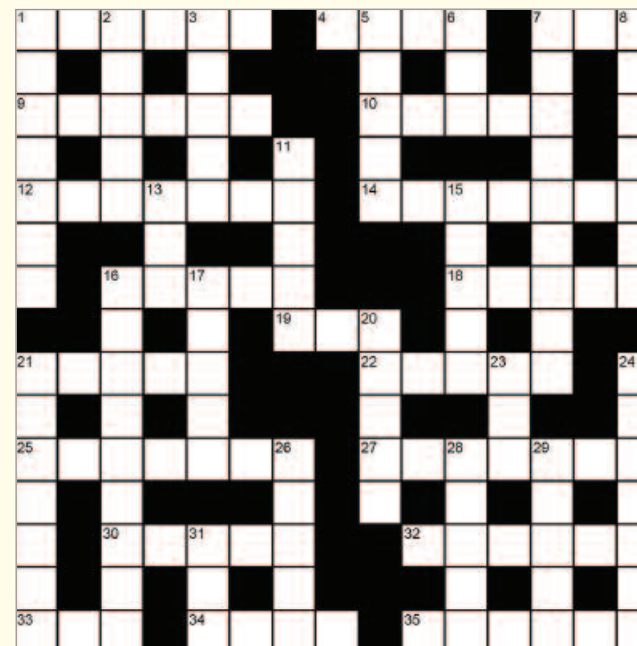
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## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM NO.201



The answers to Crossword no.201 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.200 were:

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### ACROSS

1. Boost for Prince, reportedly (6)
4. Bird left Noah's boat (4)
7. Endlessly benevolent for one's family (3)
9. Shakespeare's fairy puts honour on little Barker (6)
10. Poet dressed but not completely! (5)
12. One-step performed in Office (2,5)
14. AA hasn't cured Russian girl (7)
16. The essence of love makes earth move! (5)
18. Put out Hank's crosses (5)
19. Little 7 across comes and goes the same way (3)
21. Parasol arranged to keep in all things sun-related (5)
22. They are well-versed in writing! .... (5)
25. ... they write in South East Russia for another writer (7)
27. Doesn't like commercial poetry? (7)
30. Lullaby Ronnie included for poet (5)
32. Liven up university and take off wedding accessory (6)
33. Picnic perhaps in middle of heath (3)
34. Rose grows round love god (4)
35. Stockings without tops available for basket making? (6)

### DOWN

1. Florid Lowry painted iron (7)
2. Be incumbent on story that is tall? (3,2)
3. Perhaps Jeremy does household chore (5)
5. University dean comes over for poet (5)
6. Does Scotsman know Mr McKellar? (3)
7. Pledges to treasure these mementoes (9)
8. Cretans brew sweet drinks ... (7)
11. ... while poet prepares steak (5)
13. Beethoven wrote short one for Joy! (3)
15. Make fun of kid (5)
16. R. Theobald fixed bracket on wall - for a cricketer? (9)
17. Pam is sayer, and writer of poems (5)
20. Water the bouquet (5)
21. Assist in English chapel, hidden in Rome (7)
23. Draw neckwear (3)
24. Poet writes for Lesley H. (7)
26. Bring on drummer into the centre (5)
28. Goddess of love is out of this world! (5)
29. Veer off east to find old magistrate (5)
31. Whisky producer in East Sussex (3)







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01 Feb	Fox Covert Close	1 Cor 12.12-end	Almighty and everliving God Clothed in majesty
02	Francis Chichester Close	Luke 2.22-40	Whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
03	Friary Road	1 Cor 14.1-19	In substance of our flesh:
04	Furzebank	1 Cor 14.20-end	Grant that we may be presented to you With pure and clean hearts
05	Hancocks Mount	1 Cor 16.1-9	By your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you,
06	Heathfield Avenue	1 Cor 16.10-end	In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
07	Highclere	John 1.1-14	
08 Feb	Hilltop close	Eccles 7.1-14	Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth And made us in your image:
09	Holmes Close	Eccles 7.15-end	Teach us to discern your hand in all your works And your likeness in all your children;
10	Hurstwood	Eccles 8	Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, Now and for ever.
11	Kier Park	Eccles 9	
12	Kings Road	Eccles 11.1-8	
13	Kingswick Close	Eccles 11.9-end	
14	Kingswick Drive	Mark 9.2-9	
15 Feb	Kinross Avenue	Jeremiah 1	Almighty God Whose Son was revealed in majesty Before he suffered death on the cross;
16	Larch Avenue	Jeremiah 2.1-13	Give us grace to perceive his glory, That we may be strengthened to suffer with him And be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
17	Liddell Way (Ash Weds)	John 8.1-11	Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.
18	Llanvair Close	Jeremiah 2.14-32	
19	Llanvair Drive	Jeremiah 3.6-22	
20	London Road	Jeremiah 4.1-18	
21	Lower Village Road	Mark 1.9-15	
22 Feb	Monks Walk	Jeremiah 4.19-end	Almighty God Whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness
23	Monks Drive	Jeremiah 5.1-19	And tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
24	Monks Close	Jeremiah 5.20-end	And as you know our weakness, So that we know your power to save;
25	Murray Court	Jeremiah 6.9-21	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.
26	New Mile Cottages	Jeremiah 6.22-end	
27	Oriental Road	Jeremiah 7.1-20	
28	Oliver Road	Mark 8.31-end	



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