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From the editor

In many ways this is the "re-emergence" issue. Our community is making tentative steps to reactivate after months in lockdown. The clarion call was definitely Ewhurst Carnival. A clear, joyous signal that parish life had returned. But, being British, we haven't gone mad, and we tread confidently but carefully into a new reality. Some familiar favourites are around - coffee mornings, toddler groups, etc. But there's new things afoot: new headteacher, new Baptist minister, and, of course a new pub!



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We tend to remember the negative things that happen to us. We love a bit of bad news. There's a reason for this. Our brains have evolved to

remember
negative
emotions
so we
can
avoid the

situations that led to them. Ruby Wax puts it well when she describes our brains as 'Velcro for the bad news and Teflon for the good news'. The problem is, this sometimes results in the stories we tell being pretty negative. We all love a bit of gossip.

We get to choose which stories we tell about our lives. We all have something to say. Have you ever noticed how much you learn about people at their funeral? I wonder what life would be like if we spent more time listening to people. Jesus knew the value of a good story. A story sticks in the memory. A story makes us think.

What might
happen in our

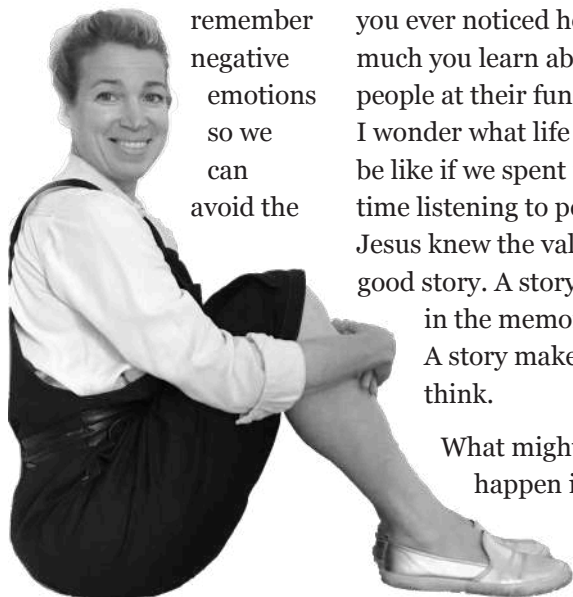
communities if we started to listen to each other's good news stories?

Some good news stories of this summer have been our Family Movie Time on Wednesdays, our Parish Walks, the shaping of our Pastoral Team and the restarting of our fabulous coffee mornings (see page 20).

We have opportunities for good stories ahead of us too. On September 5th we launch a new Messy Church service for families and folk who don't do traditional church (see p36).

It's great to see things beginning again and I look forward to the positive stories that will come from all this renewed activity.

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FAMILY MOVIE TIME - A HIT!

At the time of writing we'd just had the third in our schedule of weekly Family Films in the Wilson Room, Ewhurst Churchyard. They were popular and well-attended and children had fun while getting some positive messages about teamwork (The Incredibles), achieving your dreams (Ratatouille), the emotions of growing up (Inside Out) and friendship (Toy Story 3). We hope to run more in future holiday times.

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Greetings from Ben

NEW EWHURST BAPTIST MINISTER BEN SCADDEN SAYS HELLO



Hello. I'm Ben and I am the incoming minister at Ewhurst Baptist Church. My family and I moved to the village on 21 August and I have enjoyed familiarising myself with the local area.

What a beautiful part of the world! My hope is to serve the local community as has long been the focus of the church I am joining. That will remain our goal, especially as we consider what God desires for each one of us.

It is my understanding that the will of God is simply loving community. I believe, as we bring ourselves to God, that is the direction in which He will lead us together.

I was born and bred in Epsom and met my wife at the town's Baptist Church. We spent six months living in Brazil, her home. Apart from that Surrey has been

my abode. I've studied and worked for the last seven years and was trainee minister for the previous three at Epsom Baptist Church.

During that time, I have worked for Anchor, managing a retirement estate in Epsom, and for Unum, the insurance company in Westcott.

Until recently I coordinated 'Epsom Street Pastors', the local branch of a nationwide initiative enabling churches to be a positive presence within the local night-time economy. Our motto is 'caring, listening, helping'.

It was shortly after I joined Epsom Baptist Church that I felt a strong calling towards ministry. That has unfolded over the last decade and I am excited to be making the next step in my journey as I join your community. I hope to meet many of you soon. All the best until then.

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Finishing strong

SUSAN LANE ENCOURAGES US TO LOOK AT THE REST OF THE YEAR AS AN OPPORTUNITY, RATHER THAN SOMETHING TO JUST GET THROUGH.

***“Starting strong is good.
Finishing strong is epic!”***

Robin Sharma, Author

Sipping my coffee and staring at the rain on this late August morning, it crossed my mind that summer was almost at its end. From here I thought, it is downhill fast to darker evenings, the end of the year and all the stress that can accompany the upcoming holiday season.

Somehow, I was already prepared to hunker down, resigned to just get through the remaining months. But, with a third of the year left to go, why was I so willing to write it off?

Throughout the year, the enthusiasm and shine of my New Year's Eve resolutions had gradually worn off. My promise to do more and be more had dissolved. I needed a mindset reset.

What if this year, I decided that instead

of dragging myself exhaustedly to the year-end finish line, I made the most of the coming months, dusted off my dreams, and decided that this year I would thrive, not just survive.

Over a second cup of coffee, I reflected on my lofty goals for 2021 and put plans in place to make them happen.

Progress may have slowed, but there is still time for me to turn this year around.

And you can too. So, whether it's a healthy diet, a consistent exercise routine, or to start writing that memoir, there is still time to make it happen.

This New Year's Eve, rather than raising a toast to hopes for 2022, I will be

toasting my 2021 achievements. The year is not done yet. Neither am I, and neither are you. We may have started slow, but let's all commit to an epic ending and finish strong.

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Or hear your still small voice.
The noisy busyness of our lives
Drowns you out unless we are attentive.

Occasionally you hover near us
And we are blessed.
You open the eyes
Of those who seek you
Not just to see your magnificence
But the beauty of the creation
You inhabit around us.

Some have known your presence
But failed to register
The treasure you are
To me and generations of believers
Who have been touched by your glory
Your gentleness and soft calling.

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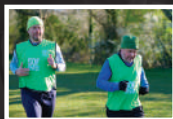


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New interim headteacher at Ewhurst Infants, Clare McConnell (left) pictured here with her family: husband, Nick, and their two boys Jake (left) who is just about to move to Year 1 and Zak who is about to move to Year 4.



Sports Day took on an Olympic theme and the children were able to enjoy swimming for the first time since Covid had forced the closure of the pool. Every child was celebrated for their individual achievements.

Heads we win

NEW INTERIM HEAD AT EWHURST INFANTS
CLARE McCONNELL INTRODUCES HERSELF

Hello. My name's Clare and I studied music at Exeter, following this with a PGCE. I returned to Woking after that (there weren't many teaching jobs in Devon) and began as an NQT at Horsell CofE Junior - a school I attended as a child. Whilst at Horsell I became year group leader and then moved to Brookwood School as an Assistant Head, later to be appointed Deputy. During my second maternity leave, I applied for the headship at Bisley CofE. As my local school I thought it would be an excellent development opportunity whilst on maternity leave. I got the job and the rest is history!

We still live in Bisley, just behind the school. I have been headteacher since 2016 and absolutely love it; such a privilege and honour to serve my local community. I sit on Primary Council and Schools Forum which gives me a great insight into the educational and financial landscape in Surrey.

I have a real love of small rural infant schools and the unique experience they give to children and families. Some of my best teaching moments were in very small schools, so I am really looking forward to September and working with children, teachers and parents alike.

Look out Tokyo!

MIKE TURNER REVIEWS THE EWHURST CofE INFANT SCHOOL
END OF TERM OLYMPIC GAMES, JULY 2021

The Ewhurst School 2021 Olympic games were celebrated on the 21st July with three competitive events, swimming, triathlon plus track and field and the weather held up well for the occasion.

The children were part of a mixed aged team each representing a Continent. They experienced a full opening and closing ceremony mirroring the events in Tokyo including the awarding of medals.

The European Team were awarded the gold medal, the Americas the silver and Africa the bronze. The results were close and every child has been celebrated for their individual achievements, reflecting the amazing spirit of the Olympic Games.

The event was all the more poignant as we were able to use our own swimming pool again following last year's closure due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Anyone for a cuppa?

BOB FOLEY PAUSES FOR A BREW TO TELL US ABOUT HIS, AND HIS WIFE LIZ'S, PASSION FOR THE GOBLIN TEASMADE

This may sound sad for a grown man but I am a dedicated fan of the original Goblin Teasmade. DON'T laugh!.. OK, I'll allow a small snigger.

Back in the 60s I bought my parents a Goblin Teasmade as a Christmas gift. I don't really know how much they used it but I thought in their autumn years it would be something that might make life a bit more comfortable in the mornings. At the time I thought it was a rather neat invention - but that was for 'old folks'!

Spool on about 20 years and my wife, Liz, and I were renovating an old Victorian cottage. We were in the middle of a very cold winter with no heating, no glass in the new upstairs bathroom window and bare boards everywhere. Making a morning cuppa involved dragging oneself out of bed, wrapping up in a thick dressing gown and slippers and clomping down to a cold kitchen to make a nice hot cup

of tea to bring back to a warm bed.

My dear wife must have appreciated my efforts because a few days later she presented me with our very first Goblin Teasmade (a D25B), which she had purchased at a charity shop. (It was just like the one featured in Queen's video

of "I Want to Break Free"!). Thus began a whole new era in our lives. No longer did I have to brave the winter cold every morning, my Teasmade woke me up with a nice pot of hot tea right beside me! Bliss! Since then I seem to have

become a bit of a collector of these devices as we have moved on from the basic first model we owned. (more of that later).

A bit of history. In the early 1900s domestic service was in decline and with the gradual advent of a domestic supply of electricity, many labour-saving devices were marketed to householders who no longer had ➔



The Goblin Teasmade: Popular in the 1960s and 1970s, and now enjoying a retro revival.



A Great British Invention: Bob & Liz Foley proudly present their six Teasmades. Bob insists he needs them for back-up purposes. Here's a fun fact. The Teasmade was originally going to be called a Teesmade, but got rejected, quite rightly, due to the fact it wasn't made anywhere near Teesside. Manufacture took place originally in Leatherhead.

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It is said that at the height of its popularity no seaside British B&B was complete without a Teasmade!

Used next to the bed, the Teasmade was intended to produce a hot cup of tea for the tea drinker who did not have to leave the comfort of their bed in the morning. The machine includes an alarm clock, which wakes the sleeper and activates the mechanism, turning on an electric element to heat water in the kettle. Boiling water passes from the kettle through a tube into the teapot and when this occurs the power to the element is cut off, the alarm sounds and the tea is made. Genius!

Goblin, part of the British Vacuum Cleaner & Engineering Company (the domestic appliance company founded by Hubert Cecil Booth, inventor of the vacuum cleaner) became the most

established name in the market. Initially the Teasmade was manufactured in Leatherhead until 1967 when all production was transferred to Castlereagh in Northern Ireland. Most people might assume that Goblin made around 4 or 5 different models. In fact they actually produced over 34 variants over a period of 40 years!



Foley Original: The D25B was Bob & Liz's first model picked up from a charity shop in 1977.

Anyway, back to my own slightly sad case! Our first machine eventually developed a fault so I looked to purchase a more modern replacement and I guess that's when I started to become what's known as a 'Teasmaniac' (look it up, it's a thing!). I

managed to purchase a D855 model on Ebay which became our pride and joy! This came complete with a teapot and a tray, which made the transport of teapot and cups to the bedroom much easier!

Occasionally I have had to replace the odd one for, say, a noisy clock but we have enjoyed our morning tea in bed for the last 45 years. In that time, for no particular reason other than possibly having a spare, I have acquired six of these clever devices. I just like them! Don't ask!

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Wishful thinking! Some time back I wrote a note about the Wasp Bus encouraging folk to step forward as drivers and setting out some of the interesting trips made in the previous year. Needless to say the last year or so has not been typical but looking ahead maybe we can expect trips along the Greensand Way with the Surrey Ramblers, to the theatre at Guildford or Crawley, to the local pubs for lunch or one off trips to the Bosworth Battlefield to come back on the schedule. In the meantime we continue with our regular shopping trips to Tesco at Broadbridge Heath, to Sainsburys at Godalming and to Cranleigh on a Saturday morning. To add to the fun we are now including a regular trip to the new Lidl Store in Guildford.

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Bouncing back

EWHURST BAPTIST CHURCH IS RESTARTING ITS MINISTRIES



Restrictions have not stopped us looking for a minister for the church, even though some key activities came to a stop during the lockdowns.

Now we are excited to report that Ben and Rosie Scadden, and their two young boys, have come to Ewhurst. Ben started his ministry here on 1st September (see his article on page 9).

KIKS (Keep Interested, Keep Socialising)

Making and being friends helps the world go round, helping us to be less lonely and more interactive. It's a great place to be and we will be glad to be back and enjoy tea, coffee and snacks together and a good chat. Find out when the start date will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month.

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Toddlers Group

Hurray! We will start again on Wednesday 15 September (term time sessions) 10.15– 11.45 am. We will only have eight adult places available each week until further notice so book in advance. Bring your own children's snacks for snack time, and we will serve coffee and teas to all carers.

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How's it going, folks?

Robin Stride asks some of the Baptist congregation how they're doing life again as they emerge from lockdown.



'The Covid lockdown was like a red traffic light saying 'stop'. It meant that instead of rushing about, I had much more time to spend with my husband Graham. At the time I did not realise how special it was until he had to go into

hospital and died in May. His strong trust in God helped him and the family through a very hard time. Now life is different. I have a huge 10-month-old puppy to look after and look forward with some trepidation to what the future holds - but also with an amazing family and surrounded by their love and care, my new life will start to unfold.'

Rosemary Burbridge



'The pandemic experience and lockdown has changed a number of things and many things are different of course. Retirement being one of them. I'm now looking to see how things will be going forward.

Some things will go back to normal and some things will not. They will be totally different in the future. So I'm looking at what is life and the next bit. I'm thinking about what has God got for me and what does He want me to be. What does he want me to be doing? You know, I've spent a whole load of my life up to this point building up some skills and things - and now it's about looking at how can they be used.'

Steve Moseley



'I've missed going to football. But I've been to see Cranleigh recently. And I'm looking forward to seeing Woking again. It will be good to get back. Yesterday I looked in the local paper and every team around here was away! So I couldn't go and see them. My boy just phoned up and said: 'I'll take you to football!' I'll go to Woking and go to Portsmouth. I've missed it all but at least I've been able to watch it on television - and cricket.'

Derrick Liddicott



'After two years we've got a holiday planned in Devon and Cornwall. We are massively looking forward to that. We had to cancel the holiday in July but this is something special. We will be able to put our feet in the sea and we are

thinking of going shopping. We've had all our shopping delivered and now we are looking forward to meeting people in the streets again, returning to normality and doing ordinary things. We are able to go to church - there were times in lockdown when we were closed and meeting online but it is lovely to be at services again.'

Glesni Pratt

'We are retired anyway so we don't go out an awful lot in the week but we will take things as they come now really. I could see my friends now - I don't want to keep away from them - but at the moment they are all busy... and they don't live on the doorstep.'

Sylvia Liddicott



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The Dazzling Francs

JULIE FRANCIS TELLS US ABOUT SHINDIGS IN THE BANK OF ENGLAND VAULT



What a life: Julie (second from the right) at 17 years of age dances the Can-Can at The Bank of England.

It was Autumn. I was 17 and worked in the Balance of Payment office (as it was then called) in the Bank of England, City of London. I had not long left school.

I don't recall being on the Office Party Committee but what I do know is that I was chosen together with two colleagues to dance the Can-Can at the office party the following January.

We were trained in the sub-vaults of the Bank - can you just imagine amongst all that bullion - and there we were with a professional dancer teaching us in our lunch hours, including how to do the fake splits. It was great fun.

I do not recall who had the brainwave to call us The Dazzling Francs: a wonderful name.

Real Can-Can dresses were hired and with great anticipation on the night we waited in the wings to be cheered and clapped when we appeared. It was a great success. Lots of applause and acclaim afterwards too.

One of my memories is that when we joined the party after our performance, all the food had been eaten. But my most abiding and fondest memory is that I can lay claim to having danced in the vaults of The Bank of England in my lunch hours!

Ahoy there, me hearties!

CAT STRANGE REVIEWS THE EWHURST CARNIVAL

Draw up the main brace! “In August 2021 on the 7th day we’ll have some fun” was what the infamous Ewhurst Sea Shanty promised and indeed what fun was had! Ewhurst was bedecked with pirates and mermaids for the Ewhurst Pirate Carnival. Many residents produced extravagant scarecrows which decorated the village in the build-up to the carnival and to complete the theme Ewhurst was a-wash with rain.

However, once we set sail, the clouds cleared and the carnival shipmates enjoyed a sunny day, although much of the mud remained!

Two years of planning, thanks to lockdown, gave rise to a carnival jam-packed with activities, stalls, music and fun for all the community. George Swayne, winner of the competition to design the front cover of the programme, opened proceedings and then our wonderful Juliette Cheveley and Barry Harrison-Fudge were the superb duo on the mics as masters of ceremonies.

Fancy dress prizes were swiftly awarded

as the Open Mic, fabulously organised by Will Shepherd, took up residence in the Beer Tent, stocked and manned by the Ewhurst Village Club with help from Stuart Godfree and Phil Healing of the new Bulls Head Inn. Punters were

entertained by a host of local musicians including youngsters Joshy & Theo; Harley, Bobby, Ozzie & James; Poppy Harrison-Fudge and some terrific local grown-ups too including Phil Healing (new landlord of the Bulls Head Inn), Simon Fraser, James Pyper and many more.

The craft tent was full of local arty treasures made during lockdown as well as being the stage for the Piggy Pirate Puppet Show and Craft sessions led by Jan Moir and

Saffy from the Parish Youth Team.

The youngest shipmates had plenty to entertain them including roundabouts, children’s races run by Surrey Outdoor Fitness, and an extraordinary pirate island built and run by the Ewhurst Players with special mention to Amanda Jones for her creativity and ➡



Wet, wet, wet. The morning saw torrential rain. But then the sun came out.









determination in coordinating it all. Ewhurst Stoolball ran the Toilet Roll Toss and no one could miss the fantastic ladies from WeCare as the Human Fruit Machine.

The village dogs were proudly on display at the Dog Show with a fiercely competitive Musical Sit to ABBA's 'Dancing Queen' as well as a host of other prizes including every dog's favourite 'best sausage catcher'. Jody Barry was Judge and had a tough time with seven dogs displaying equal sausage catching talent!

Sayer's Croft ran the very popular Axe Throwing and the W.I. served up delicious cakes in the Tea Tent with musical accompaniment from the terrific Sidewinder Jazz Ensemble. The Parish Council ran the Pimms Stall and admirably demonstrated the best way to make and drink Pimms and many other village organisations ran stalls including the Baptist Church, Ewhurst CE Infants, Rainbow's End, Ewhurst Junior Football Club, LEAP and many, many more. There were Classic Cars and Vintage Tractors on display as well as animals from the Secret Garden Sanctuary and so many beautiful independent commercial stalls which were delighted to have the opportunity to sell their wares after a difficult 18 months.

After a pause to turn the day's festivities into the evening's party stage we welcomed stellar musical acts to entertain. Will & Charlie started the evening off with

beautiful acoustic songs including a poignant rendition of 'Lean On Me'. Next up we had Strawberry Blonde whose vocal harmonies left no soul untouched by the splendour of their voices and instruments together. There are definitely some talented folk who are destined for bright futures ahead! Ewhurst favourites The Pitch Hillbillies finished the support sets with faultless playing of bluegrass classics which many have come to know and love throughout their many appearances in the community. The Boatswain Brothers (from The Pitch Hillbillies) entertained most of The Street with their regular NHS Thursday clap evenings in lockdown and it was lovely to see them back on a big stage doing what they love. Finally, the party got fully underway with the return of The Fabulous Nobodies who were introducing their new lead-singer, Sarah, to their 5-person line-up. They did not disappoint and delighted a huge crowd with a high energy gig that gave everyone a proper night out that was badly needed. Enormous thanks to Richard van't Riet for the mammoth work directing the evening and technical side of the day too.

Undoubtedly, there's too many more people to mention and thank, but special, massive and brilliant thanks must go to Harriet Hunter and the carnival committee Cornelia Gregory, Jess Hogan-Smith, Kate Simpson, Sarah Smith and Cat Strange for organising everything and persevering on Zoom for so long to get it all planned meticulously. Legends all!

Our parish is partial to a snack!

INSPIRED BY A CONVERSATION WITH TOM MCKENNA, WE ASKED EWHURST COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THEIR FAVOURITE SNACK



Not one mention, though simply had to go in not only for nostalgia, but because their tangy pickled onioniness is knockout.



Julia Allan was quick to point to the cheesy companion of Scampi Fries, Cheese Moments. Uniquely cheesy and melt-in-the-mouth.



Rob McInnes thought he'd dropped the mic when he recommended these. Get them on Amazon, now!



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Cashew! Bless you! And thanks to Charlie Brecke for reminding us of the posher kind of nut. Chika's is one brand of many to try.



Verity Vyner was quick to spotlight Marmite Crisps. I'm guessing either Marmite's own brand or Walker's do the biz.



Kettle Chips. Can we remember a time without them? Suddenly crisps got better, becoming the talk of middle-class Britain,



Battles could break out over which Pringles flavour is supreme. It's Prawn Cocktail, end of. Letters of complaint to the editor.



Angus Tosh recommended Twiglets at the last minute. The marmite of snacks... apart from, err, actual Marmite crisps.



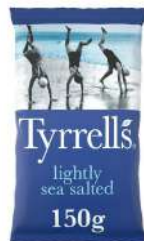
Clive Branch was instantly reminiscing over these flavour bombs from the 80s. Still available today at Ewhurst Club!



Janet Balchin wondered where Phileas Fogg Mignons Morceaux had gone... to Waitrose Basics by the looks of things, Janet!



It's only right that we let esoteric foodies have their say. Try these Enlightened Habas Fritas, crispy, high protein, roasted broad beans.



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Tim McKenna says his son Tom simply can't handle the heat of these. Let's slip some into his packet of KP.



Harry Kittle "knows many who love the Bugle". Let's face it, we knew we were never alone. Is that the sound of a bag opening? Toot toot.



The flavour that got the meme going. Many found it too strong, but it's just a matter of training. Come on! Take the challenge!

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As for the food, nosh, cuisine, menu, whatever you want to call it; we are literally passionate about food. We're going for your goose pimples. The concept: British/ American Fusion Sophisticated Comfort Food. What the.....? Okay, there's a long list of classic British fare ripe for the plucking. British food has evolved considerably since the Bulls Head

Hotel was built in 1908. For instance, Indian scents and flavours now flow through our culinary landscape like a stick of rock. Let's just say we can be part of that evolution.



And American cuisine? It's more than steaks and burgers. There's Southern cooking with its Peach Cobbler and Pecan Pie. There's Cajun and Creole. There's South West, Mexican influenced cooking. Expect a New York Cheesecake to be present and counted for.

But wait. We said British/ American fusion. Well, one example we'll serve is Bulls Head Gumbo. Using New Orleans techniques, we incorporate chicken and, from thousands of miles closer, our Cumberland Sausage. Vegan versions will often be available. It's usually paired with 'dirty rice', but that's a 'whole 'nuther' country road. Watch this space.

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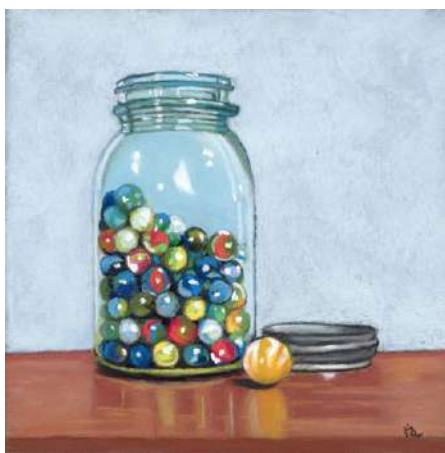
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IZZY MCLEAN INTRODUCES A TECHNIQUE TO HELP US
FIND AND GROW OUR SUPERPOWERS

I invite you to look at a photo of yourself as a child; one in which you are under eight years old. If you can't find one, then simply bring one into your imagination. Now really look. What can you see in the eyes, face and bodily expression of that child? What is the first positive and true word about that child that comes into your mind? Try not to worry about whether it is the "right" word; trust that your instinct is good.

Now imagine that this distilled, essence of you is the one thing, above all others, that is encouraged and celebrated throughout your life; it is your superpower. All who know you and love you, know this. Their role, their primary responsibility, is to enable you to grow your superpower. They give you a special jar and, every time you use your superpower, a beautiful marble to put inside. When you receive each marble, you take the time to look at the colourful glass orb

and dive into the possibility it represents. You imagine the impact your superpower will have on the colourful orb that is earth, and you smile. You put the marble in the jar, along with the other promises of



Find your superpower; then every time you use it take a colourful marble, look at it, consider it and put it in the jar.

possibility, and smile some more. Stickers, grades, medals, prizes and other accolades may well be sought after and acknowledged, but you know that the marbles are the real prize. Every single day you wake up with your superpower and grow it some more. Unlike a label or expectation, your

superpower doesn't restrict or limit you; it is you. Your superpower and all that it means expands and grows as you grow. Imagine that everyone else also has a superpower and a marble jar. They too are intent on winning more marbles to put in their jars. They too take the time to think about the impact their superpower will have on the colourful orb that is earth. Your primary role and responsibility, ➔

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aside from growing your own superpower, is to help others grow theirs.

I woke up this morning with marbles and superpowers on my heart; a confluence of what I have been doing, reading and listening to over the last couple of days. When I look at a photo of myself aged about two, I see “open-heartedness”, and maybe this is my superpower. Growing up it didn’t feel that way, but as an adult I can now see the willingness to be vulnerable for the strength it is. How different might our children, families, communities and the wider world be if we spent more time nurturing our superpowers? I wonder if we would have the current teenage mental health crisis if our children really did believe that their value in the world is determined by who they are rather than what they achieve.



Open-hearted: Izzy encourages us to look at our young selves and identify our superpower.

Superpowers are ultimately a lot like character strengths, and there is a ton of research resulting from the work of Martin Seligman to suggest that human beings are at their happiest when they are leaning, living, and revelling in their strengths. You can take a free 15 minute test to discover your character strengths at www.viacharacter.org. Or you can just look closely at a photo of yourself as a young child.

Yesterday I ordered myself a marble jar. Every day that I use my open-heartedness, I am going to put a marble in that jar. I will look closely at

the colourful glass orb, imagine the possibilities and smile. Today I will throw away my other measurements of “success” and focus only on my superpower.

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Linguistic chess

SIMON FRASER CLOSED AT THE EWHURST CARNIVAL OPEN MIC WITH TWO CORKING COMEDY SONGS THAT HE PENNED HIMSELF



Ronnie Barker said his favourite task for the Two Ronnies was writing comedy songs. He described it as “linguistic chess”.

Over the years, Ronnie Barker wrote hundreds of sketches, gags and monologues for The Two Ronnies, but his favourite task was writing the comic songs that closed each show. He once described writing funny lyrics to existing tunes as “linguistic chess”; the new lyrics had to fit the tune, rhyme and scan, but most importantly, the punchline of each joke had to wait until the last word of the last line.

For a writer, it’s a delightful challenge (up there with cryptic crosswords), but you have to be prepared to “murder your darlings”. All too often, you’ll come up with the perfect couplet, save for the final rhyme. And if you do find one, it isn’t funny. Or it doesn’t make sense. So, you either have to scrap the whole thing and start again, or flip the words around and try different constructions. You have to play with it until it clicks into place. ➔

In recent years, I've re-written the lyrics to the songs for the Ewhurst Players' pantomimes and produced songs or poems for our last-night parties. Alas, the pandemic has put paid to all that for a while, but we'll be back in action in the autumn with *The Lady in the Van*.

My latest effort was for the Open Mic at the Ewhurst Carnival. I didn't exactly get a huge crowd, so here are the lyrics:

*I don't want much, just a guarantee,
That I can drive from A to B.
I really don't believe it's much to ask.
But driving on the roads round here
Has changed beyond belief I fear
It really has become a tortuous task.*

*I used to tootle to and fro,
Wherever I was wont to go
It used to be a cinch, a breeze, a steal.
But times have changed and now my way is
hampered, blocked, most every day
So why has driving now lost its appeal?*

*I'll come right out and say it
I think cyclists are all pests
With their all-revealing Lycra
and their brightly branded vests
They ride in little bunches
with their horrible packed lunches
on display, at speeds that really are a farce.
When I want to take a scenic route I don't
want to be staring at an ar*e.*

*Now here's a question, yes or no,
Do you think drivers ought to know
The dimensions of their car from side to side?
So when parking in a parking place
They use just their allotted space
And park between the lines and not astride.*

*And should they know how to behave
To say thank you with just a wave
When you let them in or let them through?
I think it's common courtesy
For those who don't, the penalty
should be death or prison for a year or two.*

*I'll come right out and say it
That Range Rovers drive me mad.
Their drivers think they own the road
and I'd be very glad
If every four by four in Surrey
Fell into a vat of slurry
I think they would be quite appropriate fates
And please don't get me started on the
pointlessness of personalised number plates.*

*Of course, our roads are there for all.
Learners, horse boxes, tractors hauling
logs and hay bales to, well, God knows where.
I know that I should tolerate
all those who choose a different rate
of travel to my own, it's only fair.*

*But it's hard to keep your sh*t in gear
When random roadworks just appear,
some traffic lights and cones around a hole
that's been dug without a reason why
without a workman standing by.
Perhaps annoying drivers is their goal.*

*And what's with these diversions?
Closing roads for months on end?
I know that newts and badgers need
protection from their friends.
But closing roads in tandem
And resurfacing at random is dumb,
beyond belief, and not a joke.
As I'd like to get to Guildford now and then
without being sent via Basingstoke.*

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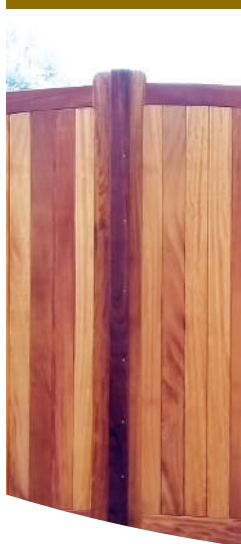
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Getting into retirement

RATHER THAN SLOWING DOWN, PETER BENNETT SHIFTS INTO A NEW GEAR



Bowls at Ewhurst Bowls Club has become a real highlight and a way to channel Pete's competitive spirit.

Last year, January in fact, at the age of 78, I decided to retire from work. As a design engineer I had worked all over the UK and for the last 20 years or so had worked at home in my office tucked away in my garden. I regularly took the 13 steps down into my converted summer house. At the end of the day walked the same 13 steps back home.

My back pain had stopped me playing golf anymore some years ago and the thought of just sitting in the armchair watching daytime TV did not fill me with great enthusiasm.

It was not too long before I realised that I was invading someone else's space. My wife's! She did not say anything to me but I sensed I needed to get out of the way.

So I started a photography course, but that got closed down because of Covid19 and joining the indoor bowls club at Ewhurst also met the same fate. I started going for a daily walk which was enjoyable as everyone else seemed to be doing likewise during the 'lockdown'.

I am fairly competitive by nature and needed a bit more of a challenge ➔



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other than my Fitbit. So, late summer last year I applied to join the outdoor bowls club at Ewhurst and was invited to meet up with their coach for a few free lessons. Everyone I met there were all so pleasant helpful and encouraging even though my bowling was all over the place with no accuracy whatsoever. As the Covid19 rules relaxed in September last year I was invited to play in some 'Roll-ups' where you turn up and play with whoever is there. All very friendly and encouraging.

The second Covid19 lockdown through

the early part of this year put paid to any hope of the indoor club opening but as things eased in May this year the outdoor club has been able to open up with some social distancing rules in place. Ewhurst Bowls club have been able to have almost a full set of friendly and league matches with many other local clubs, both home and away.

I have found the whole atmosphere most friendly and convivial. Bowls is a game for all ages, young and old alike. I would certainly recommend it to anyone who wants to get out and about.

Growing young leaders

BELLA MATTHEWS TELLS US ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP COURSE THAT BUILT HER CONFIDENCE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Bella (left) gets stuck into a presentation skills workshop which involved making a costume out of bin bags.

I n the second week of August I took part in a leadership course called RYLA (Rotary Young Leader Award). At the tent where everyone congregated, I met some very friendly twins and an interesting person who was extremely good at drawing. Later that evening we were split into our teams and played some team games. After the games we were split into our cabins. My cabin was called Pinnacle.

The next day was our first day of activities. My team did trapeze jump, Jacob's ladder and crate stacking. It was so much fun! Tuesday we went to Thames Young Mariners (TYM). We went kayaking and then raft building. In raft building I had to swim at the back so the raft was balanced out, there were nine of us and the raft could only carry eight. We managed to get around the course without the raft falling apart, but we did have ➔

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a few of us fall in. When we got back from TYM we had a bit of free time and then we had some team building tasks. Where we had to complete a nine piece puzzle, harder than it sounds, we had to complete lots of little tasks to get the puzzle pieces. Tuesday was also our presentation skills workshop where we had to make a costume out of bin bags and then talk about how we made them and how we came up with the idea, personally I think we had the best costume.

Wednesday was a 10 mile hike, where we had to do a circle around the campus. We had to walk up Box Hill. We also had to get back to site between certain times, we were a bit late but our leader didn't take any points off because we worked so well as a team.

Wednesday was also our gala night where we had some Rotarians come to the site and we served them a three course meal, made by the lovely catering team.

Thursday was our last activity day where our team did climbing and I managed to get halfway up to the top, and I'm petrified of heights. After climbing we got to choose what activity we wanted to do, I chose archery, because it is something that I am good at and that I know I would enjoy, which I did!

Friday was our last ever day there and we had to pack our bags and clean the

cabin. We also had to prepare for our presentation evening. We had 5 hours to do it but it still felt very short. Like the Gala, I was on the serving team. We had to set up and decide where everyone was going to sit. Us servers also had to decide where the food and drinks were going to be and to decide how we were going to serve them. The night went well. We had few talks from each team, some awards were given out and I got an award for growing confidence. We then finished the night off with some talks from the Rotarians and presenting gifts to our leaders. Then we went home, for a well deserved rest.

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3 pm	Sat 14 Aug	Ewhurst Club Carpark, GU6 7QF	5.3	Chris Dews
10 am	Sat 28 Aug	Ockley Cricket Pavilion, RH5 5TS	4.5	Liz Thorne
10 am	Sat 11 Sep	The Scarlett Arms, RH5 5RD	4.5	Bob & Liz Foley
10 am	Sat 25 Sep	The Parrot Car Park, RH5 5RZ	5.4	Will Shepherd
10 am	Sat 9 Oct	Hurtwood Car Park 1, RH5 6NU	5	Belinda Kerry
10 am	Sat 23 Oct	Holmbury St Mary Garage, RH5 6PD	4	Barry Thomson

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Friends of St Peter & St Paul

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at Ewhurst Carnival and have become a Friend. Here's our latest news and upcoming events.

Final update on Roof Repair Project



The final summary of the project was sent to Heritage Lottery in June and was accepted. This meant that we have now received the final payment of £18,200 of our £200,200 Heritage Lottery Grant and the project is now closed. Thanks to all supporters!

Italian Evening

Saturday 27 November
Ewhurst Village Hall

Enjoy an Italian-inspired three course meal with tenors singing. Tips from Taurus Wines and Andy Mead on the Italian wines served during the eve will add to your enjoyment. Put the date in your diary – we will have more information nearer the time.

Church Open Days

Saturday 18 + Sunday 19 September
Heritage Weekend

Come along and find out more of the history of our lovely church. We have churchyard and bell tower tours, display banners and information sheets for you to try. The History Society will be selling their latest book and there will be refreshments to keep you going.

Open times are Saturday 10-12am and 1.30-4.30pm and Sunday 2-4pm.

To book a place on a tour, contact our secretary on 01483 268694 or email avery265@btinternet.com

Christmas

We will be selling village Christmas cards nearer the time and would love to have your photos for cards – snowmen would be good or anything else seasonal. These need to be sent in landscape format jpgs to geoffjane67@gmail.com before the end of September.

We may have an Art Exhibition with local pictures for sale to make excellent Christmas presents but this is still in the planning stage.

		EXHIBITION	1-18 Sept
		GEORGE STOCK Come and see the beautiful work from a talented artist. An exhibition of paintings, prints and works on paper	
CINEMA	2 Sept	CLASSICAL	7 Sept
NOMADLAND A woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West.		BEN TARLTON CELLO Enjoy fine chamber music during daylight hours in our series of monthly lunchtime concerts.	
CINEMA	9 Sept	CINEMA	16 Sept
23 WALKS A gentle, romantic story of love in later life. Set against the background of the changing seasons of one year.		DREAM HORSE The film tells the true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by a small town Welsh bartender.	
CINEMA	17 Sept	COMEDY	17/18 Sept
RICHARD SAXEL Widely acclaimed and local pianist Richard Saxel brings pleasant chamber music to Cranleigh Arts.		RUN WILD Children's show, an hour of songs scenes and gags IN CHARGE Join the stars of Britain's Got Talent in their comedy show	
CINEMA	9 Sept	CLASSICAL	29 Sept
A FEAST FOR THE EYES Painting styles include traditional and abstract work and a diverse range of subject matter.		PIANO DUETS Emma Abbate and Julian Perkins have played at many prestigious venues. Come and listen to their collective gift.	
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McLaughlin's Wordsearch

The grid contains 20 trees written horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards. Some are easier than others. See if you can find them all. Answers overleaf.

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2pm & 7.30pm Wed 7th October

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*On zoom only at 2.00 pm if we are not able to be in the Arts Centre.



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Ewhurst 1910-1960: Coming Soon

Ewhurst History Society is ready to hit print on a new book *Ewhurst 1910-1960*. The time frame covers a space of only 50 years, but it was a period when the village, like the rest of the country, underwent enormous upheaval and change. It will have 144 pages and over 200 illustrations, some in full colour. As well as the impact of two world wars, the book will look at the social history of the parish including education, agriculture, transport, architecture, shops and businesses, and much more, to show how the parish we know and love today has grown and developed. Details of how to buy a copy will follow in the next parish magazine.



One of the 200+ photos in the new book: Ewhurst Post Office, opposite the school c. 1910

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