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FROM THE EDITOR...

Recent weeks have given us proof enough that the World is experiencing climate change. The unprecedented flooding in the North of England during the Christmas period was even more extreme than the flooding we saw less than two years ago along the Thames Valley. Both were small beer when compared with the energy unleashed by the exceptional weather systems in the Southern USA, which at the turn of the year killed over 50 people. Clearly, what were previously classified as ‘once in a century’ situations now need to be thought of as ‘once in a decade’ (or less) situations.

But although the effect of climate change is clear and undeniable, its cause (or causes?) remains contentious. Scientists appear to be divided into 2 camps: those who claim that climate change is entirely man-made (probably the majority), and those who are not convinced and look for wider explanations. The divide is becoming increasingly embittered as the former increasingly brand the latter as ‘climate-change deniers’, echoing (intentionally one suspects) a sort of ‘holocaust deniers’ accusation. Yet the ‘true believers’ in the man-made climate change camp – the ‘climate crusaders’ if you will – have sometimes taken extreme steps to further their cause by distorting or misrepresenting the supporting science. Although my earlier education was centred largely on science subjects, it has long been apparent to me (as a keen student of history) that over the centuries scientists have thought that they knew far more about the World than they actually did. From my perspective, claims that climate change is entirely man-made are not so much balanced appreciations of the true situation, as attempts to situate a prior appreciation. In other words, ‘climate crusaders’ have been prone to search for the evidence that supports their preferred theory, discarding as irrelevant anything that does not. Moreover, they not only seek to enforce measures to halt climate change, but also reverse the changes that have already taken place. Such attempts to re-engineer the planet’s climate seem to be not only very doubtful and dubious, but also very dangerous, given science’s imperfect understanding of the World.

But although the ‘climate-crusaders’ rationale can be challenged, and their methods seem sometimes dubious and occasionally dangerous, they nevertheless have an important element of right on their side. The planet needs to be looked after, if only on the grounds of ‘good housekeeping’. And on that basis we ought to do all we can to cut down waste and pollution in all their many forms. And at heart, that means cutting down consumption: not an easy step given our consumerist, capitalist society, which seems only able to survive on a diet of constant expansion.

God has given us a wonderful world, and it would be the supreme folly not to take care of it. So as Spring begins to break forth, and the beauty of nature is once again revealed to us in its full splendour, we need to act. At an individual level, our responses to climate change should be one of ‘moderation in all things’. Moderation in change: both the rate and the extent of change, so that people can adapt and don’t give up prematurely. Moderation in how we treat the planet: so that we always are to the careful, gentle and sympathetic. And – underpinning it all – moderation in consumption. ‘A little bit of what you fancy’ not only does you good but also does the planet good. In contrast, excess in any form (in theories and ideas included) is harmful, to ourselves, to each other and ultimately to the planet.
THE MINISTER’S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY CHALLENGES AND COMFORT

I have to admit that February is not my favourite month – give me May or June any time. For me the key problem is that February comes right in the heart of winter when the days are dark and the nights are long – it can seem a very ‘raw’ time of year when the gloss and warmth of Christmas have become a distant memory and the joys of the New Year have passed.

I’m not alone in this viewpoint: February has been called the ‘Pluto of the months’ because it is so dark and dismal; others have pointed out it is the hardest to spell! Some have said that the only saving grace of February is that it is a short month (only 28 or 29 days long) leading to the suggestion that it is removed from the calendar altogether, and January made 59 (or 60) days in length!

So, take a dark and gloomy time of year and add Lent and what do you get?

Well, this year in our Churches we hope you will find comfort and inspiration for dealing with the realities of life – whether that is in good times or the most challenging. For during Lent (from Sunday 14th February) we’ll be looking at the Book of Psalms in our sermons and talks and finding strength from the wisdom and life experience we find there.

Jesus drew heavily on the Psalms in his teaching and, like him, we can find all human emotions and every possible life situation reflected there.

When you read the Psalms you find people making sense of life’s joys and difficulties, and throughout the chapters and verses there is the strong sense of God’s love and support. That love is there whether the Psalm writers are praising God or calling on him in their difficulties and despair: they know that God is there and does really care for us and love us.

Once again, as we approach Lent, I’m reminded that our preparation for Easter is not just about giving up: it’s also about finding time to review our lives, to think about the past, present and future in a realistic way, and to take stock. In Lent we consider our relationships – how we love God, love one another and love ourselves. After all, Christianity is a faith built on relationship, as the pages of the Bible bear witness. The Book of Psalms is a good place to start to see how this network of relationships works in practice.

The hope and realism that the Psalms can bring to our lives make them a good resource for the hard month of February and the demands of Lent. Come along to our churches for our Sunday worship and dip into this marvellous resource and be comforted.

With every blessing,

Revd Tracey Williams, Associate Vicar

SUNDAYS IN THE PARISH FEBRUARY

• 8:00 – Holy Communion (BCP) – a simple said service each week at St Michael’s.

10:00 – WHOLE CHURCH COMMUNION
Holy Communion for the whole church family (with Sunday School) on the first Sunday of each month at St Michael’s.

• 7th – Thank you Sunday

9:15 – THE FAMILY SERVICE
At St Michael’s: a short, fun, vibrant service with singing, stories and drama.

• 14th – Because I’m happy
• 21st – Because I’m sad
• 28th – Because I’m scared

10:45 – THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE (BCP)
At St Michael’s: a traditional service with choir and organ.

• 14th – Prayers of the heart 1
• 21st – Prayers of the heart 2
• 28th – Prayers of the heart 3

10:30 – ALL SOULS WORSHIP
At All Souls: a relaxed, welcoming service for the whole community, with Sunday School provision in weeks with Communion.

• 7th – Café Church: faith at work
• 14th – Psalms: inspiration for Lent
• 21st – Psalms: inspiration for Lent
• 28th – Psalms: inspiration for Lent

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

• 9th – Parish Pancake Party at All Souls from 3.30 to 4.30pm
• 10th – Ash Wednesday – 7pm Whole Parish service at All Souls
• 28th – Praise Party at All Souls at 7.30pm
PRAYER
- Parish prayers: 8:30am Mon–Thurs at the Cordes Hall
- Prayer ministry is available each Sunday
- An e-prayer list is available for emergencies
- Friday Communion: 9am at All Souls

PARISH ACTIVITIES
FEBRUARY

HOME GROUPS - LEARNING, GROWING AND SHARING FAITH
- Mondays 7:30pm in Cheapside
- Thursdays 7pm in Sunninghill – Alpha Lite
- Fridays 10am in South Ascot

PLOUGHMAN’S LUNCH
- Wednesday 24th at St Michael’s

RESIDENTIAL HOME COMMUNIONS
AND SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION
- Meridian Court – 10:30am Tuesday 2nd
- Larklands – 2:30pm Tuesday 2nd
- Castleman House – 2:30pm Tuesday 9th

MEN’S BREAKFAST
- Saturday 20th at 9am at Treacle Café

MESSY MONDAYS
- Monday 15th at midday at All Souls’ Church: under 11’s fun, food and craft

LET’S DO LUNCH
- Monday 8th at midday with pancakes: Community lunch for all at All Souls

CHAT AND CRAFT
- Tuesdays 2pm at All Souls – bring your latest craft project

CHURCH CHOIR
Join us for a good sing!
- St Michael’s choir practises 7pm Thursdays
- All Souls choir gathers Sunday mornings

LADIES’ FELLOWSHIP
- Coffee, chat, activities and monthly Communion 10:30am Thursdays at St Michael’s

TODDLER GROUP
- Baby & toddler group open to all parents and carers 10am Wednesdays term time at St Michael’s

TODDLER PRAISE
- Pre-school worship for children and carers 10:30am Tuesdays at All Souls

- Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by arrangement
- For one off and special events see the notices pages
- For any of the above, contact details are available on page 52

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15th November  Emily Rose Elizabeth Dancey
Tilly Imogen Elodie Cross
Sebastian James Hanson
13th December  Annie Lucy Cooke
James Dillon Cooke

WEDDINGS

14th November  Matthew Kennell and Louise Humphries
20th November  Mark Burley and Katie White
12th December  Mark Silvey and Lauren Powell

FUNERALS, MEMORIAL SERVICES & INTERMENT OF ASHES

4th November  Margaret Trowbridge
28th November  Joan Castleman
1st December  Edith Burks
6th December  Alaster Kelsey
17th December  Angela Rees
22nd December  Connie Blok
23rd December  Maisie Sheringham

AMELIA CLARKE (11) MAKES A CHRISTMAS CAKE EACH YEAR. AS HER FAMILY DO NOT NEED IT SHE TAKES IT TO A GROUP OF OLDER PEOPLE. THIS YEAR SHE TOOK IT TO CROWN HILL COURT WHERE SHE WAS WELcomed BY PHYLLIS (94). PHYLLIS TALKED TO AMELIA ABOUT HER CHILDHOOD AND SHOWED AMELIA PHOTOS - ONE OF PHYLLIS WITH HER SISTER WHO IS NOW 103 AND IN A LOCAL RESIDENTIAL HOME. THE RESIDENTS OF CROWN HILL COURT SHARED THE CAKE AT THEIR WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING.
Today I was given a box of Bunsen burners, magnets, assorted scientific glassware, litmus paper and spatulas and it felt like Christmas all over again! It might seem that I have a strange taste in presents, but my delight came from knowing that this was the first (we hope) of many donations of science equipment for the Revd J C Faye School in The Gambia. This equipment will be shipped out to the school in Banjul later this month along with four laptops, a printer and scanner, which have also been donated.

The parish work of supporting the Revd J C Faye School has gone from strength to strength since our first visit to The Gambia in February 2014. Since then we have deepened our friendship with St Mary’s Cathedral and Christ Church, Serrekunda, and also with the primary and secondary schools in Banjul. We were delighted when Dr Ralphiña de Almeida (right; one of the Trustees of the School) visited Sunninghill and South Ascot Parish in October 2015; we were inspired by Dr Ralphiña’s words and pleased to receive her thanks from staff and students alike.

We have tried to offer practical help to the schools and churches, and in the past year we have shipped three crates of goods to Banjul: one (very large crate) for the school containing computer equipment and...
stationery; the other two crates for the Church in Serrekunda with hymn books, bibles, two laptops, two printers and a scanner. Our hope is that, with the help of donations from local Secondary Schools, we will now be able to equip a science laboratory in the school and so support the range of subjects taught to the students. Local schools are showing an interest in offering help and support – the project has also spread further afield, with students from the East Kent College in Dover getting involved with fundraising projects for the school.

It is an exciting time to be involved in The Gambia project, and with so much scope to make a difference it is timely that a team of 12 from the parish will be spending a week in Banjul from 15th to the 22nd February 2016. During the week, we will be helping in the school (some of us working with the teachers to lead lessons while the two teachers in our team run teacher training sessions in the primary school), we will also be able to see how the new science teaching laboratory is taking shape and will spend time in the Cathedral and churches. We hope there will be other opportunities to get involved in local projects (for example a micro-finance project that helps Gambian women start a small business). While in Banjul we intend to buy a fridge/freezer for the school (for the new laboratory) and also a photocopier, which is required by the school office. Two members of the team are doctors and they will be giving lectures in the local medical school and offering support in other ways. It won’t be all work (we hope) and as we’ll be in Banjul for the Independence Day celebrations (a public holiday in The Gambia) we may also be able to see a little of the country on our rest day.

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported The Gambia project work in the parish in many different ways. If you would like to get involved and make a difference, we would welcome donations of pencils, pens and stationery items that can be taken out for the school students and teachers: we plan to take as much as possible in our hold luggage. You can bring your donations to the All Souls’ Café any week-day morning before Sunday 14th February or to our Churches on a Sunday. Thank you and God bless.

Tracey Williams,
Associate Vicar
W hat do you do in those dull days after Christmas, go back to work? Impose upon yourself a dry January following recent Government “we make it up as we go along” drinking “health” guidelines. No, no, no! None of that! We go to the Cordes Hall, where the Quince Players capture the essence of village life, nay, of life itself with their very witty, joyful and frolicsome pantom! A warm and inviting space packed to the rafters with local people out to enjoy themselves and a troupe of professional players and minstrels, determined to make that happen.

Hats off to the writers and producers who dreamed up this production and to Heather King, the director, who pulled it off (that’s not meant to be a double entendre, although the script was littered with them. My nearly 4 year-old grandson had to ask his Daddy what a bap was). I liked when Prince John asked (snidely played by Stephen Johnson) during Marian’s interrupted wedding ceremony, whether there was a vicar in the house and the Brownies at the front of the auditorium excitedly pointed out that he was it!

Lots of audience participation, lots of laughter and lots of music pretty much made the evening go with a swing. For audience reaction and balance, my party’s age range was from 3+ to 72+, including 11+ and 30+, not to mention 60+ (but best not go there!). I can tell you that they ALL enjoyed it.

Last year we had Snow White, with dwarfs living in the forest, this year it’s Robin Hood with Merry Men living in the forest, so, as I live in Forest Park, I’m beginning to feel pretty special; there’s something about forest living that brings out the best in us! Heather King has brought out the best in the array of talented thespians she has at her disposal, so it’s pretty difficult to single out any one of the Quinces for special mention, but I’m going to pick out a few who had a big impact on the younger ones in my party.

For me, Mark Holliday as the uber-evil Sheriff of Nottingham was excellent. So much in the part, that he only had to appear to attract a tirade of boos from the audience. Andrew Darling was larger than life as Nurse Gusset, and it takes a lot of stage presence to carry off a Pantomime Dame part. He was big enough, loud enough and rude enough to make us all roll about.

Another of my 11 year-old’s favourites was Daisy the Cow played with studied sang’froid by Molly Matthews. The Merry Men included Toby Adamson, Toria Lander, and Julie Voice, who all added to the fun in their own way, but I have to single out Toria as the comic Little John, who pleased my 11 year old the most, and whose comic timing and expression was perfect, even if he was confused most of the time! And Claudia Hughes’ portrayal of Benedicita Cumber-Thatch promises more involvement in future Quince productions.

Angus Munro and Lucy Matthews were a great duo as the Sheriff’s Guards whose hearts were really in the forest. They provided a seamless continuum for the proceedings and their voices were the cause of much laughter. I especially liked the interviews with Robin Hood when the apples kept falling from the tree. That was good timing and expertly executed!

On a more studied, but tongue-in-cheek level was Lauren Hayes as Ellen-A-Dale, reprising the renowned Alan-a-Dale, who I believe was the original minstrel of the group. Her lines were all meant to rhyme, not only with her own speech but with other members of the group, and I thought she pulled that off brilliantly. When your lines are designed to connect, you can’t afford to forget! Well done to Lauren!

Patrick McCarthy has a fine song and Dance talent, he is described as a Villager in the programme, and during most of the panto he lurked quietly in the background aiding and abetting the dance choruses with their routines, but (and now this can be revealed) he turned out to be the absent King Richard.

It’s good to see Stephen and Rachael Johnson in the team, especially in really-not-nice-person roles! I bet Stephen relished the opportunity to kick his lovely wife around in their alter egos as the dastardly Prince John and his long-suffering servant; It proves that the Village Community and the Church Community are not separate! Their professional singing voices added much strength to the vocalising in the many delightful musical interludes.

The children’s chorus and dancers were amazing, and I was impressed that this was only the second night and everyone seemed to know what they were doing. As a regular cinema goer, a joy to watch and to listen too.

And the band! The band kept the whole thing together and were superb. A production full of Beaus (get it? Bows?) and Marrows (Nurse Gussett’s pies). Beaus and Marrows (get it?). Never mind, this sort of thing is catching.

The whole thing centred around the relationship of Robin and Maid Marian, and I thought that Tom Underwood and Lucy Heath were strong enough to be pivotal. Robin’s thigh-slapping presence on the stage caught the attention of my nearly 4 year old, who having been gripped by the whole thing (although still not sure what a bap is), thought that Robin was the best of all. Lucy was great as Marian and had a good singing voice. In this age of feminism I was encouraged to see that she was not entirely cowed by her imprisonment and gave as good as she got. I’m not sure that Robin was aware of what he was taking on! Although with Stephen’s example of how a man should treat his wife, I’m sure they will live happily ever after. And so will the Quince players at this rate.

Mike Cross
**WINDSOR’S STREET ANGELS**

Early in 2015, St Michael and All Angels received a visit from David Bullock, during the 9:15 and 10:45 services, who had been invited to talk about the work he was doing as the Police Community Support Officer in Windsor to help the homeless and the vulnerable. He introduced us to the Windsor Street Angels, a voluntary organisation operating in Windsor town centre every Friday night, which he started in February 2012 having seen the extraordinary success in other cities around the UK. It replicates the original concept founded by Paul in Halifax back in 2010.

His message was powerful and it made an immediate impact on me; so much so that I have enrolled and after a few months of training I am now a proud member of this impressive Group.

We meet at the Baptist Church every Friday night about 9.15pm and then patrol the streets all over Windsor helping anyone who may be vulnerable or in need of our support and help. We look for the homeless to start with and offer them hot soup and bread rolls; typically there will be between 10 – 15 on the streets every night tucking themselves in for a an uncomfortable night on the pavements or in dark alcoves set aside from the pedestrian traffic. We always engage them in conversation to see how they are faring and try to win their confidence so they will share their problems and any issues which can be addressed. Some we know well and have extraordinary life stories. Others can be withdrawn and deeply depressed, which is profoundly sad.

We return to base at around 11pm to restock our rucksacks and warm up; we are then back out 20 minutes later to prepare for the closure of the pubs and night clubs. We are in constant touch with the CCTV control centre that monitors the town through a multiplicity of cameras and can see virtually everything that is happening. We are alerted to anyone who seems to be in distress or in need of help and off we go to investigate. As the night wears on, the Police appear in all key areas to monitor the night clubs. We provide an all-important buffer at times and can often diffuse difficult situations. We have an excellent relationship with the constabulary and work closely with them, especially when youngsters have enjoyed too much of their own hospitality and might be having difficulty with balance or other control functions. Again as the night progresses a great need arises for flip flops as high heels are discarded and women walk barefoot on the streets. It is amazing to see the relief and gratitude that these free hand outs provoke.

On occasions the Street Angels have saved lives and prevented serious problems escalating. We are all trained in First Aid and carry equipment to assist but if necessary we might need to call an ambulance – this is rare though.

In a typical year we help over 4,000 people, distribute 1,000 pairs of flipflops, 600 bottles of water, make 47 referrals to other agencies and calm 73 situations.

Street Angels operates under the umbrella of Windsor Christian Action (WCA), which is a local charity operating social projects in Windsor.

I commend this volunteer group to anyone who would like to get involved in helping other people. It is so worthwhile and the benefits are tangible and immediate. We have several initiatives for the homeless and have an active rehousing scheme that works well and some of the team provide regular meals to those who are still on the streets.

To raise funds and bring awareness to the community, we are holding a ‘sleep out’ on the Windsor Streets on 19th February from 8pm until 7am the following morning and I will be laying down my sleeping bag for the night with others on the team.

Thanks for reading this and anyone who wants to get involved or simply sponsor me (however small a donation – anything would be most appreciated) please contact me at md@mcnairpartnership.com or through the editor of the magazine.

David’s success is recognised now outside our community as the Windsor Street Angels have been nominated for the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award to be given to volunteer groups across the UK.

Stewart McNair
http://streetangelswindsor.org/

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WE CAN BE MISTAKEN FOR SMURFS!
FEBRUARY 2016 – ONE EXTRA DAY FOR MAN... AND ONE GREAT LEAP FOR MANKIND!

I will not have escaped your notice, dear Reader, that this year will be longer than most and I do hope that you are planning to make the most of it! Sadly, that extra day falls on a Monday, so you won’t be able to have a lie in, or go to Church more often. It will mean an extra day of toil and strife; talking of which, did you know that according to an old Irish tradition that if a woman proposes marriage to a man on Leap year day, then the man cannot refuse the proposal? It is also said that in the 12th or 13th century Queen Margaret of Scotland had even passed a law to the effect that if the man refused such a proposal, then he would have to compensate the woman with a kiss and a new silk gown. So look out, chaps, heads down at computer screen, desk, or lathe and don’t look up!

February is also the month of Candlemas, Groundhog Day, Pancake Day and Cordes Hall Cinema Day!

Candlemas, on the second of February, celebrates the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple; the Candlemas Bells, also known as Snowdrops, symbolize hope according to Christian belief. Christians consider Jesus as the light of the world so it is fitting that in some traditions candles are blessed on this day and a candle-lit procession precedes the mass. It is traditional to eat crêpes on Candlemas in some parts of Europe, such as France. But why go to France? I’ll bet that if you run down to Treadle Café in Sunninghill High Street, they will be pleased to serve up some delicious pancakes. Or you could wait until Shrove Tuesday on the 9th, and pancake the night away in readiness for the great six-week fast starting the next day (NB: the Parish Pancake Party is taking place at All Souls church on Shrove Tuesday at 3:30pm). Or why not celebrate both? Any excuse for a feast of pancakes is my motto! The Government now tell us that we must restrict ourselves to a thimble full of wine only on days that contain the letter R. As fashionable medical advice seems to vary wildly from one week to the next, I think we can safely ignore this one! So we need to be able to feast on all possible occasions!

A devout collection of 12 churchgoers (The Gambia Dozen), led by Revd Tracey Williams and Dr Keith Thomson will depart for The Gambia on February 15th, to build on the success of the last visit in 2014 and take some much needed educational equipment (such as pencils etc); assistance to the schools and churches in Banjul and surrounding area and to grow the fond links already established with the people and missionaries of that area. Dr Ralphina de Almeida, a Trustee of the Revd J C Faye School in that area, paid us a visit last October and the portents are good for our visit there. We wish them well and will keep them in our prayers. Tracey has written more extensively about this elsewhere in this edition. To help with the funding of resources for this visit, there will be a Quiz-Cross-Quiz at All Souls’ Church on Saturday 6th February starting at 7.30 – just a fiver to get in, lots of nibbles and prizes, and maybe a raffle. Teams of 8 are encouraged, so do organise a team and let us know! Contact pam@mike-cross.me.uk for more details.

Talking of film, the Cordes Hall Cinema continues from strength to strength and also on February 6th there will be a day of films not to be missed! In the morning, Kids’ Film Club will start at 11am with two Winnie the Pooh films. And in the afternoon at 2pm – there will be Minions – The Movie, at 5pm – Suffragette (12A) and finally at 8pm – Legend (Please note that this is an 18 cert) – the story of the Kray twins’ reign of terror in the East End in the fifties and sixties. And of course there is the Bollywood Film Night on the 20th February complete with curry! Not to be missed!

Have a great month!

Mike Cross
SCAM WATCH

Digital fraud is posing increasing threats to us all. Remember, while anti-virus software such as Norton or McAfee can provide a very strong layer of protection to your device, it can still be bypassed by sophisticated viruses aka malware. You need to ensure you keep your Anti-Virus software, operating systems and other security measures, up to date. Just as important, don’t put yourself in the way of trouble. The golden rule on any form of internet-related activity (online shopping, social media, web-browsing etc) is to protect yourself first, foremost and always. As a starting point try: www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-your-computer/

GENERAL INTERNET SECURITY
Before making any purchases, do check the authenticity of the websites form which you may be shopping. Conduct a ‘who is’ search on the website which will identify when the website has been created, be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website – https://who.is/

Also, it’s worth carrying out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided, so as to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities. Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you’re in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark, then contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email service@trustedshops.co.uk. They will confirm whether they have certified that website.

PAYMENTS
Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore, always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product. If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is. If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online: www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone: 0300 123 2040.

ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUDS
Christmas is one of the most common times to get defrauded by online shopping scams, but scammers are active throughout the year. So if you do shop on line (as increasingly we all do), there are a number of simple rules which you should follow:
• There are 20 factors that you should check on a website before you enter your card details. Click here for a great interactive tour to learn more! www.buyagift.co.uk/Content/design/Infographics/howtotrustawebsite/how-to-trust-a-website.html
• Always check payment pages are secure and log out when you’ve finished shopping online
• Visit GetSafeOnline for more information: www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/online-payments/

AUCTION FRAUD
• Before buying on an auction site always check whether the seller or buyer is genuine – check their feedback and selling history before you commit to buying – and make sure that the offer isn’t too good to be true!
• Find out more about auction fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk/fraud-az-auction-fraud Make sure you don’t fall victim to a New Year Con!
• Stay safe by taking simple precautions. Plenty of great advice from https://getsafeonline.org/ and www.actionfraud.police.uk/

TICKET FRAUD
Ticket fraud is currently a prevalent scam, as it’s easy for the scammers to take advantage of people desperate to get tickets to see a favourite show or support a sports team. Also, tickets can be a great gift, but do make sure you don’t end up buying fake ones! Always make sure you buy the tickets from official sellers. Click here for more information on how to avoid ticket fraud: www.actionfraud.police.uk/fraud-az-ticket-scam

Find out what happened when these fraudsters tried to sell fake #LiverpoolFC tickets www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/five-men-on-trial-over-liverpool-fc-ticket-scam-oct15

These few tips may help you to avoid some of the common traps, but it’s important to remember that digital media are constantly advancing apace. So you’ll need to be alert at all times on the web, and also work hard to keep up to date and stay one step ahead of the scammers.

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NEWS FROM THE BEAT

Firstly, may I wish everyone a very happy New Year. It was a relatively peaceful Christmas and New Year in Ascot. At a time of year when some of us are making resolutions, I am reminded of the old saying: “If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.” It is disappointing to think that since the beginning of the year we have had seven cars broken into overnight in the Sunninghill and Woodlands Ride areas. When I say ‘broken into’, I mean the vehicles were left unlocked and someone chanced their arm. If you have grown bored with your SatNav, designer sunglasses or iPod, there is someone out there who is more than keen to take them from your car – just leave it unlocked. I say ‘disappointing’, because this is a trend that I noticed a couple of years ago when I moved to Ascot, and I had hoped that the message was out there. These thieves are more than happy to jump over security gates and walls, so please do what you can to protect your hard-earned goods. When it is so easy there is very little deterrent.

May I pass my thanks to our colleagues in Road Policing who have been running operations on the area targeting drink driving. Worryingly, they arrested three drivers within the space of an hour after stopping cars on the A30 on the 13th December.

This time last year saw an increase in the number of burglaries to properties around the A30 at Sunningdale. Fortunately this has not been replicated this year. My team have recently been revisiting some victims of crime to offer ongoing support and advice on crime prevention. There is lots of good advice out there, so please, don’t do what you’ve always done, and make a resolution to put some of it into practice. Did Santa bring you that safe in which to store your valuables?

Thanks to all of you, who last year contacted us with anything that seemed suspicious or did not seem quite right – we want to know and will do our best to investigate.

Martin Littlewood
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GARDENER’S DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

February offers the first Open Gardens of the season, to delight us with carpets of snowdrops. The yellow stars of winter aconites are spilling in wild areas and gardens alike. Cyclamen, crocus, and other small bulbs are adding to the ‘last Hoorah’ of the winter garden, and the armchair gardener is also stirring, contemplating the transition from ‘planning’ to ‘doing’, weather and soil conditions permitting.

And there is much to be done. Apple and Pear trees are pruned now, along with blackcurrants, gooseberries and redcurrants, to maintain an open and productive framework, and to contain height and shape. A mulch of well rotted manure or garden compost will be beneficial here; up to, but not touching trunks and stems.

Winter flowering shrubs and heathers are similarly pruned at the end of their display. The dogwoods and willows, grown for their colourful stems, are cut right down to base, and ornamental grasses to within a few centimetres of ground level. Deciduous hedges should be trimmed before birds start nesting. Roses, Wisteria, and summer flowering clematis, also require our attention at this time of year.

Ideally pruning is best done during a period of dry and warm weather. All pruning tools need to be sharp and in good condition to avoid ragged cuts or crushed stems, which will promote disease and dieback. Any diseased material should be removed, not composted or burnt.

Dormant fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs can be planted out now if conditions are favourable. So any gaps, dull areas, or unsightly fences or buildings, (as noted and duly thought about from the comfort of the armchair), can be addressed right now, perhaps with the addition of a winter flowering shrub, or the fragrant evergreen clematis ‘Winter Beauty’, which should enhance the garden this time next year.

The exceptionally wet and warm start to the year will encourage pests and diseases, so be vigilant in looking for and dealing with these.

Be wary of sowing too many seeds this early. Results can be disappointing, particularly from window sill trays, as seedlings can become leggy and susceptible to damping off (botrytis) owing to low light levels and humidity issues.

Instead, why not try growing Pea Shoots, now a popular and pricey salad garnish. Suttons, variety ‘Twinke’ is specifically for indoor planting all year round, and promises ‘ready in just 3 weeks’. Leaf salad ‘Winter mix’ crops in a similar time, and salad cress is satisfyingly quick and easy to grow.

In the vegetable garden, clothes or fleece can be placed over areas where early sowings are to be made, to warm the soil, and offer some protection from persistent rain. Be cautious of covering entire raised beds with impermeable membranes, as you may create a giant puddle which can stagnate, and then what do you do about it?

Last year on an allotment near mine, a crow would regularly appear at a mini pond thus created, bringing whole slices of bread to dunk and devour, a delightful diversion for me from the task in hand.

I hope your gardening year gets off to a good start.

Eve Chilton, SADGA Sunningdale & District Gardening Association
The children have been part of an art installation reflecting the United Nations’ Sustainable Goals project. Their art represented ‘End Poverty’ and is being shown at St Joseph’s Church in Bracknell along with other art from across the Boroughs. Other installations address topics such as climate action, life on land, inequalities and sanitation.

Christian Leigh, Governor

Towards the end of the Christmas term, Kingfishers were lucky enough to have a visit from the History company, ‘Portals to the Past’. The children had a day full of activities, artefact sessions and re-enactments that took them from hunting woolly mammoths in the early stone age to trying on Celtic armour from the late iron age. They had the opportunity to handle numerous prehistoric artefacts, discussed what it might have been like to live 10,000 years ago and studied the development of tools and weapons during that period of history. They had great fun and learnt a great deal throughout the day.

Kate Searle, Head Teacher

Happy New Year from all the staff and children at St Michael’s. We had a very busy end to our Christmas term. Key Stage 1 sang their hearts out in their play “A Magical Christmas Journey”, whilst KS2 taught us a very important lesson in their production of “Scrooge”. Both performances were well attended by the families of the children.

On the last morning of term the whole school, again with their families, congregated at St Michael’s Church where the children from Year 6 led the service. The children sang several Christmas songs and Year 4 played “Jingle Bells” on the p8ones (plastic trombones). Many thanks to the Revd Jennifer Jones for her prayers.

So, a brand new year and the staff have planned an exciting term. See March’s publication of this magazine for more details – and some stunning photographs!

Following an assembly given by Revd. Tracey Williams on January 11th, about a church mission to The Gambia, the children have agreed to carry out some fund-raising for that – watch this space!

Pami Cross
THE ANNUAL FANCY DRESS WHEELBARROW RACE

The Annual Fancy Dress Wheelbarrow Race around the streets of Sunninghill took place once more on New Year’s Day, 2016. 27 teams set off in this year’s event, organised by the Rotary Club of Ascot and raising money for Ascot Day Centre and other Rotary charities. As usual there was an imaginative collection of costumes on display, including Superman, Minions, Storm Troopers and a carnival of animals.

But it is not just a style parade – there are also prizes for speed, and this year the one-mile course was completed in just 7 minutes and 30 seconds by the ’Badly Dressed Men’ team (top left), winning them the ’Fastest Men’s’ award. The fastest ladies team was ’The Pink Ladies’ (cover picture) in a time of 11 minutes 44 seconds, and the fastest mixed team was ’The Dale Wintonettes’ (in their Superman outfits) in a time of 10 minutes 21 seconds.

The ’Best Fancy Dress’ prize was awarded to ’The Sunningdale Hope Trust Laddies’ (opposite top), whose Scottish attire complete with Loch Ness monster just stole the day.

After the race, the contestants and many of the spectators flocked to a local pub where a hog-roast had been organised, and where the winners received their certificates of achievement. Rotary Club President Alan Clare said ’We are very grateful for the support we receive from the local community in providing teams and attending the race. We would particularly like to thank our main sponsor, DeVere Venues, for their contribution.’ Early indications are that approximately £8,000 was raised as a result of the event.

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14 Feb  HC  8.00  M Nichols  P Wilatts  A Robinson  P Winstanley (P)
21 Feb  HC  8.00  M Nichols  P Wilatts  D Clarke  NO FLOWERS
28 Feb  HC  8.00  M Nichols  P Wilatts  E Franceson  NO FLOWERS
6 Mar  HC  8.00  M Nichols  P Wilatts  G Birch  NO FLOWERS

SOUTH ASCOT

Date  Welcomers  Reader  Intercessor  Chalice Bearers  Cleaners
7 Feb  J Davis/N Williams  F Thomson  F Jones  Fran/Viv/Rita
14 Feb  D Chislett/M Ashcroft  I Bannerman  E Moore  Liz/Crispin
21 Feb  D Chislett/M Ashcroft  I Bannerman  E Moore  Liz/Crispin
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- **CINEMA** Saturday 6th, 11am - Kids’ Club - Winnie the Pooh - 2 films. (U).
  - 2pm - Minions The Movie (U)
  - 5pm Suffragette (12A) 8pm Legend (18)
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- **ORIENTAL CARPET WORLD**
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#### EXERCISE
- **Monday 19:30–20:30**
  - Abaya Fitness: Fitness Barre
  - Abaya Fitness: Mixed Level Yoga
  - Tai Chi
  - Di’s ‘Strictly’ FitSteps
  - Royal Ascot Badminton Club
  - Abaya Fitness: Barre
  - Abaya Fitness: Mixed Level Yoga
  - Ascot Ladies’ Badminton Club
  - Zumba

#### CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
- **Monday 9:30–11:00**
  - Sure Start Children’s Centre [Stay & Play]
  - Sure Start Children’s Centre [Messy Play]
  - Ballet
  - Sure Start Children’s Centre (Inbetweeneries)
  - Spanish, Flamenco, Ballet:
  - South Ascot Toddler Group
  - Vanessa Gardener School of Classical Ballet
  - Spanish Group Drop in & Play 0–12 months
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  - Messy Monkeys – Toddlers
  - Messy Monkeys – Babies
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This is a major scheme for us, and although the “Tender” is open to any appropriately qualified company, I really hope that local companies – plumbers, building designers, etc., will see this as a special opportunity to be involved in such an important community project.

Full details of the “Tender” can be found at www.cordes-hall-sunninghill.org.uk or by contacting Brian Finch on 07902 190566.

Companies are asked to confirm their interest in the next couple of weeks, and the deadline for “Tender submission” will be towards the end of March.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Jane Richardson
Chair, Cordes Hall Management Committee

PIRATES AND FLAPPERS NEEDED FOR GROUP’S SILVER JUBILEE

Following their sell out Christmas concert “Ballads and Babes” the Spotlights Musical Theatre Group (SMTG) have started preparing for their Silver Jubilee show, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE by Gilbert and Sullivan. And they need new performing members!

“We want the show to be community theatre at its best”, says Serena Kay, the groups music director, and are looking for new members to be on stage and perform with us”. The SMTGs production of the best loved Gilbert and Sullivan will be entirely new and set in the 1920s and have loads of opportunities for everyone to get involved and have a fun time.

“It’s a great show”, says Serena, “with comic Pirates, cowardly policemen, enthusiastic flappers, a Major-General who really should know better and an apprentice pirate and young woman getting it together against all the odds in the midst of much hilarity and mayhem”.

And is the SMTG just looking for seasoned performers? “Not at all, says Serena. “If you find yourself singing in the bath, shower, car and around the house and would like a Monday night out rehearsing with friendly like minded people then the SMTG could be your new musical fun night out in 2016”

“We are a friendly inclusive bunch” says Serena “who enjoy being together, singing together and socialising together so why not give us, and pirates, a go and come along?”

The SMTG will perform THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE at the Rose Theatre, part of St Mary’s School, in Ascot during w/c 17 July 2016 as part of their Jubilee year celebrations. They rehearse on Mondays at 8pm (Wednesdays too nearer the show) at Cheapside Village Hall. Please get in touch with the group’s secretary Sheila Knight on 01784 483203 and sheila@tonysheila.plus.com if you are interested – or just come along on the night. You will be made most welcome. More information on our website www.spotlightsmtg.co.uk
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The solution to Sudoku 91:

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Can anyone suggest what the polar bear might have been saying?

I’m just hanging about waiting for the winter sails

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD EX CRUCUM No.151

The answers to Crossword no.151 will be published in
the next issue.

The answers to Crossword no.150 were:

Will she propose on the 29th?
I’ll take a lucky guess.
Her man will be delighted
So the answer will be “Yes!”

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

ACROSS
1. Mocha is a drink containing another (4)
3. No at first, then seek out joints that are up for
dancing (5)
5. Acquainted with novel reportedly (4)
7. Yearn endlessly for a “yes” (3)
8. Lover was sore upset (in Piccadilly Circus) (4)
9. Early in the week leading animal celebrated in 1,3,
5 & 7 (6)
11. Artist had a great time endlessly scribbling (8)
12. Takes less care over breakfast, perhaps (6)
13. Love to write but ready to listen (4)
15. Unfortunately, only guest left out is the baby of
the family (8)
18. Up pops Rose and pops the question! (8)
19. Headless beast may come from China (4)
21. Cut rein and go off (6)
23. Scabby, upset- weedy weedy – losing two points
(4-4)
25. Servant hiding King is a despicable man! (6)
26. See 20
27. Felicity, and Beethoven, wrote a poem to her (3)
28 & 30. Yes, pouche opened for Chinese dish…. (4,4)
29. ……. Strong ingredient of 28 & 30? (5)

DOWN
2. Animal heard greeting Mrs Sharples? (5)
3. Japanese way of serving a 28? (6)
4. Lee is made up name (5)
5. Old pop group with wrinkles? (5)
6. Elves seen dancing around at snack time (9)
9. Brand of car with dirty badge it’s said (6)
10. Rep up North made an agreement before the
match (6)
14. A few lines written by man who drops in with a
diagram (9)
15. The right answer to her proposal! (3)
16. Reg, an old man, discovered the last character in
America (6)
17. Lass entered into agreement (6)
20 & 26. Ninety went out. That’s an odd number this
month… (6,4)
22. …. Nine in Rome lop down flower (5)
23. Left out candle unusually. Perhaps last one for
romantic couple (5)
24. Two run away to match (5)
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