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FROM THE EDITOR...



We go into the Autumn without Stephen at the helm of our Church, and wonder what direction the local Parish will take as we seek a new one! We have certainly seen some changes over the last 12 years, including the extraordinary events of the last 18 months. Stephen and his wife Rachael grasped the use of technology with eager hands (whilst bringing up 3 young children) to keep our Church services in the swim. Having tried to do some things on Zoom myself, not to mention recording sermons, prayers and readings with some semblance of professionalism, I salute them both for keeping us afloat with live streaming whilst carrying out all the other duties expected of the incumbent.

Of course, we are blessed with a committed Ministry team in Sarah, Vusi, Mary and Mike (Francescon), not to mention an efficient management team in the Churchwardens, Kate, Vanessa, Aled and Sandra on whose shoulders fall the burden of Parish life over the next few months (and beyond, I expect). Well, *“plus ca change, plus c’est la meme chose”*, coined by Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr novelist and editor (1808-1890). For those of you who don’t have French O-Level, that’s “the more things change, the more they stay the same.”

And talking of exams, I see that this year’s teenagers have excelled in their GCSE results. Well done them! And I mean that – there are those who have scorned the surfeit of A stars and say that teacher assessment has led to “grade-inflation”. Well, I disagree, I can only judge the state of teenagers today by observing my 17-year old granddaughter, who is very hard-working, and is a credit to her generation (I would say that wouldn’t I? But it’s true!) I would argue that the exam system is flawed in that it is weighted in favour of those who are good at exams. It fails those who work hard all year round but freeze at the sight of an exam paper. I myself, many, many years ago did miserably in my 11+, but was able to get into one of the best Grammar Schools in the country by other means (an entrance exam which was actually more demanding than the 11+ but suited my way of looking at things – Heavens, I was a member of Mensa for several years!). Now look at me, Editor of one of the best Parish Magazines in the country!

Not only are our flowering youth good at academic work, but managed to come way from the World Sporting Event that is the Olympics, with 65 medals! 4th out of 86 countries (in fact we had more medals in all than the Japanese (65 to 58) who came third because they had a few more Golds than we did). The only countries ahead of us were China and the US (both of whom have a lot more people to choose from than Team GB).

With all the knotty problems that we face as a human race – Climate Change – wildfires, fearsome storms and floods; refugees and migration (man’s inhumanity to man); hideous and senseless crimes being committed on our streets; corruption at high levels in all societies; with all those things facing us every day, I have confidence that the new generation will make a better fist of things than we did!

And talking of great things, we are looking for a **new Advertising Manager**. Emma Gibson has served us well over the last 12 months, but has a young family and needs to give them her full attention. She has done a great job of looking after our advertisers over the last 12 months or so and we shall miss her. So, we need someone who can give it their time (not too demanding), is ok with spreadsheets and committed to the aims of our magazine. There is a small remuneration for this part time post, but not enough to give up your day job! You can work from home and fit into your busy schedule, but the editorial team would like to see you once a month for a couple of hours. Suit you? Please call me or email me (details at the back of this magazine) and we can have a chat.

Onward, ever onward, and despite what I said about nothing ever changing, we do need to change some things, and only you can do that.

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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Revd Sarah Mortimer is continuing as curate in the parish during the recruitment process for a new vicar and this month the minister's message comes from her.

Good news travels fast. What's caught your eye in the news over the summer? It's sometimes been called 'silly season' for news – government is in recess, business is operating under holiday conditions and as a result normal rules for what is newsworthy cease to apply. Instead media outlets dig deep to find the quirky stuff to talk about, rather like dredging a river and finding amongst the weeds and mud peculiar items that somehow ended up in the water.

I particularly noticed one story that had an eccentric element. We had paused on our motorway journey, failing yet again to charge our car due to the idiosyncrasies of the electric vehicle charging system, when I came across a news item about someone planning to improve the compatibility and ease of use of the charging network. Hurray! The eccentric part of the story was discovering the man was named Toddington after a service station and his older brother was Heston. I did suggest to my son that he might consider this naming scheme as inspiration for naming his first child, but he thought not!

Of course the quirky element of that story was an aside; the main point was getting ready for the government ban on new petrol and diesel cars. And actually this summer has not really been a series of slow news days; there has been

some significant reporting on the impact of climate change that has not been easy reading.

So where is the good news that is proverbially travelling so fast? Well, it needs people to carry it and just like a good joke, it's in the way you tell it. Natasha Kaplinsky's recently published *'Letters from Lockdown'* carries experiences of the pandemic – some are funny, others are sad. Yet the generous attitude and warmth of people sharing their stories is like good news woven into the fabric of the letters. And the good news for our planet is in people's concern and willingness to find hope and make a positive difference.

September is a start-up month: students start university, children start new schools or move into new classes, we start back at work after summer holidays, we start new jobs – as our vicar Stephen will do in a new place and church. Life is full of new starts. Where will the good news be? It will be in us; in what we bring to any new places and in the new we bring to the same old places. St Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians of the definitive good news shared in the story of Jesus. We can be carriers of *'faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for [us] in heaven'*. This good news, he goes on to say *'is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world'*. This autumn we can choose to be part of the 'mellow fruitfulness' of the season (Keats) weaving good news into the stories we live out.

With love and prayers,

SERVICES IN THE PARISH SEPTEMBER

We are now back to weekly in person services at both St Michael's and All Souls churches: **9:15am and 10:45am at St Michael's and at 10:30am and 4pm at All Souls.**

Staying safe: We will continue to have measures in place in both churches to keep each other comfortable and safe as we emerge from the pandemic slowly and carefully – please do talk to us about how you are feeling so we can ensure you are able to enjoy worshipping in our church buildings.

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September

9:15am INFORMAL SERVICE Every Sunday at St Michael's Church. 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 TRADITIONAL SERVICE St Michael's Church – Alternating between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, we use the traditional liturgy of the Book of Common prayer, hymns, prayers, bible readings and sermon to help sustain us spiritually week by week. 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 – We invite you to explore the adventure of faith together in our informal afternoon service at All Souls – focussed for our young people (9-15s) and their families. Contact Rev Tim Norman for more info – tim@allsoulsascot.org

SPECIAL SERVICES

26th September – **ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL** - There is **NO** service at All Souls

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- Our Facebook pages – www.facebook.com/ssaparish.org or www.facebook.com/allsoulsascot

LOOKING AHEAD

We are greatly looking forward to the return of many of our regular activities and events. These will be publicised via our weekly newsletter, website and Facebook pages as we wait for government and church guidance on their return.



MORNING PRAYER

- Please join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15am at All Souls

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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 and will be developing plans to bring our young people back together again in person over the Summer. For more information, contact sarah@ssaparish.org

PARISH LETTER

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

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11th July Phoenix Lorraine
8th August Luca Laurenzi

MARRIAGES

17th July George Thornton and Annabel Nutley
17th July Christopher Lambert and Georgette Desable

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and, together with them, pledged funds to keep Sunninghill library open. We are always busy! The successful applicant will need to have good communication skills, be computer literate (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and be happy to deal with phone calls and emails from members of the public. For more details take a look at our website at sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.co.uk or email the parish office at enquiries@s-a-pc.com

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POETRY CORNER

September is the time of year when we begin to think of Autumn, nature preparing for Winter, leaves turning, falling, animals preparing for hibernation. It is also of course a time of new beginnings, for the young people in our community, new schools offering new opportunities and experiences. Just as autumn prepares for new beginnings in the Spring. One poem which in the richness of its language describes Autumn in all its beauty and abundance is **To Autumn** by John Keats:

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun,
Conspiring with him how to load and bless,
With fruit the vines that round the thatch
eaves run.
The poem brims with fullness and colour.*

Robert Frost, was an American poet, known as the New England poet as he lived there; and many of his poems reflected the area. He was writing up to the time of his death in 1963, and in 1961, read one of his works at the inauguration of John F Kennedy. His poem only Gold can Stay is short but descriptive.

*Natures first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold, Her early leaf 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.*

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote a poem **Autumn Fires**, like all his poems it's rhythmic and easy to read.

*In the other gardens,
And all up the Vale,
From the autumn bonfires,
See the smoke trail.*

And ends:

*Sing a song of seasons
Something bright in all,
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!*

When writing about our beautiful and wonderful country, and the seasons, I am reminded of one of my American customers from the West Coast. He was fascinated by our weather and seasons as they do not experience the dramatic changes we do. He used to say you could experience four seasons in one day here.

Some autumnal poems compare Autumn to the ageing process in humans. **Sonnet 73** by William Shakespeare is one.

*When yellow leaves, or none or few do hang,
upon those boughs which shake against the
cold.
Bare ruined choirs where late the sweet birds
sang,
In thou see'st the twilight of each day.*

Another American poet Walt Whitman in his poem, wrote:

*Give me the splendid, silent sun
Give me the juicy, autumnal fruit,
Ripe and red from the orchard.
Emily Bronte expressed Autumn thus
Fall leaves fall, die flowers away,
Lengthen night and shorten day,
Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Floating from the autumn tree.*

To finish two quotes I could not omit; although not from poems. First by George Eliot,

*Delicious Autumn, my very soul is wedded
to it,
And if I were a bird I would fly about the earth
seeking the successive autumn's.*

And perhaps my favourite from Vincent Van Gogh (opposite):

*As long as Autumn lasts,
I shall not have hands, canvas and colours
enough,
To paint the beautiful things I see.*

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The victim of this fraud was called by a 'police officer', who called himself Peter Miller from the Hammersmith Police Station Fraud squad, who also mentioned a DC Burns, from his team.

Peter Miller made multiple calls on the house phone and the victim's wife's mobile. The number was always withheld. He said that the victim's wife had been the victim of a scam and that money had been removed from both their bank accounts. He asked them to check that they still had their debit cards.

The victim checked and said yes, they still had them. Peter Miller told him to put the receiver down, then pick it up again and call his bank, using the security number on the back of the card. The victim did this and really believed he was speaking to his bank. The person he was speaking to confirmed that £16,000 had been taken from their current accounts.

'The bank' said that £10k had been sent to Nigeria and the other £6k had been spent on two separate occasions at shopping centres on luxury items.

'The bank' said that they understood that these transactions were fraudulent and will collect the scammed cards, sending him and his wife new bank cards, by courier.

'Peter Miller' called that afternoon and said that he needed their help with a 'police sting' operation. He asked them to go to their bank and withdraw £4,650.

They went to their bank in Windsor, which correctly went through the Banking Protocol, as this was an unusual

withdrawal, refusing to let them withdraw the cash, so they left without the money.

When they got home, they received another phone call and were told that they were under observation. To prove it, 'Peter Miller' described their surroundings.

He told them to go to a foreign currency exchange in Windsor and withdraw £7,650 in euros. They followed the instructions, went and attempted to do this, but again, they were turned away.

They then got a taxi home and have not heard from 'Peter Miller' since. They phoned their bank and were told this was a standard scam and that, thankfully, nothing had been taken from their account.

*Jeffrey Pick
 Police, Community Engagement &
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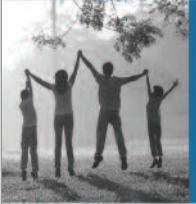
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SUNNINGHILL BROWNIES



Congratulations we're in order for South Ascot Brownies who recently had three awards to present. In this socially distanced photo is Elizabeth, our first Brownie to achieve her Bronze award. This was especially challenging during lockdown and she now has her sights set on Silver!

Also pictured are both our Young Leaders who have achieved their Young Leader Qualification and are planning to start their Adult Leadership Qualification next. Many congratulations everyone!

*Ruth Bannerman
 2nd South Ascot Brownies*





A very busy and outdoorsy end to the Summer Term for all groups. The highlights for the Beavers and Cubs sections were getting out on the Thames with Katakanuing and Raft Building and both sections proving their bravery at Go Ape! The Beavers had some harder work to do on Map Reading and Navigation and the Cubs worked towards their World Challenge Badge. Also well done Akela - 2 more Silver Awards for Cubs too for Ailsa and Millie - congratulations!

The New Hut

After spending 2020 fundraising and then refurbishing the Scout Hut, 1st South Ascot Hut has been officially opened by Tim Kidd OBE, UK Chief Commissioner for the Scout Association. The opening ceremony was attended by Nigel Bevan, County Commissioner and Steve Richards, District Commissioner.

Tim praised the work of the volunteers involved in fundraising for the refurbishment of the hut which will guarantee that not only the current group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers but future generations can enjoy all that the Scouting movement has to offer in South Ascot. Tim recognised that having a refurbished facility is a wonderful asset to 1st South Ascot Scout Group but it was the volunteers involved in running the Scout Group who were the most important resource. Epitomising this sentiment is Group Scout Leader for 1st South Ascot, Fiona Jones, who was presented with her 10 year length of service award for her contribution to the Scouting movement. Lauren Harrage has been with 1st South Ascot Scout Group since she was in the Beavers and was presented with her 9 year award; she has moved through the sections and is now in the newly formed Explorers Section.

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, heaters installed. The front and back garden have also been landscaped but there is a need for a patio/terrace area so use of the outside space can be maximised. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers have all got their thinking caps on to come up with new fundraising activities.

Thanks so much for everyone who has contributed including Ascot Racecourse, Gigawatt Ltd, the Parish Council, All Souls Church and many, many more including all on the sponsors and volunteers who made it happen.

The Scout Hut is available for use by other community groups.

1st South Ascot Scout Hut is on Church Road, South Ascot. Beavers, which is for 6 to 8 year old boys and girls, meet on a Tuesday from 5:45-6:45pm. Cubs, for 8 to 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, please email 1stsouthascotscoutgroup@gmail.com.

For more information about the refurbishment project, please contact Fiona Jones, Group Scout Leader, on 1stsouthascotscoutgroup@gmail.com

1st South Ascot Scout Group are still actively fundraising to landscape the back garden and any donations are gratefully received at www.justgiving.com/1st-southascot-scouts

Enjoy the end of the Summer!

*James Brown
Beaver Leader*



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Well, this has been another unprecedented year at schools across the country. We have been truly amazed by the strength and resilience shown by all the children, staff and parents at Cheapside School and together we have made it through a year of 'bubbles', social distance and online learning.

Over the Summer Term, we reinstated as much 'normality' as possible: some of the children returned to eating in the school hall at our brand new tables; we held both an Infants and a Juniors Sports Day, sadly with no parents able to attend but enjoyed by all nonetheless; we held our final whole school assembly of the year on the field celebrating the achievements of all the children and saying goodbye to those who were leaving us this year.

We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 Class and their teacher, Mrs Hayden, all of whom are moving on to pastures new - they made sure that they departed in style. The children managed to fit in a residential trip to Mill on the Brue in Somerset at the beginning of July, rehearse and film an ambitious end-of-year show of Peter Pan and then put together a Leavers' Assembly which they performed to a live, socially distanced audience of parents on the school playground – a truly impressive feat in challenging circumstances. Well done, Owl Class!

It was also time to say goodbye to some other familiar faces at school, including Claire Summers, who has been at Cheapside School for 18 years in various guises but most recently as Assistant Headteacher and also, of course, to our vicar Stephen. We wish all our leavers well - staff and children



- as they embark on new ventures.

The children in Year 6 wrote prayers for all the staff including this one for Stephen:

*Dear Lord,
We thank you for looking over us all these years. Now please watch over our vicar, Stephen, in his journey away from Cheapside. We have all loved his assemblies and we thank him for giving up his time each week. We wish him luck in his journey ahead.
Amen.*

*Clare Roberts,
Assistant Headteacher*

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DAVID GINGER

APPOINTING A NEW VICAR IN THE PARISH OF SUNNINGHILL AND SOUTH ASCOT

The Reverend Stephen Johnson's last Service as Vicar of the Parish of Sunninghill and South Ascot took place on 25th September. Friends from congregations at both St Michael's in Sunninghill and All Souls in South Ascot gathered together to worship with him for the last time. It was both moving and celebratory of Stephen's 12 years of service in the parish as we wished him and the family a fond



farewell and every good wish for his work in his new parish. After the Service there was a wonderful party which was started off in fine style with a tribute from the joint choir in honour of the very special contribution made by Stephen and his wife Rachael to the music of both churches.

In the last magazine, we asked you – as residents of the Parish – to answer a questionnaire as we very much wanted the



community to have an opportunity to have a say about the role of the Churches in our communities. The responses – we had 18 sent to us – will be helpful in describing how the Churches can meet needs and expectations in the future as part of the Parish Profile which forms the main document as we look to appoint a new Vicar. Our thanks to all those who took the trouble to get in touch.

The Churchwardens





ST MICHAEL'S AND ALL SOULS' JOINT CHOIRS ON THE OCCASION OF VICAR STEPHEN JOHNSON'S LAST SERVICE, 25th JULY

MIKE CROSS

ALPHA - TO COME

A VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

As I write this, we are still waiting for our second heatwave to arrive, it's currently pouring with rain and whilst it's keeping everything very green and growing like topsy, I'm keen for it to stop so I can enjoy sitting in my garden!

Back in March I shared that my lawn was looking very sad and that I had purchased some Evergreen weed control lawn food. Well, I applied it, I scarified the lawn and aerated it and then reseeded the patches where I had removed so much moss! I'm happy to share it has worked, my lawn has never looked better, so I am encouraged to apply an autumn lawn feed!

The vegetable garden has been producing well, we had a great crop of strawberries, and the broad beans produced a huge crop, I've frozen some for later in the year. The mange tout also cropped heavily, those plants exhausted themselves and I've planted some more seeds, I think I've time to have another crop later in the year. We also harvested 2lbs of gooseberries from one little bush, they were unusually very sweet and made a delicious crumble.



Everything had been growing very well, then a deer managed to find its way into the garden. It's happily eaten our runner beans and french beans, the tops of the beetroot and carrots, the lower growing strawberry plants, leaves on the potted fruit trees and some of my roses, cute they may be, but I prefer seeing them in their more natural habitat. We found the sneaky gap where he got in and it is now blocked up, beans replanted so still waiting for our first crop!

I have lots of clematis in the garden and found they particularly grow well with roses, having a natural support they can wind themselves through, they seem to like each other. I'm sharing two this

month, one is called Blue Angel and is growing in partial shade. It flowers from June to October and is fully hardy. It's so pretty its soft blue flowers almost look like tissue paper. This is a group 3 clematis. In early spring cut back the previous year's stems to a pair of strong buds 6-8 inches above ground level and apply a slow-release fertiliser and mulch around the plant. The other is called Sunset



BROAD BEANS



CLEMATIS BLUE ANGEL



CLEMATIS SUNSET

which has velvety crimson flowers with yellow centres. This is a group 2 and should be pruned in late winter or early spring and after the first flush of flowers in early summer. Remove dead or weak stems before growth begins, and then check individual stems from the top down until you reach a healthy pair of buds. Avoid heavy pruning or flowers will be lost. Or leave unpruned and then hard prune them

to 1-3 feet from the base every three or four years in late winter.

Last year I started some Echinacea from seed, it starts to flower in it's second year. It's also known as Purple Cone Flower. It's easy to grow and flowers in late summer, bees and butterflies like them, I rushed out to take a photo of a Red Admiral butterfly on this one, but it had flown away before I had chance. You may have come across this used in herbal remedies.

Now is the time to start thinking about spring bulb planting, we have from mid-September to the end of November or before the first frosts to plant them. Early flowering bulbs such as daffodils and crocus are best planted by the end of September. Generally spring flowering bulbs are well suited to a sunny patch in rich, well-draining soil. Why not have a community or street bulb planting day!

Michelle Batt



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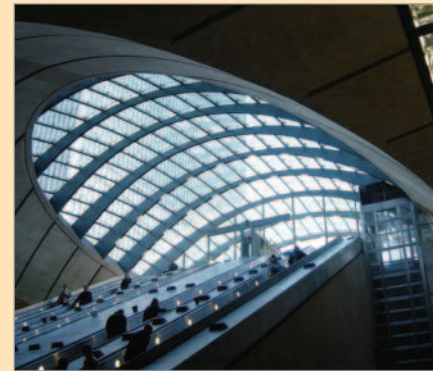
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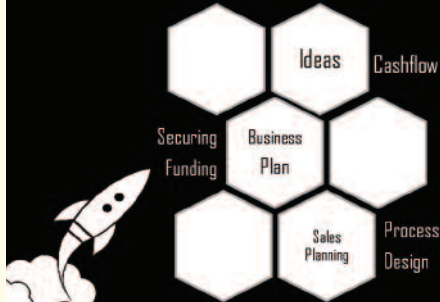
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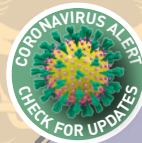
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Fiona Jones



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All you need to do is to fill in all of the 81 squares in the puzzle so that each column of 9, each row of 9 and each 3 x 3 square includes every number from 1-9. No prizes – just an enormous amount of satisfaction! Well done if you noticed that we accidentally printed last month's solution alongside the puzzle!

The solution to Sudoku 147:

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2	8	3	6	5	1	9	7	4
5	6	7	8	4	9	3	1	2
6	7	9	5	8	4	1	2	3
3	5	8	9	1	2	7	4	6
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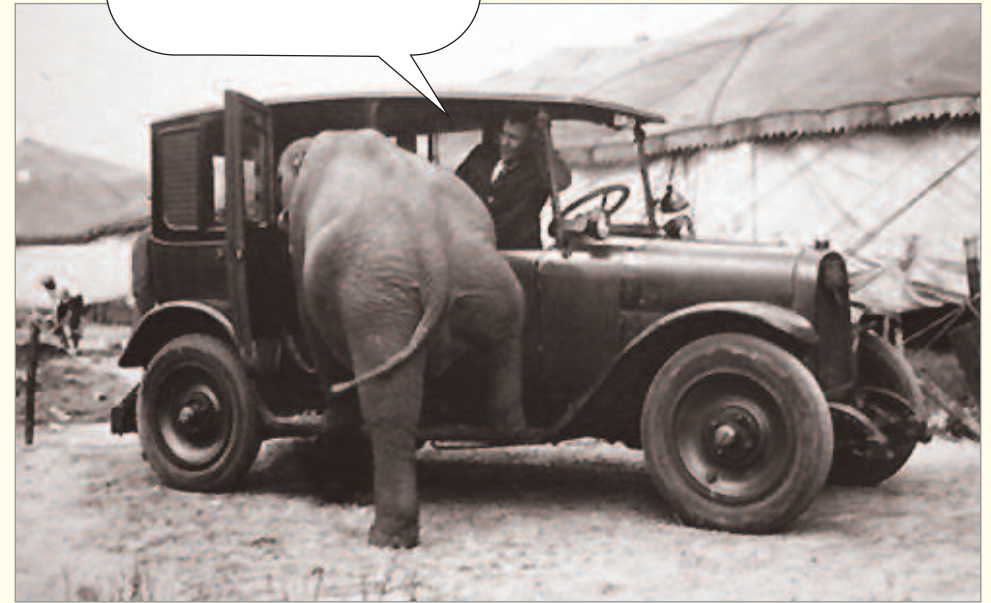
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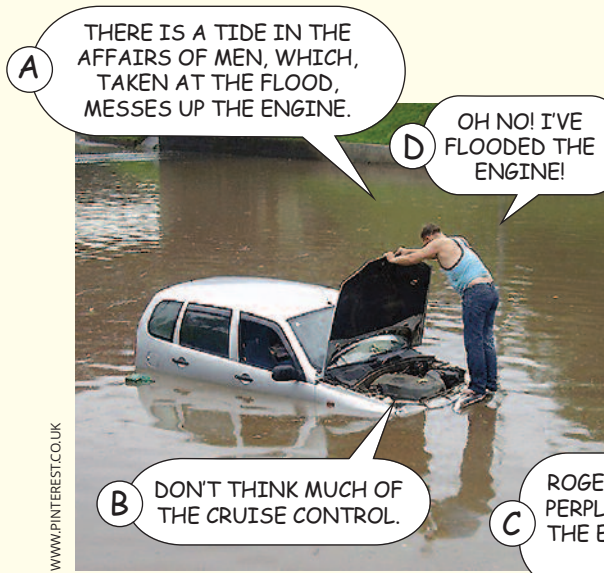
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A THERE IS A TIDE IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN, WHICH, TAKEN AT THE FLOOD, MESSES UP THE ENGINE.

D OH NO! I'VE FLOODED THE ENGINE!

B DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE CRUISE CONTROL.

C ROGER'S WIFE LOOKED ON PERPLEXED AS HE CHECKED THE ENGINE WATER LEVEL ONCE AGAIN.

▲ Can anyone suggest what might have been said? Entries to the Deputy Editor: Roger Kohn, Shrubshill Cottage, London Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 0JZ or email: rogerkohn@talktalk.net
* to reach us no later than Thursday 16th September please.

◀ There were floods of contributions to the last caption competition. Congratulations to our joint winners: Stewart McNair (A), Harry Fitz (B), Laura Rae (C) and Steve Heathcote (D). Commendations go to Vanessa Cummings, Carole Stapley, Michael Weeden, Ann Milam, Martin Webb, Chris Evagorou and Alan Granados.

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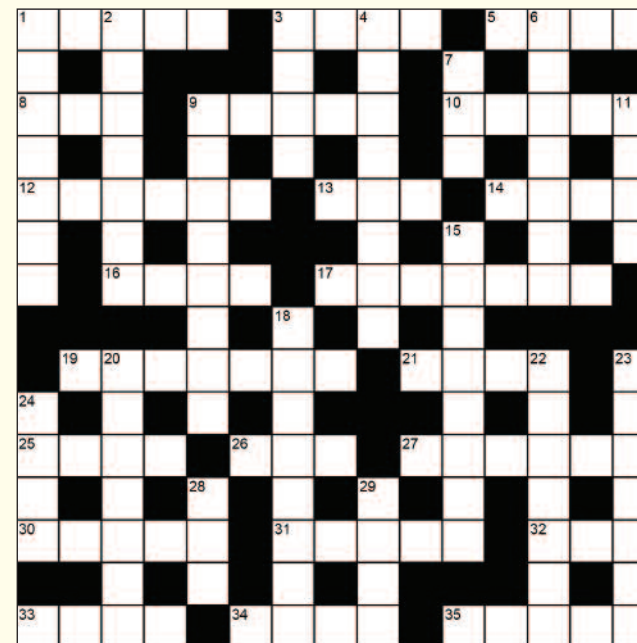
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The answers to Crossword no.207 will be published in the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.206 were:

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*This month's puzzle
Is hard I think.
The first three clues
Create a stink!*

ACROSS

1. Nothing dismal but causes a stink (5)
3. Spilt cola, coke perhaps (4)
5. Advance on one's own, it's said (4)
8. A little nightingale might drift endlessly (3)
9. Reportedly posted perfume (5)
10. Strong spirit found in Sutton Hoo chest (5)
12. Area of water lost its name to Coco (5)
13. Copy large bird that isn't late (3)
14. Centre of sponge may smell like this! (4)
16. Firstly take all lovely citrusy powder (4)
17. Ask Mags about protection against a putrid 14 (3,4)
19. Passed right over jams, for example (7)
21. Lamb produces ointment (4)
25. It's fine for the artist to depict lady's finger (4)
26. Bug flew off sweet but left a bad smell (3)
27. Mixed dirt up. How disgusting! (6)
30. Take the waters in Rome? (5)
31. A little outline (5)
32. Milly is not my problem (3)
33. Honk when turning from left to right on Welsh emblem (4)
34. Aftershave mostly for an animal (4)
35. Kind of mint with a sharp taste? (5)

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1. Old language details the smells of something (7)
2. Tandoor built to produce a particular smell (7)
3. Henley Regatta haircut? (4)
4. Fall like this nowadays (8)
6. Our doos creating a stink! (7)
7. Reserved fairground stall (3)
9. Unfortunately miller is less fragrant! (8)
11. Whiffy at the top? (4)
15. Initially, Ursula spread Marmite - green! (8)
18. Readjust place for insurance worker (8)
20. Sweet smell of 1,3 and 5 across? (7)
22. Sounds like Mum may spread this on toast (7)
23. Twist the first red lid on small fry (7)
24. Spanish painter who used to make perfume (4)
28. Reportedly spoils king (3)
29. Ancient Mariner for example sprinkles a little tanginess initially (4)

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01	Heatherwood	Psalm 136	Lord, I am only one, but I am one I can't do everything: I can do something. What I can do I ought to do; And what I ought to do I will do, In the strength of Christ my Lord
02	Doctors	Psalm 138	
03	Dentists	Psalm 145	
04	Podiatrists	Psalm 148	
05	Pharmacies	Mark 7.14-end	O gracious and holy Father, Give us wisdom to perceive thee Diligence to seek thee, Patience to wait for thee, Eyes to behold thee, A heart to meditate on thee, And a life to proclaim thee Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus.
06	Nurses	Psalm 4	
07	Mental health teams	Psalm 9	
08	Schools	Luke 6.20-26 (Mary)	
09	Preschools	Psalm 18	
10	Nurseries	Psalm 22	
11	Home educators	Psalm 24	
12	Further education	Mark 8.27-end	Lord, make us instruments of thy peace Where there is hatred let us sow love; Where there is injury pardon; Where there is doubt faith; Where there is despair hope; Where there is darkness light; Where there is sadness joy; For thy mercy and truth's sake.
13	Sports Clubs	Psalm 26	
14	Racecourse	John 3.13-17 (Holy Cross)	
15	Parks	Psalm 34	
16	Libraries	Psalm 39	
17	Halls	Psalm 35	
18	Churches	Psalm 45	
19	Care homes	Mark 9.30-37	Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ For all the benefits which thou hast given us, For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us, O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, May we know thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, And follow thee more nearly, day by day.
20	Sheltered accomm	Psalm 47	
21	Day Centre	Matt 9.9-13 (Matthew)	
22	Volunteers	Psalm 59	
23	Uniformed orgs	Psalm 61	
24	Hairdressers	Psalm 38	
25	Florists	Psalm 35	
26	Vets	Mark 9.38-end	Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us And not what we deserve; And as thou hast called us to thy service Make us worthy of our calling Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
27	Supermarkets	Psalm 72	
28	Politicians	Psalm 74	
29	Banks	John 1.47-end (Michael)	
30	Other shops	Psalm 78	


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