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# From the editor

Amazing contributions from the Parish this issue: both in quantity and quality. Okay, so Christmas may be “reduced” somewhat this year. But that doesn't stop us reminiscing about Christmases past. And we had a special opportunity to call out the local entrepreneurs who would love your custom this festive season. Our “Buy Local” pages are filled with stocking fillers. Go and purchase! And a big thanks to everyone who makes this magazine happen. Writers, advertisers and deliverers!

Will Shepherd | Editor  
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## Would you like to help?

2021 has to be the year when we find more regular contributors. If you like what you're reading in News & Views and you are a skilled writer or interviewer, get in touch. We have a parish filled with interesting folk with incredible lives and careers to tell of. We need their stories. Also, we need imaginative features that inspire our local community. So there's plenty of creativity to apply. Just email the editor if you're interested.



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# Advent is about waiting

REVEREND CLARE REFLECTS ON WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN WE PATIENTLY WAIT

Advent is about waiting. Which is really bad news for people who don't even like waiting for the kettle to boil. It's quite tempting to get things done during those waiting times. Empty the dishwasher while the tea is brewing! Check your email in the supermarket queue! Get some work done while you are in a rather slow zoom meeting.

Advent is about waiting. This is the period of four weeks before Christmas. It starts on Sunday the 29th of November this year. We are kicking off the season with a special Advent service of songs and reading. The readings remind us that the people of God have been waiting for someone special for many hundreds of years.

Advent is about waiting for Jesus. If we insist on keeping busy while we are waiting, we might never see what is really in front of us. Let's wait this year, partly because we can't be as busy as we normally are. But if we really wait, we might be able to see a glimmer of hope as God speaks to us.

***“If we insist on keeping busy, we might never see what is really in front of us.”***

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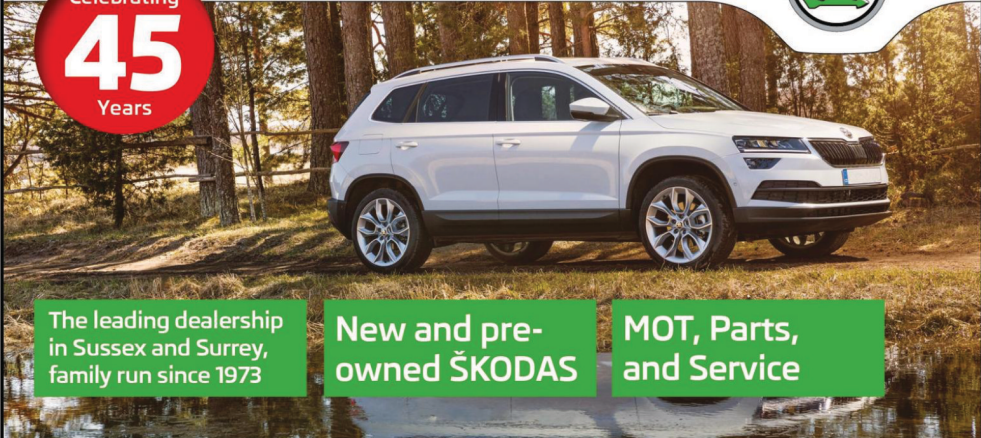
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# What's in a bauble?

This little bauble, made from old Christmas cards cut into circles, then folded into triangles and stapled together, is more than 45 years old. It was lovingly made, along with many others, by my father and his little 3-year old grand-daughter (our daughter, Anna). It is the only one to survive the years, but it comes out every Christmas and, although a bit battered

nowadays, as soon as I see it, it brings back happy memories of family times when the children were small. They were fortunate enough to have the benefit of loving grandparents, enthusiastic and happy to give them time and, in this memory, bring the fun and sparkle of preparing for Christmas together.

**Liz Foley**



Liz's bauble was made by her father and her 3-year old daughter. It brings back happy memories every Christmas season.

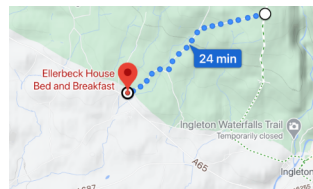
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## Kick-the-footy

Christmastime at my auntie's in Ingleton featured a unique family tradition. Purely invented to get the children out on a walk over Christmas, kick-the-footy involved each family member to kick a football down a nearby road in Thornton-in-Lonsdale, counting the kicks as you went. First prize went not to the one who took the fewest kicks. Oh no, the victor was the

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# Rescuing Ralph

BELLA MATTHEWS GOES TO THE AID OF A SPANIEL IN DISTRESS

One Sunday my dad and I decided to go kayaking. We went to Loxwood Canal. We got all kitted up and put the kayak in the canal. I had a bit of a struggle getting in the kayak -nearly fell out the other side. But I eventually managed it. I rowed for about a mile and half to the next loch.

We decided to stop for lunch and then move onto the next part of the canal on the other side of the loch. But when we began to move on, a women came up to my dad and said, “My dog is stuck on the other side of the canal and there is no way we can get to him. I was wondering if you could help me.” My dad said yes so back in the water goes the kayak. I get in and row over to where where the dog is.

I tried to get hold of him while I was still on my kayak, but the dog was scared of the kayak and my paddle, so I had to get out into the freezing cold water. Thankfully I had my wetsuit on and my waterproof trousers. The owners told me to call him by name. That did the trick

and I soon had hold of Ralph.

I put Ralph’s lead on. As soon as he realised that I was friendly and was trying to help him, he jumped on top of me and hung onto me, with one paw on each shoulder and started shivering, either with cold or shock.



Bella at Loxwood Canal. To gain Ralph’s trust she called him by name.

After having a few tries of getting Ralph onto the kayak and trying to get him to swim back across, my dad decided to get into the canal and walked across to come and help me get Ralph onto the kayak. We managed to get him onto the kayak after three or four tries

and we got him to the other side of the canal and back to his owners who were very pleased.

So pleased in fact they gave me £100 for helping out. I was in the water for about thirty minutes, but it was worth it because I was helping an animal. I would never leave an animal in distress, I’d always try to find a way to help them as best as I can. I’ll always remember that day as the day I rescued Ralph!



# Wrappers delight!

SYLVIA STAPLES SHARES THE FAMILY TRADITION THAT GIVES  
A NEW MEANING TO WRAPPING UP IN WINTER.

Who doesn't love a bit of dressing up? Something we usually do at Christmas, but may well not be able to do this year, is the Dressing Up Christmas Wrapping Paper Game (the quality of the title luckily is no reflection of its brilliance!)

Everyone saves all the wrapping paper from opening their presents including tags, bows, etc. These are put in separate bin bags. Then, either on Christmas Eve or Boxing Day, everyone present is divided into teams and each team is given a bag of wrapping paper, a roll of sellotape and a pair of scissors.

The task is to create an outfit for one team member. There is then a fashion parade, complete with music, and the winner is chosen... it is hilarious.

As you can see, the results over the

years have provided some great photos of contestants' creations! One year when we had lots of people staying over Christmas, we repeated this two days running over Christmas.



Bella, aged just 5 back in 2015, strikes a pose in WH Smith's finest and a Carluccio's giant coin wrapper!

We've also played the game with the kids in church. It's good for all ages. Wine definitely helps (for the adults!). Bella, my granddaughter, loves this game. And I think you can see she throws everything at the gift-wrap-couture.

This year we'll probably be Christmassing with the rule of 6. But you know what, even if it's just two

teams of three I am sure that the tradition will be kept alive. And who knows, with more gift wrap to go round, the creativity this year may well reach new heights.

We'll have to wait and see. But for now though, I guess this little article is a



Bella styles out a good look, but the grown-ups should truly be ashamed of themselves.



The gift wrap fashion show becomes a children's activity at church. Once again the kids show how it's done. Conspicuous by their absence, the grown-ups have been left to tidy up. It's better that way.



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The editor didn't know what a ramekin was. Here's one.



## *Ho Jelly Ho!*

MARY PRICE SHARES THE MOST FANTASTIC SPICED PLUM SAUCE FOR CHRISTMAS PUDS!

I came across this delicious recipe in an old copy of *Woman's Weekly* and was bowled over by it. Ever since it has been on the Christmas menu and shared with others. Here it is:

**Ingredients:** 400 g (14 oz) red plums, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, 200g (7 oz) caster sugar.

**Method:** Put the plums and cinnamon in a pan with 100 ml (3.1/2 fl oz) water. Cover and cook gently for about 25 minutes, until the plums are soft. Stir occasionally. Squash the fruit and push it through a sieve.

Pour the puree back into the pan, add the sugar. Heat gently until the sugar

dissolves, bring to the boil and stir frequently for 8–10 minutes until the mixture has thickened. Pour into two x 150 ml (5 fl oz) ramekins lined with cling film and leave to set. It will take two- three hours. Wrap cling film around it. It can be kept like this, in the fridge, for two months.

When serving the pudding, cut a piece out of the pudding the size of one of the set plum jellies. Put one of the jellies inside. Put the plug of pud back in and press it down (it won't be flat). After reheating the pudding turn out and serve. Microwave the other jelly and make a sauce to serve with the pud. Delicious. You will be hooked on it!



# Small is beautiful

SIMON FRASER PENS AN ODE TO THE YEAR AND THIS FESTIVE SEASON

This year's been a bugger;  
be glad when it's done.  
Let's put it behind us.  
Bring on twenty-one!  
We've had Number 10 briefings  
and Captain Tom Moore.  
We've been furloughed,  
a term we'd not heard before.  
We've been hand sanitising  
and not dared to stop.  
We've been queuing, while  
spaced out, for every shop.

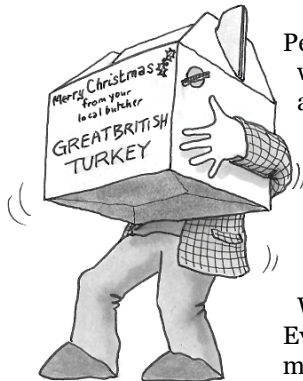


We've struggled with face masks,  
we've come out to clap,  
We've tried to make sense  
of that NHS app.  
We've been locked down for ages  
and in August were sent  
by the Chancellor to Eat Out,  
"Save 50 per cent!"  
And just when we thought  
it was time for some laughs  
Along came Chris Whitty  
and loads of new graphs.

And now here comes Christmas  
which won't be the same.  
It's going to be different,  
but why dish out blame?  
You may hate the rules,  
be annoyed or upset  
but we've got to be smart  
if we're going to get  
our lives back to normal,  
to things as they were.  
We've got to be patient.  
I hope you concur.

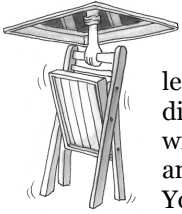
Okay, so maybe  
you can't host a crowd,  
but you know what they say  
about every cloud.  
Maybe there's something  
in keeping things small.  
Just for once, just this year,  
for the good of us all.  
You may miss those faces  
you'd normally see  
but think how much  
easier it's all going to be...

Rejoice that your turkey  
is smaller this year;  
a twenty-pound bird  
is a pain in the rear.  
Who wants to get up  
at a quarter to four  
and find, ten hours later,  
its centre's still raw?  
And stuffing a bird  
of such size is no fun.  
You need fifty-four onions  
and sage by the ton.



Peeling the former  
will leave you in floods,  
a state that's made worse  
when you think of the spuds,  
and the sprouts,  
and the carrots,  
the parsnips and peas,  
the cabbage, the leeks  
and the cauliflower cheese.  
Who wants to spend Christmas  
Eve chained to the sink  
madly peeling and chopping?  
Er, no one, I think.

There's no need for Dad  
to head loftwards to search  
for emergency chairs



on which aunties can  
perch.

There's no need to  
lengthen your  
dining room table  
with something that's lower  
and really unstable.  
You can all sit together,  
all at the same height.

No "Kids' End" this Christmas,  
and that means no fight.

Your drinks bill will shrivel;  
your budget (domestic)  
will feel so much happier  
your spend at Majestic  
is tiny— you won't have  
the need of a trolley.  
You'll just need a basket  
to carry the Bolly.  
Go on, get the good stuff,  
you know you deserve it -  
and no need to hire  
any glassware to serve it.

Your sofa and armchairs  
can all stay in place.  
No need for adjustments  
to try and make space  
for aunties and uncles  
and cousins galore  
who sulk when they're told  
they must sit on the floor.  
No need to be squashed-up,  
just sprawl out at leisure.  
A seat for each person;  
that's something to treasure.

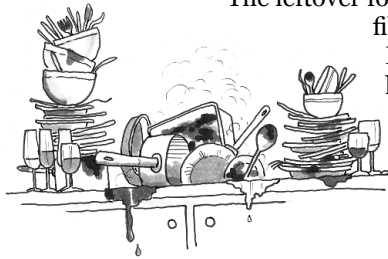
When it's time for the presents,  
it won't be so manic.

No orgy of opening,  
no greed-induced panic  
as a hundred-odd gifts  
are unwrapped in a flurry  
and the sea of ripped paper's  
so deep that you worry  
you can't find the dog.



No, he's under  
your seat,  
contentedly  
munching  
on Quality  
Street.

And back in the kitchen  
there's less to wash up.  
Last year, you used every plate,  
glass and cup.  
The leftover food



filled the fridge for a week.  
By New Year, the turkey  
had started to reek.  
You'd used it for soups  
and a weird stroganoff  
Until you agreed  
the damn thing had  
gone off.

So, maybe there's something  
in not "going large".  
More time to reflect,  
to relax and recharge.  
It's tough when you can't  
be together as one,  
it's sad when your loved ones  
can't share in your fun.  
So, call them, or Zoom them,  
and make sure they hear -  
Merry Christmas to you  
and a Happy New Year.



Pigeons on the ice of a frozen fountain in Trafalgar Square. The big freeze was caused by an anticyclone, which hovered over Scandinavia and pulled the cold air from the arctic and Russia to Britain.



This 17ft snowman was built by four Aberdeen schoolboys. It dropped to minus 22.2C in Scotland.



Icicles hang from flats in Birmingham. UK temperatures from December to March averaged -1.8C.

# The North Pole came to us!

ROBIN STRIDE REMEMBERS THE BIG FREEZE OF 1963

Our Christmas celebrations were cut short when the snow began falling softly and quickly settling after tea on Boxing Day 1962.

Aunty and Uncle left for home early to avoid driving in freezing weather when they had no heater in the car.

I thought they were being over cautious but it was a good job they went when they did. There was snow on snow on snow.

Blizzard Britain hit Surrey hard in the 'Big Freeze' of winter 1962-63. 'Christmas' lasted three months. We had no wish to go to the North Pole that year. The North Pole came to us.

I walked on the River Mole at Dorking, the sea froze up to a mile out in Kent, and icicles longer than me hung from the gutters of houses.

It was the coldest winter any grandparent could remember. Snowmen lived on the lawn until the end of February, pipes burst in the loft, and my two goldfish in a garden sink morphed into tangerine slices in party jelly.

The kids at school mocked when Dad collected me in mid-March with a sledge in the car. They thought it was all over.

But we knew a secret sheet of ice in the Surrey Hills where the sun never shone. There we were bobsleigh heroes.

Frozen memories. Released in lockdown.



Even the Thames froze over. The winter had such an impact on the nation it featured in *Call The Midwife*.

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- 2oz raisins
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- 3oz glacé cherries ( coloured )
- 4 oz butter
- 4 oz icing sugar
- 2oz ground almonds
- 1 packet of trifle sponges
- Double ( whipping) cream for decorating



## METHOD

1. Lightly butter a 1 pint pudding basin
2. Drain mandarins, reserve liquor, chop
3. Soak raisins and sultanas in sherry
4. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Fold in ground almonds, cherries. Crumble sponge cakes into the mixture and fold in fruit.
5. Press into pudding basin and chill or freeze.
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# From battlefield to sports field

NEWS AND VIEWS TALKS TO SURREY OUTDOOR FITNESS GURU, NUTTY ALMOND

## So, first things first, what's with the nickname "Nutty"?

I'll have to stop you there. Not a nickname but actually my real name.

My girlfriend Lucy got it changed by Deed Poll for my fortieth birthday. Of course, it was my moniker in the army. My surname's Almond, it was inevitable!

## Tell us about your path into the army.

I was the son and grandson of soldiers. My grandad was a Surrey soldier and was involved in the St Valéry-en-Caux evacuations in 1940. My dad was in logistics and served most notably in the Falklands. He then left and became a probation officer. Growing up we moved from Lincoln to Doncaster and to Leeds. I was 15½ when I told him that I wanted to be a soldier. He'd hoped I was destined for the RAF!

I think I was very lucky to have such

strong male role models growing up. Both my dad and grandad were leaders. People looked to them to make decisions and turned to them for a solution. They

had strong values: trust, humility and discipline. That said, behind every great man is a great woman, and it's only later that I've learned that the women in my family were key to getting things done. In those days, the soldiers got the credit!

## What really motivated you to become a soldier?

I liked the fact that it was about getting stuck in and being involved: a team bonding around a mission.

But above that, my instinct is to make people feel safe. And that's what led me to join the 23 Pioneer Regiment which are part of the Royal Logistics Corp, offering operational support on tours and missions. Pioneers are often the first guys into a war zone. We're described as "far-sighted, tough, skilled and undeterrable



Nutty has taken his personal mantra of "keeping people safe" from the army to his role as fitness instructor at the burgeoning bootcamp on Ewhurst Rec.



worker-adventurers who go ahead to prepare the way for others”. I think that’s what really sealed it for me.

**Where did you serve?**

My career spanned 16 years from 1994 to 2010. So I saw action as an infantryman and then Pioneer in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. I think the most testing times were first in Northern Ireland when, at 20, I realised my medical skills were limited. After securing the area at the 1998 Omagh bombing, I wished I’d had the training to get in there and help the wounded. Then again in Kosovo when our platoon had to deal with mass war graves, the result of genocide by Milosevic. That was tough, but the army training kicks in.

**So how did you go from service to Surrey Outdoor Fitness (SOF)?**

I left the army after the regiment disbanded in 2010. I first explored teaching. But the government pulled the scheme. I eventually found British Military Fitness. I left BMF in 2018 then had a couple of false starts. But this year when Covid hit, I thought why don’t I go for it and set up my own bootcamp. My base was Ewhurst so why not start here. So I made all the necessary enquiries with the council (Joanna Cadman has been really helpful), bought all the equipment, put all the insurances in place and started Surrey Outdoor Fitness on Ewhurst rec on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. I’ve now over sixty recruits!

**What’s different about SOF?**

You come as an individual, you leave as a friend. SOF is a fitness community. Just like the purpose of the Pioneers, my role is to prepare the ground for you to perform and achieve your best.

Each session on the rec lasts about an hour and caters for all abilities. There are two styles. Bootcamp is primarily circuit training, using your own body weight. SoStrong helps build strength and features fitness equipment: battle ropes, med balls, dumbbells, dragging tyres, powerbags and more.

But above all, I can provide direction for each person to help achieve their fitness goals, from building strength to losing fat. And that continues after the sessions finish. We have a WhatsApp group where I can encourage and help out the SOF family. Get in touch and give it a try! The first session is free.

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Nutty walks the talk. Here he takes on the gruelling Spartan Race in 2015.



Nutty puts fitness recruits through their paces at Ewhurst rec this summer.



Kosovo 1999. Nutty, top right, with members from 23 Pioneer Regiment. They had been there on a mission to help liberate the municipality of Lipjan.

# Sledging

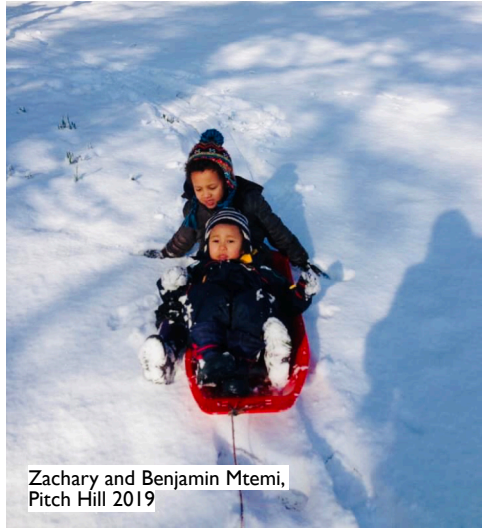
T'was the night before Christmas;  
On many a hill  
A bunch of parishioners  
Looked for a thrill.

The fall was unusually deep that year,  
So we all grabbed our sledges and  
Waterproof gear.  
Having trudged to the top as our  
Boots crunched the snow,  
We lined up like athletes and  
Someone said Go !

I could make out the post box  
By the light of the moon,  
As I whizzed down the hill  
Like a colourful loon.

Meeting a mogul, Mary flew into space  
Then crashed back down with a  
Beaming red face  
Joyful, we raced up and down  
Beneath stars,  
Before ever hearing of Covid or Sars.

Jamie Boyes  
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Zachary and Benjamin Mtemi,  
Pitch Hill 2019



Lara and Rylan Shickell,  
Lucy Payne - 2008/10



James Howard, 2018



Emily Riley's Mum,  
Lower Breache Road



Clara and Isobel Kings,  
Bramblehurst 2012





Leah Gardener pulls sister Grace up Rectory Close



Tim Hurley with daughter Eleanor, Adam's Hill, Lower Breache Road



Sophie and Natasha Jago, Wykehurst Lane 2010



Cousins Josie & Darcie with Hugo, Teddy, Hamish, Bonnie and Herbie



Isabella, Lottie, Lucy and Sakia plus a rather nifty snow caterpillar



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# The Local Church For Local

1. How old is the Rector of Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green?

2. Where is this image (right)?



3. How old is the church of St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst?

4. Which famous “Are You Being Served” actor lived at Quavers, Forest Green?

5. What is the name of the lane that links Horsham Road with Horsham Road? (No, that’s not a typo).

6. What are the names of our four Parish pubs?

7. What animals are bred on Church Lane in Walliswood?

8. In which church would you find a brass of Edward de la Hale?

9. What is the inscription on the spiral bench on Ewhurst Recreation Ground?

10. What is the name of the waterway that runs through the middle of our Parish?

11. Who owns Hurtwood Polo Club?

12. Which gaming entrepreneur acquired Gatton Manor in 2018?

13. Which Olympic Medalist for Equestrian Eventing lives in our Parish?

14. How far is it to 0.1 of a mile from Ewhurst (shop) to Cranleigh (Richard Onslow)?

15. How much is a pint of beer (ale) at Ewhurst Club?

16. How many bells are there in St Peter & St Paul’s Church?

17. Name the last three productions by the Ewhurst Players.

18. Which famous 18th century curate at Okewood church propounded a revolutionary socio-economic theory?

19. There’s a Hazelbank Stores in Ewhurst. Where’s the other one?

20. On which date would the Ewhurst Carnival finally have been held this year?

21. On which local farm can you find a wooden sculpture of a Rhinoceros?

22. What is the slogan on the sign for Forest Green Forge?

# Christmas Quiz Local People



23. Who is the internationally acclaimed watercolour artist who lives on Pitch Hill?

24. What is the name of the tudor-style manor house in Ellen's Green?

25. What has Norman Hampshire famously built in his father-in-law's back garden on Gadbridge Lane?

26. What breed of turkey do Butler Farms offer at Christmas?

27. Which animal features on Ewhurst Football Club's badge?

28. What's the name of the sculpture garden on Standon Lane, Walliswood.

29. What is the name of the oldest surviving cottage in Forest Green

30. What happened to the son of Charles & Christina Hensley which resulted in them building Holy Trinity church?

31. When is the first historical record of the Parrot Inn, Forest Green.

32. What was Sayer's Croft originally built for?

33. What is the name of the 15<sup>th</sup> century sport played in Ewhurst and called "cricket in the air"?

34. Which composer of over 150 film scores (including The Lion King) attended Hurtwood House?

35. Who is this drumming legend and current churchwarden at Ewhurst Church (pic. below).



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# *A dog called Boy*

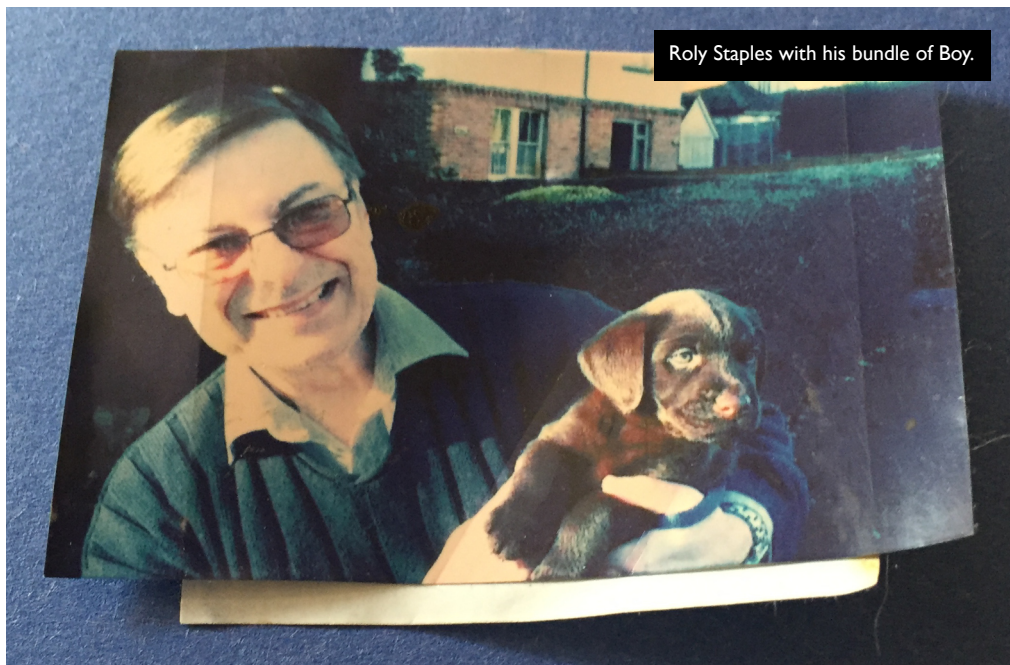
SYLVIA STAPLES REMINISCES ABOUT A WRIGGLING CHRISTMAS PRESENT

**O**n Christmas Day 2007 our son arrived with a moving cardboard box and announced to my husband that this was his Christmas present from him and his sister Catherine. They felt that Roly needed to get more exercise. Inside the box was a gorgeous chocolate Labrador puppy.

Despite all the publicity about "a puppy is for life not just for Christmas," we found ourselves with a puppy on Christmas Day and a house full of guests who were all staying with us.

Although Andrew had brought some food for Boy (we called him that) we did not have a bed, any proper feeding or drinking bowls, a collar or lead or any toys for our new arrival and due to it bring holiday time, we were not able to buy anything for him for several days.

Boy became well known in Ewhurst and we had 10 happy years with him, but will never forget his arrival. We did wonder how Andrew would top a puppy the following year and half expected to find a donkey on the doorstep!





Cat Strange (né Staples) gives little Boy a big hug after tucking into what looks like a magnum of Magners!

# The games we play at Christmas

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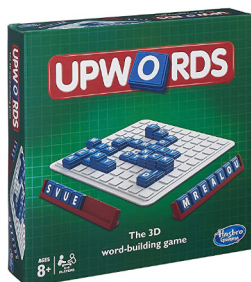
## Heads Up!

Hold a name card to your forehead (no looking!). The others will yell out clues. You just have to guess who is on your card, or pass, till 2 minutes is up.



## Rummikub

The object of the game is to place all your tiles on the table as part of a set (same colour, series of numbers, etc). As you play your last tile, just shout Rummikub!



## Upwords

Upwords is a 3-dimensional word game. You and your opponents compete by spelling words with stackable letter tiles on the board to score points.



## Pucket

Pucket is a frantic dexterity game. Players race each other to catapult the pucks from their side of the board through a small hole to the other side.



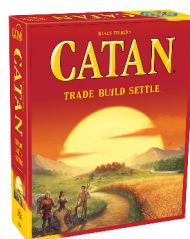
## Farkle

Each player throws six dice per turn. Certain combinations score and you build up points until you hit 5000. But don't be fooled. Peril and gambling lies ahead!



## 5 Second Rule

A game of quick thinking and fast talking. Correctly answer the most questions by giving three answers before the balls twist down to the bottom of the timer.



## Catan

You are a settler in Catan. You build dwellings, cities, the roads to connect them and armies to protect them. Achievements gain points and ultimately victory.





### Shut the Box

A dice game for one or more players. Cover all the numbers with throws of the dice. An excellent way to teach numbers and arithmetic.



### UNO

Players take turns shedding cards by matching a card - by colour or number - with the card on top of the deck. Special cards deliver game-changing moments!



### Chinese Chequers

Each player takes a different coloured set of men and 'hops' their way across the board in an attempt to get all their pieces into the opposite point of the star.



### Carcassonne

A tile-laying game in which players fill in the countryside around a fortified city. Players score points when followers land on features they've completed.



### Dobble

A simple matching game where you try to find an image shown on two cards. Each card has eight different symbols, varying in size from one card to the next.



### Quirkle

Players place blocks of a matching shape or colour (but not both!) together on a table. You get points for placing a block and adjacent blocks. Deceptively tricky!



### Perudo

Enjoy the sculduggery of doubting the player next to you. Perudo is a dice game where bluffing is the key. Find out who's the best liar amongst you! You'll be surprised.



### Pass the Bomb

Nerves are tested to the limit by the threat of the ticking bomb. Shout out a word that contains the letters on the card and pass the bomb before it 'explodes'.



### The Game of Life

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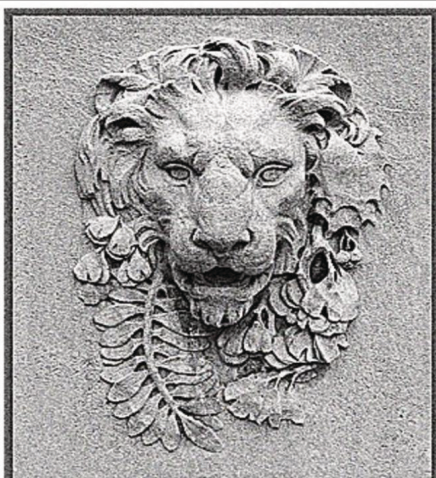
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## Blowing out the candle

Every Christmas Eve when I was little, our next door neighbours John and Kit Brown would come round for dinner.

I think I preferred this dinner to the one on Christmas Day. And maybe it was because one year Uncle John (we called him Uncle) did what I now know to be the Les Dawson "Blowing Out The Candle" sketch.

You'll have to search it out on YouTube to get the full effect, but suffice to say it showcased Les's face in all its rubbery genius, with a fast-talking script to match.

My Uncle John mimicked it brilliantly and I looked forward to it every year after its debut. It made me chuckle and, as Les would say, "slap-a-my-thigh!"



Search for "Blowing Out The Candle Les Dawson" on YouTube and then sit back and enjoy.

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# *It's a packed Christmas at Ewhurst Infants*

HEADTEACHER JANE DYER OVERVIEWS THE FULL FESTIVE SCHEDULE

The children will be learning that at Christmas angels gave messages from God and announced the birth of Jesus, which shows what a special baby Jesus was. The whole school will also write messages of hope, thanks and wishes for family, friends and the environment.

In preparation for Advent our oldest children will be taking part in an Advent workshop in our Forest School area this year, making an Advent crown and learning about the meaning of each candle and the colour each candle represents. A Christingle pack will be completed at home.

We are making a film of our nativity in which the whole school will be involved using our wonderful outside grounds.

This is a very exciting venture for the school and the film will be shared with our families. Nativity paper chains that tell the journey that each character

undertook will be created to decorate the school.

On Monday 14th December our annual candlelit service will be undertaken virtually where all our families can join together to hear readings and sing carols as the Christmas story unfolds in the service.

Even though our usual Christmas activities will be slightly different this year to make sure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible from coronavirus, we will be having a Christmas party lunch with festive games and a hopefully a visit from Father Christmas!



The children will be learning that angels give messages from God. Plus there'll be a Nativity film and a virtual Christingle.

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The candlelit graveyard Bill experienced was in Austria on the way back from a gig. The image above is from Finland where it is also a tradition to remember the dead with candlelight on Christmas Eve.

## *Moved by candlelight*

BILL CUTHBERT SHARES A CHRISTMAS MEMORY FROM HIS DAYS ON THE ROAD

**I**n December 1974 I was working as a Band Leader and entertainer for the American troops at their winter holiday and relaxation resort in Garmisch Patenkirchen in Bavaria

On Christmas Eve we heard that there was, every year, a wonderful traditional Christmas celebration in Innsbruck, just across the border. Brass bands, choirs, Christmas lights and readings (Although none of us spoke Austrian, they still sounded great!) So we all jumped in the van and drove across the mountain.

The square was packed with happy

families, joyful and singing along (again in Austrian so we improvised our lyrics). It was just the most marvellous, magical evening,

On the way back, over the beautiful snowy mountains, we saw a wonderfully lit church on a hill next to the road. The graveyard also looked enchanting as, on every single grave stone, there was a night light or candle lighting up the inscriptions on the headstone.

I was very moved to see how the locals remembered their dearly departed at Christmas. However my good friend and drummer (and pragmatic funny ➔

chap) Brian turned to me and in typically Kentish sense of humour said “There you are! I told you that you would get your name in lights one day!”

So to this day following in that tradition every Christmas Eve before I leave to perform for the evening, I take a candle in a jam jar (Country style) and place it on my headstone at Holy Trinity in Forest Green to remember them and also Brian the Drummer who is sadly no longer with us

I have to admit usually my son Felix comes with helps me, as it is usually dark by then and I am not very good with graveyards!, I find them a bit scary! He has no fear, and he accompanies me there.

I am glad that I followed this tradition as it keeps me close to my parents every Christmas.

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## Ewhurst Roof Report

The west porch has a new lease of life thanks to the craftsmanship of carpenter Dave and stonemason Simon. They have skilfully blended new and old, especially with the woodwork. It is also safer under the bell tower buttresses as eroded stonework here has been repaired. The repair work covered by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant is now finished, but we still need to finalise all the educational aspects required by the grant.

COVID has halted this work but we have plans for this next summer before the grant deadline.

The church is still on the “At Risk” register with the south transept being high on the list. So we are starting up a new charity - Friends of St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst - whose main objective will be to raise funds for the repair and restoration of the church. It will be independent of the EOFG Parochial Church Council (PCC) but will work with them to apply for repair

grants for St Peter & St Paul.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported the fundraising for repairs to the church. We hope you will continue to support this new charity. Details of how should be available in early 2021. However, if you would like to register interest before, please contact the Friends Planning Group on [allenplusjan@btinternet.com](mailto:allenplusjan@btinternet.com) or phone 01483 277487

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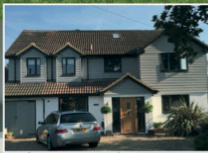


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A photo visualisation of what Victoria's carol singing might have been like.



## *Carols in Africa.*

VICTORIA HELSTRIP TELLS OF THE NIGHT SHE HATCHED A PLAN WITH HER BROTHER.

I spent my childhood on a farm in Africa. Returning home from boarding school one Christmas holiday my half brother and I decided to add something new to the usual celebrations. We would go carol singing.

On the farm the workers and their families lived in two lines of small round houses. Between the lines was a wide grassy area where the children played during the day and families socialised.

Dressed as we would have in England, with scarves, woolly hats and gloves and carrying lanterns, we set out when we knew the families would have finished their evening meal and would be

settling down for the night. The smell of wood smoke from the evening meal fires hung in the air and under the heavy black blanket of an African night, studded with stars, we started our walk between the lines.

We sang a number of carols before we reached the end, and I think we were slightly disappointed that there had been no reaction. But then, we turned to find that every door was open and filled with families silently listening to us.

I don't remember the last carol we sang but suddenly we were surrounded and everyone joined in; singing, clapping, or stamping their feet. A carol-singing to remember.

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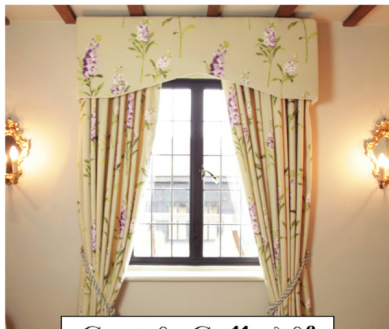
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Bob (with even more toys) in the sound control room at BBC Television Centre, White City, 1965



## *A reel-ly memorable Christmas present*

BOB FOLEY TALKS ABOUT A GIFT THAT INSPIRED HIS BBC SOUND CAREER

**W**ay back in the late fifties I lived across the road from a large ABC cinema. My father owned and ran a sweets and tobacconist shop which was also part of our house. The cinema manager used to buy his newspapers from us and we knew him well. He would occasionally invite me over to observe the operations in the projection

room, which fascinated me as a young lad. I was particularly interested in a tape recorder which they used for announcements and playing background music into the cinema. As a result I started to pester my parents for one. At the time I was studying for my GCE exams and they told me I might get one for Christmas if I studied hard and



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got good results. Needless to say, my dear parents procured an expensive looking, good quality tape recorder which was given to me on the next Christmas Day. I don't know how they managed this in the post war years of austerity, but somehow they did. I was thrilled, It was my pride and joy!

It sounds tame nowadays, but at the time I was absolutely enthralled by this wonderful device which could record and reproduce any sound instantly. I remember recording the bleeps of Sputnik 1 off the TV as it passed over the UK, in 1957. Local thunderstorms were exciting sounds. I recorded a lot of pop music off Radio Luxembourg – The Everly Brothers, Duane Eddy, Eddie



Bob's auspicious Christmas gift: the Collaro Mono Valve Reverse Playback Tape Recorder.

Cochran etc, making my own radio programmes. I must have been a right pain to my family and friends as I wanted to record anything and everyone around me. I also used it to create and play sound effects for school plays. I became very interested in electronic music and even gave a talk at my

school. Later on I ventured into editing the tapes by cutting the tape of one sound out and joining it up to another



Bob doing sound for the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

or recording something and playing it back at twice speed or even backwards! The possibilities seemed endless. I learned so much about audio playing with that tape recorder. It was a key factor in setting the course of my future career working for BBC Television for 49 years. It was, undoubtedly, a very memorable Christmas present!

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

Like Bob (and so many others already interviewed in News & Views) we're sure many of our readers have led fascinating lives and done great and interesting things. If that's you, get in touch. We'd love to learn about your life and share some of your experiences with the Parish. Contact Will Shepherd, Editor, on [will.shepherd@mac.com](mailto:will.shepherd@mac.com) or call/text 07941 248 955.





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# We three kids...

MARIAN COPUS HELPS US THINK ABOUT  
THOSE WHO FIND CHRISTMAS TOUGH.

**W**e three kids were very excited as we expected Father Christmas to come that Christmas Eve. The glass of milk and a mince pie was placed on the fireplace in expectation.

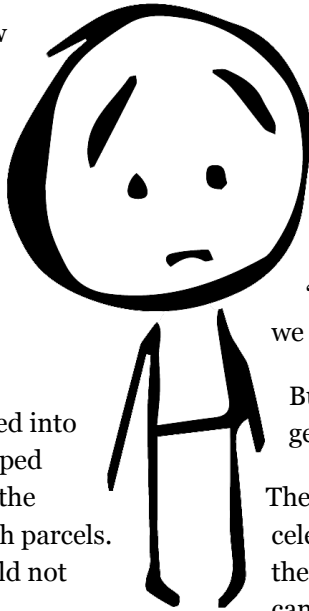
What did he look like? How could he come down our chimney? Why were the reindeer so quiet?

Sleep would not come. We waited and waited, trying to keep awake, but eventually the fairy dust in our eyes won.

Next morning we were called into our parents' room. We jumped into the big bed, excited at the sight of our pillowcases with parcels. But Mum was sad and would not join in the fun.

When Father came back with some tea for her, he said: 'Your Mother's not well - you need to understand'. We opened our gifts. Some sweets, an orange, some nuts, and an apple from Grandad's tree. We jumped and laughed and had lots of fun. But Mum was so sad.

Breakfast, chicken dinner, and tea. An afternoon walk to Gran and Grandad's was fun. We had a present or two from our grandparents' tree while mum stayed at home indoors by the fire.



We three kids had a strange feeling inside us that year. As we grew older, we understood more about depression. The pressure of Christmas for Mum was too much and made her depressed and sad.

'Wonder' went out the door and we had a mixture of feelings.

But we did find a real reason to get excited!

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# Great expectations remembered

NONAGENARIAN CHRIS CATFORD SHARES HIS MEMORIES OF A 1930s CHRISTMAS

Oh, what bliss to be six in the mid-1930s when Christmas approached and no clouds were visible on the horizon.

Christmas Eve...and the tension mounted. Tomorrow was 'the day' Father Christmas would come down the chimney in the bedroom I shared with my elder sister.

Sometime during the night he would arrive. We put off sleep as long as possible but lost the battle and did not awake until dawn.

'Yes!' my sister cried, 'He's been!' Two large pillowcases at the end of each bed, and a hanging stocking full of goodies, proved it.

Our parents came in. 'Has he been?' they asked, smiling at each other. 'Yes, yes, he has,' we cried. 'Did you hear him on the roof? Did you see the reindeers and sledge?'

'Well maybe' they replied. 'But he had such a long journey visiting all the children around the world - and in such a short time...'

Christmas Day unfolded. Turkey. Lovely pudding. I look back with great affection, with love for my parents and

sister, and with such joy that I could experience such a magical time. And for all that it stood for.



Just like Chris did, these British Children in the 1930s eagerly await the arrival of Father Christmas.



1930s Christmas (left to right), 1930 Father Christmas arrives at Croydon aerodrome by plane laden with a cargo of toys; 1934 Santa Claus handing out toys to children on the barges of Brentford, Essex; 1937 A scene from a nativity play at Barrow Hill Road Infants School in St John's Wood

# *The Ellen's Green Mission Room Fund*

SECRETARY JAN ALLEN ASKS WHETHER YOUR GROUP COULD GET A GRANT

## **What it was then**

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In 1979 the Trustees sold the property and invested the proceeds to become the charitable Fund it is today.

## **What it does now**

The Trustees meet once a year in

January to give small grants to organisations, groups and schools whose members on the whole live in the parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green, and give benefit to the local community.

Recent awards have helped support community clubs and buildings, children's activities and church groups, as well as one-off local fundraising appeals.

It also supports organisations whose wider influence supports the people of Ewhurst and Ellen's Green. Sayers Croft Trust and Waverley Citizens Advice are recent examples.

## **Could it help your group?**

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