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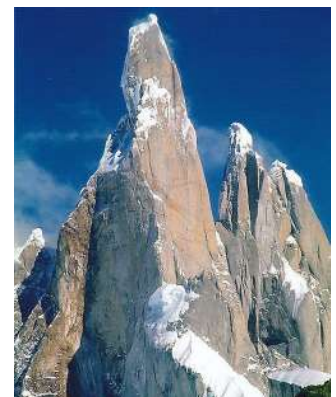
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Gateway to the future

On Sussex Day, 16th June, known to the church as St Richard's Day, I photographed St Richard's Gate, the ancient door through the wall between St Michael's Church and Amberley Castle. This doorway has seen bishops pass through, including most recently Bishop Mark, who was bishop of Horsham at the time of my licensing here in 2018. Through this doorway have also passed many brides to their wedding and many guests to join the celebrations.

For months now St Richard's Gate has been closed, along with the castle and our churches. No weddings have been able to take place, celebratory meals and weekends away have been on hold and church services are only now to resume. What a strange and unprecedented time we have been through!

At long last we have the news we hoped for: things are easing, and both the castle and the church should be able to return to something remotely like normal over the summer. The gate will be open once more.

St Michael's Church has already been open daily over recent weeks as a place for prayer and reflection. All are welcome to sit awhile and enjoy the peace, either in the church or in our churchyard which has been so beautiful this year.



St Richard's Gate

It is good to reflect on what we have learnt during these months when we have mostly been confined to home or work, with fewer distractions or places to go. We have learnt that we have good friends and neighbours, probably including some we didn't previously know. We may also have learnt more about ourselves and how we cope when a lot of the busyness and distractions are stripped away.



The Revd Gerry Burgess

Where do we find the resources we need to keep positive in difficult times, to know peace amid the fears? What do we draw on to sustain us through the uncertainties of life from which we may previously have been cushioned?

As we now begin to look beyond the gate there are new challenges. Venturing out gives hope to many of us, with the prospect of meeting family and friends. Stepping out through the gate may bring anxiety too, as we weigh up the risks of those activities we long for and took for granted in the old days before coronavirus. 'Normal' will look very different now...

Aside from the very real threat of a second wave of the virus, there are so many uncertainties for the economy, for our young people's future, their education and employment opportunities. Globally the impact of climate change cannot be ignored even during a pandemic. Turmoil in society and politics has only been accentuated during the crisis.

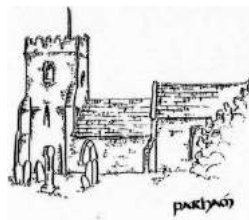
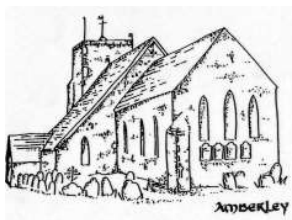
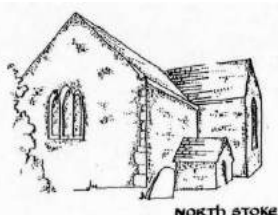
How do we handle this level of uncertainty in almost all areas, from the personal to the global? What can steady us, I believe, is to know God's presence with us at every step. We have no idea what the future may hold or how bumpy the path may yet be, but as things open up we can go forward knowing that the God of hope has promised to be with us.

Gerry

**The Revd Gerry Burgess
Priest-in-Charge**

This month's front cover

Two of three kestrel chicks on their nest at Amberley Castle (photo: Grahame Joseph)



CHURCH NEWS

Welcome back to church!

When are the churches open?

We are delighted to report that from Sunday, July 5, we shall resume Sunday services at our churches.

In recent weeks Amberley church has reopened for private prayer daily, though this is less easy to manage in our smaller churches which may have to stay closed to visitors. As you will appreciate, there are numerous regulations to comply with in order to protect all who use the church. We may have to restrict weekday opening in order to open safely on Sundays.

What services are taking place?

Sunday services will mainly follow the usual pattern - see the list on the opposite page for details.

Worship for All informal service at Amberley will be at the **new time of 10.00am from Sunday, July 12**. Everyone is welcome to a short service for all ages, followed by refreshments. We plan for these to be outdoor services over the summer – a Churchyard service on July 12 and Pet Blessing on August 9 (see details below).

Note that services at Greatham move to 9.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Our weekday Morning Prayer at 9.30am will continue at Amberley on Wednesdays and in rotation at the other churches on Thursdays.

Funerals and now also weddings and baptisms are permitted in church, although with restricted numbers, and we look forward to the first wedding at Parham on August 8.

What are you doing to keep people safe?

There will be some significant differences to our services in order to protect us all as far as possible from coronavirus. We are working to implement the guidance as it becomes available. This is likely to mean restricting numbers and keeping details of attendees short term for contact tracing.

You will find distanced seating and various hygiene measures in operation, including provision of sanitiser. We may decide to hold services outdoors when weather permits.

Singing is not yet allowed, though we shall be able to listen to our organists instead. Holy Communion which we have missed for months will be shared again, but under strict guidance to ensure your safety.

We look forward to seeing you at church if you are able to come. If you haven't been before why not come and see? You will be most welcome.

But I can't risk it...

We realise some of you may not feel safe to come and mix with others. For those who are staying at home, our plan is to continue to provide a simple weekly service on email and our Wildbrooks Churches Facebook page as over recent months, but generally without the videos which we have been producing recently. You will also find a variety of services continuing on radio, TV and on-line.

If there is a resurgence of coronavirus and churches close again we shall resume our video services which many of you have watched in recent months.

Worship for all – now at 10am on 2nd Sunday of each month

A short and informal service for all ages

This summer our services will be outside weather permitting:

12th July 10am

CHURCHYARD SERVICE

Worship and prayer in the fresh air and beauty of St Michael's churchyard.

A short and simple service with creative activities for all ages as we thank God for the beauty of the place and for memories it holds for us.

Bring a chair/rug and a picnic if you wish



9th August 10am

PET BLESSING SERVICE

On the Millennium Green

Our animals are a blessing to us –

Let's celebrate and thank God for them!

Bring your pet – or bring a photo of a loved pet.

Dogs on lead and other small pets in carriers please





CALENDAR OF SERVICES - JULY AND AUGUST

Services at Amberley mainly use Common Worship, whilst the Book of Common Prayer is normally used at the other churches.

NEW TIMES FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY each month:
Worship for All at Amberley now at 10am.
Services at Greatham move to 9am on 2nd and 4th Sundays. (No 8am Communion)

Sunday, 5th July	Trinity 4	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 12th July	Trinity 5	Green Array
9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Worship for all	Amberley
	(Churchyard service, informal)	

Sunday, 19th July	Trinity 6	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	BCP Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Sunday, 26th July	Trinity 7	Green Array
9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00	Holy Communion	Amberley

Sunday, 2nd August	Trinity 8	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 9th August	Trinity 9	Green Array
9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Worship for all	Amberley
	(Pet blessing service)	

Saturday, 15th August	Blessed Virgin Mary	White Array
11.00am	Patronal Festival	North Stoke

Sunday, 16th August	Trinity 10	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	BCP Eucharist	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Sunday, 23rd August	Trinity 11	Green Array
9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley

Sunday, 30th August	Trinity 12	Green Array
10.00am	United Benefice service	
	Old Rectory Garden	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 6th September	Trinity 12	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)

CHURCH FLOWER ROTAS

	Amberley	Parham	Wiggonholt
Sunday, July 5	Jacqui Feakins	Jill Sloan	Angela Scriven
Sunday July 12	Jacqui Feakins	Jill Sloan	
Sunday, July 19	Kate Losty	Audrey Rose	Angela Scriven
Sunday, July 26	Kate Losty	Audrey Rose	
Sunday, August 2	Sally Rollinson		Cathie Folwell
Sunday, August 9	Sally Rollinson		
Sunday, August 16	Sue Endacott		Cathie Folwell
Sunday, August 23	Jacqui Feakins		
Sunday, August 30	Jacqui Feakins		
Sunday, September 6	Jacqui Feakins		Tessa Mackie



BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYERS

Sunday, July 5 Trinity 4

*Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145; Romans 7:15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

Come, Lord, come to us that we may find rest and peace in you. Come, Lord, come to us that we may love you, proclaim your saving power and live to your glory.

Sunday, July 12 Trinity 5

*Isaiah 55:1-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Lord of the harvest, help us to bring forth the fruit of your Spirit in our lives and homes. May they be places of love, joy and peace from which we offer your hope to others.

Sunday, July 19 Trinity 6

*Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

O God, be a tower of strength to all who trust in you; empower us to work for the freedom and peace which come from you and can transform the world.

Sunday, July 26 Trinity 7

*1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

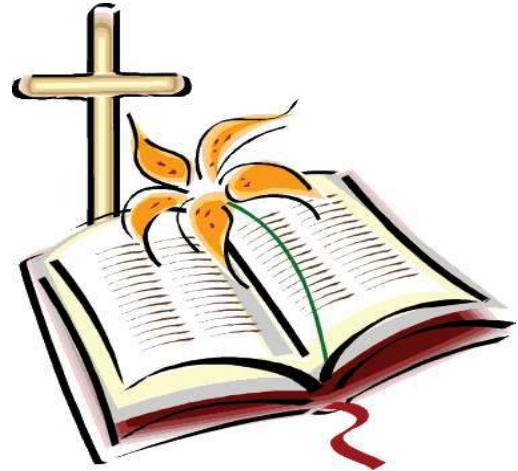
Sunday, August 2 Trinity 8

*Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:13-21*

Lord, you are the bread of heaven giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness; you come to our weakness with your strength. Come refresh, renew, restore us.

Sunday, August 9 Trinity 9

*1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33*



Lord, in the storms of life prompt us to come to you, that we who are aware of our weakness may be made strong through your power.

Sunday, August 16 Trinity 10

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28*

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday, August 23 Trinity 11

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Lord, transform us by your love, that we may know and do what pleases you, and live and work to bring glory to your name.

Sunday, August 30 Trinity 12

*Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28*

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness and

increase your grace within us, that we may grow in thankfulness to you.

Sunday, September 7 Trinity 13

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14;

A new free phone line has recently been set up for those who prefer to stick with more familiar technology. Daily Hope offers a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury followed by options such as topical hymns, reflections and prayers for each day.

Those of us who have tried it recommend it wholeheartedly. Why not give it a try?





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CHURCH NEWS

The Wildbrooks Churches – we need your help



St Michael's, Amberley



Greatham Church



St Peter's, Parham



Wiggonholt Church

Pictures: Mike Beck

Our four parish churches at Amberley, Parham, Wiggonholt and Greatham together serve the Wildbrooks united benefice, working for the benefit of all in our communities and beyond. It is a great joy to be your Priest-in-Charge, here for you whether you worship with us on a Sunday or not. The churches today remain, as they have been over centuries, focal points for the community in times of joy and celebration, grief and remembrance.

Our congregations are not large but the financial challenges are great. Parishes are expected to be self-supporting – we don't receive financial support from central Church of England funds or from the Diocese. On the contrary, we need to pay our share towards diocesan ministry costs, which include clergy training, stipends and pensions.

With small congregations this is a struggle but, thanks to the generosity of our worshipping communities and others, we usually manage to meet our commitments to the Diocese and cover the expenses of the day-to-day work of the churches in supporting the spiritual and other needs of the community.

But then there are the buildings.

All four church buildings are historically important and are Grade I Listed. They are frighteningly expensive to maintain.

As most of you know, St Michael's Amberley held a major fundraising appeal in 2018-2019, in order to carry out important conservation work on the tower. Wiggonholt Church has recently sought funds to restore the lychgate and Parham its roof. We remain hugely grateful to everyone who supported these appeals, and others that have been held over the years, by fundraising or donation.

But the work of maintaining these buildings is endless. The routine maintenance for St Michael's alone has been costed at over £8,000 a year. We really want to keep on top of the maintenance, because, as we all know, 'a stitch in time saves nine'.

This year, Coronavirus has created additional pressure. With fewer visitors, weddings and other services, our income has fallen dramatically. St Michael's has already started fundraising to help make up some of this lost ground (see details of the July Raffle on page 14 of this issue) and will be doing more in future as restrictions are

eased. The other churches will be developing their own fundraising ideas.

We think this is the right moment to launch a general appeal for funds to support the maintenance of our four wonderful buildings. We know that they are enjoyed and appreciated by residents and visitors, including people of many faiths or none. They are part of the fabric of our communities.

Would you be able to help us maintain them for the benefit of us all and for future generations?

We know that many charities are urgently seeking funds at this time, and that many have suffered financially in the current crisis, but we hope you may be able to support us in some way.

Here's how you could help:

- Best of all – commit to a standing order of a certain amount per month to the PCC of the church you wish to support.
- Make a one-off donation – again to the PCC of your choice – by bank transfer (BACS) or cheque.

Please contact a churchwarden (see list at the back of this magazine) or myself to ensure you have correct bank account details. We will update you on progress in future issues of the *Wildbrooks Magazine*.

Thank you for your support.

Gerry Burgess
Priest-in-Charge, The Wildbrooks Benefice

"They gave the money which was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the Lord; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the house of the Lord."

2 Kings 12:11



CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 EMERGENCY NEWS

Helpline support extended

We are very grateful to our helpline volunteers for their continued good will and support to our community throughout the long weeks of lockdown. We have had some lovely, positive feedback from you saying how much you appreciate their help with solving everyday problems, doing extra shopping and picking up prescriptions, as well as being on hand for a chat.

We have also had good feedback about the Helpline website <https://www.amberleyhelpline.co.uk>

It has certainly grown in size since it was first available nine weeks ago. During June we added a Wellness section with links to 47 apps, providing support for self-management, sleep issues, stress and anxiety, eating disorders, healthy living, mental health and links to a virtual community.

We now have links to 209 government Covid-19 guidance documents and list the services of 99 shops and businesses in the Local Services section. This has been to good effect, with the website having had over 3,600 visits since it was first published, an average of about 60 per day, with the local services, wellbeing and government guidance sections being most popular.

In these uncertain times, when it is unknown whether the sudden release from lockdown could jeopardise the decline of the virus, we have decided to maintain the helpline volunteer organisation and the updating of the helpline website for a further three months. We are pleased to say that all helpline volunteers have said they are happy to continue offering their support until September, when the activities of the Help Hub and the website will be reviewed, in the light of the Covid-19 situation at that time.

In the meantime, we wish everyone good health and hope that we all continue to keep safe.

On behalf of Amberley Helpline

Helpline Hub Work Link

The good news is that so far there has been little demand for the Amberley Work Link resources. Government furlough schemes and grants have delayed the impact of business closures on incomes. The Hub believes that over the next few months there is every likelihood of an increase in jobs becoming redundant as businesses close or reopen with smaller staffs on renegotiated contracts.

The Hub Work Link has six volunteers, with relevant experience, who are willing to talk in confidence and give advice to anyone whose job may be under threat of redundancy, or is out of work or considering changing their job. If you think you may lose your job it will help you if you talk the consequences through with someone with an independent view.

Do not delay.

First point of contact: David Lyon on (01798) 831 778, or e-mail jdr1@btinternet.com

If you think you have symptoms, call this number: 07484 157 156

A dedicated local phone line has been set up for people who have symptoms which they believe match infection by the Covid-19 corona-virus. The idea is that it provides support for those who are potentially infected.

They are asked to ring in once a day. As a fall-back if they do not call and cannot be contacted, someone will come to the house. This phone line is manned by three people in turn: Richard Robinson, Jeff Feakins and David Lyon.

If you believe you have become infected and wish to use this facility, the number to ring is 07484 157 156. It is available 24/7.

The information is obviously confidential although we intend to publicise the overall numbers of those infected.

Volunteer co-ordinators

Catherine Cunningham (07887 796212)

Sarah Wheeler (01798 831194)

Volunteer area leads

North Stoke/Houghton Bridge - Suzy Hoddell (07936 329350)

High Titten - Rebecca Beveridge (07949 652399)

Greatham - Diana van der Klugt (01798 875663)

Rackham - EA Draffan (01903 745252)

Wiggonholt - James Coates (01798 872208)

Newland Gardens/Turnpike Road - Hazel Allinson (01798 831159)

Crossgates - Kate Scutt (01798 831793)

East Street - Judy Agate (01798 839301)

School Road - Jodie Lambert (01798 831561)

Hog Lane - Joe Thompson (07971 419058)

Church Street - Amanda Morley (01798 839397)

Hurst Cottages/Close - Filipa Barnes (07809 615661)

Volunteer support

Boodie Ellison, Jo Stagg, Kerry Mustow, Mike Wright, Sue Ford, Sally Rollinson



CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 EMERGENCY NEWS

THE GOVERNMENT PHASE 3 STEPS

BUSINESS

ANY BUSINESS PREMISE OPENING SUBJECT TO ABILITY TO MEET COVID-19 SECURE GUIDELINES FOR STAFF & CUSTOMERS

- These guidelines include social distance (2m or 1m Plus)

And include

Hospitality – indoors (1 other household) – outdoors (max of 6 persons). Avoid food sharing. No music/loud noise

May include – limiting customer numbers, one way systems, queue mgt, hand sanitising, staggered times/bookings

Open July 4

STEP 3 SECTORS

Clothing
Electronics
Hairdressers
Restaurants/cafes
Pubs/Hotels/B & B
Outdoor Leisure
Campsites
Caravan parks
Libraries/Youth/
Community centres
Places of worship
Cinemas/Bingo
Theatres/concert halls
(but not live)
Adventure parks/theme parks
Outdoor gyms/play areas
Museums/galleries
Social clubs
Indoor animal exhibits
Indoor visitor attractions

Remain Closed

Nightclubs
Casinos
Bowling/Indoor skating
Indoor play areas
Spas/nail bars/beauty salon
Massage/tattoo/piercing
Indoor fitness and dance
Indoor gyms and sports
Swimming
pools/waterparks
Exhibitions and
Conferences in centres

RULES FOR ALL (except those vulnerable->)

- Socially distance (2m or 1m Plus) anyone not in your household or support bubble
- Work from home if possible
- Avoid face to face encounters
- Try to limit no. of people you see
- Avoid public transport/shared private transport
- Wear a mask in enclosed public spaces where social distance is problematic (mandatory for hospitals and public transport)
- Can meet in groups of two households in any location (<30)
- Can meet within groups of 6 from different households outside
- Can stay overnight away from home with support bubble or members of one household in any authorised setting or second home (avoid food sharing)
- Can attend specific meetings of up to 30 people - circumstances permitting to be clarified

Clinically vulnerable

As for all, HOWEVER
Be especially careful
and diligent about
social distance and
hand hygiene
Take care to
minimise contact
outside of
household

Clinically Extremely vulnerable (rules as of July 6th)

- Socially distance of 2m anyone not in your household or support bubble
- Can meet with 6 people outside
- Cannot attend other gatherings
- No longer need to socially distance other members of the household
- May form a support bubble with one other household, including overnight stay
- Clinically Extremely vulnerable – shielding paused from August 1st
- Can go to work (if Covid-19 secure) if home work not feasible
- Children can return to education
- Can go outside to buy food, go to places of worship and for exercise
- Remain cautious, maintain social distance, stay at home if possible

Amberley playgrounds reopen

The government has announced that playgrounds can open from 4th July. For those that use the playpark for dog walking or other forms of exercise please use the gate further down Croft Path to enter and exit if the play equipment is being used.

In order to comply with government guidance and to lessen the transmission risk of Covid-19 we would recommend the following and request that if you do not use sanitiser not to use the equipment.

- We would advise you wipe down any surfaces before use
- Please use hand sanitiser to clean children's hands before and after using play equipment
- Please adhere to social distancing in accordance with the existing government guidance
- Groups of no more than 6 people
- If the playground is being used when you arrive please wait at a safe distance.
- If the playground becomes busy we would ask that you use the gate further down the cricket field to exit.
- Only one child at a time to use the swings unless from the same household
- Only one child to play in the Fort (and also the boat) unless from the same household

- Could dog walkers please enter and exit the Playpark using the gate further down Croft Path if there are children playing

- In Hurst Cottages playground please ensure that when using the Nursery Rhyme Unit the children are at least 1 metre apart unless from the same household

The Government guidance requests those using the play area to have only one family member accompanying a child.

Covid-19 Scam warnings

There has been a sharp rise in the number of phishing e-mails – a 74 per cent increase to over 42,000 in March – with Covid-19 explicitly referred to in many of them, according to Her Majesty's Customs and Revenue (HMRC). More recently there have also been phishing e-mails referring to the Government's Covid-19 track and trace system.

The advice is not open links in e-mails at all unless you are absolutely certain of their origin. There has also been an increase in scam phone calls purportedly coming from HMRC, Microsoft, TV Licencing and, more recently, Track and Trace. In the case of the latter, they claim you have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19 and ask for your address to send a testing kit. The scammers then request bank details to cover the fictitious £500 cost of the kit. Track and Trace is free. Banks, TV Licencing, Microsoft, Amazon etc will never contact you by phone.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 EMERGENCY NEWS

Shop plans for reopening

There is no doubt that like many businesses and the country as a whole, Amberley Village Stores is finding the ongoing transition after lockdown very challenging.

However, plans are afoot to reopen both the shop and Post Office later in the year. And a new 'click-and-collect' service is planned, possibly for introduction later this month.

All deliveries from Amberley Village Stores since the first week of lockdown in the Wildbrook parishes have been carried out by 25 volunteers.

"They have delivered over 8,000 bags of shopping to 240 different homes, rain or shine – luckily mainly the latter," explains David Vokins, who has been co-ordinating the complex distribution operation.

The volumes have been such that the whole of the internal space of the village store has been taken over to process customer orders. Currently the store is still delivering over 500 bags of shopping every week.

Looking ahead, the store wishes to continue offering a delivery service alongside the 'click-and-collect' service from a designated area inside the shop. In order to do this Lee Stace is rebuilding the storage and packing area. Investment in a new freezer will also be necessary. When these works have been completed customers will hardly notice the difference to the shop which, along with the Post Office, will eventually reopen for normal trading once the emergency is over.

"Meanwhile, we need to restructure the volunteers as many are returning to commitments they have pre-lockdown," says Mr Vokins. Volunteers will still be helping for the next couple of months to ensure deliveries to the community continue.

Unopen Gardens open...

Despite the cancellation of the 2020 Gardens Open in Amberley for the first time in its history, the local committee has still been busy raising funds for Action Medical Research.

Seedlings and cuttings, which were originally destined for the popular plant stall, were nurtured by Rhona Hoy and re-homed. Thank you to everyone who also donated or sold plants for us.

Melanie Edge very kindly opened her garden at Old Place on two afternoons to allow residents to view her magnificent roses in aid of the charity.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, I have been able to send a cheque for £600 to AMR which will help them to continue their vital work at what is a very difficult time for all charities.

Sue Gillings

**Treasurer, Action Medical Research,
Amberley Committee**



AGNES lives!

With the need to maintain social distancing it has not been possible for Amberley's Good Neighbours' Emergency Service (AGNES) volunteers to use their private cars to take people to doctors' appointments etc.

However volunteer village bus driver Malcolm Pheasey (pictured) suggested using the village bus for AGNES trips while it is not being used for conventional bus journeys. This was enthusiastically taken up by other drivers and Amberley Parish council. Special cleaning arrangements have been put in place, masks and gloves provided for the drivers and a clear screen placed between the driver's seat and the rest of the bus.

AGNES is now back in action.

So, if anyone requires transport to a medical appointment, and doesn't have access to their own car, then get in touch with Jenny Toynbee or Hazel Allinson (details in the Parish Directory at the back of this issue) who will coordinate arrangements.

Horsepower – on and off

Goodwood Racecourse has confirmed that the 2020 Goodwood Festival will take place on its planned dates (July 28-August 1), but without racegoers present. The five-day meeting will be held behind closed doors, along with other race meetings until the end of August.

However, both the Goodwood Festival of Speed (July 9-12) and the Revival (September 11-13) have been cancelled.

Rackham fete cancelled

Thought to be the first time in its 75-year history, the annual Rackham Fete and Flower Show will not take place on August Bank Holiday Monday, much to the disappointment of its organisers and the many hundreds of visitors this popular event always attracts.



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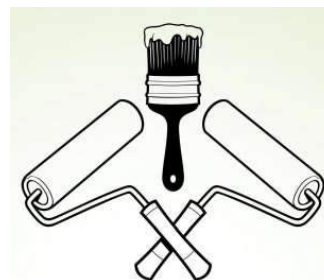
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Good Luck!

Mel Edge

Churchwarden, St Michael's Amberley

On behalf of the Fundraising Team



PEOPLE & EVENTS

Congratulations..

To **John Rezin**, of Field End, Amberley, who celebrated his 94th birthday on July 4; to **Colin Woods**, Amberley Stores' maestro, who was 70 on July 5; and to **Megan Sykes** who turns 16 on July 8. Megan, who lives at Wildbrooks House, Houghton Bridge, was waitressing at the Bridge Inn and will be embarking on a health and social studies course at Chichester College in September with the aim of becoming a children's social worker. And belated best wishes to **Mike Malby** who turned 80 on May 23.

Our condolences...

To **Mary Bowerman** and family, of Champs Hill, on the passing of **David**, who died peacefully on June 25, aged 84. Many readers will be familiar with Champs Hill, the home of the Bowerman Charitable Trust. Established in 1984, it seeks to promote classical music and art, supports the growth of the Christian faith, and has helped many local charities with fundraising events. A Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's Church, Angmering, is to be arranged at a later date. And to the family and friends of **Sam Bennett**, formerly of The Stowe, East Street, Amberley, who has died, aged 49.

Farewell...

To **David** and **Abby Rice**, together with **William, Edward, James** and **Zoe** who are moving from North Stoke to Chantry Lane in Storrington. Readers may remember that Abby launched the successful Chalkpit Trails Cycle Hire business last year, which was subsequently sold to **Terry** and **Francesca Chapman** at the Riverside Cafe.

Putting the kettle back on

Amberley Village Tea Room reopened on July 4 and has made a few changes to ensure public safety. There are also new opening hours.

Social distancing rules will apply and the seating capacity has been reduced accordingly. Track and trace measures are being implemented. Hand sanitiser is available on the way in and customers are being encouraged use it before entering. And a one-way system applies when entering and leaving the tearoom.

The new opening times are from 10.30am until 4pm daily except Wednesday, when it is closed. Last orders are at 3.45pm.

A takeaway service is also available for food and drink, and the tearoom will continue to offer a delivery service to Amberley residents.

Customers are being asked to make contactless card payments when possible. To place an order, call 07384 294003 or e-mail kayleighamberley@googlemail.com



Community Champion Colin

Colin Woods, proprietor of Amberley Village Stores, has become the first recipient of a new Covid Community Champion Award presented by Andrew Griffith, MP for Arundel and the South Downs.

The shop has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers to keep residents supplied with regular deliveries throughout the 14-week lockdown during the pandemic.

"I had so many nominations for Colin that this had to be the first presentation of a 'COVID Community Champion' award," said Mr Griffith, who visited the shop to make the presentation.

Public hearing date set

The Soft Sand Review is a review of the Minerals Local Plan adopted two years ago. Dates have now been published for the hearing before a government inspector, which will this year take the form of a virtual examination online. This is set for the week of August 24.

The Review affects this area because it includes a major new proposal for an extension to The Chantry Sandpit at Storrington, which is within the South Downs National Park.

Two other developments on the opposite side of the main Storrington Road (A283) are permitted (or about to be permitted) and will add substantially to the amount of heavy traffic and pollution on this road for the next eleven years.

The whole picture is very serious and has long term implications for our part of the world. The Wiggonholt Association has been dealing with the environmental consequences of minerals extraction for the past 25 years. It has followed the present development closely and will take part in the Examination-in-public.

Janet Aidin

Secretary, The Wiggonholt Association



Josie Hartt, 1938-2020

Josie Hartt, who died on May 9, aged 81, lived all her life in Sussex and loved her life here.

Her parents, Sidney and Ethel Woods, lived at 11 Cross-gates and Josie was the second of four daughters. She also had two older brothers. She attended the village school before going on to Rydon to complete her education. Much of her early years were spent having fun on the Wildbrooks, swimming in the streams, along with her brothers, sisters and friends.

She met Roy at a dance in Arundel and the couple were married in 1959, initially living in Walberton. The following year when Roy got a job as a carpenter on the Parham Estate, they moved to Rackham House, in Rackham Road, where two daughters – Sally and Pauline – were born. Later, Josie became a kitchen assistant at Amberley School, a job which she very much enjoyed. She then moved to St James' School in Coldwaltham where she was the cook until her retirement.

Josie never got on with driving, so she was a familiar sight on her bicycle, popping to the village shop in Amberley, cycling to and from work, and attending church at St Peter's, Parham.

She played an active role in village life and was involved with a number of community groups, notably the Rackham Fete & Flower Show, which she helped organise and run for the best part of 50 years. The Tuesday Group was another of her interests and she regularly arranged flowers in the church and helped with the annual flower festivals. She was also an enthusiastic card player at the weekly whist drives in the Old School at Rackham, where she made many friends over the years.

Josie always insisted she never wanted to leave Rackham and apart from her final two weeks in hospital, achieved her ambition. She simply loved sitting and gazing out across the fields to the Downs beyond, watching the deer, birds, pheasants and other wildlife, and never tiring of it.

She will be sadly missed by her family, many friends and all who knew her.

Josie, celebrating her 80th birthday in 2018 at the Sportsman, with two members of New Zealand's All Blacks touring squad who were here coaching Pulborough Rugby Club

"We have been very humbled by the messages, support and the overriding sentiment that a little bit of Rackham died with Josie," said Pauline. She was the last of a generation, apart from her youngest sister who lives in Australia.

The funeral was on May 26 at Worthing Crematorium.

Josie's chosen charity was Chestnut Tree House children's hospice should anyone want to make a donation in her memory: www.justgiving.com/chestnuttreehouse

Libraries offer new 'select and collect' service

Libraries in West Sussex introduced a phased reintroduction of services from July 6, starting with a 'Select and Collect' service.

This will allow residents to collect books from the front doors of Storrington and Pulborough libraries, without the need to enter the building.

People will be able to reserve specific titles in the usual way online or by phoning their local library. In addition, those who may not know exactly what they want to borrow, will be able to ask for a more general selection of books chosen by a member of the West Sussex library team.

Customers can complete a short online form or phone their local library giving them some basic information so that appropriate books can be selected.

People will also be able to pick up existing reservations made before Monday 23 March.

When items are available, the library service will let customers know and arrange a time for the items to be collected.

Browsing inside the library is not yet available and all libraries will be operating with reduced hours for the foreseeable future.

Once the 'Select and Collect' service has been trialled, the next priority is to restore customer access to IT whilst still enabling staff to work safely.

For anyone who cannot visit the library and would like to borrow a selection of stock or request specific items, the Essential Delivery Service, which was set up when libraries closed towards the end of March, will still be available.

There are currently no overdue charges for outstanding items, so please do not worry if you are unable to return your books at this stage.

To take advantage of the 'Select and Collect' service, visit arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/staff-select and fill out the short online form.



Remembering Dame Vera

Sarah Ffoulkes Roberts knew Dame Vera Lynn through her work at Ingfield Manor School at Five Oaks, near Billinghamurst. Her career at the school spanned more than 30 years but it was during her time as Head of Early Years at the Dame Vera Lynn Trust School for Parents, from 2005 until her retirement ten years' later, which saw her work most closely with the global legend. Here Sarah pays a personal tribute to Dame Vera.

Perhaps it was the privations of the second world war, but Dame Vera Lynn never approved of wasting valuable resources.

I recall one day walking on the edge of the woods with her when she spotted an old kitchen sink in some bushes long forgotten and covered in nettles. She poked it with her walking stick and asked why it was there and wondered whether it was possible for it to be put to good use.

On another occasion I was admiring an old photograph of her and she recalled a time during the war when she had bought several packs of gingham dusters to fashion herself the dress she was wearing in the photograph.

It was that eye for detail and her common sense approach to getting the best value for money that made her the extraordinary champion that she was in transforming the lives of very young children with cerebral palsy.

Dame Vera had been a huge supporter of Ingfield Manor School for many years and it was in the late 1980s that she saw the need for a special purpose-built environment for the youngest children and also their parents. She understood that if you could help children in their earliest years and support their parents to do the same, you could make the biggest difference to their whole lives.

So unashamedly encouraging her celebrity friends to be generous with their time and their money, she ensured that a pioneering building could be created. In 1992 the School for Parents centre of excellence opened, rooted in the principles and practice of Conductive Education – an holistic and ground-breaking approach developed in Hungary.

Dame Vera had great empathy with the young children and also their parents and worked tirelessly to raise funds and encourage support from the community and her celebrity contacts. She was full of energy and enthusiasm for the work of the school and was genuinely committed to ensuring positive outcomes.

Today, School for Parents continues at Ingfield Manor School but the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity ended its collaboration in 2017 and embarked on a new chapter in its history when it moved to a new home in Cuckfield.

Dame Vera was very proud of the purpose-built building and she had personally helped choose the fabrics and furnishings for the parents' accommodation.



Dame Vera with Sarah Ffoulkes Roberts

She visited the school regularly and at every visit she would ensure she went into the classrooms making time to chat and interact with every child and their parents. She was very down-to-earth and at lunchtime would head off to the staff dining room, sitting and cheerfully chatting with members of the team.

Every year she opened the Ingfield Manor School Summer Fete which many attended especially to see her. Rain or shine she would be there going around the stalls, talking to the children, parents, staff and visitors. As soon as time allowed she would make a beeline for the plant stall, buying as many as possible before she headed home at the end of the day.

Each Christmas great efforts were made by the School for Parents' children in each group to make a card for Dame Vera, and I know she always displayed them proudly in her sitting room at home.

She was a thoughtful and considerate person and would write personal letters of congratulations for special occasions or condolence at times of sadness or loss.

The Dame Vera Lynn Trust School for Parents relied totally on fundraising and Dame Vera was the consummate professional when it came to filming and photography. She was always beautifully dressed, usually with an attractive scarf and hat, and never ceased to have a radiant smile for the cameras.

Her involvement at the school was particularly moving for families with older grandparents who remembered her from their time in the forces during the Second World War. In fact my own father saw her perform and sing when he was far away from home serving in the RAF in Burma.

At the time of my retirement Dame Vera kindly invited me to take tea with her at her home in Ditchling, a very special occasion when I had an opportunity to hear her incredible memories first hand.

The Dame Vera that I knew was plain speaking, honest, kind, considerate and generous. I consider myself privileged to have known her and to have led the School for Parents service that meant so much to her.

Local schools adopt a more collaborative approach

An important and innovative change to the leadership of the Arun Villages Federation (AVF, which incorporates both St James' Coldwaltham and Amberley Schools), and Bury CofE Primary School, takes place from September.

Following the decision of Jon Gilbert (headteacher at the AVF) to accept a role with the Diocese at the end of August, governors from the AVF and Bury School discussed ways in which they might work more collaboratively, for the mutual benefit of all three schools.

As a result, it has been agreed to develop closer links between the schools through a supportive partnership which will begin at the start of the autumn term.

All schools will continue to have a strong focus on securing each school's unique identity and promising future. Governors and leaders will ensure that the partnership enables the continued smooth running and success of each school and the quality of pupils' education.

At the same time, the partnership will provide opportunities for leadership development for some staff and sharing of teachers' expertise and some resources. Teachers in each school are positive about working in partnership with their colleagues at the other schools, with the potential it offers to enhance their teaching and children's learning.

Governors have continued to meet regularly to establish the partnership formally and have drawn on advice from

Diocese and local authority. It has been agreed that the current headteacher at Bury School, Thomas Moore, will become the executive headteacher for the partnership from September. A partnership board will operate from September, with governors drawn from the AVF board and from that of Bury School, plus Mr. Moore. The full governing boards of the AVF and Bury will also continue as usual.

Governors have agreed that Mr. Moore will be supported by a leadership structure that includes a head of school in each school. Interviews are about to be held for these leadership posts, with applicants coming from within each school. The business managers will also continue to have a key role in the leadership and management of each school.

We have agreed that there will be termly reviews to evaluate how well the partnership is working for all the schools, both by the Partnership Board and by the boards of the Arun Village Federation and of Bury CofE Primary School. If, as a result, either board felt that it was appropriate they could withdraw from the Partnership.

We are all entering the partnership with optimism, energy and an ambition to succeed. We look forward to keeping you informed of our progress with this great initiative to enhance learning in our local area.

Stephanie Fane and Ray Jackson
Chairs of Bury CofE Primary School and the Arun Villages Federation

● *Tribute to Jon Gilbert and Back to School for Amberley* - see page 23

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SAGE garden visits

Following a relaxation of some of the Covid-19 restrictions last month, members of the Society of Amberley Garden Enthusiasts (SAGE) have been enjoying visits to the gardens of fellow members, pre-booking and observing strict social-distancing rules. David and Lillis Lyon's beautiful garden at Oak Tree House has also been open throughout most of the lockdown period for residents to stroll around, and Mel Edge opened the garden of Old Place in aid of Action Medical Research



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Parham writes off 2020 season

Parham House & Gardens will not open to visitors this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The reluctant decision was reached by the trustees, directors and the senior management team after careful analysis of all the facts, advice and guidelines available.

Explains Lady Emma Barnard, chairman of Parham Park Ltd: "We are very sorry to have had to take the decision to remain closed, because we know it will disappoint many people. However, the safety and security of the families who live at Parham, the staff, our visitors and the local community must take priority over all other considerations," she says.

"We feel very strongly that we must make every effort to try to keep everyone safe; we deem it totally unacceptable to take any risks which might endanger the health of even one person."

Lady Emma says detailed risk assessments have been conducted for both the house and gardens.

"Parham is an historic building and cannot be altered to accommodate the new guidelines for social distancing. The dimensions of Parham's gateways, doorways, corridors and paths provide too many 'pinch points', and it would not be possible to operate adequate one-way systems, either in the house or in the gardens.

She continues: "Even if the Government were to permit the re-opening of ticketed venues in future months, it is already apparent that we would be unable to comply in every way with all the guidelines on the management of health and safety and social distancing during this pandemic.

"There is, perhaps, a silver lining to every cloud," says Lady Emma. "Parham has been open to the public for 72 years, almost without interruption. This will be a year of rest for it, and will give those of us charged with its care a chance to give it uninterrupted and dedicated attention.

"We hope very much to open the doors again on Easter Sunday, 2021, and in the meantime send our warmest wishes to all our supporters, visitors and everyone who loves Parham, for whom we are always so grateful."

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A national treasure

Parham House & Gardens is one of the country's finest Elizabethan houses, known for its rare and precious collection of paintings, furniture and needlework. It has always been a well-loved family home, and only three families have lived there since its foundation stone was laid in 1577 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

Lady Emma Barnard has lived there with her family since 1994. Her great-grandfather, the Hon.Clive Pearson, bought the house and estate in 1922. He and his wife, Alicia, found it in sad repair, and together they revived and restored both the house and garden with great sensitivity and care.

They opened it to visitors in 1948 and their work was continued by Lady Emma's great-aunt, Veronica Tritton, who inherited Parham, living there until her death in 1993. Parham House & Gardens is now owned by a charitable trust.

... but Amberley Museum plans its reopening

Following on from the Government's go-ahead for museums and galleries to re-open from July 4, Amberley Museum is getting ready to welcome visitors back after over three months of closure due to Covid-19.

Although we have been working hard over the last few weeks to get the site and exhibits ready, there is still a lot to do to make sure that visitors, staff and volunteers are as safe as possible when we re-open. Perspex screens in the shop and café, distancing signage and one-way systems round some of the larger exhibitions are just some of the adjustments that are being put in place. We are fortunate that once people have entered the site, there is lots of space for social distancing and our volunteers will be on hand to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit.

In common with other museums and attractions, advance tickets will have to be purchased so that numbers and arrivals can be controlled. We are pleased that our Sculpture Trail, which was opened a few days before the closure, will now continue until the end of October. We expect to re-open mid- to late-July so please keep an eye out for an announcement on Listserve and social media for further information. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

We are grateful to everyone who has helped the museum through this difficult period and enabled us to get this far. Although times will be hard over the next few months for many museums, including Amberley, for the moment we are concentrating on a successful re-opening and saying thank you in person to all of our generous supporters.

Valerie Mills

Director, Amberley Museum



Back to school – for some at least

After over two months of closure, Amberley School reopened its doors on June 1 to the children of key workers and pupils in Years 1, 6 and Reception.

“It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school after the lockdown,” said Jon Gilbert, head teacher. “Staff have worked tirelessly to keep the school clean and the children have quickly adapted to the new routines.

“The children are now learning in small bubbles and trying their best to remain the necessary two metres apart from each other. This way of learning feels very different in a school where children of all ages are so used to interacting with each other.”

During the period of school closure the children have been learning from home. Staff have become experts at using e-mail and electronic resources to support learning and two teachers have even set up their own YouTube channels so the children could continue to see their teachers.

“Parents have been very supportive of the school’s home schooling initiatives and have become expert teachers during this period,” said Mr Gilbert.

To see what the children have been learning in recent months, visit the class pages of the school website: www.amberley.w-sussex.sch.uk



...and from a pupil’s perspective

I have been back at Amberley Primary School for four weeks now after it had to close because of Covid 19. So far it has been great fun and it’s nice to be able to see my friends and our teacher, Mr Armitage, again. I was a little nervous about returning but I soon settled in.

There are ten Year 6 children and we only have a few weeks left together before we all leave for secondary school. We have to keep two metres apart from each other and wash our hands regularly. It is a bit strange as we each have a desk to ourselves when we are used to sitting with our friends, but we are still able to chat easily. We are lucky that we have the whole school playing field to ourselves and the best bit is that we don’t have to wear school uniform!

Holly Lambert, aged 10

The end of an era

Jon Gilbert, headteacher of the Arun Villages Federation, which includes Amberley Primary School and St James’ Primary, Coldwaltham, is stepping down to take up a new appointment as a schools advisor with the Diocese from September 1.

Jon became headteacher of both schools in September 2014 and has worked tirelessly to improve the standards in a welcoming and safe environment. During his tenure both schools have been awarded a Good rating by Ofsted and the major improvement is plain to see. Readers who have had the opportunity to visit the schools during Open Days or Science Fairs will know that both are delightful schools and that the classrooms are full of happy children.

Jon is a real gentleman, with a kind and caring nature so well suited to working with children. He has built strong, talented and experienced teaching teams and has always been focused upon doing the very best for each and every child in



Jon Gilbert

his care. He moves on to his new role with great enthusiasm and the knowledge that both schools are safer, more secure and significantly better than when he joined.

The past year has seen the two schools become formally federated with one board of governors, this being an important step in securing the future of both rural schools.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jon for almost five years and have first hand experience of his dedication and care. What has particularly impressed me has been the way that he has remained calm and focused during some difficult times.

Recently, we have all been through an unprecedented period during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and Jon has organised extensive online lessons for the children and has implemented a professional return to school now that is possible.

Jon will be sorely missed, and we wish him the very best in his new role. I suspect Amberley and St James’ will always have a special place in his heart and we will always remember the huge amount that he has done for our schools.

Ray Jackson

Chair of Governors, The Arun Villages Federation

Call for Speedwatch volunteers

Amberley Parish Council has been working closely with Houghton Parish for a number of months on a series of initiatives to tackle traffic issues on the B2139. Speeding vehicles, the volume of traffic and HGVs are all ongoing concerns for residents, as is speeding in other parts of the parish, namely Rackham Road.

As part of these initiatives, a joint Community Speedwatch (CSW) has been established. This is seen as an effective way of raising public awareness about speeding and building a database to help police know where to target their efforts.

It is hoped that the visibility of the CSW will help to encourage motorists to slow down, and will build up sufficient evidence to help persuade the police to increase their enforcement efforts in this area.

Funding for a speed radar gun has been successfully secured, and there are currently three approved sites where Speedwatch monitoring can be employed:

1. B2139, Turnpike Road (near the junction with School Road), in the 40mph zone
2. B2139, New Barn Road (on northern side near junction with Amberley station), in the 30mph zone
3. B2139, Houghton (at bottom of Blacksmith's Hill at end of the causeway), also in the 30mph zone

Efforts are being made to have two further sites approved – one in the centre of Houghton and one on Rackham Road in Amberley.

More volunteers are now being sought to join the Community Speedwatch team. Depending on the numbers, the time commitment is likely to be between 2-4 hours per month, with volunteers working flexibly between all sites during daylight hours only.

It is hoped to cover a mix of weekdays, weekends, mornings, afternoons and evenings so that volunteers can be matched with times that will best suit their availability.

All volunteers, who always work in pairs, will receive training and high-visibility equipment. Activities are outside and social distancing will be possible. While the government has said that CSWs can now safely resume their activities, it is not anticipated the Amberley/Houghton will start before July at the earliest.

If you are interested in volunteering, visit <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/> in order to register. You will need to choose 'Register' and 'Join Existing Group'. When prompted, choose 'Sussex' police and 'Arun' as the policing area. The name of the CSW is 'Houghton, Arundel – B2139 Speedwatch'.

Once registered, you will be sent a link to confirm your registration and a temporary password. You will need to sign-in and complete the initial online training. This is straightforward and takes about 30 minutes to complete.



Helping to overcome Covid-19 communication problems

EA Draffan, a speech and language therapist who lives at the Old Rectory, Rackham, has received a funding award for fighting the effects of Covid-19.

"A few months ago the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust sent an e-mail to all those who had received a Travelling Fellowship from the organisation in the past," she explains. "It was all about COVID-19 and an action fund that had been set up to support those involved closely with the virus and its effect on people."

"Much has been written about communication being a problem when on ventilators and when speech is muffled behind masks there is the added difficulty if you are hearing impaired, have a speech disorder or English is not your first language," says EA. "The isolation and length of time without a means to communicate has been a real concern."

She sent off a bid for a small amount of money to make an easy online chart builder. "The idea being that anyone can design charts with symbols that can be pointed at and understood whatever the language, cognitive ability or hearing skills. The charts can be personalised and printed out and laminated or used on tablets. Usually these types of applications are part of a specialist communication software package or symbol system website."

"I was amazed when I heard our small team had received all that had been asked for. We are now developing a free online app with some specialist symbols. It will also link up with lots of different symbol sets in several languages on our Global Symbols website," added EA (<https://globalsymbols.com>).

The text labels under the symbols need to be adapted with large letters for social distancing and text to speech available on tablets. "When a speech and language therapist builds a board or chart, it is usually to support children who are struggling with spoken language and the user is very close to the symbols," says EA. "Those who have had strokes or other complex communication impairments can also benefit from these systems. We would love to hear from anyone interested in the idea, as we need to learn what people really need. We want to keep working in this area, as it is part of what we have been doing with UNICEF in other countries, but now it may be helpful nearer home."

**AMBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

What your councillors discussed



Highlights of the meeting held on May 14, using Zoom video-conferencing facilities because of the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions

Present: Geoff Uren (chairman), Hazel Allinson, Jason Charman, Peter Cozens, Leigh Cresswell and Tim Simpson. Also in attendance: Vicky Spiers (parish clerk) and one member of the public.

Funding for the proposed village car park, progress on improving the network of footpath and cycle lanes as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan, and complaints about bonfires were among the issues discussed by councillors.

Tim Simpson, who is heading the Neighbourhood Plan delivery efforts, said the main focus was on completing a funding application for £75,000 to the Government's Rural Development Programme (RDPE) for the proposed car park in the field on the corner of School Road and the B2139. However, it appeared there are applications in the pipeline for five times the amount of money available (£350 million compared with the £65 million on hand). A decision on an earlier application to the South Downs National Park Authority's Strategic Infrastructure Fund was due sometime in the next two to three months.

Mr Simpson added that if neither of these applications was successful, different methods of funding would need to be explored. The Public Works Loan Board continued to make loans available on relatively attractive terms to parish councils, such as Amberley, but Mr Simpson said he did not recommend, at this stage, incurring debt to pay for the car park.

He added that the revised lease – extending the period for the car park from five to seven years – had now been received from Horsham District Council.

In response to a resident's enquiry about what progress had been made on the Neighbourhood Plan's objective of improving the footpath and cycle path network with the parish, councillors noted that there was currently a joint initiative with Bury Parish Council to link the two villages via a Ferryman's Bridge over the River Arun. Peter Cozens pointed out that work would be required on the Amberley side as the footpath floods.

There had also been discussions with the Houghton Parish meeting regarding Monarch's Way, including establishing a new footpath away from the B2139. Geoff Uren and Hazel Allinson mentioned Bostal 2, as it is known locally, a path off East Street down on to the Wildbrooks. Although not an official Public Right of Way, it was an historic path used by the farmers to take cattle to and from the brooks, but landowner permission would have to be sought for this to be reopened. Councillors agreed to ask if the resident who had raised the

issue had any suggestions for improvements which they could look at.

Hazel Allinson said in response to two complaints about bonfires the parish council had posted HDC's advice on the subject on Listserve. The district council had also been advised about a bonfire left to burn all night at Pip-Pens, just below the Downs opposite the football field. A letter had been sent to the tenant/owner.

Jason Charman advised councillors that West Sussex County Council had suspended all non-urgent work to the Public Rights of Way. Meanwhile, he had cut back the undergrowth on Ruffs Path to make it more accessible.

The Amberley Good Neighbours Emergency Service had asked if the Village Bus could be used for residents of Amberley and Slindon attending NHS appointments. The bus committee was in favour, with suitable safeguards and modifications of the bus in place, including a Perspex screen behind the driver. Hazel Allinson thanked the parish council on behalf of AGNES.

The parish council also placed on record its thanks to the Amberley Helpline team for everything it had done and continued to do regarding supporting the parish through the current situation with COVID-19.

Among the planning applications under review, the parish council was supporting the retention of a timber storage shed on land east of the Riverside caravan park, despite the fact the building had been erected without permission. However, it should be conditional that the structure should be used only for agricultural purposes, and if this ceased to be the case, it should be removed. It was understood the applicant had agreed to the former condition and the decision was pending with Horsham District Council.

An application by the owners of Crossgates House to demolish the existing single-storey extension to the west of the main house, porch and rear single-storey lean-to, and construction of a two-storey extension together with replacement roof to the double garage, and replacement decked area to the rear had been turned down by HDC. Among the the parish council's objections were that the mass of the proposed extension was too large for the site, which overlooks the Wildbrooks. The extent of the glazing proposed was also excessive and was likely to contravene the SDNPA's Dark Skies policy as well as further increasing the prominence of the building as seen from the Wildbrooks. For similar reasons, the extension of the decking was discouraged by the Parish of Amberley Design Statement (PADS) and should, therefore, be resisted.

There had been a pre-application Zoom meeting with the owner of the Mile House at Crossgates, who is seeking permission to demolish the existing dwelling, garage and out-buildings and replace them with an eco-friendly house with revised access, and hard and soft landscaping.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 7pm, subject to further updates due to Covid-19 pandemic.

A warm welcome back!

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There may be a combination of bar and table service and menus maybe limited.

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There will be posters and reminders of these requirements around our premises and we would very much appreciate your cooperation.

We understand that all these regulations may seem daunting and they will be subject to change but we know that you will all appreciate these are very strange times for us all!

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HEAR FROM YOU!

A day of prayer to give thanks

Having celebrated 75 years since VE day in May, last month we also remembered it was 80 years since Dunkirk.

So desperate was the situation that King George VI called a National day of Prayer on Sunday, May 26, 1940.

People crammed into churches all over the land; the queue outside Westminster Abbey snaked along for a quarter of a mile.

From the May 28 until the June 4, Operation Dynamo saw the successful evacuation of 336,000 troops from enemy territory by a fleet of 850 'Little Ships' of all shapes and sizes. They travelled back-and-forth across a fortuitously calm English Channel, and helped by the fact that a storm over Flanders preceded the operation, grounding most of the Luftwaffe.

Churchill described it as "a miracle of great deliverance" as he apparently only expected 20,000-30,000 troops to be brought back.

The following Sunday, June 9, the king called for a Day of Thanksgiving at which Psalm 124 was sung up and down the land.

"If the Lord had not been on our side, when men attacked us, when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive;

The flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have



The Daily Sketch report of the event in 1940

swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare;

The snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of Heaven and earth.

In these desperate days 80 years on, should we not be calling out once again to the Lord for mercy, forgiveness and deliverance? 'Call to me and I will answer you' Jeremiah 3 v 33

Details have been taken from *The Trumpet Sounds for Britain* (Volume 2), written by David Gardener, a chaplain who served with the Royal Navy during the Second World War.

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AMBERLEY CLIMATE NETWORK

The benefits of going electric

Sue Belgrave on the pros and cons of owning an all-electric Nissan Leaf

I love our electric car

I love our electric car

I love our electric car

I just wanted to be clear about that. We'll come to more of the details about why I love the car later because I am not generally someone who falls in love with cars. I do have feelings about our campervan – but that's different.

Jos and I started looking for an electric car about three years ago. We looked at and drove the BMW, the Renault and the Nissan. The Nissan Leaf was the clear winner for us but, at that time, the mileage range was very low; we needed a car which Jos could drive to Heathrow and back on one charge so we waited...

In April last year, the first of the second-hand new model 40KwH Leafs (Leaves) came on to the market and we were successful in buying an ex-demo launch edition from a helpful garage in Sunderland.

Until lockdown Jos was driving the Leaf to work on a daily basis to the north-side of Guildford and we used it at weekends for local trips. We are lucky in that we still have a conventionally powered Nissan Qashqai which we use for longer journeys. The Leaf is used only for extended trips if we are staying somewhere overnight.

On a fully charged battery our Nissan Leaf has a range of between 120-135 miles. That is one of the things which takes some getting used to; it's known as 'range anxiety'.



Sue Belgrave with the all-electric Nissan Leaf

A range of 120-135 miles is much less than that of most petrol or diesel cars. If you are going to have a battery driven vehicle you have to be prepared to charge it more often than you would fill-up an equivalent conventionally fuelled car. You can either charge the battery at home or

at one of many charging points now located at garages and supermarkets and, increasingly, kerbside.

Our son lives about 60 miles away near Chislehurst in Kent; that's on the edge of our range so while we have done the whole journey without top-up charging, it's less stressful to call in at the Pease Pottage service station, grab a coffee and have a 10-minute top-up. This gives you

around an additional 40 miles and costs about £2.50 – ironically, the coffee costs more than the charge. We have never had to wait at a charging point.

How far the car will go on a full battery is influenced by a number of factors: how fast and how hard you drive, the weather (its range is reduced in the cold), whether the road is flat or hilly, and whether you have the lights/heater on. All obvious really – if you are making the car work harder it needs more energy.

Because there are a number of companies providing charging points and each one requires a different app you need to have downloaded several, such as Ecotricity or Polarplus, on to your mobile phone. This is undeniably irritating first time around. You also need an app to show where the charging points are located and which app you will need in order to use them, such as Pod Point, for example. Once you have got your head around that – it really isn't difficult – it is all very straightforward. More and more charging points are coming on line all the time and EVs (electrical vehicles) can now charge at Tesco stores for free.

The alternative is to charge your car at home using either a fast-charge point which your vehicle maker will install, or from your mains supply.

We have solar panels so on sunny days the car can effectively be charged from the solar panels, which is another bonus.

COSTS

New electric cars are not yet cheap to buy. We bought the newest model second-hand as soon as it became available because, as previously mentioned, we wanted to get the maximum range possible. Had we have wanted to do local trips only, an older model would have been quite adequate, and these are now reasonably priced.

While undeniably expensive to buy new they are, however, very cheap to run – no road tax, for example, as well as no fuel costs.

Jos used to fill up his car every week at a cost of about

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Plug-in power: a ten-minute coffee break charge gives around an extra 40-mile range

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£70; that cost has disappeared. Our electricity bills have, on the other hand, doubled from about £40 per month to over £80 – but that's still a monthly saving of £200 and all our energy comes from renewable sources (Octopus).

Nissan also has a number of schemes which enable you either to sell electricity back to the grid (V2G technology which is still being trialled) or store electricity from your solar panels (<https://www.nissan.co.uk/experience-nissan/electric-vehicle-leadership/power-your-passion.html>). I am sure other manufacturers have similar schemes.

So, as an electric car owner, you can be involved in pioneering energy generation schemes while enjoying the benefits of emissions-free driving.

Finally, what do I love about our electric car?

- It is silent
- It is completely relaxing to drive and lively if you want it to be
- No CO2 emissions
- No emissions of any air quality affecting particles
- It uses no fossil fuel
- When I drive it feels that I am using the resources of our planet wisely

Footnote on West Sussex Draft Climate Strategy

As part of the South East Climate Alliance the Amberley Climate Network was invited to contribute feedback on the West Sussex County Council Draft Climate Strategy. Our feedback (a mixture of support and desire for more urgent action) was submitted alongside that from 22 other groups. Tony Whitbread, who many readers will know, was due to participate in a WSCC Scrutiny Committee Zoom call at the end of June to consider the responses. We are making our voices heard.

Previous Amberley Climate Network articles

Climate change, and change from climate (Fraser Wheeler, *June 2020*)

Installing an air-source heating system and the impact of Covid-19 on the wider issue of climate change (Fraser Wheeler, *May 2020*)

How we can all do our bit to tackle climate change (Geoff Uren, *April 2020*)

Materials Recycling Facility, Ford, (Richard Robinson, *March 2020*)

Single use plastic recycling comes to Amberley (Hazel Allinson, *February 2020*)

Recycling plastic and advice on general recycling (Sue Belgrave, *December/January 2019/2020*)

Harnessing power from the River Arun (Bob Middleton, *November 2019*)

A composting lifestyle (Jane Joseph, *October 2019*)

Combating climate change (Sue Belgrave, *September 2019*)

Your carbon footprint...and how to measure it (*September 2019*)

Paws for thought

Dear Grace: I have been musing about the inconsistencies of the English language. We are now emerging from the government's lockdown while still maintaining safe social distancing.

I thought the other day that surely 'lockdown' should be 'lockup'? The front door has been firmly locked and the big padlock has secured our gate.

Our house has been like Alcatraz. When people knock at the door, they run away immediately we open it.

My master and mistress approvingly call this 'social distancing'. But this is a misnomer. It is hardly social to shout at our friends from a distance.

It's all rather annoying because recently, I have been winning brownie points for not growling at other dogs. Indeed I have been enjoying the odd friendly sniff.

Trust me to become more social just when it has become illegal.

Hope you and Hebe are not so confused and not allowing these contradictions to get you both down. See you soon!

Poppy



Dear Poppy: I know what you mean. English, as you probably know, is not my first language as I grew up in Romania. I am in a constant state of confusion these days since my mistress was given a book written by a safari guide in Botswana, which is apparently in Africa. She keeps banging on about how she wishes she could be back living in the bush in Zimbabwe. I can't get my head around the fact that she lived in a bush! I only go into a bush in the garden when it is hot; how can anyone actually live in one is beyond me. Anyway my mistress is too old to start living in bushes; this lockdown business is obviously making her very odd!

I hope that your master and mistress are still quite normal. I just hope that my mistress will not take Hebe and me to live in a bush as well. I am quite comfortable where we live now, thank you very much.

Meanwhile, I've been busy training Hebe 'to paw' (see picture above) and she is getting the hang of it, so to speak, and is doing very well.

I do hope we will meet sometime on the Millennium Green once things get back to normal. Love from us girls. **Grace**



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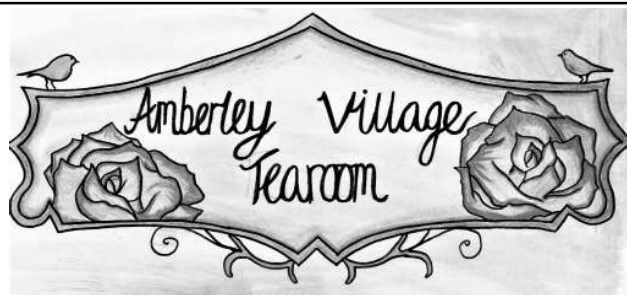
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Motoring Memories

Jay Simson recalls his first Jaguar XK120 and fulfilling a long-held dream to own one again

I found my first XK120 Jaguar in a scrapyard in Harrogate in 1969. It was 17 years old and had been driven hard before being abandoned.

Luckily the scrapyard owner held on to cars he thought were interesting and put the XK into a large shed jammed with old wrecks which would be worth a fortune today. It sat sleek and low, black, unloved and covered in dust. It had not moved for years.

I bought it for £100, replaced the battery and drove it back to Cambridge where I was a student. It was a harrowing wet winter's night journey with no weather protection, no heater, failing lights, no wipers and poor brakes!

I set about bringing it back to life and enjoyed it for a year or two (photo) until I lost my licence for speeding. I had been stopped doing a silly speed in Whitehall and faced the beak in Bow Street Magistrates' Court who asked me why he shouldn't fine me a lot of money. I told him I was an impoverished medical student and begged mercy; he looked at me over his half-moon glasses, remarked on the impoverished student driving a Jaguar sports car and, smilingly, fined me £5.

I sold it for £200 but never forgot the romance, beauty and power of the XK120 – so named because Jaguar claimed that it would do 120mph and proved it to the motoring world on a straight road in Jabbeke, Belgium. As it drove away, I promised myself that I would get another.

By the late 1980s, I was earning enough to think about realising my dream but classic cars shot up in price out of my reach. When they came back to earth I bought a beautiful red 1952 XK120 roadster – though it was a bit more than £100! I still have it now.



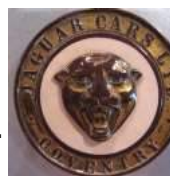
Older and no doubt a little wiser: Jay behind the wheel of his 1952 Jaguar XK120

Created in 1949, its graceful shape stole that year's London Motor Show and remains timelessly turning heads today. It was the forerunner of the Jaguar C and D types which had great racing success in the 1950s, winning the Le Mans 24-hour race five times.

My XK120 has taken me thousands of miles at home and abroad. It enjoys quiet country roads and is a joy to drive despite the lack of power steering, heater, windows and other mod cons. It shares a garage with my Austin-Healey 3000 (which I have had for 46 years) – both classic post-war British sports cars and I try to drive them both without favouritism but the XK120 is hard to beat for pure motoring pleasure.

Fast facts...

Jaguar's first post-war sports car was an absolute milestone for both the company and the motor industry. Its stunning looks and breath-taking performance were matched by a remarkably low price of £1,263 – a quarter of that of a V12 Ferrari with similar performance. However, it was considerably more expensive than a Ford Anglia, then the cheapest car on the market, costing a modest £310.



The 3.4-litre twin overhead cam engine with twin SU carburettors produced 160bhp, sufficient for 126mph and 0-60mph in 10 seconds. It earned the unofficial title as the world's fastest production car. Fuel consumption was just under 20mpg.

Jaguar had only planned to produce around 200 of the new model – when production of the XK120 ended in 1954, to be replaced by the XK140, it had sold more than 12,000.



Riding high: an exuberant owner of his first Jaguar XK120

The lure of Patagonia

Since travel has been somewhat curtailed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we thought a little armchair travel might be in order. Here, Rob Rowe recounts a memorable trip to Patagonia

Since boyhood I have had an interest in climbing and mountaineering. In the 1950s, Patagonia was probably the most exciting mountain exploration area in the world, except of course, for the Himalayas.

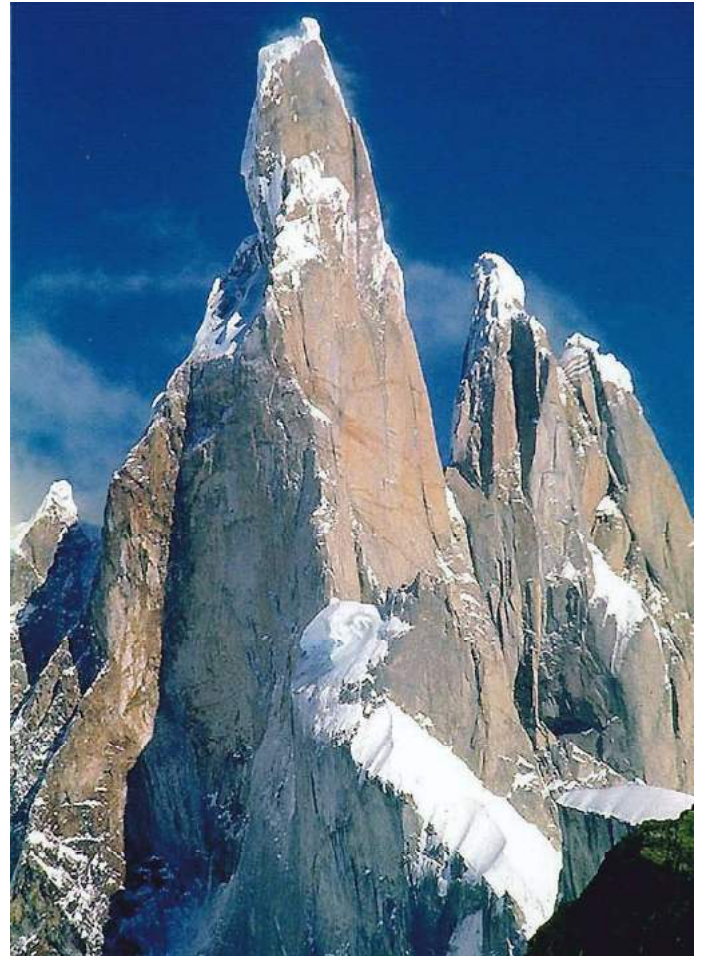
A few years ago, we had a holiday in the Wilderness, an area inhabited by the Bushmen of Southern Africa, a place which my wife Glenys had always wanted to visit. When planning our next holiday, Glenys asked me if there was a place that I still wanted to visit. The thought of Patagonia came back to me and we sent off for some brochures. These did not offer what we were looking for and Glenys persuaded me to look at walking holidays. I decided to join a trip with Ramblers.

We flew from Heathrow to Buenos Aires where we had a half day of sightseeing before flying to El Calafate, the home of the former president, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner. Straight into the bus to drive to El Chalten, stopping by the Rio Grande River for a late lunch at the old haunt of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. As the village comes into sight we see the magnificent Mount Fitz Roy and the Torre mountain range. Chalten is the name the Tehuelche Indians gave to the mountain which means 'Smoking Mountain'.

In the past a few climbers visited this rural community of some 300 inhabitants. I think they were all Gauchos. Nowadays tourist promotion has realised some 20,000 visitors a year. It has been proclaimed as Argentinian Patagonia's Trekking Capital. First attempts at climbing Mount Fitz Roy date back to 1937. It was only in 1952 that the French mountaineers Lionel Terray and Guido Magnone made it to the top.

Cerro Torre is the highest peak in the Torre mountain range, described by some as the most beautiful mountain on earth. Unfortunately, it is also the world's most controversial. The greatest climber of his generation, Walter Bonatti, made an unsuccessful attempt in 1958. The first claimed ascent was by Cesare Maestri, but his climbing partner Toni Egger was killed on the descent. For many years following his 1959 climb Maestri was taken at his word, but doubts occurred in many climbing circles. Although his first attempt is disputed it is for his second attempt that he gained notoriety.

In 1970 Maestri returned with a 150kg petrol-driven compressed air drill to attach bolts. The infamous compressor route became one of the most contentious controversies in mountaineering history. In 2012 two American climbers removed the bolts. They were claiming the route back again for the purists, yet when they arrived back in El Chalten the police arrested them. By then El Chalten had expanded as



Perfect peak: Cerro Torre is described by some as the most beautiful mountain on earth

it became a climbing and trekking mecca, to such an extent that some time previously the whole village had held a referendum on whether the bolts should be taken out. The vote went to keep them as they had become part of the village's heritage.

Sadly, for me, on the days when we walked to the glacial lakes of Mount Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre the peaks were completely engulfed in cloud. Still it did not diminish the thrill of being back in the mountains with the wind lashing my face and the waves on the glacier lake lapping over the moraine. Asked how often he saw the mountains close to, our guide said "this season four days out of ten, last season two out of ten." However, during our stay in El Chalten I did have some spectacular views of these summits on other walks.

Before leaving El Calafate we visited the Perito Moreno glacier, reputed to be the only advancing glacier in the world. Fed by the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, it has a 5-kilometre front and stands 60 metres tall, constantly moving forward and constantly calving. Our boat was able to get close to the great slabs breaking off. Quite an experience, the sight of blue ice, the sound of the cracking and splashing, the rocking of the boat and the condors flying above.

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The glacier was named after the explorer Francisco Moreno who played a major role in defending the territory of Argentina in the border disputes with Chile. It was Moreno who renamed Chalten Mount Fitz Roy in honour of Captain Fitz Roy, who had made two voyages to Patagonia. At the end of the first voyage, four Yamana Indians were taken back to England. Three returned four years later with Captain Fitz Roy and Charles Darwin aboard HMS Beagle.

Time to move on to Chilean Patagonia and the Torres del Paine. The border posts between the two parts of Patagonia are some miles apart, the border disputes are not quite settled. Travelling had been pretty straightforward, but we had a long wait at customs getting into Chilean Patagonia. All luggage was screened and checked by sniffer dogs, not looking for guns or drugs but apples. Walking in the Paine mountain range is spectacular. We were fortunate in that our walk was on a beautiful day as witnessed in the photograph. The central tower of Paine was summited by the English climbers Don Whillans and Chris Bonington in 1962. Clambering down the steep track from the Torres del Paine it was good to see so many young people of all nationalities bounding up the



Cracked ice: the Perito Moreno glacier has a 5km front and is 60m high

mountain with big sacks on their backs. Seeing this made me feel that the future of exploration is in good hands.

It was time to return to Buenos Aires. Clearly my interest was the mountains and I have not written about the incredible flora and fauna. With regard to the latter I am pleased to say that I did not meet a puma on any of the walks. We had one day sightseeing in Buenos Aires with the final highlight being a tango show. A fantastic evening, great food, exhilarating music and incredible dancing, so fast and so precise.

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Going wild

Do you remember that Kevin Costner movie, *Field Of Dreams*? Kev plays an Iowa farmer who, after hearing strange voices, transforms his land into a baseball pitch and summons the ghosts of a long-dead baseball team. Ridiculous. Yet, when I bought my first home eight years ago and stood on my new, perfectly manicured 15ft by 20ft suburban front lawn, all I could hear were voices in my head telling me to destroy it.



A wild roe deer, lost in suburbia but seemingly at home in Michael's garden

Rumours spread of my debauched gardening plans. My new neighbours eyed me with suspicion – especially when they overheard that I was planning to hire a stripper for the weekend. The clattering of the petrol-powered turf stripper was only drowned out by my maniacal laughter as I razed the 300 square feet of lawn to mud. You could hear the house prices dropping all along the cul-de-sac. The neighbourhood watched from behind twitching curtains as I carefully broadcast native wildflower seeds over the bare soil. Through the wet winter my front lawn looked ready to host a re-enactment of the Battle of Agincourt. And then spring came.

Meadow buttercup, oxeye daisy, cowslip, yellow rattle, lady's bedstraw, crested dogtail, red clover, ragged robin...the ground erupted into a riot of colour. And then the wildlife arrived. Bees, bee-flies, beetles, burnets and butterflies. Unusual species appeared too: wall brown and brown hairstreak butterflies, ghost moths, wasp spiders and a lone common spotted orchid.

On summer days my mini-meadow sang to me; a choir of buzzing bumblebees and chirruping grasshoppers. My own nature reserve; beautiful, wild, endlessly fascinating and filled with life. I am genuinely bemused as I watch my neighbours struggle with their lawnmowers each week. Why go out of your way to kill something when you can just sit back and let it live? I simply swing my scythe and mow my meadow once at the end of the summer. I imagine I look like that shirtless bloke from *Poldark* (although I actually resemble a chunky but cheerful Grim Reaper).

Wildflower meadows were once a widespread feature of the English countryside but since the 1930s we have tragically lost 97 per cent of our flower-rich fields. Many have been improved with fertilisers, re-seeded with faster growing grasses or ploughed for arable crops. This in turn has caused a massive decline in many species of wildlife that depend on them. By creating my own humble field of dreams it feels as if I am summoning the ghosts of the English countryside and giving them life.

And then, last month, I turned the corner to see a deer, an actual wild roe deer, lost in suburbia but stood seemingly at home in my meadow. Equally ridiculous.

If you're interested in creating your own wildflower meadow search 'Sussex Wildlife Trust' and 'garden wildflower meadow' online.

Michael Blencowe

Sussex Wildlife Trust

...and something to watch

Many will have seen Richard Vobes' (aka The Bald Explorer) videos and TV productions filmed around our area. Recently he has visited St. Michael's Church, Greatham Bridge and Amberley Wildbrooks. He recently visited Michael and Jane Joseph's wildflower meadow at Adversane. The short film *Have We Lost Our Wildflower Meadows?* can be viewed online at:

<https://baldexplorer.com/what-has-happened-to-all-our-english-wild-flower-meadows/>

Michael advised on the establishment of the wildflowers at St. Michael's churchyard in Amberley. This is the second year of the management plan and they are doing rather well. Now is a good time to visit.

RECIPE

Creamy smoked salmon and lemon tagliatelle

Serves 4

You need

350 grams tagliatelle

1 tbsp olive oil

3 cloves garlic finely sliced

5 tbsp of crème fraîche

1 lemon zested and juiced

2 tbsp grated Parmesan

200 grams smoked salmon torn into strips

30 grams fresh dill (or chives), finely chopped

Rocket to serve

Method

Cook the pasta, meanwhile heat the oil over a medium heat and add the garlic and fry for two to three minutes until softened but not coloured. Stir in the crème fraîche, lemon juice, Parmesan and two ladles of pasta water. Allow to bubble gently for one minute. Drain the tagliatelle and mix into the sauce. Cook for a further two minutes. Stir through the smoked salmon and dill (or chives), season with black pepper.

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VE DAY AND WARTIME MEMORIES

Triumph overcoming tragedy

Roger Cheesley remembers a narrow escape from a bombing raid in Cosham and recalls the VE Day celebrations in Portsmouth on May 8, 1945

Having been born in 1937, I watched a number of the BBC's programmes covering the 75th VE Day celebrations on May 8 with interest. It was the Six O'clock News that really made me sit up as it featured a VE anniversary party being held in Hilary Avenue, Cosham – a suburb of Portsmouth – where I was born and lived during the early years of the war.

My father was an engineering officer with the Royal Navy, based in Portsmouth, and was transferred to *HMS Royal Oak* a month before war broke out.

Sadly, the battle cruiser was based in Scapa Flow in Orkney and a German submarine managed to slip into the Navy's moorings in October 1939 and sink *HMS Royal Oak*, killing 834 members of the crew, including my father.

My memories of those early days of the war consist of the regular air raids each night. As Portsmouth was one of the Navy's principal dockyards, the Germans bombarded the city week after week. They rarely managed to hit the target but their bombs devastated large parts of the city and its suburbs.

My family living in Hilary Avenue consisting of my mother, grandmother and sister were immediately hustled down to our Anderson air raid shelter in the back garden as soon as the warning siren was heard. It was early in 1940 that I particularly remember – the bombs were falling thick and fast when we heard a terrific shriek of a bomb heading our way. I was thrown into a corner of the shelter with my mother lying on top of me to shield me from the blast.

The houses in the road were in batches of five, with a driveway between each group. It was this driveway that saved us as the bomb landed on the other side of the one adjacent to our house, demolishing five or six houses in the process. At the end of the raid, we emerged from the shelter to find that 12 of the houses in Hilary Avenue had been destroyed, and a number of others damaged. A number of my friends and their families had been killed.

My mother decided enough was enough and my sister and I, together with my grandmother, were evacuated to Wales where we remained for three years.

We returned to Portsmouth in 1944, by which time my mother had remarried and lived in Northern Parade, the home of my stepfather. Sadly, he also lost his life that year in Japanese waters.

The following year, we took part in the VE celebrations, which

were a truly joyful occasion. Northern Parade was blocked off to traffic and the road was filled with trestle tables, a variety of stalls, bars and balloons galore. Naval bands marched up and down playing popular wartime tunes, with Vera Lynn numbers ringing out in harmony. I was only eight years old but was allowed to stay up until midnight before going to bed, as in previous nights, in a Morrison air raid shelter, which was a metal table in the dining room.

We won the war but we should never forget those who gave their lives for us.

Surviving Adolf

John Kemp also recalls two lucky escapes while growing up in West Sussex

Because everyone was convinced London would immediately be bombed when the war started, I, my mother and paternal grandmother went to live with cousins in Devon. They were country folk, we were not. I had never used an outdoor privy before and did not appreciate sharing it with caterpillars and spiders.

Mother stuck it out for a couple of weeks then announced that she really thought her place was in London looking after my father. Grandma and I stayed for another four months before Grandma, too, decided she had had enough and wrote to my parents saying that she thought that because of our cousins' way of life, I was more in danger in Devon than I would be from Hitler's bombs and so we returned to London.

In fact at that stage of the war there were no bombs. I went back to school but soon after the German bombers did arrive and the Battle of Britain started. Dulwich Prep decided that London was not safe and we day boys became boarders and the school moved to Benenden School in Kent, the girls having gone elsewhere.

It was not a good move. We were right under all the action but as boys we were excited because we could see the dogfights overhead. The school then moved to Betws y Coed in North Wales. They took over the local Royal Oak Hotel and the Conway Tea Rooms where I and the other seven-year-olds were housed. I have few memories other than initial homesickness, but that went away. I do recall cutting the slices of spam we had for lunch into the shape of a house before we ate them.

In the holidays we stayed put and our parents came up and visited us. I then managed to catch measles, mumps and whooping cough in quick succession and my parents decided they wanted me back with them so that they could look after me. They bought a house at Cox Green, part of Rudgwick here in Sussex, which

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Partying in Portsmouth: street celebration on VE Day, 1945

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is where my Devon grandmother came into her own with her country ways. Very useful in wartime when food was scarce.

It was as a pupil at Ellen's Green Primary school nearby when Hitler made a direct attempt on my life. A German fighter strafed the school but fortunately for us the pilot fired a fraction of a second too late. Bullets that should have penetrated the large picture window of the classroom went through the roof instead and ploughed up the field behind the school. With hindsight there was another bit of good fortune. No one had to be counselled then. No one told us in what danger we had been or how lucky we were to survive and how frightened we should have been. As a result it was all passed off as a bit of a surprise and "missed us you silly old German".

I then attended a small prep school, called Penntorpe, initially as a day boy but then, at my request, as a boarder and it was there that my proper schooling started.

The school had been evacuated from London and was in a large country house called Gaskyns, near The Haven, which few people have heard of but is close to Billingshurst.

I remember American B-25 Mitchell bombers from Dunsfold Aerodrome massing overhead before setting off on a raid, and having to get up in the night and go downstairs when 'doodlebugs' (V1 flying bombs) flew over. Many fell short of London and you listened to the noise of their engines, waiting for it to cut out, and hoping it would not fall on you!

In fact, we did have our own doodlebug in Rudgwick. I can't blame Hitler – if it was anyone's fault, it was the RAF. They had discovered that if they flew alongside a doodlebug and tucked their wingtips under the V1's wing they could flip it over. Upside down its gyroscope failed and it crashed. Good for the Londoners but not so good for people in the countryside south of the capital.

It was a Sunday during the summer holidays. We were just finishing lunch and my mother had sent me upstairs to fetch something. At the top of the stairs as I came back, there was an almighty bang and everywhere was full of dust. I went downstairs to find the dining room in chaos. The only person hurt was mother, cut by flying glass. I was lucky that I had been on an errand. Stuck through the back of the chair in which I had been sitting with my back to the window was a dagger-like shard of glass about 18 inches long penetrating the chair. I doubt whether I would have survived.

The bomb took out all the windows and the roof. The front door, which we did not use, looked unusual. Rudgwick was country and in those days no one used their front doors – in fact we couldn't as it was jammed. The blast had blown it in, turned it round and then sucked it back into place the wrong way round – jammed again.

Then we won the war and there was VE day the details of where I was or what I was doing I have totally forgotten.



Remembering raids: John Kemp recalls B-25 Mitchell bombers from Dunsfold massing overhead before embarking on a mission

VE Day memories (inadvertently omitted from the June issue due to an editing blunder)

Margot Rendle, Newland Gardens, Amberley

I remember the wonderful street party we had in our village in Lancashire where I was born, although my father and family came from Sussex. I was about 10 years old and had mixed feelings because my father was still in India and did not return for another year. I remember that I had a disagreement with my mother because I wanted to go to the street party in my clogs to be like all the other children – instead of my nice (handed-down shoes). I loved the ice cream and cakes.

We no longer had to go into the shelter when the siren went, and when we heard an aeroplane we knew that it was not a German bomber heading for Manchester. We were lucky because we lived in a beautiful village like Amberley.

Nigel and EA Draffan, The Old Rectory, Rackham

Nigel Draffan's family were in Kenya at the time of VE day, his father having fought the Italians in Abyssinia and then the Vichy French in Madagascar, and finally the Japanese in Burma. EA's father was in a submarine off Japan on VE day and her grandfather, a naval aviator in the First World War, was on an Arctic convoy having demoted himself so he could go to sea during the Second World War.

Michael Agate, Creek End, Fishbourne (father of Roger Agate, Smoke Tree Cottage, East Street, Amberley)

Michael Agate spent his childhood in Amberley where for many years his father, Arthur, ran Amberley Stores (now Martins in The Square). He was five years old on VE Day and remembers how he and his father set out orange boxes, which they'd taken from their barn, in The Square for the older people to sit on, while others danced to music played on gramophones that people had brought from their homes. A lot of celebration and happy memories made.



EDITORIAL

Congratulating all our Community Champions

As we emerge from three months of lockdown, with shops, pubs and attractions starting to reopen, it is a good time to reflect on how, as a community, we have coped during these unprecedented times.

The award to Colin Woods, who runs our excellent village shop, as the first recipient of a new Community Champions accolade presented by our local MP, Andrew Griffith, was not only well deserved but also public recognition of all the hard work that has been going on, much of it behind the scenes, to help keep us safe and to ensure that essential supplies have been maintained.

The Helpline Hub, established right at the outset of the lockdown, has done a truly remarkable job in co-ordinating all the activity, monitoring suspected Covid-19 cases and establishing the network of Neighbourhood Volunteers.

It has maintained a round-the-clock dedicated telephone line for people to report potential symptoms and to provide support should it be necessary. It has issued daily updates of Government guidance on health, safety, funding for furloughed employees and help for businesses and the self-employed. There has been a daily online video-conference call and a similar weekly event for the Neighbourhood Volunteers to ensure everyone is fully briefed.

A dedicated website (www.amberleyhelpline.co.uk) has been established, full of useful information, with the local services, wellbeing and government guidance sections being most popular.

In short, it has been a textbook example of how to organise and run things in a crisis at a local level.

While no one has been keeping a record of their time spent involved with the Helpline Hub, a conservative estimate is somewhere between 40 and 60 hours in any given week.

Then there are the statistics. The Neighbourhood Volunteer force numbers 20, covering all four parishes. The additional 25 shop volunteers have delivered 8,000 bags of shopping to 240 homes and are currently distributing around 500 bags a week. Three volunteer couples have helped The Sportsman deliver at total of 3,431 meals (of which 1,749 were fish and chips) to almost 160 households over the three-month period.

Then there are all those who have been busy sewing face-masks and making bags for hospitals and care homes, and the resourceful compilers of the online pandemic quiz.

All this has helped keep us safe, fed, watered and sane. It is a tribute to all that there were only 25 suspected cases of Covid-19, spread over nine households, reported early in the lockdown, with the final case on March 20. It could have been so much worse. Our heartfelt thanks to all our Community Champions.

Mike Toynbee

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Figures compiled by Peter Daughtrey



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Property Watch

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When good, honest advice is required

Straight talking, sincere advice can be invaluable in a world where too many people would just tell you what you want to hear. For example, the oldest trick in the book is for an estate agent to suggest an inflated asking price in order to impress you enough to secure your business, only for tears to follow down the line when the property has gone stale on the market and the price has to be dramatically reduced in order to secure a sale. So good advice is key.



Tim Wickins

A good estate agent recognises their responsibility not only to address any questions posed by the vendor but sometimes, where appropriate, to go beyond the obvious. This is because there is often more than meets the eye to an otherwise straightforward market appraisal. It could be that a vendor might want a quick sale in order to relieve a financial problem.

Yet it may be that the property could be let out readily and would immediately start to produce the income needed to solve the problem without the need for a sale.

Most people, of course, are keen to maximise their sale price and this is also your agent's objective. So let your agent advise you as there may be value in unexpected areas. Perhaps re-configuring the way in which your rooms are used in order to better fit with current lifestyles could increase the value of your property.

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Tim Wickins

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SUMMER DIVERSIONS

1. The legendary King Arthur's royal court was known as what?
2. On what stretch of coastline would you find Torremolinos?
3. Name one of the two Government roles Michael Gove currently holds?
4. Which team does Gareth Bales play for?
5. What is the name of the cheese from Switzerland with characteristic large holes?
6. Which five districts make up New York?
7. *Springtime for Hitler* is a fictional musical from which film by Mel Brooks?
8. What are the principal vegetable ingredients of Vichyssoise soup?
9. Name one of the two US presidents to have been impeached.
10. Which desert is found in South East Mongolia and Northern China?
11. Why was the Pizza Express in Woking recently in the news?
12. With which operatic star did Freddie Mercury record the song *Barcelona*? And for an extra point in which year was it adopted as the Olympics theme song?
13. From which Spanish island does tennis player Rafael Nadal come?
14. What is the name of the famous open sandwich found in Denmark?
15. What is a nano second?
16. Who is England's most capped footballer?
17. A Magnum holds two standard bottles of champagne. What does a Methusaleh hold? Is it (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 8 or (d) 12
18. In London, what does the Monument commemorate?
19. *Hello* was a hit for which singer in 2015?
20. *Genesis* is the first book of the Old Testament in the Bible. Which is the first of the New Testament?
21. What would you find at Agra?
22. Introduced into Victorian England as a breakfast dish, what is the name of the dish consisting of flaked fish, hard boiled eggs in boiled curried rice?
23. What nationality was Mozart?
24. What famous museum of modern and contemporary art is located in Bilbao?
25. Which volcano erupted, burying Pompei in AD79?
26. If cats are feline, what are sheep?
27. Which four letters indicate the highest quality of brandy and what do they stand for?
28. What was the film in which James Bond first drove the Aston Martin DB5?

Answers: see page 48

QUICK CROSSWORD

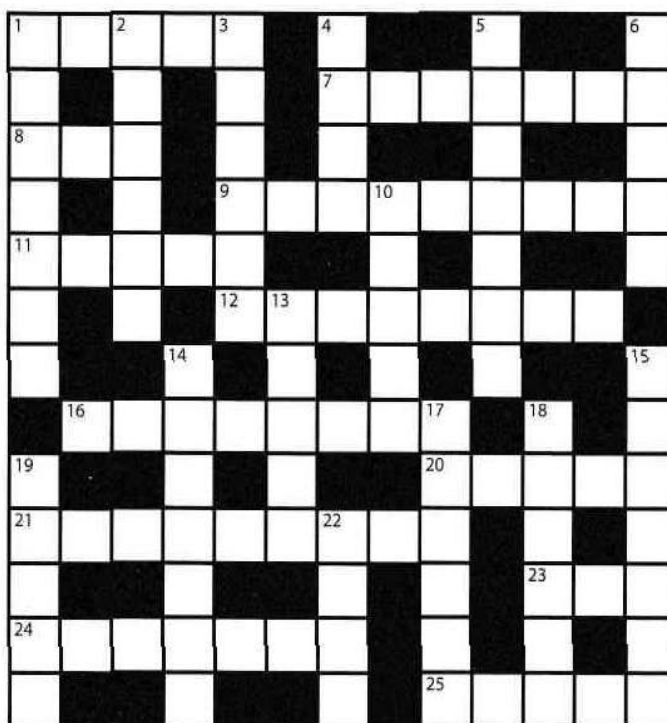
Across

1. Revive (5)
7. Introduced here in 1586 by Sir Walter Raleigh (7)
8. Solemn pledge (3)
9. Severe tropical cyclone (9)
11. Strongroom for the safekeeping of valuables (5)
12. Execution platform (8)
16. Lake in Manitoba (8)
20. One of the Great Lakes (5)
21. Armistice, truce (9)
23. Negative word (3)
24. Country between Morocco and Tunisia (7)
25. Aromatic, edible bulb (5)

Solution: see page 48

Down

1. Brought back to life (7)
2. Licit (6)
3. Sailing vessels (6)
4. Agitate (4)
5. Nocturnal mammal native to North America (7)
6. Eg Mohammed Ali (5)
10. Type of firearm (5)
13. Steep high face of rock (5)
14. Liquorice-flavoured herb (7)
15. _____ Smith, protagonist in Orwell's 1984 novel (7)
17. Run-down residential district (6)
18. Sultanate in NW Borneo (6)
19. Junk (5)
22. In Biblical times the country was known as Mesopotamia





SUMMER DIVERSIONS EXTRA

WORDSEARCH

Coastal towns and villages

P A C S L I T T L E H A M P T O N
 O Z X Q T M R F Y P O O L E O P K
 R Z C H R I S T C H U R C H P D C
 T A D E I U K L Y M I N G T O N L
 S Q E E N E S S H O R E H A M A Y
 M N U S H L E T V W J G N H S L M
 O O Y X H U F S I C N G L O Q S P
 U T P J K T O S W N P A U F L I I
 T H A P J G U O T B G T P Z Q G N
 H G Y Q F G R O O L H T M P X N G
 Q I K W L T D G S A P A O A G I M
 A R F G H E N N M P H S I N U L Q
 L B X I W O T P C S I E G F J Y Z
 W F N B R R T U O M S L K Z N A C
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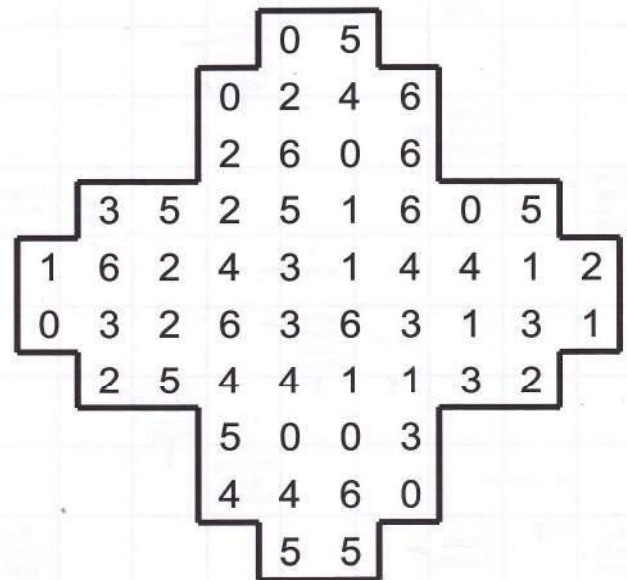
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Bournemouth	Littlehampton	Shoreham
Brighton	Lymington	Southampton
Christchurch	Poole	Southsea
Clymington	Portsmouth	Worthing

SUDOKU

	5					1	
	8	3	6		9	2	5
			8	5	2		
	2	9	7		5	4	3
		8				9	
	7	4	9		3	8	2
			3	9	4		
	9	5	1		6	3	4
	3						6

IQ PUZZLE

A standard set of 28 dominoes has been laid out as shown. Can you draw in the edges of them all? The check-box is provided as an aid, so that you can see



0-0	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-5	0-6
1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6	2-2
2-3	2-4	2-5	2-6	3-3	3-4	3-5
3-6	4-4	4-5	4-6	5-5	5-6	6-6

A riddle to solve... (solution on page 48)

My first is in border and also in bed
 My second's in roll but never in bread
 My third is in mile but isn't in metre
 My fourth's found in pint but not found in litre
 My fifth's not in pain but always in ache
 My sixth is in pie but never in cake
 My seventh is found in both ankle and knee
 My whole is a creature that swims in the sea



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Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 27mins

From Pulborough to London Victoria: 06.32, 06.55 and then 24 and 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55 then 23.09 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time 1hr 19 mins.

From London Victoria to Amberley: 06.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 20.35, then 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 06.05, 06.35, and then at 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 21.05, then 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 15mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis except as shown): 06.41SC, 07.57 and then 57 minutes past the hour (to Bognor) until 21.57, then 22.21, 22.51(P&S), 23.21C, 23.53C.

P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – Chichester; SC – Southampton Central.

SUNDAY

From Amberley to London Victoria: 07.53, 09.01 and then at 01 minutes past the hour until 22.01.

From Pulborough: 6 minutes later

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 23mins

From London Victoria to Amberley and Pulborough: 07.32, 08.32, 09.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 22.35.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 20mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis and Portsmouth Harbour (divides at Barnham) except as shown): 09.02B, 10.00PH, 10.58PH, 11.55 and then 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55, then 22.55B and 23.55B.

B – Bognor Regis; PH – Portsmouth Harbour.

Compiled by Malcolm Pheasey

Refuse & Recycling Calendar

Household refuse collections (Amberley/Crossgates/Rackham, Mill Lane, High Titten, New Barn Road and Houghton Bridge) for mixed dry recyclable waste (blue top bins) and garden waste (brown top bins for registered users only) will be collected on **Tuesdays, July 14 and 28; and August 11 and 25**. Collections for non-recyclable waste will be on **Tuesdays, July 7 and 21; and August 4 and 18**.

For Church Street and Hog Lane, non-recyclable waste will be collected on **Wednesdays, July 1, 15 and 29, and August 12 and 26**; with collections for dry recyclable waste on **Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19**. Garden waste (brown top bins for registered users only) will be collected on **Mondays, July 13 and 27; and August 10 and 24**.



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Arundel

Town Centre

Third Saturday (9am-1pm)

Slindon

Coronation Hall

Fourth Thursday (8.45am-12.30pm)

Pulborough

Village Hall

Fourth or last Saturday (9am-12 noon)

Petworth

Leconfield Hall and Square

Fourth Saturday (9am-1pm)

For details of local businesses operating from this weekend, please see the section Local Services on the Amberley Helpline website with references to 99 local businesses or places of interest

<https://www.amberleyhelpline.co.uk/>



DIVERSIONS SOLUTIONS & TIDE TIMETABLES

Diversions answers (see page 43)

1. Camelot 2. Costa del Sol 3. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster since July 2019 and Minister for the Cabinet Office 4. Real Madrid 5. Emmmental 6. Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond and Queens 7. *The Producers* 8. Leeks and potatoes 9. Andrew Johnson (1868) and Bill Clinton (1998). For the record Richard Nixon resigned in 1974 before impeachment and Donald Trump somehow managed to avoid it... 10. Gobi 11. It is where Prince Andrew claimed to be, amid allegations that he was elsewhere in the Jeffery Epstein scandal 12. Montserrat Caballé in 1992 – the year of the Barcelona Olympics 13. Majorca 14. Smørrebrød (roughly pronounced "smuhr-bruth") 15. It is one thousand-millionth of a second 16. Peter Shilton with 125 games to his name (Wayne Rooney has 120) 17. Eight 18. It is where the Great Fire of London is thought to have started in 1666 19. Adele 20. Matthew (it's the first of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) 21. The Taj Mahal 22. Kedgereee 23. Mozart was German, and referred to himself as such. He was born in Salzburg, which in his day was in Bavaria; it didn't become Austrian territory until Napoleon Bonaparte's time 24. The Guggenheim 25. Mount Vesuvius 26. Ovine 27. VSOP. Very Superior Old Pale 28. *Goldfinger* (followed the next year by *Thunderball*). The car that James Bond drove in the first movie, *Dr No*, was a Sunbeam Alpine

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Rally 7. Tobacco 8. Vow 9. Hurricane 11. Vault 12. Scaffold 16. Winnipeg 20. Huron 21. Ceasefire 23. Not 24. Algeria 25. Onion

Down: 1. Revived 2. Lawful 3. Yachts 4. Stir 5. Raccoon 6. Boxer 10. Rifle 13. Cliff 14. Aniseed 15. Winston 17. Ghetto 18. Brunei 19. Scrap 22. Iraq

Answer to the riddle (see page 44)

A dolphin

Wordsearch solution (see page 44)

P A C S L I T T L E H A M P T O N
O Z X Q T M R F Y P O O L E O P K
R Z C H R I S T C H U R C H P D C
T A D E I U K L Y M I N G T O N L
S Q E E N E S S H O R E H A M A Y
M N U S H L E T V W J G N H S L M
O O Y X H U F S I C N G L O Q S P
U T P J K T O S W N P A U F L I I
T H A P J G U O T B G T P Z Q G N
H G Y Q F G R O O L H T M P X N G
Q I K W L T D G S A P A O A G I M
A R F G H E N N M P H S I N U L Q
L B X I W O T P C S I E G F J Y Z
W F N B R R T U O M S L K Z N A C
M G C D F O U B Q J T S Y T K H C
E D A R N X B O U R N E M O U T H
U E A S T B O U R N E Y Q D P Y R

Littlehampton Tide Timetable - July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
			Low 02.11 High 08.33 Low 14.40 High 21.06	Low 03.13 High 09.37 Low 15.39 High 22.05	Low 04.08 High 10.35 Low 16.32 High 22.58	Low 04.59 High 11.29 Low 17.23 High 23.49
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
Low 05.47 High 12.19 Low 18.10	High 00.37 Low 06.34 High 13.06 Low 18.55	High 01.21 Low 07.18 High 13.50 Low 19.38	High 02.03 Low 08.00 High 14.32 Low 20.20	High 02.43 Low 08.40 High 15.11 Low 20.58	High 03.22 Low 09.19 High 15.50 Low 21.38	High 04.00 Low 09.58 High 16.30 Low 22.20
12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
High 04.43 Low 10.42 High 17.13 Low 23.08	High 05.33 Low 11.30 High 18.04	Low 00.02 High 06.31 Low 12.26 High 19.01	Low 01.02 High 07.32 Low 13.29 High 20.00	Low 02.09 High 08.32 Low 14.37 High 20.58	Low 03.15 High 09.28 Low 15.38 High 21.50	Low 04.07 High 10.19 Low 16.28 High 22.37
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
Low 04.52 High 11.06 Low 17.13 High 23.22	Low 05.35 High 11.52 Low 17.54	High 00.06 Low 06.16 High 12.37 Low 18.36	High 00.49 Low 06.58 High 13.21 Low 19.19	High 01.33 Low 07.41 High 14.05 Low 20.04	High 02.17 Low 08.27 High 14.50 Low 20.49	High 03.03 Low 09.13 High 15.36 Low 21.38
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	
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						1 st
						Low 03.57 High 10.28 Low 16.23 High 22.50
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Low 04.50 High 11.22 Low 17.13 High 23.40	Low 05.37 High 12.11 Low 17.57	High 00.27 Low 06.19 High 12.55 Low 18.39	High 01.08 Low 07.00 High 13.35 Low 19.19	High 01.46 Low 07.38 High 14.12 Low 19.55	High 02.21 Low 08.14 High 14.46 Low 20.31	High 02.53 Low 08.48 High 15.15 Low 21.05
9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th
High 03.22 Low 09.23 High 15.43 Low 21.41	High 03.51 Low 09.59 High 16.12 Low 22.20	High 04.27 Low 10.39 High 16.51 Low 23.06	High 05.14 Low 11.27 High 17.44	Low 00.04 High 06.28 Low 12.32 High 19.06	Low 01.14 High 07.51 Low 13.49 High 20.21	Low 02.32 High 08.58 Low 15.07 High 21.23
16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
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