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## Useful things

With the lack of events, this issue was the perfect opportunity to replace "What's On" with some useful contact information for the Parish and wider community. Pull out the centre pages and keep for future reference. Also you'll see some funny numbers in boxes like this — **61** at the end of some articles. The number indicates the page on which the article continues. When you get there, look for the page number you just came from. That will also be in a box, like this. **55** — Useful!

## From the editor

How are you all doing? It's a funny old time, isn't it? The world has divided into lockdown lovers and lockdown loathers. Either way, we're all ready for the elixir of freedom.

I didn't want this issue to be all-consumed with musings about the virus. So I asked contributors to reveal their passions, so we could feel like we're meeting a few new folk and learning about what makes them tick.

I hope you enjoy discovering the Parish passions and personalities in the following pages.

All the best,



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# *The Parish gardening project.*

REVEREND CLARE SIGNALS A DIFFERENT KIND OF GROWING SEASON

**L**ike many people, Will and I have been spending a lot of time in the garden. I have discovered a love for lopping. We have a lot of overgrown laurel in our garden, and we are trying to clear some of it to let the light in.

A couple of times I have had a massive lopping and sawing session which hardly seems to have had an effect other than hurting me. I have learnt to go at it slowly. This is a long term project.

Our Parish is a long term project. In our leadership team we are starting to dream about what we would like to do if money were no object. Our ideas are going to take time. And they are not going to be free. In June, we are going to be asking people to prayerfully consider



how they might be able to contribute to our Parish. We have plans for our future, and we need your help.

Our Parish is new. We are starting to get to know each other. There are so many wonderful things already happening, even through this time of lockdown. I have seen such evidence of God's love at work during these difficult few months.

We long for the day when we will be able to offer hospitality to each other. Until then, let's get to know each other so we can work on this long term project together.

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# *The President sings Amazing Grace*

BILL BRUFORD TELLS US ABOUT ONE OF HIS TRANSFORMATIVE MOMENTS

**T**he musical journey and the Christian journey share many parallels. We now separate them, but the ancients knew that religious faith and music have much in common. Both deal with the abstract. No-one seems quite able to prove how they work, but work they do. Combine the two and you have powerful medicine for healing, as all church musicians and singers know. You don't have to be much of a Christian to recognise healing in action through song.

Following the murder of nine people in Church in Charleston, North Carolina,

on 26th June 2015, President Barack Obama's eulogy offered solace and comfort to the mourners and the American nation. His theme was the grace of God; the grace that involves an open mind and an open heart: "If we can find that grace, anything is possible". No one knows whether the President had planned to sing 'Amazing Grace' unaccompanied towards the end of his oration, but if ever that song needed singing, it was then and there. Thousands rose as one to their feet by the time the second word was out of his mouth. The effect was electrifying, healing, and unforgettable.

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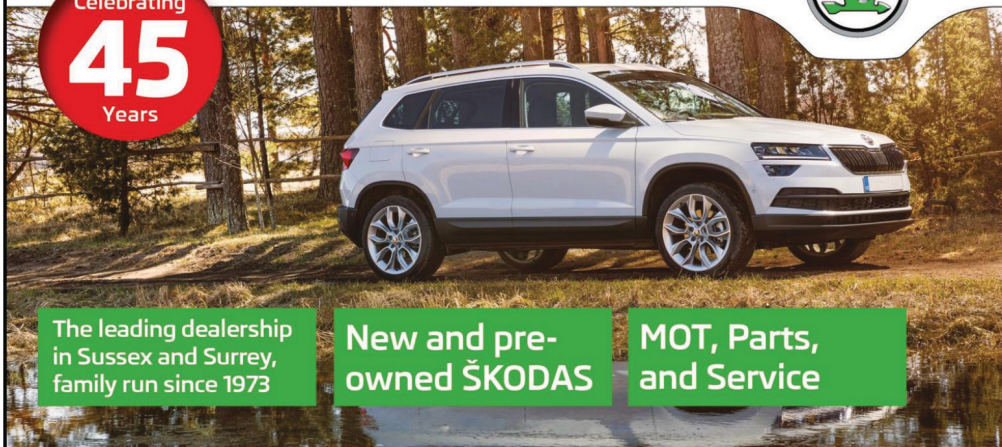
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Father Christmas brought me my Hornby Dublo on Christmas Day 1953. I still have it in my garage and at 78 years old I wonder why. I am never likely to really get it out. In fact I think that the electrics might be a bit unsafe.

I think, deep down it is because my parents had really scrimped and scraped to save the money to buy it for me. It was

much more than they could have afforded in the days of post war rationing.

I have always seen it as something more precious than just a train set. It was Mum & Dad showing, their love for me. An only child of the war years.

I can only hope and pray that our kids realise what love we have always had for them. **Peter Bennett**



Pete's Hornby set, featuring the blue 'Sir Nigel Greasley' model: symbolises his parents' understated yet constant love for their son.

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## Having a quail of a time

One night my dad said he had to go and do a job. While mum and I were having dinner my dad came back with two boxes. He said, 'I wasn't going to get you an anniversary present, but Happy Anniversary'. And there in the boxes were twenty baby quails. So we had a look at them and a little cuddle like you do with new and cute things. We put them in a big box and sat back down to

finish dinner and then to our surprise one of the quails flew up four feet out of the box. I think he was playing superman and batman with his friends. The next day we had to get layers pellets and crush them in a blender so they were small enough for baby quails to eat. Two days after we got the baby quails, we had to move them to a bigger cage and into a shed with the adult



Quail chicks: the perfect anniversary gift?

quails. Did you know that quails can lay 10-20 eggs at one time! How amazing is that! **Bella Matthews**

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## Someone's celebrating Norway Day

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Norwegians have a strong tradition of cask-aging their aquavit. It matures in sherry oak casks that give the “water of life” a golden colour and full-bodied character with hints of vanilla. Thirsty? Check out [scandikitchen.co.uk](http://scandikitchen.co.uk)



Hats off to Forest Green's very own Jake and Elwood Blues, aka Felix and Oscar Cuthbert for entertaining the entire village Blues Brothers-style on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Clap for Carers.



No Summer issue could be complete without a pic of some lambs. Peter Bennett sent this image in. He took it up near The Rhododendron Wood at Leith Hill. He suggested a title: “Who ewe lookin’ at?”

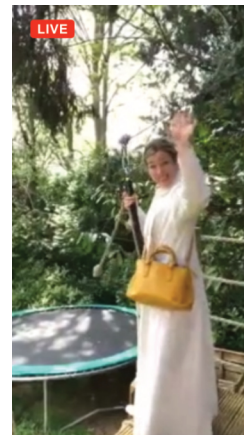
## Rector exits service with flying hallelujah!

Reverend Clare gave all Facebook Live viewers a treat when, on finishing her Easter service, left via zip wire.

The zip wire is a recent addition to the garden at The Rectory

(premiering at the 2019 Rectory

Fete), and it is Rev. Clare's intention to invite parishioners round for lots of fun in the Rectory garden post lockdown!





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# Why I love washing up

CAT STRANGE CONFESSES TO FINDING SANCTUARY AMONGST THE SUDS

Firstly, a word of warning to my parents. Please be seated when reading this, I know the content that follows is going to come as a huge surprise.

It remains the case that, at least before lockdown, whenever I visit my parents' house I never lift a finger to help with the washing up. Yet, in my own home, I find myself loving it.

Really loving it. Often, I deliberately pile up every surface of my kitchen so that I can have a long washing up session.

What makes it a special time for me is its symbiotic relationship with the spoken word:

Radio 4 mostly, although latterly audio books and even streamed church services from Clare and Will.

A good stack of plates, a few Le Creuset pans, some mixing bowls and a bit of Tupperware affords a whole episode of Woman's Hour; washing the gas rings and getting tea-stains out of mugs will give you time to listen to a good chunk of PM. I remember learning of the death

of Steve Hewlett and listening to Eddie Mair's tribute to him whilst washing up. Soap-sudden tears dripped down my face.

The satisfaction of transforming a wealth of dirty objects into clean, glistening ones whilst listening to inspirational stories, whether humorous or devastating continues to be a daily source of solace for me. Hearing bad news seems easier when you can tangibly make something better simultaneously. The view from my sink also gives me a window into nature. Recently, a little Jenny Wren has taken to coming

and shouting at me on the fence whilst I'm washing up. I think she's telling me to turn the radio down as she has built her nest next to my front door. Sorry Jenny, I'll try to keep the noise down.

Lastly, thanks must go to my parents for allowing me to observe them wash up for so long. They taught me all I needed to know and I hope they're proud of the washing up lover they created!



"I remember listening to the tribute to Steve Hewlett, soap-sudden tears dripping down my face."

# *Freedom is a powerful word.*

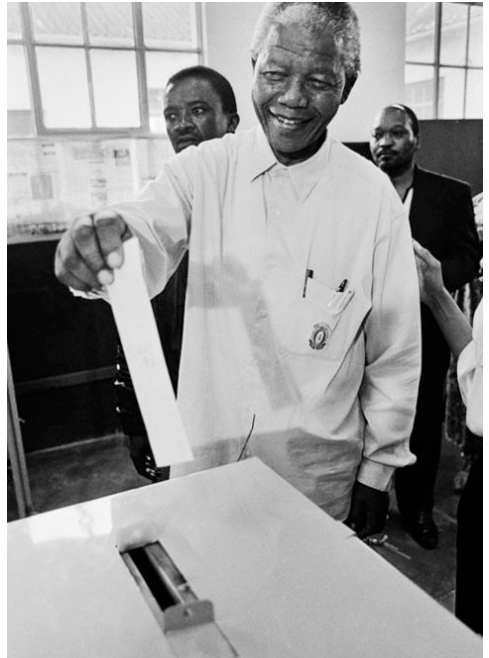
RUPERT HARDING REFLECTS ON THE BIGGEST IDEA ON THE PLANET

**F**reedom Day is a public holiday in South Africa, celebrated on 27 April. It commemorates the first post-apartheid elections held on that day in 1994 which saw Nelson Mandela elected president under black majority rule, ending decades of apartheid.

Freedom can mean many things in different situations. It can mean democracy in government, personal independence and a right to speak, the power to act individually, without fear of repercussions.

Generally, freedom means “not being enslaved”. However, we all experience this in some form. In democracies, we can speak freely, stand up for ourselves and act with free will. However, we are often enslaved to fame, fortune, careers, creating, in our reality, little choice.

Freedom to act brings consequences that we retain responsibility for. However, during covid-19 lockdown, is this a time to consider the changes we can make to our lives and identify how we want to live in the future: for ourselves, our family, our community and environment, and our God.



Nelson Mandela casts his vote in the first post-apartheid election held on April 27 1994. This day is now celebrated as Freedom Day in South Africa

Interestingly, early Christians never saw freedom as an opportunity to chase their own dreams.

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*Galatians 5:13.*



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# Do you Dobble?

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It sounds easy but sadly confirms that parental brains often trail younger ones. Happily, that means wins are shared pretty fairly, creating decent fun for all the family. We wonder if Rev. Clare had that in mind for us all along!

**Matthew Sparkes**



Ollie, Charlie and Jessie Sparkes enjoy Dobble. The game works thanks to combinatorics, a branch of logic that deals with combinations of objects under specified criteria. Combinatorics was developed in part by the Reverend Thomas Penyngton Kirkman, an Anglican clergyman, in the 1850s.

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## I can't believe I was 35 before I'd seen this short film

“You haven't seen *Powers of Ten*!?” My Art Director wide-eye-balled me. How could her boss not have seen this inspiring and seminal film. Some creative leader he is!

Piqued but inquisitive, I returned to my office, fired up YouTube and watched.

The following nine minutes were

mesmerising. Not least because this was a film created in 1977 and documented the limits of human perception and understanding.

*Powers of Ten* changes the way you see the world and reveals the unique ability of human beings to even attempt to grasp the vastness of our universe.

**Will Shepherd**



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Chris & Rachael Dews from Ewhurst are helping Aldhurst Farm twice a week with their deliveries. They highly recommend their cream and raw milk. Check out [aldhurstfarm.co.uk](http://aldhurstfarm.co.uk)



For April Fools' Day, Cat Strange gave Ewhurstians a chuckle by going for a walk in a Bananaman costume that she found in an attic clearance. Her daughter Bella joined her, in an equally striking (but less identifiable) costume.

## The Players play on... ...with Zoom



Nothing was going to stop our favourite band of lovey-kissies from treading the boards. Live read-through performances of *Hightime Hotel* and *Goodnight Mr Tom* have already aired live on Zoom. Contact Meg Bray if you'd like to participate (07719 679 328).

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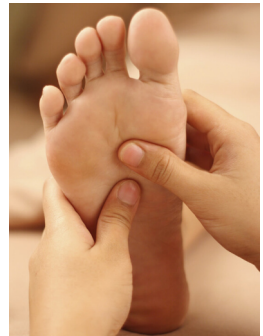
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**Fee Fraser**

Clemmie manages very well with just one eye. The other had to be removed when she was six months old after a thorn pierced it. A freak injury the vet assures us.



# *Find Mousse!*

AMANDA ELSON-DEW LOVES HER DOG EVEN MORE IN LOCKDOWN

**O**ur dog, Clemmie, has two passions: socialising and food. Now that she is locked down with us, these can be obsessive, with big muddy paw marks studding the kitchen counters and soft, patting paws nudging our arms, quickly leading to a hulking Golden Retriever body spreading across our laps. Sweet at first but quickly exhausting!

Fortunately there is a cure, so long as I don't mind sounding very silly to our neighbours; dog training exercises and doggy games. These all require lots of high pitched 'cleever dog's and clear and oft-repeated verbal instructions. A great game is 'find a toy'. That can mean just hiding lots of random toys around

the garden and encouraging Clemmie to hunt for them all, or I have variations, such as looking for a particular named toy, or, which we are still working on, selecting a specific toy from a pile of 'old friends', from 'Pig', Mousse', Bunny', and 'Panda'.

But this makes Clemmie very happy. She gets food rewards when she succeeds, loads of praise and – truth to tell, just as often – gets to play her favourite game of all, which is totally to ignore me and grab whichever toy she is currently keenest on and do victory laps around the garden. And then, a bit later, I will start again, with more sausages. I think she is doing a pretty good job of training me!



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**Jane Lefever**



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## I think I just saw a cow on the back of a bicycle!

While in Asia, I have travelled by bullock cart, donkey cart, man powered rickshaw, tuk tuk and motorbikes. I would ride seated sideways, very often clutching books and papers, even vegetables and small animals!

And I have taken a couple of rides on a Bicycle Van: a flat-boarded platform

on the back of a bicycle. One time, as I bowled along, I was surprised to be overtaken by a cow on the back of a passing bicycle van, sitting comfortably and covered in grass to keep her cool. Unfortunately I never actually saw how the cow got on or off the bicycle van. But it was a moment to treasure forever.



**Cowasaki?** Not quite the scene Victoria saw, but nonetheless an example of the incredible way these sacred animals are transported in India!

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Left to right: Hamish & Jo McInnes, Vicky & Wayne Powell, Jamie & Georgina Rushworth. Just six of the twenty three friends who came together to do the 2.6 Challenge and help Jo raise money for Cancer Research.

# *The Incredible Crew*

JO MCINNES AND FRIENDS TURN ADVERSITY TO THEIR ADVANTAGE

I started Marathon training back in January, hoping to support Cancer Research in memory of my dad, Stuart Nottage and to get a bit fitter!!

But then, the London Marathon got cancelled. Cue a rollercoaster of tears and emotion, but come the eve of what should have been the greatest run of my life, instead of scoffing pasta and feeling very sick, I was writing twenty three achievement certificates for the most amazing people.

In the week of the cancellation, I had the idea to set up “The 2.6 Incredible Crew” and undertake the 2.6 challenge to support the charities that are losing out during the epidemic. Within days, a team of twenty three friends were joining me in the challenge.

They took on the funniest challenges:

wearing 26 pieces of clothing, eating 26 dry crackers, singing baby shark 26 times while shooting 26 hoops, doing 26 Tik-Tok dances, cleaning 26 windows, and more. Not only this, some of the team ran/walked 6.2 or 2.6 miles and in total we completed the distance of three marathons... as a team!

As if this wasn't enough, we raised £2,760 in a week for Cancer Research UK, which blows my mind.

I don't have the words to say how I feel or what this “crew” means to me, and all those amazing people that sponsored us, but they certainly changed the lockdown experience for me.

This is a positive time in my life. One I will never forget due to the amazing Ewhurst Spirit, which my dad had been part of for the last 40 years!

# Flower power

BARRY THOMSON IS BOWLED OVER BY THE BEAUTY ON OUR DOORSTEP

Although a Londoner born and bred I have been lucky enough to live in the Surrey Hills area for over 40 years.

I'm sure that, like me, others on their daily walks have noticed how abundant and beautiful the wild flowers are this year. Perhaps it was the prolonged period of wet weather from last October to February this year but to me the bluebells have never been better.

Until recently my knowledge of wild flowers has been sadly lacking until one day recently I came across a mobile

phone app called Picture This (there are other similar apps!), which can identify any plant or tree from its leaf or blossom.

As well as the usually unpronounceable botanical name, the app tells me the other charming common or country names for each species.

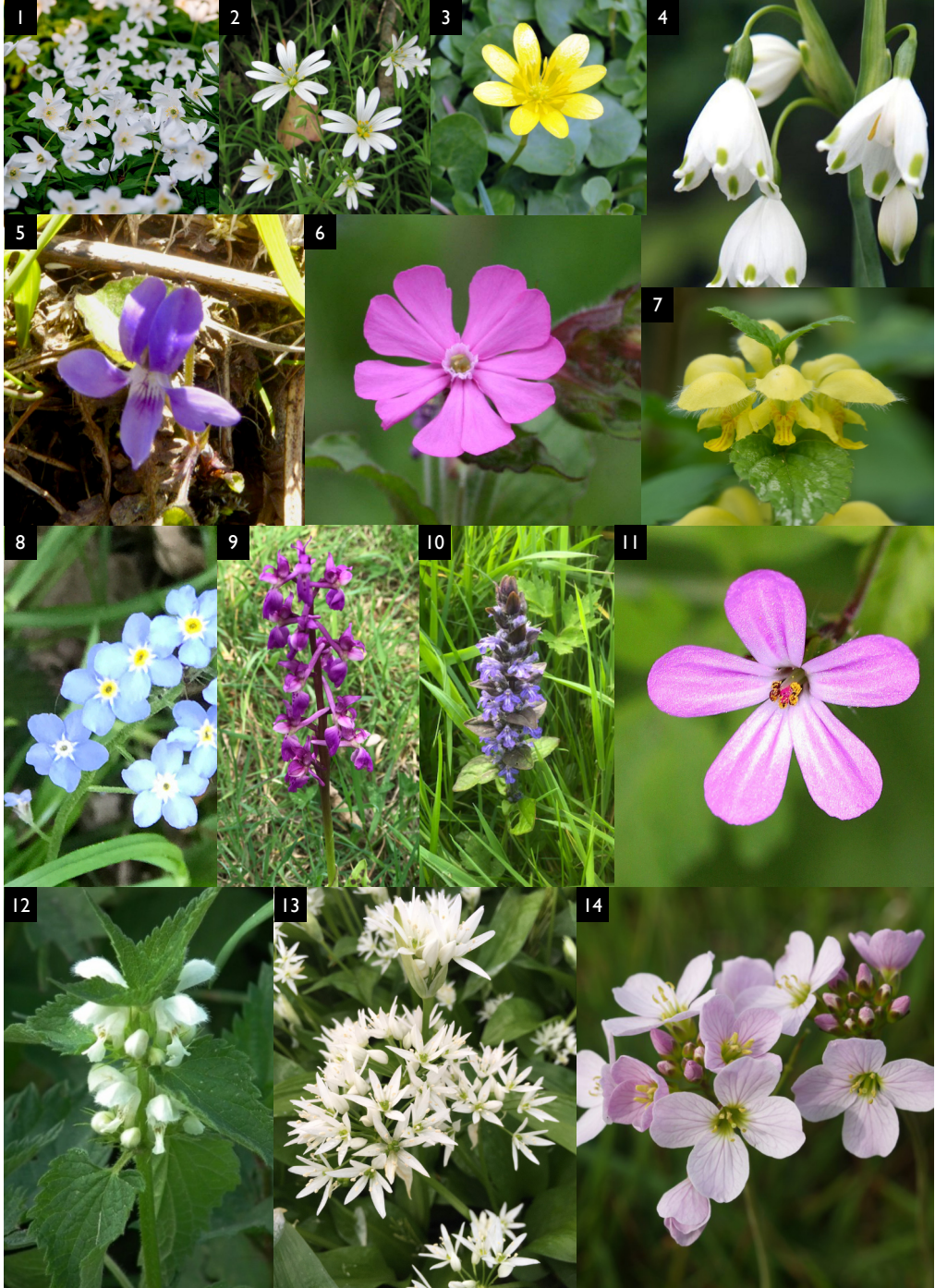
Below you will see a selection of 14 wild flowers which you could find within minutes of your own homes on grass verges and in woodland or copse.

I wonder how many you could identify?

## KEY

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1. **Wood Anemone** - *Anemone nemorosa*. Also known as Windflower, European thimbleweed, Crowfoot, Smell fox and Thimleweed. 2. **Greater Stitchwort** - *Stellaria holostea*. Also known as Adder's meat, Satin flower and Easter bell starwort. 3. **Fig Buttercup** - *Ficaria*. Also known as Lesser celandine, Marsh pilewort, Figwort and Pilewort. 4. **Summer Snowflake** - *Leucojum aestivum*. Also known as Loddon lily, Giant spring snowflake. 5. **Early Dog Violet** - *Viola reichenbachiana*. Also known as Pale wood violet and violet. 6. **Red Campion** - *Silene dioica*. Also known as Red catchfly and Rough robin. 7. **Yellow Archangel** - *Lamium galeobdolon*. Also known as Artillery plant, Aluminium plant, Yellow dead-nettle and Yellow weasel-snout. 8. **Early Forget-Me-Not** - *Myosotis ramosissima*. Also known as Early scorpion grass. 9. **Early Purple Orchid** - *Orchis mascula*. Also known as Male orchis, Salep orchid, Dead man's fingers. 10. **Bugleweed** - *Ajuga reptans*. Also known as Bugleherb, Carpet bugleweed, Carpenter's herb and Common bugle. 11. **Herb Robert** - *Geranium robertianum*. Also known as Robert geranium, Storksbill, Crow's foot, Fox geranium and Death come quickly. 12. **White Deadnettle** - *Lamium album*. Also known as Bee nettle, Honey flower, White archangel and White nettle. 13. **Ramson** - *Alium ursinum*. Also known as Bear's garlic, Wood garlic, Wild garlic and Broad-leaved garlic. 14. **Cardamine Pratensis**. Also known as Lady's smock, Milkmaids, Cuckoo bittercress, Whitsuntide gilliflower and Mayflower



# *My lovely horse*

EDIE POCOCK (8) TELLS US ABOUT HER FAITHFUL FRIEND, TWIGGY

**I** love my horse and am lucky enough to have one of my own!

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My pony is a 13 hands high, tri-coloured, 18-year old Irish gelding called Twiglet, AKA 'Twiggy'. He is the best, most loving pony ever. And he is so funny!

It is his job to care for me and he is amazing at it! Twiggy has helped me come on in my riding — 59





UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: Edie says, "Although Twiggy gets scared of the tiniest things, I still love him."



The plaque on Victoria House, Marlborough, where it all began.



Laura Ray in 1947, stitches puppets clothes, often made from family hand-me-downs



Pelham puppets even issued Disney characters, like Goofy (pictured centre)



The Flying Pig logo. A humorous response to Bob's father's cynicism



Simon's collection includes 22 puppets.



# *Make this business work? Pigs might fly!*

SIMON FRASER BRINGS US THE INSPIRING STORY OF PELHAM PUPPETS

Just before the lockdown, we cleared out our loft. During the process, I came across my collection of Pelham puppets from the 1970s. Here's the history of this short-lived and, briefly, extremely successful, company.

Bob Pelham was born in 1919 and served in Germany during World War II. While there he started making what he called "wonky donkeys" – springy articulated animals that wriggled about on a plinth. So popular were they, he decided to make them professionally after the war.

He named the company Wonky Toys and all went well until a larger company claimed they had the rights to the design. Faced with a lawsuit he couldn't afford to fight, Bob stopped production and decided to make string puppets for children instead. Unfortunately, all his money was invested in Wonky Toys, so he was

grateful when his father sold one of his cars and gave Bob the money. "If you make this business work," he said, "pigs will fly." Bob made a flying pig the new company's logo.



Bob Pelham, creator of Pelham Puppets. The business started from money his father gave him from a car sale.

Bob's puppets were almost entirely recycled. He scavenged scrapyards and adapted anything he could find, including Government Surplus supplies. He once bought 186,000 wooden toggles for £15 (£590) which he cut in half and shaped to create feet.

Success was slow but when Hamley's let him set up a demonstration stand, things took off.

By 1954, Bob was employing 170 people and making 200 puppets a week.

Despite a disastrous fire in October 1961, the company grew rapidly. By the mid-1960s, they were making over 225,000 puppets a year including numerous licensed characters — 59



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# Living la vida lockdown

AN EXCERPT FROM WENDY WORBY'S SOCIALLY DISTANCED DIARIES

“It is vital to commence by making lists of projects and to time slot your activities. A mental list is preferable to a written one because you can then forget most of it while spending your time soaking up the sun, listening to birdsong and fantasising about completely redesigning the interior of the house.

Much as it will disrupt your carefully structured routine, it will be infinitely more entertaining to spend hours on the phone, FaceTime and WhatsApp and watching all those hilarious videos on YouTube.

The homemade cake will run out, and with flour as rare as hen's teeth, thanks largely to the sudden popularity of making sourdough bread (if it's that good how come nobody made it before March) raid the back of the pantry, there's bound to be some shortbread left over from the Christmas before last.

Likewise, experience the thrill of anticipation by defrosting something from the depths of the freezer which has long since lost it's label.



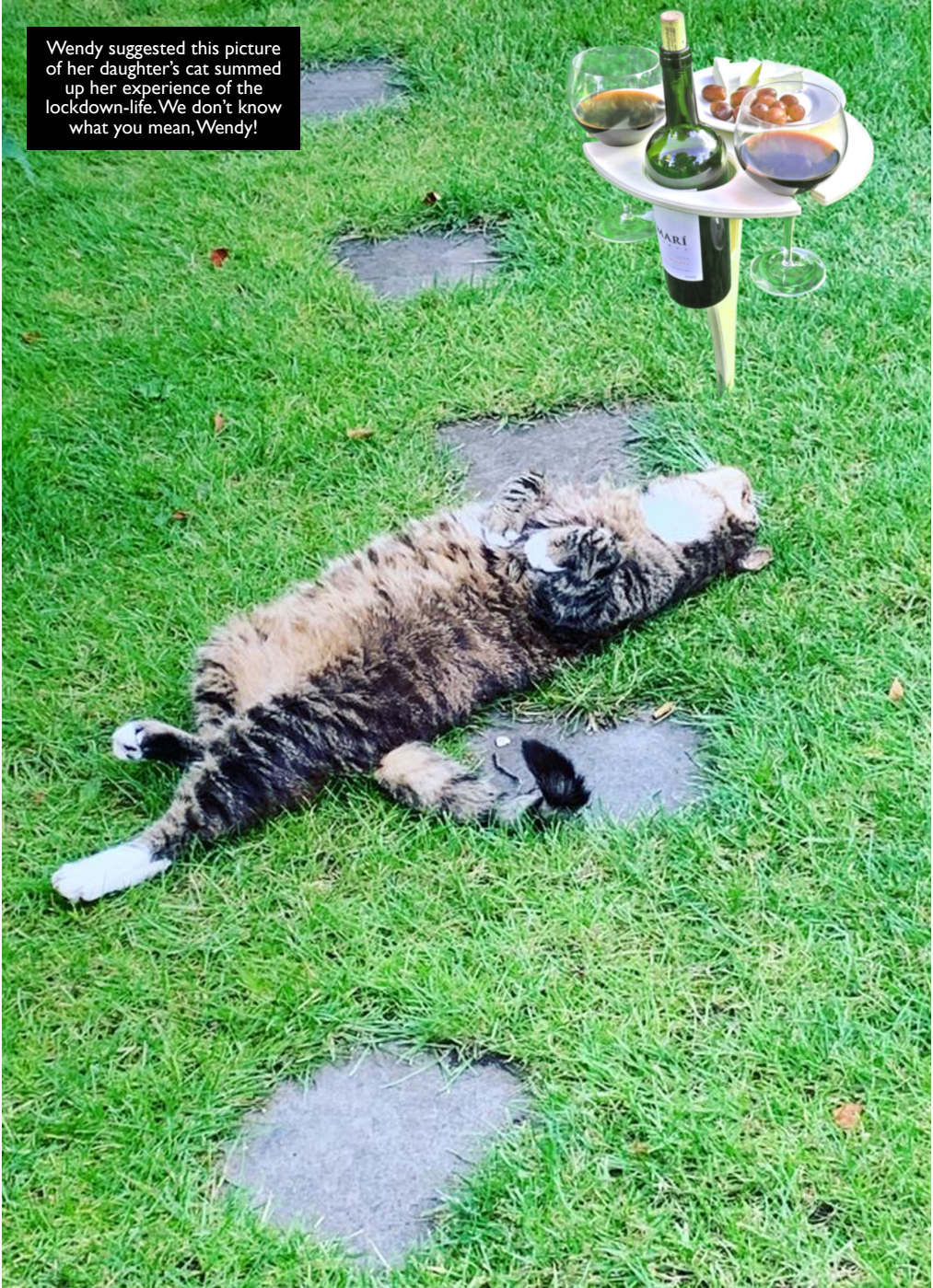
Wendy has started reading her lockdown diaries out loud at the bottom of the garden. She maintains talking to herself is the first sign of sanity.

While we are being denied the pleasure of dining with friends at the village pub, invite twenty people for a virtual dinner party on Zoom. You won't know who is saying what, and won't get a word in edgeways, so you can eat your meal in peace while consuming a whole bottle of wine. On the subject of your chosen tippie, when it is only 4.30pm, and "Locktail hour" isn't till 6, overcome the desire to clock watch by simply

bringing it forward to 5.

This is an excellent opportunity to clear out the loft. Having been distracted for several hours rereading old books and looking at photos, you eventually will have removed a considerable heap for disposal. At this point you will remember that local fund raising

Wendy suggested this picture of her daughter's cat summed up her experience of the lockdown-life. We don't know what you mean, Wendy!



Oscar rips it up with his brother Harley on The Street in Ewhurst on Thursday evenings during the Clap For Carers. Together they are The Pitch Hillbillies.



Search “The Pitch Hillbillies” on YouTube



# *Why this boy plays Bluegrass*

OSCAR BOATSWAIN TELLS US WHY HE PICKED UP THE BANJO AND GOT PICKIN'

**I**t was about a year and a half ago that I heard Earl Scruggs's "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" on YouTube; the first time I heard real banjo music, and I was hooked. A month later I'd bought my first banjo from Hobgoblin Music shop in London and since then I've played more or less every day focusing on Bluegrass music as my main genre.

Why Bluegrass, you say? In my opinion you can't listen to bluegrass and not smile. It's simple in structure with fairly few chords making it accessible to musicians of all levels. But it is by no means simple music. Solos are fast, driving and often improvised but there are also a fare amount of slow ballads.

It's made for playing in groups and there's nothing like burning through a few rounds of "Big Mon" or "Sally Goodin" with some skilled pickers.

If there are any queries or if anyone would like to hear more Bluegrass music please follow our Facebook Page @PitchHillbillies

Happy pickin'.

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# From scientist to photographer

MINA MILANOVIC TELLS HOW SHE FOUND HER PASSION

I worked as a scientist for many years, but in my late twenties I decided on a dramatic career change. So what was it that made me turn away from science and led me to become a professional photographer specialising in family and pet portraiture and wedding photography?

I grew up in a country with a regimented education system, with little emphasis on creativity. I was born in Belgrade, Serbia in 1983 and had a fairly idyllic childhood until the Balkan war broke out in 1990. This dominated the rest of the nineties, and my childhood. At the age of 16 I left Serbia for England on my own to pursue a conventional scientific education and a career in drug discovery.

I have always been a very visual person, enjoying looking back on old black and white family photos and faded colour albums, and hearing stories my parents and grandparents told.

Each of the photographs telling a story, reminding me of a time that once was. My family on a summer vacation, me and my beloved dog playing in the snow, my brother and me with my grandparents. Each a little treasure. I was always attracted to photography but never had the opportunity to learn about it. This opportunity only presented itself when I was in my late twenties, I

got my first dSLR camera and started attending photography courses. I began to learn photography through some amazing teachers, books and practice sessions. I love photography — **59**



Mina Milanovic lives in Forest Green and has turned her passion for photography into a strong business. Discover her at: [minamilanovic-photography.com](http://minamilanovic-photography.com)

Opposite: A selection of Mina's photographs from her commercial portfolio. Mina has a real gift for capturing personality and story in an image. The three shots on the left show her forte for portraits of pets, couples and newborns. The three on the right (top two taken to document the current lockdown) reveal a mastery of reportage: the documenting of real life events.

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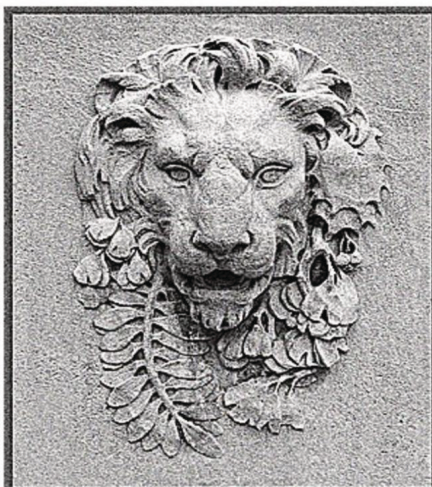
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# *Escape from the conservatory*

MARIAN COPUS FINDS MEANING IN HER CAT'S ADVENTURE

**S**tray kitten Ollie arrived at my Aunt's Cranleigh home - from just where we never knew.

He lived with her, shy but much spoiled and pampered, until she died eight years later.

The family thought they had found a good new home for him but on the day of his move the would-be owner was unwell and unable to take him.

I retrieved up all his belongings and brought him to me. Then disaster struck. He escaped from the conservatory.

Posters went up all around the area, doors were knocked, but to no avail. We thought he might return to my Aunt's home so we left food in the garden but there was no sign of him. Should we keep all his belongings or pass them on?

Then after nine weeks, Alfold Veterinary Surgery rang to say our cat, identified by chip reader, was found. Joy! A kind lady discovered him eating her dog's food in her Ellen's Green garage and eventually managed to catch him.



**LET ME TELL YOU A STORY:** Tetley, Marian's 19-year-old cat, could tell you a few tales. Not least, the one about his escape from Ewhurst to Ellen's Green.

This time he settled down well and we changed his name to Tetley, after the farm where he was found. Now aged around 19, he comes when he is called and is still a fussy eater.

But he has given so much love to us and his recovery from being lost has inspired my own journey - to never give up or lose hope.



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# Sport and me

GEORGINA RUSHWORTH WASN'T SPORTY, UNTIL SHE FOUND THE RIGHT SPORT

I was 21 before I engaged with sport but that's not to say I wasn't active, spending most of my time outdoors on roller-skates or biking, out of parents' sight.

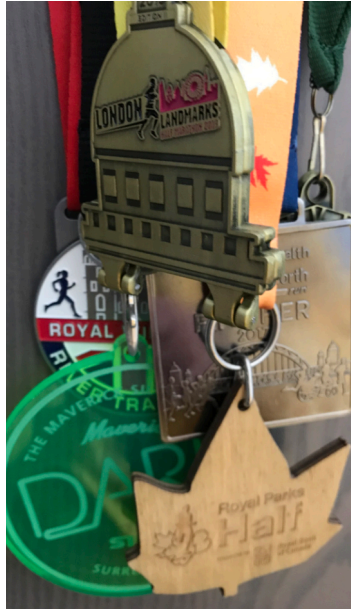
After university, my best friend invited me to aerobics. It was the 90s and no longer mandatory to wear leg warmers so I thought I'd give it a go and it was good.

When I moved away for my first job, I tried all the local classes until I found 'the one' - high energy music, a teacher who skilfully choreographed his class on the fly and lots of new friends. I loved these classes so much that I ended up on the display team and joined his

martial arts club.

Fast forward 20+ years and sport has stayed in my life. In 2017 my good friend suggested we do a fundraising challenge, and that's how I ended up running The Great North Run. I trained all year and dragged my family up to Newcastle to witness it (they missed me run past), but at the end I was elated and inspired to keep running.

When I was at school, I never dreamed of being called sporty but maybe I was, I just hadn't found the right sport? If you haven't found your sport yet, maybe it's just waiting for you to discover it?



Georgina's collection of running medals. Her advice is to keep trying sports. The right one will find you eventually.



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Amber Wood is seeing how far she can spin-cycle at home before August 1st to raise money for The Sussex Snowdrop Trust, a charity that raises money to support children with life threatening or life limiting conditions. She has currently pedalled over 2000km.

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Would this little fella have been so lucky without lockdown? Andrew Alderson on Mapledrakes heard high pitched sounds and neighbours witnessed a “cat and duck chase”. One chick took refuge in a drain. Andrew and family masterminded the rescue.

## Thank you to our Parish clerks

Let’s show our appreciation to our local Parish clerks Joanna Cadman and Beccy Anderson. They’ve been on call from day one throughout the covid crisis pointing people to the right kind of local support and help, as well as connecting volunteers to those needing help.



Joanna Cadman (left) Ewhurst 07711 566458 and Beccy Anderson (right) Abinger 07716 928 430 are the local contacts for either offering or requesting support during the covid-19 epidemic.

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# *Heroes of the sea*

JOSHUA ROOT TELLS HOW HE BECAME AN INSPIRED SUPPORTER OF THE RNLI

**M**orning in a town called Aldborough, Suffolk, the day before the Aldborough carnival, a weekend of fun and community. A mayday call from a fisherman woke the lifeboat crew in the early hours. He reported a dingy one kilometre adrift offshore with no one aboard. The station launched its all-weather Mersey lifeboat and smaller inflatable D-class lifeboat in response.

After two hours at sea, lifeboats from neighbouring stations Southwold, Lowestoft and Harwich also joined the search. An RAF Sea King helicopter was scrambled to assist, and coastguard teams searched the coastline. The teams carried on in shifts through the night with more emergency services present. But after 46 hours at sea, nine lifeboats

and two helicopters were stepped down. The search for survivors was called off.

Two days later police saw two teenage boys tying up a dingy that matched the one from the search. Upon questioning, they admitted doing it as a joke, not realising how serious it had got.

This meant the lifeboat demonstration (the highlight of the carnival) had to be suspended leaving eager supporters, like me, on the beach feeling disappointed. But this rescue inspired my passion for this charity. To realise that these people are volunteers, relying on public donations to fuel and maintain their boats is breathtaking. They are willing to put their lives on the line 365 days a year to save others. And that's what sparked my passion for the RNLI.

# Folk fanatic

Psalm 150:3 says ‘Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre’. Well, my trusty Crafter guitar will have to do.

I really miss Sunday worship sessions. But to stave off the potential feelings of isolation, how about a bit of mid-week practice and, at the same time, indulge in another passion, some folk music?

Folk is what it suggests, music of the people. Stories of everyday lives. Passion, disaster, protest, sung unaccompanied, or with acoustic guitar or electric instruments.

A couple of my favourite folk musicians are Show of Hands, whose songs are often stories of the West Country, and Ralph Mctell.

He seems to be able to write poetic songs on



Steve recommends listening to folk legend Ralph McTell (above) and Devon duo, Show of Hands

almost any subject. One of his most topical and poignant songs can be found on YouTube - search for Ralph McTell Masks and Gowns.

**Steve Moseley**

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## Peter “The Puzzle” Lucas

My main hobby since I retired in December 1997 is doing jigsaw puzzles. I have been called a nutter.

As I write, now aged 87, I have completed at least 1,225 puzzles and have the photos to prove it. I never thought I would achieve so many and still be going strong.

I’ve exhibited at Ewhurst Baptist Church’s craft show and sold jigsaw puzzles there for charity.

I mainly do 1,000 piece puzzles because anything larger is difficult to do when you are sitting in an armchair. But my special table with a sloping top is a big help.

The majority I buy are from charity shops – and return there afterwards.

Have I ever made the mistake of buying ones I have already done? Yes, many times! But never mind – it’s all for charity.



Above, one of Peter’s masterpieces. Others include - a globe from his grandson that is still on show 15 years later; a working 4ft 6in grandfather clock that hangs on the bedroom wall; and a lighthouse in a tropical bay.

**Peter Lucas**





Ewhurst celebrated in style! Thanks to Dave Cranfield and Ella Jarvis for these photos. Dave was also the creator of the wartime vehicle display on his front garden in The Glebe, raising over £400 for charity.



Bella Strange, along with 34,400 YouTube followers, has been “drawing with Rob” during the lockdown. Illustrator Rob Biddulph posts a draw-along video every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am BST that parents can watch with their kids and, hopefully, make some nice pictures. Here are Bella’s.

# Baffling boundaries!

JOHN WHITE INVESTIGATES THE PARISH LINES OF THE PAST

Maps are a passion of mine. I know that sounds rather nerdy but it is thanks to a talented South African geography teacher who sparked my interest in what maps can show us. He taught me how to 'read' a map to envisage the ground in 3D as opposed to the 2D representation on a flat printed surface.

I later became interested in historical maps to show how an area has developed over the years and

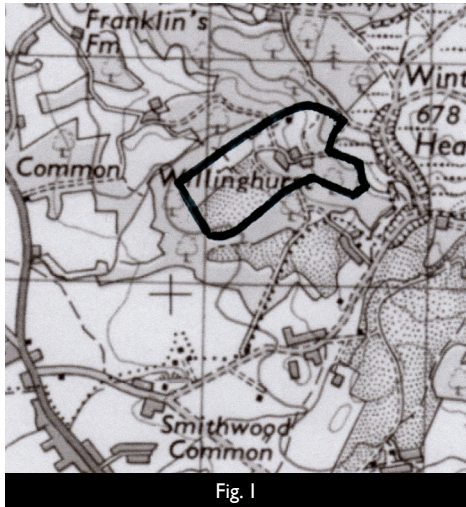


Fig. 1

particularly how boundaries have changed over the course of time.

Did you know that part of the Willinghurst estate in Shamley Green (Fig 1, where Sir Harry and Lady Secombe lived) was in Ewhurst ecclesiastical parish until the early

1990s? The old Windmill and the Windmill Pub were part of Cranleigh ecclesiastical parish until 1993 before

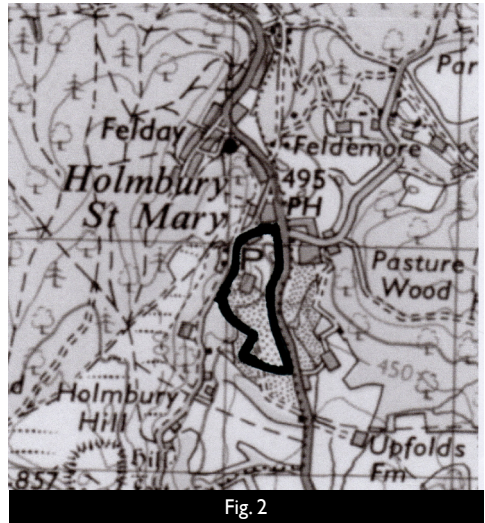


Fig. 2

transferring to Ewhurst. The area now known as Holmbury St Mary was divided between no less than six different civil parishes (one of which is shown in Fig. 2) until 1878. Okewood was part of Wotton until 1880. It's all shown in black and white on Ordnance Survey maps.

Until recently, a visit to a county archive was necessary to inspect historical maps (unless you could afford to purchase them) and now it's so much easier – it's all on the internet and mostly free. That is particularly useful if you are confined to barracks for fear of catching something rather nasty. Now, where was I...?

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## Shout out to the Ewhurst shop

A quick nod to Damien and Kerry Whyte (pictured) and their team for responding so effectively to local need for provisions. They were super-quick to upscale their deliveries for those having to self-isolate.

Damian summed it up: “Initially a little surreal, closely followed by mayhem and finally the new normal!”



Debra Lilley (pictured) is daily selling lots of perennial bedding plants, vegetables and herbs, plus 60 litre bags of compost (£7, 3 for £20) next to the Scarlett Arms, Walliswood, call/text 07831 542 629 for more info.



In support of our NHS and key workers, someone has knitted a hat for the Ewhurst post box. There's a message tagged to it that reads: "I hope this Rainbow brings you some cheers. Support our NHS!" Hats off to the person who thought of this!

## Okewood 800 update

Not quite as seismic as the 2020 Olympics, celebrations of the 800-year anniversary of Okewood Church have been majorly postponed this year due to the Coronavirus. We do hope to have a historic display up very shortly after it is announced that churches can be opened (no announcement at the time of writing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020). Other events that were planned have also been postponed but we will certainly be looking at organising something to mark this incredible year of unbroken worship at our "church in the woods"

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# Start with a coffee and a simple “How are you?”

JOANNA ROOT'S PASSION IS TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE

When I'm not at home in Ewhurst I'm in Guildford at the UK offices of computer games giant EA. I'm a People Manager by 'trade' but also by passion! The role has been part of my working life for over 20 years and it's something that truly resonates with me. Why? Because quite simply people are the heartbeat of any organisation. Productivity, teamwork, relationships, motivation, enthusiasm, recognition and pride all contribute to the ability of a business to develop, maintain and reap the rewards of a high-performing team. When employees are happy, motivated and fairly compensated for what they bring to their roles, their productivity increases (and every business needs a productive team behind it).

There is a deceptively simple tool to help people managers connect,

communicate and understand what makes their employees 'tick': it's called the 'one-to-one' meeting. I've recently published a book called *The People Manager*

which promotes this skill above all other management-speak tips and processes. I've used one-to-ones throughout my career to enable me to understand my teams' motivation, happiness, job satisfaction and career/personal goals. Understanding what drives someone, how they like to be rewarded (spoiler alert, it's not always money!), what is annoying them, how they gel (or don't) with other work colleagues, and

what challenges they face enables you to provide empathy, support and coaching. Amongst other benefits, guiding them through difficulties, helping them develop, and championing the skills they bring to your business strengthens your relationship with your — 61



Jo, pictured here with her book, says, "There is a deceptively simple tool to help people managers understand what makes their employees tick."

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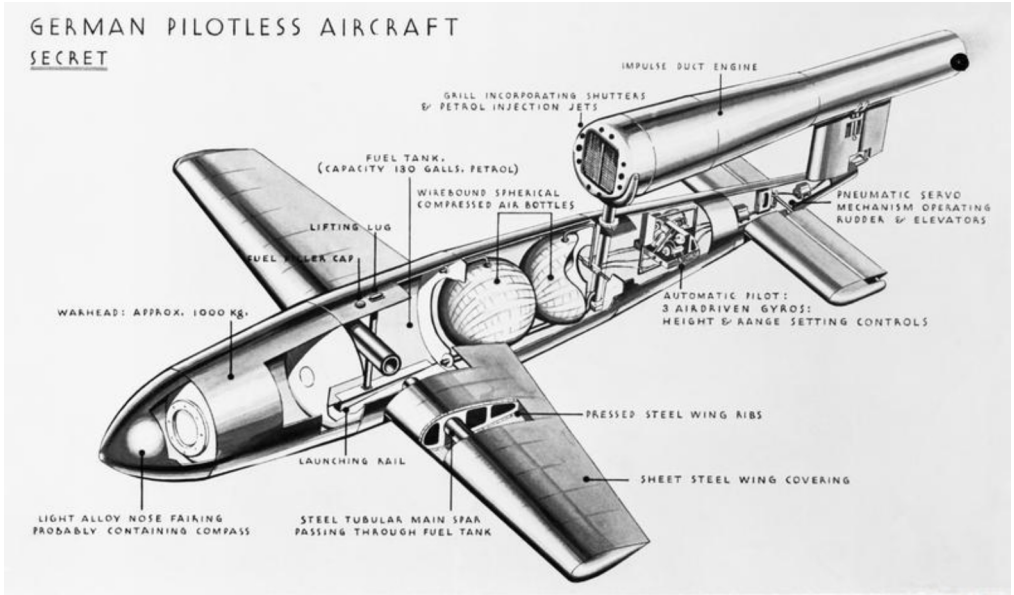


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# Doodle Bugs vs The Royal Observer Corps

MIKE BRADY CELEBRATES SMART DEFENCE AGAINST A TERRIFYING WEAPON



The V1 flying bomb (pictured above), sometimes referred to as the “Doodlebug” or “buzz bomb”, was the forerunner of the modern Cruise missile used by the British and American Military in today's conflicts. The German army first launched the V-1s against London on 13 June 1944, one week after (and prompted by) the successful Allied landings in France.

The missile carried a 1900 lb warhead over a distance of 200+ miles and had a distinct engine noise. If the engine

suddenly cut out, as the missile flew over, you knew that it was going to hit the ground nearby and explode. If you were wise, you quickly took cover and prayed that it was not going to be near you. The German Army had originally planned to fire V1's at London at the rate of 500 per day.

The Royal Observer Corps was originally formed in 1925 as part of the air defence system. It would consist of 50,000 part-time volunteers operating from posts located approx- —61

# Update on restoration at St Peter & St Paul

In Ewhurst, we've had some good news money-wise. Regarding VAT which we thought we wouldn't get back from 2019 roof repairs, Churchwarden Clive Ward has led a recovery initiative and recouped 87% (£39,000). Also, the March Charity Quiz contributed £500.

Due to coronavirus, we have had to negotiate an extension until June 2021 to complete the educational work that is

necessary for receiving our grants. By the end of this summer, we hope to be having History Tours of Ewhurst Church with new resources for both adults and children

We also need to get other repairs done, including replacing missing slabs on the south side of the nave roof and fixing a damaged wall in the west porch. We are applying to Heritage Lottery Fund to use our grant contingency money to get this done.



We're making good progress with restoration, but St Peter & St Paul still remains on the Heritage England 'At Risk' register. If you wish to donate, please contact Clive Ward at [clive@ward.global](mailto:clive@ward.global) or 07769 349 525  
[ewhurstchurchrestoration.com](http://ewhurstchurchrestoration.com)

**Jane Harry**

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## A note on Parish events

We've had to cancel or postpone several events that would normally provide vital funds for our church restoration and ministry costs. One bit of good news is that *we have confirmed with The Parrot Forest Green, that we will hold an Autumn Market (formerly the*

*Easter Market) later this year.* Thank you to everyone who has already sent items for our Parish "Going for a Song" stall. Do please keep any suitable items to donate to the Autumn Market. Although the Easter Market was cancelled, we managed to sell most of

the Easter cards, so that has given some income for the Parish. Event-wise, we do not know how things will go in the future but we are scenario-planning to recommence in September. Watch this space!

**Jane Harry**

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**28**— and I hope he knows that.

Although Twiggy gets scared of the tiniest things, I still love him. All horses and ponies will teach you a different thing. But they are not scared of everything. Just things that move, and don't move!

If you have a spooky horse, here are some tips. Don't get scared. Your feeling goes through to the horse. He might think he is in danger. All you need is love and kindness to care for a horse. That's what they deserve.

**31**— from TV and films. By 1977 they had 300 employees. However, the recession and the exchange rate of £1: \$2.30 were the company's undoing. Exports dried up.

On 21st May 1980, Bob Pelham made 30 redundancies. Four weeks later, he died of a heart attack, aged just 61. His widow Anne kept the company going until April 1986 when it ceased production.

There's a blue plaque on Victoria House, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough, where it all began. It was unveiled on 28th February 2019, on what would have been Bob's 100th birthday.

**34**— events, charity shops and recycling centres are closed for the duration and put it all back again, cheerily reminding yourself that this is what lofts are for. You can then happily abandon any similar plans for the garage.

There are many rural pursuits to enjoy, but they may carry risks. Make jam and you could be accused of stockpiling sugar, freeze that abundance of homegrown produce, provided the old seeds you sowed don't refuse to germinate, and long country walks could well be accompanied by surveillance drones watching your every move.

The "Lockdown" will come to an end, of course, and we may look back to ponder what we have gained from the experience. As far as the writer of this piece is concerned, weight, certainly. Keep safe and keep smiling."

**38**— because it captures a moment in time that is otherwise forever gone. Now I want to capture memories for my clients so their children and grandchildren can relive their favourite times. Whether it is an anniversary, a first birthday, a graduation, a family gathering or your beloved pet; I aim to document your life events and memories in a set of beautiful photographs which will evoke happy memories, with a hint of nostalgia in years to come.

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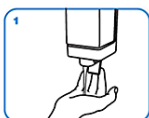
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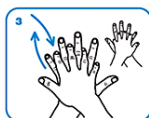
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apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



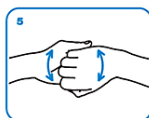
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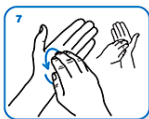
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backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



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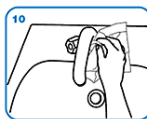
rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped



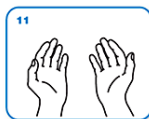
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**55**— team members and enables them to flourish.

It's not simply about listening to a list of complaints or demands, with the expectation that you will resolve them (although this has been the start of many one-to-ones over the years), it's about asking the right questions, actually listening to the answers, and opening up a dialogue that is both relevant and valuable to you and your employee. Yes, this may seem time-consuming or irrelevant to the business you are in, but believe me a great connection with people, the ability to support and enable them, together with the satisfaction of watching them succeed can all start with a coffee and a simple "How are you?". The reply unlocks the rest...

**57**— imately 8 miles apart and linked by telephone to various centres, (our nearest being No. 2 Group in Denne Road, Horsham). Their task would be to visually track hostiles once they had crossed the coast and were now behind the Radar screen.

In 1941, the Corps, during the Battle of Britain, became known as the "eyes and

ears" of the RAF and was granted the title "Royal" by King George VI for its excellent service in guiding Fighter Command's Spitfires and Hurricanes onto many unfriendly Germans acting in a very hostile manner.

By 1944, the Corps had become uniformed and highly effective in its allotted task and defences generally had become very effective, with a belt of anti-aircraft guns now located on the coast. Behind this would be clear airspace for Fighter Command to roam freely without the risk of "blue on blue" friendly fire incidents.

The first V1 attack took place one week after D-Day on 13th June when they were seen by an Royal Observer Command post at Dymchurch. Their coordinates were passed onto the centre at Horsham. All transmitted messages regarding the V1s were prefixed with the priority code word "Diver"

The attacks by the V1's would continue until march 1945. Of the 6,725 V1s launched against England, 2,420 fell on London killing 6,000 civilians, injuring a further 18,000 and causing considerable damage. However, the anti-aircraft guns would destroy 1,859 V1s and Fighter Command would account for a further 1,771.

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