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From the editor

Well, this is my last issue as editor. I can honestly say I've thoroughly enjoyed it. For me, doing the parish mag has been a great way to get into the local community. There are so many people out there, each one with a wonderful story to tell or interesting perspective to share. And there's lots going on too. A plethora of clubs, societies and charities who add so much richness to our parish. Not forgetting of course, the brilliant businesses who serve us and - in the mag's case - advertise with us. There wouldn't be a News & Views without you. At the time of writing we still need an editor to project manage the magazine. The design for this issue has been done by a young lad of 14 years. You see. Anything's

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H ello everyone. I hope you were all able to enjoy the summer. Did you manage to find space to rest and relax?

There is much rightly calling for our attention, including various serious world events. Amongst the chaos of life, we need calm, we need restoration, a place to find focus and hope.

This summer we experienced two heatwaves. They made for some lovely evenings, wonderful sunsets, and delightful twilight swimming during my holiday, however, the heat also brought widespread discomfort, water-shortage, and wildfires.

We discovered, during our new initiative 'Forest Church' that an excellent place to find relief from the heat was the cool shade amongst the trees.

On one of the hottest days, we met in the woods around St John the Baptist, Okewood. The temperature was reaching 35c, yet the woodland was cool and welcoming.

Trees play a key role in the story of God. They frame the narrative, featuring prominently in the first and last bible stories.

They symbolise God's lifegiving and healing presence. The final story offers the wonderful picture of the 'tree of life', 'yielding its fruit every month', with leaves used 'for the healing of the nations'.

I encourage us all to spend some time amongst the trees. As well as the refreshing woodland that surrounds our beautiful villages, we can spend deliberate time in God's nourishing and restorative presence.

Join us at church. Come to Forest Church. Reach out to God and seek the life, hope and direction he promises to all.

Find out more about church services on pages 31 and 45 later in this magazine.



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Clockwise from the top: Saturday 4th saw two Ewhurst Players' performances of Majesty, an anthology written by Mike Fanya; The Fabnobs get the party started at Ewhurst rec; A flower festival at Ewhurst church was a real treat, with displays from various clubs and societies; Parishioners in Forest Green add a cheeky twist to their village celebrations.

Jubilant Jubilee!

In the last *News & Views*, the Jubilee was full of promise. Several events were being showcased that would mark the 70th year of our Queen's reign. A walk hosted by Ewhurst LEAP, a free



Felix and Chris stoke up the barbecue at the Jubilee Party, Ewhurst Village Club where hundreds came to enjoy an afternoon of food and fun.

FabNobs concert, a Jubilee Party at Ewhurst Club, a Flower Festival at Ewhurst church, a Clubs & Socs morning at the Glebe, a peel of the bells, a dramatic performance from Ewhurst Players, all topped off with selforganised Street Parties. In Walliswood and Forest Green there were family fun days and afternoon teas advertised. The parish was expectant. Would it all go smoothly? Would the weather hold?

Well, not least thanks to pretty good preplanning by various councils, it all went off rather well. There wasn't too much. There wasn't too little. And the sun was out until Sunday, and even then only a few spots of rain fell (oh, how we wish we could have them now!). It was a thoroughly good tribute to Her Majesty.

With a perfectly balanced local programme, there was also time to join with the nation to watch the fantastic telly that was on. Elizabeth: The Unseen Queen (with rare or never-before-seen footage of our wonderful monarch), The Trooping Of The Colour, The Queen's Birthday Parade, Jubilee Thanksgiving Service, The Crown Jewels (Clive Myrie talks to the Queen about her expensive jewellery), the Platinum Party at The Palace and The Platinum Jubilee Pageant. And whatever you thought of the palace party, who can forget the introduction, when Her Majesty gave a brilliant comic performance alongside Paddington Bear. We found out where Liz keeps her marmalade sandwiches.

What a weekend it was. And worth marking here. The parish honoured our amazing monarch with pride and panache! God save our gracious Queen!



Jubilee events throughout the parish raised several thousands of pounds for charity.



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How's your empathy?

WILL SHEPHERD REVIEWS A BOOK THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE

IT MATTERS, AND HOW TO GET 17

ROMAN KRZNARIC

Could immersing yourself in the lives of others actually be the answer to a

fulfilled life?

M any books make you think. Some shape your opinion. But few genuinely change your behaviour. Empathy by Roman Krznaric is as close it gets.

We know we should think of others. We know the golden rule, "Do as you would be done by". But Krznaric takes things further. He thinks we shouldn't do unto others as we would have done to ourselves. No. He says real empathy means immersing ourselves fully and imaginatively into another person's experience, so

much so that we begin to understand how best to relate to them. Often how we want to be treated isn't the best way to treat others. The Platinum Rule is rather: Treat others how they best need or want to be treated. And that takes radical empathy.

Krznaric argues that by training our empathic nature, we can create a revolution in human relationships. "Why not be daring and travel into the life of another person, and see how it affects who you are and who you want to be? Rather than asking yourself 'Where can I

go next?', ask, 'Whose shoes can I stand in next?"

Peppered throughout the book are some

compelling case studies of empathic people. One that stood out was the story of bourgeois British social reformer Beatrice Webb who, in researching poverty, took a job as seamstress in a London wharf. She lasted four days. Yet the article she wrote called 'Pages From A Work-Girls Diary' caused a sensation. It also changed her life. She spent the rest of her days campaigning against sweatshops and the

'gigantic and cruel experiment' of the Industrial Revolution.

It's this power of empathy to change us for the better that gets Kraznic excited. So much so that he pronounces empathy as the next evolutionary step for humankind. With years of research under his belt, he says, "'Looking after number one' is becoming an outdated aspiration as we begin to realise that empathy is at the core of being human". Homo empathicus is the vision for our species, Krznaric claims. See if you agree. Give it a read.



The Swifts

A POEM BY ROBIN STRIDE

Here they come! Chasing the days With the squeal of summer. Wheeling, peeling, Screaming, gleaming, Skimming sky, Creaming cloud, Swirling, whirling. Jet black Tandem teamwork Making a clean sweep Through the heavens. Nifty drifters, Scything machines. Twisting wing stars, Dodging darts. Amazing arts! Controlled patrol, Nip 'n tuck, Dip 'n duck. A circling circus of Flashing fliers, Dashing criers, Swiping skies Clean of flies. Eavesdropping. Lofty expectations. Groundless possibilities. Poised to pounce, Enthralling, stalling, Fooling and falling. Whoosh and slow, To and fro, Stop and go. Swooping low, Whish - they're above! Wish these ones we love. Such faithful sojourners, Were less rapid returners. We crane our necks. Now distant specks... It's a swift exit.



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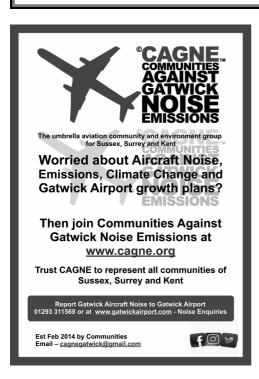
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Let me drum it into you

LOCAL PERCUSSION LEGEND BILL BRUFORD BUSTS SOME MYTHS ABOUT PLAYING DRUMS

1. It's intensely physical. The practice of any musical instrument requires a good deal of physical control and perhaps even some stamina, but drums no more so than other

instruments. If you want 'physical', try acoustic bass, or blowing a saxophone, or standing all day with a violin under your chin. I eternally try to encourage beginners to play quietly on their drum set. Quick and light is much harder than slow and heavy. Besides, the drummer sits down for a couple of hours at the gig.



Bill back in the 70s plays in legendary band Yes. Today, Bill has put down the sticks and has recently completed a PhD in Music from the University of Surrey.

electronic drums make excellent practice surfaces. Electronic drums found a huge market in Japan precisely because they could be played in small Japanese apartments with paper-thin

walls without disturbing the neighbours. Plus, the innocuous pattering of sticks on a practice pad or electronic set is immediately drowned out by the scraping of your sister on violin or brother on trumpet — both of which must be played naturally to produce a decent tone.

4. You can't play

drums on your own. The virtual world has seen an end to that. Some 'stayhome' YouTube drummers have a burgeoning career catering for other drummers through online drum instruction. Others offer dazzling feats of technical dexterity. Drum shops sell dozens of kits to hobbyist drummers who like nothing better than to relax by putting on the headphones and playing along to their favourite tracks at home.

2. It's all about hitting things. Well, it's all about striking things, but then so is a piano, another percussion instrument. Striking something with intent to extract the most appropriate sound is not the same as hitting something as hard as possible.

3. You can't practise at home without deafening others. Not true: phone books, practice pads, pillows and

→ 5. Drums aren't musical instruments. Try telling that to the huge proportion of the world's population for whom rhythm – and the drum – are the bedrock of their musical culture: our Indian, Chinese, and African friends for a start. The usual evidence brought forward to support this is that drums 'have no pitch'. On the contrary, drums are 'semidefinitely' pitched. The ear discerns one drum to be of a higher pitch than another. Those indefinite pitches require selection by the performer and affect the music

6. Drummers are not musicians.

A a common myth is that drummers don't need to know how music works. Not true: many drummers play a second instrument to a standard often better than other instrumentalists play drum kit, if only to write songs on it. There's a bloke called Phil Collins...

7. Studying drums will compromise your studies. Possibly so, but those hours, if not wasted, will likely boost academic achievement. There is growing literature on the multiple benefits of studying any musical instrument, among which are listed improvements in co-ordination, discipline, confidence, attention to fine detail, application to the task in hand, and patience. All these qualities and skills transfer easily to academic study: no hour spent honestly in deliberate practice on a drum kit is ever wasted.

8. It'll damage your hearing.

I played for half a century and my hearing is average for a man of my age. These days affordable in-ear monitoring offers a level of control such that you can have whatever you want in your ears at whatever level you want it. Sure, the drums sound great if you turn your monitoring up to oblivion, but with that flattery comes potential eardamage. You need to think about it.

9. Drummers are stupid. Careful now: I have a PhD. As do British drumming-academics Dr. Mark Doffman, Dr. Gareth Dylan Smith, Dr. Matthew Brennan, and Australian Dr. Grant Collins, to name a few. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that, in parallel with other musical instruments, drumming may be beneficial to the brain and mind.

10. Drumming will make you rich. In monetary terms? Highly unlikely. In friends, experiences, and improved cognitive skills? Almost inevitable.

So there we are. Now go and get those tubs and quit worrying!



Bill has recently released his career box-set 'Bill Bruford: Making a Song and Dance'.

References for previous work carried out are available on request



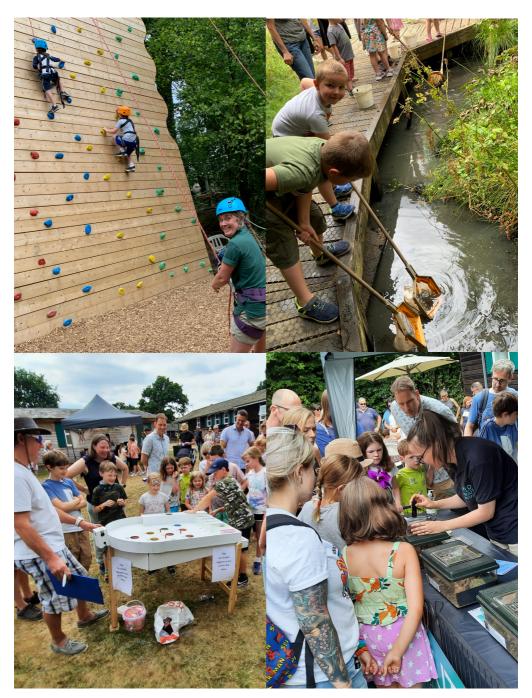
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Clockwise from the top: 1) The new Sayers Croft climbing tower was a massive hit on the day. 2) Ponding dipping was as fun for the kids as it was nostalgic for the adults. 3) Examining wildlife up close. 4) Beating the bagatelle.

Family Fun Day

JANE HARRY REPORTS ON A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP WITH SAYERS CROFT

W e're happy to report that the Family Fun Day - a brainwave of The Friends of St Peter & St Paul

(FSPSP) and conducted in partnership with Sayers Croft - was a huge success, both for the families who attended and in terms of the almost £6000 raised for charity.

On Saturday 30th July at 12 noon and with the sun shining, Sayers Croft

opened their gates for the community to come and try out some of their activities, while enjoying other attractions provided by FSPSP - these included displays, a massive raffle, refreshments and music from Cranleigh Folk Club.

FSPSP worked hard to make sure the event was well publicised. Sayers Croft staff were excellent and helpers from the Friends made sure the day ran smoothly.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from local businesses and the many people who came to enjoy the day, the event raised almost £6000 towards the £200,000 needed for urgent repairs to the South Transept roof at St Peter & St

Paul's church Ewhurst.

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Beware the Bluetooth burglar!

MARK ELSON-DEW SHARES A USEFUL SECURITY TIP

H ave you ever left a computer or iPad hidden in your car under a shelf or in the glove compartment? If so, think again.

My wife Amanda and I were recently invited to dinner in a restaurant close to **High Street** Kensington in London. We were delighted to find a parking space in a residential side road close to the restaurant.

I had come straight from work and so had

my computer in a black bag along with my diary and other items. I quietly hid it under the front seat of the car with my dark jacket over it. With the tinted windows of the car, it was impossible to see it from outside.

Later that evening we returned to find disaster! - our back window smashed with glass everywhere and the bag gone.

We drove home to Surrey along the A3 (with plenty of natural air conditioning) mystified as to how the thieves had

known the bag was there. Had someone been watching from one of the flats as we parked the car?



Find out more about how to protect against scanner thefts, google "Bluetooth scanner car-thefts'

A few weeks later all was explained. I met a London magistrate who said, "Oh that's simple". She explained that gangs of thieves operate in the Kensington area armed with Bluetooth devices which can tell whether a computer or iPad is inside a car however well concealed it may be.

First a 'spotter' on a motorbike drives down the row of parked cars with his handheld device and makes a note of any cars with computers in them. Then they drive away and are followed up by someone in a car who smashes the victim's window and steals the device.

So there you are. Simple. I don't know if this is a danger in the public car parks of Cranleigh or Horsham, but if it isn't I am sure it soon will be Reware!



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The West Wing

WHEN IT COMES TO RE-READING BOOKS AND WATCHING MOVIES MORE THAN ONCE, WHERE DO YOU STAND? SIMON FRASER WANTS TO KNOW.



If you've never seen The West Wing, you're missing out on one of the finest TV series ever made. Created and written (initially) by Aaron Sorkin, The West Wing ran for seven seasons between 1999 and 2006. Available on All 4.

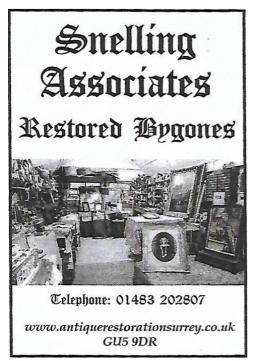
o you regard a rewatch as time wasted or more like revisiting an old friend? I'm definitely in the latter camp, as there are books I will happily re-read over and over again (e.g. The Day of the Jackal and The Nine Tailors) and movies of which I never tire, such as Field of Dreams and What's Up, Doc?

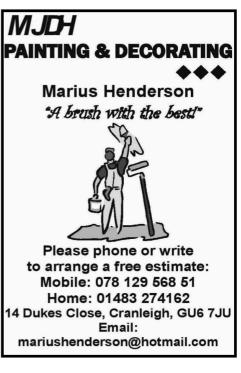
As for television, there are numerous comedy series I will happily rewatch (Frasier, Porridge, Yes Minister) but when it comes to drama, there's really only one - The West Wing.

If you've never seen it, you're missing out on one of the finest TV series ever

made. Created and written (initially) by Aaron Sorkin, The West Wing ran for seven seasons between 1999 and 2006 and focuses on the men and women working in the West Wing of the White House for Democratic President Josiah (Jed) Bartlet. Donald Trump he most definitely is not. Bartlett is smart, clever and witty. Hell, everyone in the programme is smart, clever and witty. While watching some episodes, you just find yourself asking "Why can't I live in a world where everyone effortlessly throws zingers at each other and always has the perfect exit line ready and waiting?" And they don't stand still to do it. The West Wing is where the







→ phrase "walk and talk" came from, thanks to the numerous lengthy tracking shorts that follow two or more characters negotiating corridors, offices, stairs and kitchens all while debating oil tariffs or election strategies. During the walks, other characters will join and leave the conversation in a perfectly choreographed dance while - and this is perhaps the most important bit – the poor Steadicam operator is filming the entire sequence while walking backwards. Ginger did everything Fred did, but backwards and in heels? She should have tried it carrying several kilos of very expensive kit.

The programme had an interesting start in life. Back in 1995, Aaron Sorkin wrote a film called The American President. Directed by Rob Reiner (who also directed When Harry Met Sally, Misery and The Princess Bride) and starring Michael Douglas and Annette Bening, it was all about a widowed president trying to date an

environmental lobbyist while trying to govern the free world and get various bills through congress. Sorkin's original script clocked in at around seven hours, so many storylines and ideas were dropped – only to be resurrected for The West Wing.

It's difficult to single out any particular performances, but you've got to love Richard Schiff's wonderfully grumpy Toby Ziegler, the Head of Communications and Allison Janney's C.J. Cregg, the Press Secretary (who ends up as Chief of Staff). And of course, there's Martin Sheen's President Bartlet, which was originally intended to be a cameo part with only occasional appearances. They pretty quickly changed that, and rumour has it that in one survey during the latter stages of the George W Bush administration, the American public said they'd prefer to have Bartlet as their real president. Go watch it, vou'll love it.

Valliswood Events 2022

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Halloween Family Fun Monday 31st October 4.00pm - 5.30pm

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Saturday 3rd December

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New Parish Info Booklet

The Friends of St Peter & St Paul charity has liaised with Ewhurst and Ellens Green Parish Council, to produce an Information Booklet for the civic parish. Volunteers from the Friends collected and collated the information and the Parish Council paid for the printing.



The Friends organised delivery to households in Ewhurst & Ellens Green. (If you are in the civic parish of Ewhurst & Ellens Green and have not received an Information Booklet, please contact our secretary) We hope the booklet is proving useful for people. Delivery will continue to any new household in the civic parish and will give a good introduction to what our community is all about.



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100 years in Ewhurst



Mr Roy Pobgee has been a Ewhurst resident all his life. And on 14th June this year that life became 100 years long! Here is Roy, pictured, celebrating at the Old Rectory care home. Roy, we salute you. And hopefully we can get your story in a future issue.

Parish Prayer Walk



On 23rd July, Christians from around the parish met to walk and pray on a prescribed route. The walk was led by lain Cooper and fully supported by Reverend Clare. One walker commented, "It was great to be inspired by the locations, which allowed us to add richness and specificity to our prayers." Look out for the next one if you believe in the power of prayer.



OKEWOOD HILL FLOWER SHOW 2022. It was a scorcher of a day this year, but still well attended. Pictured clockwise from the top: 1) Kids set off in the sack race; 2) Lots of local produce was on offer including these Alcoholic Jams. 3) Seb Dew wins the Trotter Cup for Best In Class Rose with the 'Honey' variety.









Two of the many gardens open to the public this year. The two-day event raised over £6,000 which will be donated to organisations in Ewhurst that support youth activities as well as the village school and church.

A secret success

THE EWHURST SECRET GARDENS TOUR 2022 WAS A TRIUMPH, REPORTS SUE HANDLEY

A fter two years of lockdown the lure of a day out visiting beautiful gardens was irresistible and people flocked to Ewhurst for our 25th Open

Gardens weekend.

Several new gardens were open this year in the lower part of the village revealing beautifully planned and tended spaces that no one knew were hidden behind hedges and fences.

How lucky we are to have a village so full

of keen and talented gardeners that each year we are able to include new gardens as well as some old favourites. This year we were also blessed with good weather - always a bonus!

The organisers are grateful to all the volunteers who help with serving teas with a vast choice of delicious homemade cakes, or who have spent many hours prior to the weekend growing on a wide array of colourful plants that filled our 12 sales tables to overflowing. We raised around £6,000

this year, which, as in previous years, will be given to organisations supporting the youth activities of the village as well as the village school and

the church. We are very proud to have raised a total of over £70k over the years. The 2023 Tour will be in and around the centre of the village and we hope you will all come and enjoy some more of the Secret Gardens of Ewhurst.



Even the garden where tea and cake was served was a specimen of horticultural magnificence.



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The rise of women's rugby

ELEANOR HURLEY SHARES HER PASSION FOR THE WOMEN'S GAME

There's little history of women's rugby. In 1891 there was a New Zealand touring team, but they were quickly disbanded. It would be 100 years before the first English team, the Red Roses, was formed in 1987.

Over the past decade, the women's game has grown massively. In 2018 when France hosted the Red Roses at the Six Nations, spectators hit a recordbreaking 17,440.

I was never very sporty in school. Instead you'd

find me drumming in the jazz band or backstage at a theatre production. At an all-girls school, rugby just wasn't on our radar. When university came around at Manchester, I knew I wanted to try something new. A few of my friends mentioned try-outs for the rugby team, so I thought, why not? Session over, I was hooked. Playing with the varsity team, I learnt so much about teamwork, myself and my fitness.

Back home after university, I was sad to

find no local women's teams. However, as the first lockdown lifted, I discovered Cranleigh's mixed Touch Rugby Team. I hadn't realised how much I missed the sport until I joined the Autumn evening training sessions. Touch rugby isn't too

dissimilar from contact, except you don't worry about ringing mum from A&E!

In September 2021, Cranleigh RFC started a Women's Rugby Team, the "Wild Cranes". Today we are a full team

of 15 (but still need subs!). Tuesday training

nights are the highlight of my week, not just for honing skills and fitness, but also for the wackiness and hilarity that ensues! I have made friends for life.

The Wild Cranes is a massively diverse team, and we are always looking for new people to join us, so if you want to start a new sport, gain more fitness, or just find a team of enthusiastic, friendly people, come down to Cranleigh RFC on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm. See you there! Go Wild Cranes!



Six Nations 2022: the Red Roses come from behind to beat France 24 - 12, securing a fourth successive title.

Baby & Toddlers restart

Friday 9th September sees the return of our local Ewhurst Baby & Toddler's group. It takes place every Friday (in term times) in The Wilson Room, Ewhurst churchyard from 10am to 11.30am.

Contact Rosie Smy for more details: 01483 351 386, eofgparish@gmail.com



Open mic passed on



FabNob members Richard Van't Riet and Simon Fraser are now heading up Open Mic at Ewhurst Club. It's on the last Monday of every month. The list of performers is growing, but there's always room for more. Contact Richard on 0788 626 1188 or info@thefabulousnobodies.co.uk

Royal recognition



Ewhurst Baptist Church couple Peter and Margaret Lucas were delighted to receive a special message from The Queen this summer: 'It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to you for your sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on 27th July, 2022. I hope your day will be filled with happy memories.'



Baptist Church service times

Main service 10.30am

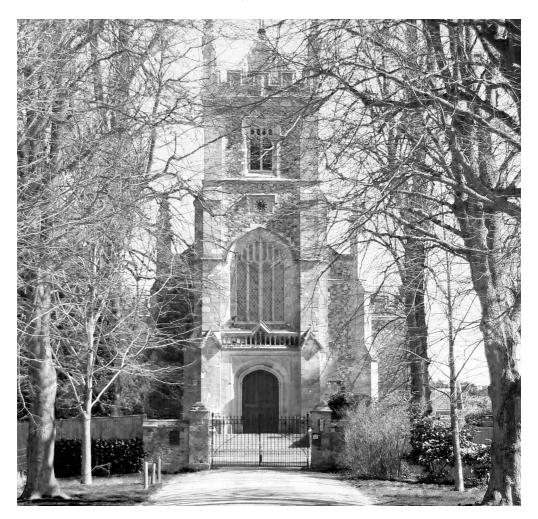
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A church in silence

NEWS & VIEWS INVESTIGATES THE BEGUILING CHURCH WE PASS BY AS WE JOIN THE A25 NEAR ALBURY

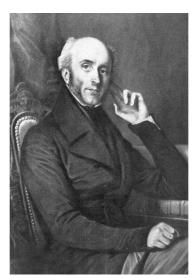


The Apostles' Chapel Albury: a church born out of a Christian revival in the early 1800s.

To cut to the chase, the church is the headquarters of a breakaway Christian movement from the mid 19th century. The community is reluctant to

even be named per se, but has come to settle on The Catholic Apostolic Church. Equally, though Google Maps says the church is called Sherbourne Catholic Apostolic Church, those associated with it call it The Apostles' Chapel Albury. Already, mystery abounds.

Let's roll back to the early 1800s. After the horrors of the French Revolution (1789-1799) and fears that 'the foundations of human society were being shaken', there was a religious revival both inside (Methodism, The Oxford movement, etc, 1830+) and outside the Church of England. In different parts of the country, groups met for prayer, Bible study and the seeking of the Holy Spirit.



Henry Drummond, 'Angel' of Albury, whose estate was the site for the headquarters of the Catholic Apostolic Church.

One such group met in the mansion of Henry Drummond (a London banker) at Albury Park, between 1826 and 1830. It was at one of these meetings (7th November 1832) that the new movement began. A strong leader in the group, John Cardale announced that God had called him to be an apostle and convey God's healing and forgiveness. It is reported that Drummond responded, "convey it, convey it, for art thou not an Apostle of the Lord".

Shortly after this episode, Cardale gave up his career as solicitor and began his apostolic mission. He ordained twelve more apostles, including Drummond,

and by 1835 seven congregations in London had been established. By 1869, seven churches had been built.

> Albury Chapel remained the HQ, where the apostles themselves would conduct worship and manage church expansion. It was designed by William McIntosh Brooks and built in 1840. The rose window is the artistry of Augustus Pugin. Interestingly, the stone came from Ewhurst.

But today, the church is silent, not open to the public. This is because after the last apostle died

in 1901, the church believed it had entered the "silence of heaven", a period before the second coming of Christ. With its ministry fizzling out, all churches except Albury and Gordon Square London, were eventually handed into the care of The Church of England. Pockets of believers throughout the world continue to this day, particularly in Germany and Australia, although none are recognised as from the original apostolate. Since the 1950s, the chapel at Albury has remained a silent shrine

This article is indebted to the guide written by G. L. Standring.



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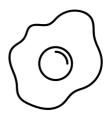
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The Briare Aqueduct in central France carries the Canal latéral à la Loire over the river Loire on its journey to the Seine. From 1896 to 2003 it was the longest navigable aqueduct in the world.

J ust a week or two into our hols and we came across a stunning aqueduct over the river Loire, known as the Pont Canal de Briare. It is situated in the town of Briare on the Loire and carries the Canal Lateral over the Loire. Built over four years and featuring beautiful architecture, it's an engineering marvel!

Here's a quote we found that summed it up perfectly:

"The Loiret can pride itself on possessing one of the most exceptional works of art in existence. Constructed between 1890 and 1896, this metal canal bridge spans the Loire in a giant stride to connect the Canal Latéral à la Loire with the Canal de Briare.

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Country boy

LOCAL BLUEGRASS AFICIONADO OSCAR BOATSWAIN HAS BEEN ADVENTURING IN TENNESSEE

E ver since I was a small child pretending to play fiddle in my grandad's country dance band I knew it was only a matter of time before I ended up in Tennesee.

After years of waiting and a false start due to the lockdown, I finally set out to Nashville on the 1st of July. Here, nearly six weeks later I feel as if I've had a year's worth of experience in a month and a half.

Playing banjo with Broadway professionals at the Station Inn, water skiing, tubing (riding the water on an inner tube), living on a house-boat, hunting through the Smoky Mountains and accompanying a pageant queen to a rodeo are things that I never planned to do when I boarded my flight. But thanks to the wonder of coincidence and the amazingly generous people of East Tennessee, an adventure formed beneath my feet.

I was incredibly fortunate to meet a brilliant group of friends at Byrds Creek Music Festival who all offered me their houses to stay in and took me on all-American expeditions across the eastern area of the state.

I then went on to spend three weeks in Nashville staying with multiple new friends who showed me the best of Music City nightlife as well as some of the best restaurants and bars in the area.

Through these friends I found work in multiple jobs across the area including being a roadie with my friend Dee, working construction on a playground with my friend Hannah and working for a billboard company run by brothers Wes and Will, the hardest of which was undoubtedly working for ten hours a day laying lump-rock and sod as a landscaper in the plateau town of Crossville TN. My evenings often consisted of eating Mexican food and playing poker as well as shootin' guns over at the farm!

During my time in Crossville I ran into an ex-government machinist turned mechanic named Daniel who told me stories more akin to the narrative of a Wild West movie rather than modern day America including multiple instances where his survival was only guaranteed by the firearm on his hip.

It has been the journey of my lifetime (so far!) and it is all thanks to the hospitality and generosity of the people of Crossville and Nashville as well as the full support of my lovely family. Needless to say I will be going back next year.





Top: Oscar(left) plays with friend and fellow bluegrass impresario Cole Kemmer at Broncos BBQ in Crossville TN Bottom: Map featuring the two places - Nashville and Crossville - where Oscar has been having the trip of a lifetime playing music and soaking up all that the home of blues, country, rock and roll, rockabilly, soul and bluegrass has to offer.



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The novel cure

REVEREND CLARE TALKS ABOUT HER SESSION WITH BIBLIOTHERAPIST ELLA BERTHOUD

On Sunday the 10th of July I discovered something new that seems almost perfectly designed for me.

I had a session with a bibliotherapist. We were at the Idler Festival at Fenton House and Garden in Hampstead, enjoying philosophy, learning, loafing and merriment. I had signed us up for a couple of sessions, not knowing really what bibliotherapy was.

I met this singular looking lady, Ella

Berthoud in Lady Binnings bedroom for 15 minutes that changed my life. Ella asks you a few well placed questions, listens intently, asks for clarification and then prescribes novels for any problems you might be experiencing. I told her that it was very likely that Will and I were going to be living apart during the term for the next two years because of his training.

She wrote down a few titles on my prescription pad, including Michel Faber's *The Book of Strange New Things*, which is about a minister who



Ella Berthoud says "Bibliotherapy is a service that tackles life's ups and downs with a book in hand."

goes to another planet to lead a church for the locals. I ordered it from Surrey Libraries (only 75p!) then and there

> and devoured it in a couple of days. It's wonderful to get a book tip from someone you can really trust.

It helps that she and her co-author were librarians. Ella and her friend Susan Elderkin have written two books of 'literary remedies', one for adults (*The Novel Cure*, see below) and one for children

and young people. I highly recommend them both and they would be wonderful presents for any bibliophile in your life. You can also have a whole hour's session with either Ella or Susan

through Alain de Botton's School of Life. It's pricey, but it would be a wonderful gift.

Meanwhile, I am happily working through my new reading list.



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BELLA MATTHEWS CAMPS WITH THE ANIMALS

H ey, I thought I'd tell you about my camping trip at The Secret Garden Sanctuary. It's where I volunteer to help with the animals. In the morning of the first camping day, I went to set up our tent in the pouring

rain, getting soaking wet, but I managed to get it up and then ran back under cover where everybody watching me, including my mum.

That night Emma and I had to make our beds and put our stuff away, then I was put to work filling up the hay in the sheep field and giving the guinea pigs and rabbits carrot tops. We found out there was lots of food left from tea that night, so we went to get some. There were

sausages, pasta and burgers. We sat down around the fire for a while, then returned to the tent, chatting till 3am.

For Saturday morning breakfast we had pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs and sausage. Emma and I started work with the rabbits and guinea pigs: feeding, watering and cleaning them out. Once we had finished that job it was lunch

time and we had hotdogs. That evening we had a BBQ and had music as well. We all had fun with glow sticks and we had to make funny faces for a picture. Saturday night we went to bed around 11pm. We both went straight to sleep as

> soon as we put our heads down on our pillows. We were exhausted.

Sunday was the last day of the camping weekend. When we woke up we had breakfast which was bacon, sausage... and grapes! Then Emma and I got to work on the rabbits again. After lunch it was time for us to pack our stuff away and go home. But for me it wasn't a normal trip, I had two little guys join me. They were budgies: one was male, Jerry, and one

was female, Tiki. Now they are both at home in the front room and having an amazing time eating the fruit and talking to each other and us.

The camping weekend was amazing, and I would definitely recommend camping at The Secret Garden Sanctuary. It's a real summer holiday adventure.



Emma and Bella had a summer adventure looking after the animals at The Secret Garden Sanctuary.

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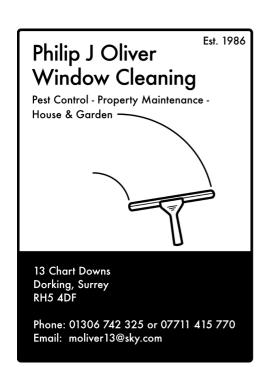
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Baby robin

AMANDA ELSON DEW SHARES ONE OF HER SUMMER GARDEN MEMORIES

E ven with the grass as dry and brown as a prairie, our garden gives us huge pleasure. We spot water our main flowers and vegetables so they are absolutely thriving on warmth and water and maybe we appreciate them all the more because we work so hard to keep them, even putting washing-up water on to the jasmine, which seems to love it.

Yesterday I found myself happily thinking of psalm 24, 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it,' and of how abundant nature is. Just a little encouragement, a little water, a little removing of weeds and everything multiplies.

Courgette plants produce such plentiful fruit from tiny roots. I put runner bean seeds into the earth a few months ago and now I am struggling to keep up with the bean production. We had a stunning corner of the gooseberry bed where Love in the Mist had self seeded from seed that overwintered from my very successful scattering of wildflower seed last year. Now the seed pods are beautiful too and I am staggered by how many little seeds they store, all ready to scatter for next year's 'walking', as I call it when old friends turn up in

unexpected places all over the garden.

Yesterday I was rejoicing as I wandered amongst the flower and veg beds. Sadness and worry soon followed, though, as I noticed the baby robin who follows me all round the garden. How will be survive? The worms are buried far down in the ground. We have quite a few butterflies fluttering around (mainly white) and bats in the evening but where are the insects and the caterpillars?

We have a bird bath that we keep full of water and we have two charming hens who have retired from laying and wander around in the day but we are wary of leaving out bird food because we have learnt the hard way that it



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join the feast. The hens
are shut away at night
and we pick up their
food hopper. I think we
are rat free (and I am now

quite a pro at spotting their holes and droppings) but if they return, why do they multiply too? Plants multiplying is wonderful but rats? We have had to, very reluctantly, resort to poison in the past but I strongly suspect that rodenticides are a big part of why I no longer see the barn owl who used to quarter the field behind us in the evening.

But that baby robin stirs something deep within me. What about Jesus's words in St Matthew's Gospel: 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father'? I dare to think that he would be pleased that I have noticed that robin and been out and

bought a big bag of mealworms and a smaller one of robin and songbird food, some of which is now scattered under our



bushes. I will just have to keep watching out for rat holes and hoping that the combined daytime efforts of songbirds, hens (and our greedy dogs) will leave nothing for nocturnal diners.

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VICTORIA HELSTRIP RECOUNTS A STORY OF TRAVELLING WITH THE BISHOP OF BARRACKPORE

I had been asked to do some research on Girls Education in Barrackpore, North West India. Many of the schools in that area had been established years ago by the church, so it was suggested I contact the bishop.

I was surprised when the bishop himself turned up at my hotel in Calcutta, straight from a diocesan meeting and dressed in full pontificals. I was called from reception. The bishop had already told them that Mrs Victoria would be away for a couple of days and "to keep my room and look after my luggage". And with that I

was swept out to the bishop's very elderly car, driven by an equally ancient chauffeur. And we headed for Barrackpore.

I had two very full, hot dusty days delighted by the children. Food was exciting too, but it was best not to ask what it was! The bishop was an amusing guide with an amazing history of the people, their area, their difficulties and problems - and was obviously much

loved and respected by all the schools we visited, whatever faith they might have been.

The last evening we drove back to Calcutta through the Sundarbans, a

thick wild mangrove and forested area in the Bay of Bengal. We were all tired, even the car. As darkness fell the tiny headlights lit only a narrow piece of road disappearing off into thick forest. It was then that bishop told me that this was tiger country. Tiger country! I was so excited. As we came to each turn or corner I held my breath and prayed

that there would be a tiger in the road. I saw eyes and tails and legs of all sorts, but no stripes.

We got back to Calcutta and as I bid farewell to the bishop I said, "It was wonderful Bishop, just one disappointment. I never saw a tiger. And I prayed I would!" The bishop laughed, "Ah Viki, but I was praying not to bump into a tiger and, you see, bishops' prayers are stronger than yours!"



In Victoria's story, the holy man she was travelling with was quite glad not to get close to a tiger!







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Her Majesty almost sat next Glesni and Richard (pictured) in the adjacent stand at the Palace.

Richard and Glesni Pratt - When the Queen celebrated her 50-year reign in 2002, two concerts were held in the garden of Buckingham Palace. We were among the fortunate 12,000 people who attended. Our tickets were for day one which was mostly classical, while day two was rock and pop.

Arriving at the palace on foot, we were escorted through a masterpiece-filled reception area and onwards to the gardens. We were given picnic hampers which included lunch, half a bottle of chilled champagne and a cagoule, just in case of rain.

It was a beautiful summer's day and we chose a shady spot by a wall where we could watch fellow guests, celebrities and minor royals strolling the gardens.

The concert came and we were fortunate to be seated close by when the Queen walked down from the palace. She eventually sat in the very next stand, almost adjacent.

It was a spectacular experience. And we remember crowds of revellers still celebrating on The Mall as we left. A day to remember!



Marion was able to take this photograph of the Queen as she passed by.

Marion Copus - Back in the summer of 1984, while I was in Berwick on Tweed at a Bible college, I heard that The Queen was coming to Eyemouth in The Borders area.

I cannot remember the reason but I can only think that it was in support of the Fisherman's Mission. A few of us

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→ excited students went to see if we could get close to The Queen on that special day. She had a walk about tour around the town and I was able to take a photograph of her as she passed by.

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If you are interested, please contact David and Kay Steel: david.steel2@sky.com

Thirsty Brock



You know it's hot when a badger comes out in the daylight for a drink. (Photo taken 26th July by Patrick Goode)

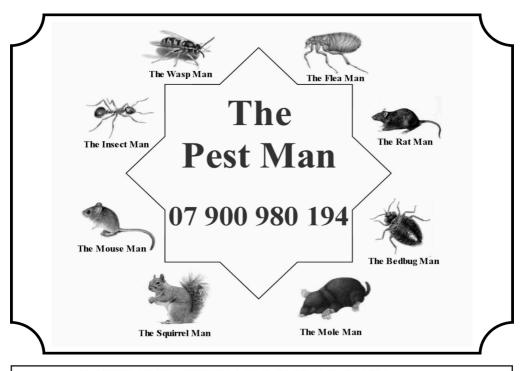
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On the verge

ALICE BREEVELD GIVES US AN UPDATE ON A BIT OF 'EDEN' ON MAPLEDRAKES ROAD

o you remember the beautiful D wildflowers on the verge at the end of Mapledrakes Road (News & Views, Autumn 2019)? Well, since then we have been trying to keep it going by scything, raking and reseeding each

autumn.

When the grass had been removed by Thames Water it was relatively easy to get wildflowers to bloom, but since then vigorous grasses have moved back in. making it hard to get seeds to germinate, and harder to see

them when they flower! Nevertheless we have still had some success with salad burnet, wild carrot and mallow.

Basically there are two sorts of wildflower meadow: annual or perennial. "Cornflower annuals" include poppies and are found in traditional arable fields, where the ground is regularly cultivated. They need bare ground to germinate, and come back each year if left to seed. These will

rarely germinate in grass, as on our verge.

Perennial wildflowers are found in traditional hav meadows. They are happy growing with grass and most will

come back year after year if the hay is cut in the autumn. But even they can be swamped if the grass is too vigorous. Removing the hav helps weaken the grass by reducing the soil fertility. Alongside this, vellow rattle, a grass parasite, can help

make bare patches. This year we added yellow rattle to the verge, and if successful, we may introduce more perennial flowers. We will not have such a spectacular display again, but hopefully it will grow into a pretty and diverse 'meadow'.

We would love more wildflower verges in Ewhurst and are delighted that Surrey CC are now taking up the idea. With the "blue heart" scheme.



Daucus carota, whose common names include wild carrot, bird's nest, bishop's lace, and Queen Anne's lace.

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Do you have an idea of a suitable verge? Perhaps one where you have spotted some interesting flowers this year? If so, nominate it on the Surrey County Council website, see below.



With the "blue heart" scheme, people nominate a verge they would like 'wilded'.

Have your say

Ideas for a suitable verge to re-wild? Type the following into Google:

"surrey the blue heart scheme"

For questions, help or to talk about wildflower meadows, email alicebreeveld@gmail.com

Are you struggling with the bills?

Established since 1974, Abinger Consolidated Charities (ACC) is for the benefit of the residents in the Ancient Parish of Abinger (which includes Abinger Common, Abinger Hammer, Forest Green, Walliswood and Oakwood Hill).



Today, we provide Sainsburys vouchers twice a year - in the run up to Christmas and in the summer - to households in real need, making a real difference to people facing spiralling costs. We would be happy to add new referrals to that list.

We are also able to offer additional one-off assistance to anyone in difficulty due to a change of circumstances such as bereavement, long term illness or unemployment.

If you or someone you know is struggling financially, don't hesitate to ask us for help. We treat applications and referrals sensitively and in complete confidence. We do not ask for any detailed personal financial information but will just chat things through to find the best way to help.

To make contact, email Chair of Trustees Kim Clark: Kimclark50@gmail.com

The Listening Lounge

The Listening Lounge is a unique moment to listen to a classic album - put on by your local church. Set in the Wilson Room, (Ewhurst churchyard), this music-lovers' café has been running for six Saturdays, 9am-10.30am, from July 23rd. It has proved popular, with an average of 12-15 people coming each week (capacity is around 25-30).



"It's a great way to start the weekend" is the main feedback we have been getting.

Additional to the music is decent coffee, bacon butties, pastries and a selection of the Saturday papers. It's totally free though guests can donate to support this kind of community-building experience.

Enthusiasm has been so high that many guests are asking if it will carry on beyond the summer: "It's such a good way to meet people from the village" one said.

We certainly hope so and will be looking to see if others want to get involved with the tech, refreshments and room set-up.

If you want to help, contact the parish office: **eofgparish@gmail.com**

Family Movie Time



Family movie time has been an even bigger hit this year. Once again it's a free community-minded event from the local church. The tech features a 6-foot projection screen, top-quality sound and new blackout curtains so picture quality is stunning. Watch out for future ways we'll be using film to provide fun for all across the parish.

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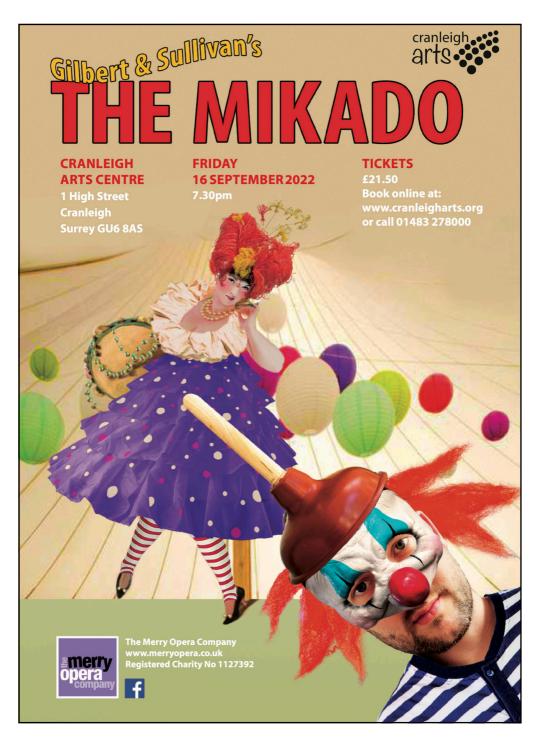
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How to pray

BELINDA KERRY REVIEWS AN INVALUABLE BOOK TO ENHANCE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

wrote a piece for this magazine a few I months back on prayer and, to follow on from that. I'd like to tell you about a book our club has just enjoyed called 'How to Pray' by Pete Greig Nicky Gumbel (the recently retired vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton) wrote the forward and he describes Pete, who began the 24/7 prayer movement over 20 years ago, as 'a legend in the world of prayer'. He also says that Pete 'combines his passion for prayer with a remarkable gift of writing.'

When our book club met to review this book, we all agreed that we were quite blown away by it, so much so that we decided to delay choosing the next book in order to re-read, reflect and take



Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement - for 20 years.

time to absorb the book's content more thoroughly.

Pete describes the book as a 'simple guide to the complex living landscape of prayer.' He explains that

there are nine different paths of prayer to explore; stillness, adoration, petition, intercession. perseverance, contemplation, listening, confession and spiritual warfare.



Pete is a best-selling author. pastor and bewildered instigator of the 24-7 Prayer movement.

These paths can be gently channelled into a focus around the acronym P.R.A.Y. – pause, rejoice, ask, yield. Keeping the journey analogy going, Pete says that our map is the Lord's Prayer given to us by Jesus to teach us how to pray.

Throughout the book, Pete illustrates his points beautifully with anecdotes, stories and examples taken from his own life and from those to whom he refers as 'Heroes'. I would describe 'How To Pray' as comforting, revealing, life and habit changing, joyful, moving and sometimes challenging. So I'm going to put on my walking boots and start the journey and, along the way, I hope to find God walking with me.

Small charity. Big heart.

The Ewhurst Charity is a fund providing grants for education and relief in need to the residents of the Parish of Ewhurst.

Please get in touch: all applications are given serious consideration. Contact Angie Thomas:

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Rainbows End Nursery news

This summer term included many Jubilee celebrations. We did lots of Jubilee-focused activities with the children, such as making crowns and royal dress-up. We held a Jubilee tea party which the parents and families joined. We had a crown parade a crown competition and lots of cake! Our sports day was also Jubilee themed with corgi races and tea party relay races - a great way to celebrate our Rainbows community. We also wanted to thank the Ewhurst Village Club for their donation following their own Jubilee Party - Charlie Page



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