

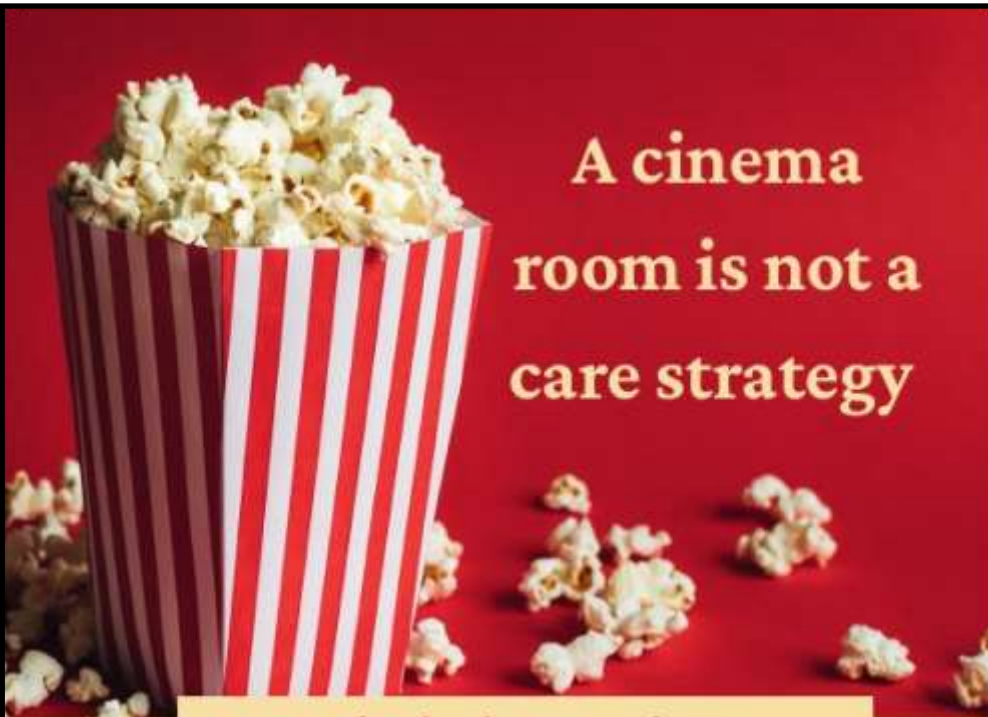
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EDITORIAL

By Tricia Horwood



As spring settles in and our village begins to bloom, there is a wonderful sense of energy and community spirit in the air. The longer days bring not only brighter gardens and busier footpaths, but also plenty of opportunities to come together and enjoy the warmer weather.

One of the highlights of recent weeks has been the Horticultural Society's Spring Show, which was very well attended and full of excellent entries. From vibrant floral displays to impressive early vegetables, carefully nurtured seedlings, and some excellent chocolate cakes, the standard was exceptionally high. A big thank you goes to all who entered, organised and supported the show — and if you missed it, there's another chance to get involved soon. The Society's Annual Plant Sale will take place on 2nd May at Thursley Pavilion, offering a perfect opportunity to pick up something special for your garden while supporting a valued local group.

While many of us are heading outdoors, it's also worth noting that there are currently some boardwalk closures on the Common while essential maintenance takes place. Please do take a moment to check the map on page 25 before planning your walk—your patience during this period is very much appreciated.

History enthusiasts will also enjoy Jackie Rickenberg's fascinating exploration of the Portsmouth Road. Her research continues to uncover the stories, characters and developments that shaped our local area, adding depth and perspective to familiar surroundings.

And finally, a gentle but important reminder: don't forget to vote in the local elections on 7th May at the Village Hall. Local elections play a vital role in shaping the decisions that affect our everyday lives, and every vote truly does matter.

Wishing you all a wonderful May.

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MAY

Saturday 2nd	10.30-12pm	Horts Society Plant Sale. Thurley Pavilion. All welcome. See p17.
Tuesday 5th	7.00pm	Thursley Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall. All welcome.
Thursday 7th	All day	Local Elections. Village Hall. Don't forget to bring ID.
Friday 15th	7.00pm	Thursley Quiz Evening. Village Hall. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. See p13.
Saturday 16th	10.00am	Churchyard Working Party. St Michael & All Angels Church. All help welcome.
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Talk on Pruning hosted by THS. Village Hall. All welcome.
Thursday 21st	12.30pm	Thursley 50+ Ladies Lunch. Three Horseshoes Pub. Booking essential. Contact Lisa Woods.

JUNE

Sunday 7th	7—5.00pm	Open Farm Sunday. Bowlhead Green Farm. All welcome. See p33.
Thursday 18th	6.00pm	Evening Churchyard Walk & Supper. Hosted by History Society. See p26.

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As May arrives, the Church calendar turns towards Pentecost, famously known as Whit Sunday, as white robes were usually worn for the renewal of baptism vows.

While Christmas celebrates God drawing near in Jesus' birth, and Easter proclaims love's triumph over death, Pentecost marks the outpouring of God's Spirit—power and presence transforming lives here and now.

The first Pentecost was a moment of awe and change. The disciples, still uncertain and anxious, gathered together and were met by a rushing wind, tongues of flame, and the Spirit's unmistakable arrival. Their fear gave way to courage, confusion turned to clarity, and silent hearts found words.

The word 'Spirit'—rooted in Hebrew and Greek—means breath, wind, or life-force. Pentecost reminds us that God is not remote, but breathes life into everyday people and situations. The disciples themselves were neither powerful nor privileged; they knew grief, disappointment, and uncertainty. Yet it was into this reality

that the Spirit came—not after everything was fixed, but right in the midst of ordinary struggle.

So often, the Spirit works quietly: in gentle nudges, renewed strength, a timely word, comfort given, or the resolve to keep going. God's breath is felt in acts of kindness, quiet courage, and the ability to face another day.

Pentecost is often called the Church's birthday, marking the moment Jesus' followers moved from frightened individuals to a community sent out into the world. Pentecost invites us to speak with kindness, listen with care, and witness through love. This message is vital in our time, a world often lacking in listening and patience.

Pentecost calls us to remain open, expecting that God is still at work. We may glimpse the Spirit in acts of generosity, patience where there might be anger, communities supporting one another, or people rediscovering faith. Sometimes, God's wind arrives not in drama but as quiet strength or gentle assurance that we are not alone.

This May, as Pentecost approaches, let us pray for open hearts and listening spirits, trusting that God's breath still brings life, renews the Church, our community and the world, and sends us out in love, hope and being bearers of peace.

Hannah

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THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

By Chairman James Mendelsohn



Last month, I reported that we would be undertaking a survey of the bridleways that pass through our Parish, to enable us to talk to Surrey County Council (SCC) in a constructive way about the issues that we are facing, and those that we feel should be given priority for repair and restoration. Tom Taylor Mathews has been working hard to map all the bridleways and divide them into sections for reporting purposes.

The reports will be able to be completed by people on their mobile phones as they walk or ride down the bridleways. There will be pre-determined questions, to speed up the process, but there will also be the opportunity to upload photos to show particular problems. The software will then consolidate the information to provide detailed reports for us to discuss with SCC. A great example of how AI can work for the benefit of the community!

There is still a fair amount of testing to be carried out before this project can be rolled out, and this will be done by various Parish Councillors over the coming weeks. Overall, though, we see this as a very exciting and important development which has the potential to

be used for other matters that need reporting, and possibly for use by other parishes too. There is a regular meeting of the Western Parishes and we will be raising it at that forum.

At this time of year, we always have to consider grass mowing around the village. In the past, we have relied on a combination of volunteers, paid contractors, and occasional help from SCC Highways contractors. This year, I am delighted that we will be relying almost exclusively on volunteers, with their work being supplemented by a single contractor helping with the mowing around the pond in Bowlhead Green, which requires a degree of more specialist help.

On a related point, as a Parish Council, we are supporting the 'No Mow May' initiative this month and therefore areas the area that we manage will not be cut in May ... unless of course SCC turn up unannounced!

Parking in the village was an issue raised by a Councillor this month. This has been a problem for many years, but there was a general recognition that this is becoming an increasing issue today. Inevitably, perhaps, there is no easy solution. All we can ask is that everyone – be they those needing to park in The Street or on Dye House Road, or those using those roads – should be aware of the safety issues, particularly around the Clump, be sensitive to the needs of others, and also to be generally tolerant of what is clearly a very difficult problem.

Finally, elections take place on Thursday 7 May for the new West Surrey Council Unitary Authority. As a Parish Council, we have always worked hard to maintain good and cooperative relationships with both SCC and WBC – and we will continue to do so, together with the Councillors elected to the new Unitary Authority, during the transitional period before it takes over in May 2027.

At a Parish Council level, we are not interested in party politics. Rather, we

hope that those elected will work hard representing us as a village, supporting our concerns, and recognising the continued importance of Parish Councils within the new framework. We hope that you agree with this approach and will take the time to exercise your vote in this important election.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5 May at 7.00 pm.

HASLEMERE MUSEUM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS ON HASLEMERE HIGH STREET IN 2026

Haslemere Museum is set to celebrate a major milestone in 2026, marking 100 years since it moved to its much-loved Georgian building on Haslemere High Street. To commemorate the centenary, the Museum will present a year-long programme of special events celebrating its rich history, its founder's pioneering vision, and its enduring place in the heart of the community.

Haslemere Museum is one of the largest museums in central southern England. Its collections include more than 240,000 natural history specimens and over 140,000 human history artefacts from around the world, continuing Hutchinson's mission to inspire curiosity and learning across generations.

The Museum operates as an independent charity and relies on fundraising and donations in order to maintain its collections, buildings and grounds. Since the death of Sir Jonathan in 1913, it is only because of generous gifts and legacies that this treasured asset has survived. The Museum estimates it must raise £900,000 over the next five years for essential remedial works.

The centenary programme during the year will include a series of talks from prominent speakers and supporters of the Museum. The talks are kindly sponsored by Clement Windows Group of Haslemere and tickets are on sale via the Museum's website. In addition to the exhibitions about the history of the Museum, local artists have been invited to submit work for a community art exhibition that will be open during May and June.

Full details of the centenary talks, exhibitions and events, as well as the fundraising appeal, are available at haslemeremuseum.co.uk/100. Everyone is warmly invited to take part and join the celebrations throughout this landmark year.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEUR

By Stephen Bates



I've always been drawn to businesses that make things. To me it's an obvious way to create value. I never quite understood friends in the City who created value by swapping currencies and then swapping them back again. Surely you haven't made anything. Where's the value? I graduated in 1985 as an Engineer and after a decade developing products as a designer for a range of businesses went back to school to get an MBA. My career then followed a technology commercialisation pathway that saw me licensing patents in the US, then helping to develop technology strategies for automotive and aerospace businesses before finally ending up back in London fulfilling a technology strategy role for Marks and Spencer in 1999. I know – quite a leap from space rockets in California to underwear in Baker Street. Over a beer I could explain why they're actually not so different...

My last 'corporate role' was M&S, and whilst I loved the business, the people, and the products – and the children still call it 'daddy's shop' – I was ultimately frustrated by the inability to make more of a difference in a company of that size. That's not to say the family didn't all enjoy our years as part of the pudding tasting panel ("Take these sticky toffee creations home and tell us which is better"), and I liked the 20% discount that they forgot to cancel for 5 years after I left. But it wasn't exciting...

I left in 2004 with a dream of running a technology start-up. There's another story about how challenging it is to become a CEO when you haven't already been one, but these pages are supposed to be about what I'm doing now. A day in the life...

Ten years ago, and four companies' worth of experience gained, I started RHEON LABS, a spin-out from Imperial College in London. We've been based in Battersea for the last 7 years in the shadow of the rejuvenated Power Station. How this area has changed since we moved from Kensington – it's unrecognisable. I bumped into Tim Cook, Apple CEO, in the local deli the other day buying a sandwich. I suppose even the stratospherically wealthy need to eat when they're visiting their European HQ!

Over the years I have tried to be a good global-citizen and use public transport,

but have now given up on our crowded, unreliable, expensive, commuter trains. These days my daily routine involves a 5:30am alarm and a 6:30am departure by car – and I go all the way to Battersea now not just to the station. I've gone electric too so I'm no longer waking Peter and Susanne next door with my loud exhaust. Sorry again both of you for all those mornings!

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GB 4x100m relay team at Paris Olympics



called dilatancy, and whilst another dilatant, ‘silly-putty’, was an intriguing children’s toy and a stocking-filler in the 70s, we’ve found a way of making useful things with these characteristics.

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More recently the Australian teenage sensation Gout Gout has been breaking sprint records in our technology. With black-on-red, it’s easier to see too.

We partnered first with Adidas just in time for the Olympics, but now we’ve got a range of other customers. Our innovation is a stretch-textile that stretches slowly, but resists stretching fast and as a result there are a range of things that are now possible.

For example, we’re putting that textile into bras. Here stretching slowly equals comfort whereas resisting stretching fast equates to support. So, we can make a running bra with the comfort of a yoga bra.

So, what’s my daily routine?

So, what’s my daily routine. I get to Battersea around 8am with coffee top of



the to do list. One of my first capital equipment purchases eight years ago was a proper coffee machine and it's a rare day that I haven't downed two flat-whites by 9am! Then my focus is on three things: team, funding, sales. When we started out the technology was still in the labs in Imperial and I perched on a desk in the basement (I had no chair for 6 months!), did everything, and tried to figure out how to commercialise this weird material. Nowadays with 30+ people, a separate team in China and customers I don't feel quite so exposed. I focus on Team because these are the people that matter nowadays, and the old adage of 'management by walking about' remains just as true today (in my view) as it did when I leant this on the factory floor 40 years ago. Funding next, because we are still, just about, pre-profit and need a top-up from investors. And finally, Sales, because I still need to explain and persuade the sports brands we work with to engage and try us out. It involves a lot of travel, but I have a senior team now who share some of the load. I was in the US recently on one of these sales trips visiting some golf brands. Just as we were leaving PING (Phoenix, Arizona if you were wondering) my host asked, "*Would you like to see the vault?*" I sensed I should know what that meant so replied enthusiastically, "*Yes please!*". He swung open the vault door – think Fort Knox – and ushered me into a room with 3,500 solid gold putters. One for every Championship won with PING and with the golfer's name and date on the putter face. I really love my job – endless surprises.

Currently I am pre-occupied with "What's next?" and on the same day that I'm writing this I've been summarising the 3-5 year growth opportunities we face for a new investor considering coming on board. Spoiler alert – it's going to be damping vibrations in carbon fibre. Our most recent investors (this potential new one included) want us to start thinking about the market applications outside of sport. We chose sport at the start because it's a great way to launch a new technology, generate income quickly and establish a name (a brand) that people will then recognise. The fact is that W.L. Gore – who make Gore-Tex – earn 85% of their income from products that don't carry the Gore brand name. You've probably got Gore-Tex in your car headlights for example. Putting RHEON into a mobile phone, or an electric car's battery, or a wind turbine blade is where we're going next, but you won't see the



PING Gold Putter Vault

blue RHEON ‘tag’ on any of these. It will make the shareholders happy though. There are big opportunities out there for this material technology.

One thing I love about my job day-to-day is the fact that we still design, make, test, and then design again and all in our Battersea HQ. When you arrive at 1 Broughton Street it looks like a Victorian end terrace – because it is – but inside it’s rather different now. A few doors down is where they filmed, “My Beautiful Laundrette”, a delightful 1985 film about entrepreneurship which feels rather appropriate. Our front room has gone and now there are electric gates that open to let you drive through the ‘living room’ into a courtyard behind to access our other building, the converted workshops of Battersea’s former bread-factory. We have something of an Aladdin’s cave in these two buildings with our ground floor given over to a polymer lab and factory scale machinery that we use as part of the design and development process that proves products before we commission

volume production in Asia. Upstairs in the terraced house are our meeting rooms where today we hosted Fly, a US Supercross brand (off-road motorcycle racing if you were wondering) who were visiting from Idaho. Downstairs there’s a small gym where we develop products and get some exercise when it’s not being used as a laboratory. I finished the day today by walking around the workshop again to thank the team for putting on a great show for Fly and I remembered again why I do this: I still like making things.

The drive home was another rainy one. The New Year’s biblical conditions continue. But as always on a Friday I was entertained by the Radio 4 News Quiz and its irreverent humour – it’s not been a good week for Andrew, formerly known as “Prince” – before I returned to the calm of Thursley and a Friday-night glass of red. Despite the inevitable stress that sits alongside the fun in this job, I do like what I do. And tomorrow’s Saturday so I’ll be putting on some RHEON shorts and going for a run.



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HISTORY OF THE PORTSMOUTH ROAD, PART TWO

By Jackie Rickenberg (from the archives of The History Society)

As we started the history of the Portsmouth Road last time (albeit distracted by rabbits), we continue again this month. The book source that a lot of the information is from is “The Portsmouth Road” by Charles G Harper first published in 1895.

“A fine crowd of coaches left town daily in the 1920’s. The “Portsmouth Regulator” left at 8am, and reached Portsmouth at 5pm; the “Royal Mail” started from The Angel 7.15 every evening, arriving at The George, Portsmouth at 6.10 the following morning. Others had such inventive names, such as The Hero, The Rocket and The Perseverance.

Elderly ladies, travelling by coach, were not unreasonably afraid of the Devil’s Punch Bowl. It does not appear whether it was entirely the awful depths that alarmed them, or the chance, that presented itself to their imaginations, of seeing Auld Hornie himself., very black and terrible, skulking among the bilberry bushes. The parasitic wild plant, the Lesser Dodder (*cuscuta epithimum*), also grows in the hollow of the Punchbowl, sometimes so abundantly as to resemble red seaweed. In Cornwall, the rustics call it “Devil’s guts”. It strangles many other growths. Here in Thursley, the country-folk used to style it the “murder-plant”, and said it appeared first after the murder of the sailor (I am not including details of the Sailor’s murder here, as it has been covered in past articles, but

should you wish to acquaint yourself with this gruesome tale, please go to thursleyhistorysociety.org). We return to the elderly lady:

A tale was at that time told of just such a nervous passenger who, with two or three nieces and servants, engaged the coach to London, on the understanding that the coachman should WALK the coach round the dreaded spot. It is a striking instance of how the anticipation of evil is generally worse than the realisation.

When the coach came to the Sailor’s stone, overlooking the wildest spot, the coachman alighted and pretended to be making some trifling alterations to the harness; the old lady gazing complacently into the vast dell beneath. She asked its name.

“Higgin-bottom, ma’am,” said the coachman.

“What a delightful, but singular-looking spot!” she exclaimed; and then the coachman drove on.

Arrival at Road Lane, the question often asked, *“How far off to the Devil’s Punchbowl?”* was repeated.

“We’ve passed it, ma’am!”

“Past it, and in safety? Bless me, where was it?”

“Where I stopped, and you asked the name of that deep dell – THAT was the Devil’s Punchbowl – Higgin-Bottom’s the right name.”

The body of the murdered sailor was buried at the little village of Thursley, and there, in the churchyard, shadowed by dark fir trees, stands a gruesome tombstone, an unconscionable product of local art, with a carving in relief of the three murderers in the act of dispatching their victim. Beneath this melodrama, the circumstances are recounted at great length, and some halting verses conclude the mournful narration.

Thursley itself is situated on an old road that branches from the newer highway upon entering Witley Common, and rejoined the ordinary route near the Royal Huts Hotel, Hindhead. The village is rarely visited by strangers. The old church stands in a commanding position, overlooking a wide tract of



The Church's Sun-dial
"HORA PARS VITAE" translates to "An hour, a part of life."

country, including the Hog's Back, by Guildford, and the scattered ponds of Frensham. An old sun-dial on the tower has the inscription *Hora pars vitae*, and, like most of our clocks and watches, perpetuates in the numeral "IIII" the long-exploded fiction of the infallibility of kings. I wonder if anyone remembers the origin of the substitution of "IIII" for "IV" on nearly all the dials, whether sun-dials or clock-faces, of civilisation?

Here is the story. The first clock that kept anything like accurate time was constructed by a certain Henry Vick in 1370. It was made to the order of Charles V. of France, who was known as "the Wise". Wise he certainly was, in some respects; but Roman numerals were not within the sum of his knowledge. When Vick brought the King his clock, he looked at its movements awhile.

"Yes", said he, at length, "*it works very well; but you have got the figures on the dial wrong*".



“Surely never, your Majesty”, said Vick.

“Yes”, replied the King, *“that IV should be IIII”.*

“But your Majesty is wrong”, rejoined that not very tactful clockmaker.

“Wrong!” answered the outraged majesty, *“I am never wrong! Take it away and correct the error”.*

Vick did as he was commanded, and so to this day we have IIII where we should really have IV”.

As we know, the route of the old Portsmouth Road was eventually

completed to its modern-day condition when, in 2011, the Hindhead tunnel replaced the single carriageway with traffic lights, that caused the incessant traffic jams up at Hindhead. The Royal Huts Hotel, mentioned in the text is now known as The Devil’s Punchbowl Hotel, on the route of the old road.

Remember to visit the website for more info on the sailor’s murder and the Hindhead tunnel.

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THE ROYAL HUTS HOTEL, HINDHEAD (1920s)



PARTIAL CLOSURE OF BOARDWALK DURING THE SUMMER

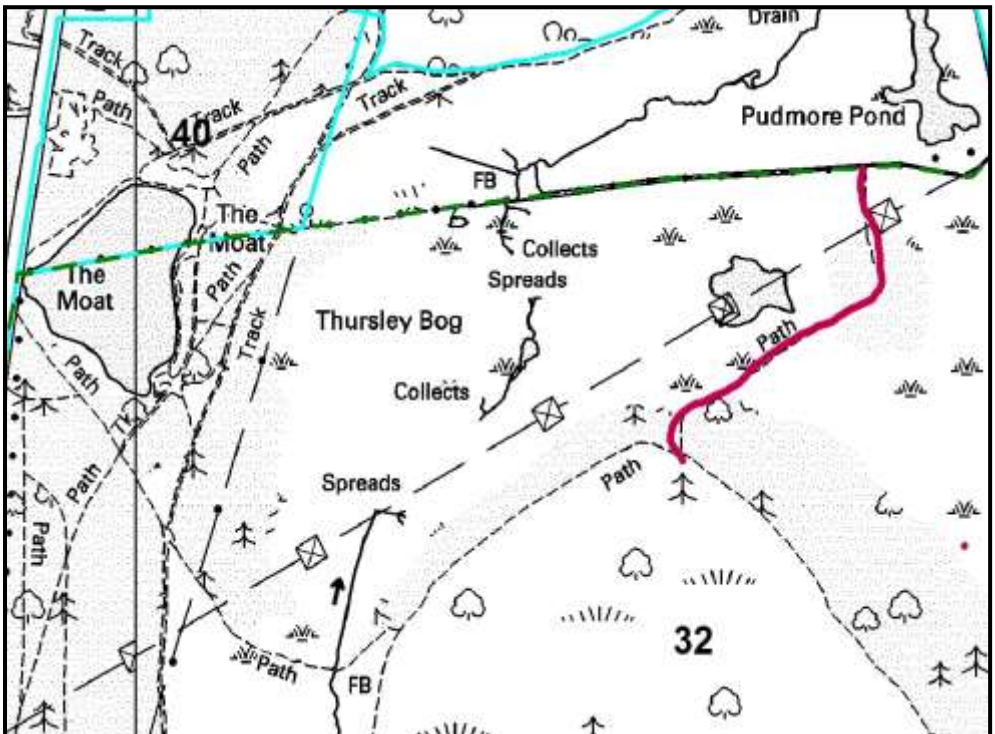
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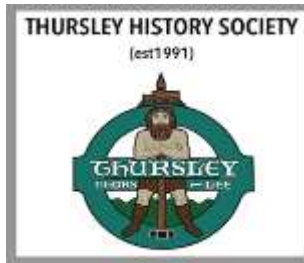
Dear Thursley and Elstead residents,

Now we have the funding in place for further upgrades to the boardwalk network, I want to inform you all of plans to temporarily close a part of the network. Over the Spring and Summer months there will have to be closures so works can be safely undertaken. The section that runs from Shrike Hill to Pine Island will have periodic closures for your safety whilst the upgrades are constructed. During the months of April to September works will commence, this will involve limited access to the network to ensure your safety and that of the

work force during construction. Please obey all closure notices and please find an alternative route. As soon as work is completed on the day(s), the network will be reopened and the boardwalk fully accessible once again. It is anticipated the works will only involve closures for one or two-days day a week, and disruption kept to a minimum. Please keep dogs on a lead. The track highlighted in Red is where the boardwalk will be temporarily closed.

Thank you for your cooperation, we apologise for any inconvenience caused during this period.





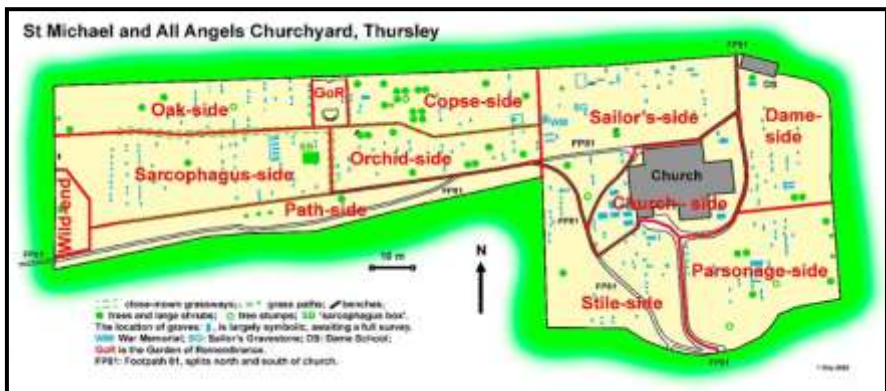
Evening Churchyard Walk & Supper

Thursday 18th June 6pm

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Please join us for the Thursley History Society's next event which will be a midsummer evening guided walk around St. Michael & All Angels Churchyard.

Amanda Flint-Roberts and Sally Scheffers will each take a group around to tell the stories of our predecessors and friends buried in the Churchyard.



Following our walk, we will then share a simple supper of quiche and salad, hopefully, under the oak tree in the John Freeman Memorial Field.

The cost will be £15 per person and need to be pre-booked by Monday 15th June with Sally Scheffers at scheffers@btinternet.com.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE FARM THIS MONTH?

By Jo Ranson

Well it is warmer and the shorts have been out but only briefly. It could do with being consistently warm. The cold nights are still keeping the soil temperature too low for good grass growing and getting the maize drilled. And dare I say it but we could do with a bit of rain. Yet again there are some showers forecast but we could do without them this week as we want to make some first-cut grass silage. If only we could organise the weather fanning would be so much simpler.

All the cows and calves are now out full time. It's nice to get out of the winter routine and there is more time now during the day to get a bit more done and with the lighter evenings it puts a real spring in everyone's steps. We have had to do quite a bit of fencing repairs to get all the fields ready; having had such a wet spell a lot of posts have become rotten and broken or pushed over by deer clattering through. Just when you think you are on top of that job the high winds have brought branches and trees down which have not helped by falling on fences too and more repairs needed to be done. The in-calf heifers had a big field to start with so didn't get moved for a while but the next two fields are smaller and we have inadvertently trained them to become quite vocal when we check them as they now feel they should be moved more regularly. Sorry girls - you are going to have to tough that one out and wait - luckily the next field is a big one so hopefully we will re-train them back the other way.

The grass for all the young stock is keeping up well and they have plenty ahead of them for now, but for the milking herd we really could do with it growing a bit quicker, and having some warmer weather will help massively. Today (15th April) should be what we call magic day where the grass growth should match what we need but its not so we are still having to give the cows some of the silage left over from the in-calf heifers and calves, and this is running out too. Let's hope it gets warmer and some rain comes with it.

The lagoon muck has all been spread on the maize ground, it's then been subsoiled and ploughed. Toby used the new plough and rattled through the job this year; it is slightly bigger than the old one and certainly more robust (we were worried our tractor wouldn't be man enough to pull, but it has and has also done an amazing job at turning over the soil). Toby did have a new friend for a couple of days of ploughing (a stork); it followed him up and down all the time, he said it was like a wildlife sanctuary at one point, with partridges, pheasants, geese, egrets, pigeons, deer and seagulls. The field has then been cultivated and limed. The maize seed has arrived and the power harrow and drill are all ready but it's still a bit cold. Maize seed likes the soil temperature to be about 10 degrees and it's about 7/8 degrees at the moment. Not too tragic, but if we can wait a little all the better. So instead we will swap the jobs round and get some grass silage cut first then drill.

So, we need about three days in a row that have some bright sunshine and no rain. All the weather apps are out in force and all slightly different!! But we have booked it in for the weekend and fingers crossed it doesn't change. We aren't cutting everything as some of the ground will benefit from a few weeks more growing but the newer leys need cutting otherwise the quality will be lost. It does, however, mean we have to close up the clamp and open it again, but quality is better than quantity as they say. This time we are including rolled barley with the grass and it is

cheaper to buy the barley in whole and then hire in a company to roll it for us than to buy it in ready done. So again timing is crucial - one lorry load yesterday, one coming today, and the milling machine booked for tomorrow; fingers crossed today's load comes.

Once the maize is in and the silage is done we will be planning the next silage cut and getting ready for Open Farm Sunday on 7th June so if you would like to see how your milk is produced, meet the cows and the team please come along - it would be great to see you.





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By Pat Clark

The Spring Show was lovely- the main Hall full of bright, stately tulips, glorious, unusual daffodils and some very impressive Floral Art. The Show Chocolate Decorated Cake class attracted 9 amazing entries, which had all our mouths watering. Patricia Coles' cake garnered the most votes, closely challenged by Jane Hepburn's entry and Alena Ling's daughters Georgie and Sophie's Birthday Cake, with little eggs and maltesers tumbling off the front. A very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to all who entered.



A few reminders for the next couple of months: Cate from Field Flowers, an organic flower farm in West End, Haslemere, is coming to give a talk at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th April at the Village Hall. (you may get your magazine just in time to note that) It should be fascinating. All are welcome.

The Plant Sale will be held at the Cricket Pavilion on May 2nd from 10.30 – 12.00pm. Do come and get your tomatoes and runner beans from Tim Walsh as well as other young vegetable plants. There will of course be annuals and herbaceous perennials too. Cash is preferable but cards will be accepted.



As part of our Thursley Young Growers initiative children at the Plant Sale will be offered free little plants to grow. (Parents and grandparents could accept on their behalf) We are hoping as a result to have entries in the Tallest Sunflower class in the Autumn Show. Plant the sunflower and take a photograph, or have it measured in the garden!

Finally, a reminder that Ray Broughton will be talking to us about all aspects 'Pruning' on Wednesday May 20th, 7.30pm in the Village hall. Ray always has a wealth of information at his fingertips, based on years of experience and his work at Sparsholt Horticultural College. Do bring paper and pen as Ray will have plenty of good tips to offer and you will want to remember them. He is an accomplished and enthusiastic speaker. The evening is free to all. Raffle and refreshments of soft drinks and wine- and lots of good company.

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GIVE IT A GROW

By Debbie Spencer



'As the ribbons weave, so the year unfolds'.....

Traditional May Day celebrations in the UK are a joyful blend of ancient customs, seasonal festivity and community spirit. We still see Maypole dancing at village greens, schools and fetes across the country, symbolising fertility and the coming of summer. Less commonly seen now is the crowning of the May Queen, representing youth, purity and the beauty of spring, and the long standing custom of Morris dancers jiggging at dawn on the 1st May welcoming in the summer. If you are unsure how to celebrate the beginning of May this year maybe you would like to join in the latest gardening tradition of 'No mow May', led by the charity Plantlife.



No mow May - May we?

A month to embrace a slightly wilder look, daisies, dandelions, clover and buttercup are all valuable nectar sources. If a completely unmown lawn feels too much, consider mowing pathways or edges.

Avoid weed killers and lawn treatments during this time, they can harm the very pollinators you are trying to support.

No mow May isn't about neglect. By doing less for a short while you allow nature to do more and in return your garden becomes richer, more diverse and full of life.

Maybe plant outdoors

By mid May it's usually safe to plant tender vegetables outdoors, though keep an eye on the weather forecasts. This is the perfect to sow beans, (runner and French) courgettes, sweetcorn and squash directly into prepared soil. Salads such as lettuce, rocket and beetroot can be sown little and often to ensure a continuous harvest. Carrots and parsnips can also still be sown in light stone free soil.

May Days and Tomato Ways

Greenhouse tomatoes - if not already done plant young tomatoes in grow bags, pots or greenhouse borders. Allow good spacing for airflow. Support with canes or strings, ventilate on hot days, water consistently (not waterlogging), feed weekly with high potash fertiliser once flowers appear and pinch out side shoots regularly. For outdoor tomatoes (usually mid May onwards) gradually harden off plants outside over 7-10 days, choose a sunny sheltered spot in well draining soil, allow 45-60 cm between plants, stake and keep fleece handy for cold nights!

May-flower Power

Summer bedding can now be planted out, including petunias, marigolds, and geraniums. For a cottage garden feel, considering sowing hardy annuals like cosmos, cornflowers and nigella directly into borders.

May Day, May Day

Urgent weeding needed in May as warmth comes, so does rapid weed growth. Regular hoeing on dry days keeps them under control.

Mulching: Apply a layer of compost or well rotted manure around plants to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

Watering: Keep newly planted crops well watered, especially hanging baskets and pots. Use collected rainwater from butts on mature plants not new ones.

Staking and Support: Put supports in place early for peas, beans and taller perennials ideally before they need them.

Mayhem in the Garden

May weather can be unpredictable so gardeners have to be like Maypole dancers and be prepared to bob and weave and twist and turn with the changeable weather!



BENDING THE RULES

By Lizzie Young



To the Village Hall for the wonderful Horticultural Society Spring Show. An event I know takes a whole heap of effort and energy from the dedicated committee, to whom we must be grateful. Ours is a fledgling garden, offering up, on this occasion, only a few different varieties of tulips (and this thanks entirely to David, not one jot to me). We count every new leaf or burgeoning stem on a daily garden watch, and are nowhere near wanting to cut a length of anything just yet. Or indeed to having a length to cut. But I like to enter, if I can. I like to support village endeavours as others support mine, but in truth it also makes me feel very wholesome. I'm a fraud, since David does the lion's share of the gardening, but he still feels anxious about entering plants, so we come as a pair. I like to be part of the getting ready bit, in the morning, when others

far more practised and able than me painstakingly arrange delicate blooms and photogenic vegetables, and I like to go back after the judging, to pretend I'm not scanning the table for a prize by my offering, (honourable mention, since you're asking, this year - 4th out of 3. We'll take it. It's encouraging!) and see what the judges have to say.

I observed minor controversies in the food and craft 'tent' this year. The novelist in me lives for this kind of thing. This didn't involve me because we were travelling and I wasn't home in time to produce something edible (my offerings never trouble the medal table much, to be fair, but I get a kick out of hearing that my mix may have been too wet, or my oven too hot, or my timing a few minutes off. Baking is a science, not an art. Decorating, well that's an art, and my goodness we have some artists in this village). I won't go into details of said minor controversies, out of loyalty to both committee and participants, but also because I might write a film script about it and see if Stephen Spielberg wants to make a film about it (if it's good enough for Richard Osman it's good enough for me, right? Helen Mirren for the Patricia Coles part? Pierce Brosnan as John Gunner?). But it all centred on the rules, which, for an

organisation such as the RHS are somewhat detailed and specific... and it got me to thinking about rules.

Now, I like a rule. Love following one. I'm not sure it's an admirable quality. Actually, I am sure. It's not. I'm sure it's dull of me. I suspect my favourite people, the free spirited, exciting ones, give few hoots about rules, and I'm pretty certain the most successful amongst us have spent years bending, breaking or wholly disregarding them. And I'm not, I hope, the kind of net curtain twitcher or list maker who resents others who break the rules and get away with it. (Except queue jumping. I hate queue jumping. We should all have a government issue taser we can use with impunity. Just a little one. A government issue tens machine, maybe.) I just admire the devil may care, twinkly naughtiness of the offenders, and wish I was more like them. But we are wired as we are wired, aren't we? And at 57 I think I'm too old to change now. I won't walk on the grass if the sign says not to, I get to the airport when the airline says I should, and I don't undo my seatbelt until the seatbelt sign is switched off. I never park across a white line, or walk up or down stairs other than as directed, on the right or the left.

David would like me to tell you that IF I break rules, I break 'em all in the car.

I'm a bit speedy, apparently. (Although only one of us has done a speed awareness course in the last five years. And it's not me. I'm just saying...). Sadiq Khan's 20 mph on the outskirts of London is a perpetual challenge, and on a long motorway journey Dave will occasionally issue a gentle reminder from the passenger seat (did you know a temporary speed limit on a gantry is a legal limit not an advisory? Me neither). I use 79.5% of my bad language in the car too. Quite the sailor's lexicon. And I will, very rarely, undertake someone who is hogging the middle lane, whilst, of course, issuing an unheard and deeply hypocritical lecture on how it is against the rules to hog the middle lane. There you have it – monthly column as a confessional. I'm a free-spirited rule breaking daredevil ANIMAL in the car.

A reminder to all of you to keep Saturday 10th October free in your diaries for the Harvest Supper. I know I'm biased, because I'm on the committee, but I think it is one of the very loveliest of village evenings – open to all, inclusive as can be, a warm and welcoming start to the season of hygge, and a celebration of the bringing in of the sheaves in our rural community, with a little gentle entertainment served up alongside a hearty meal. So write it down now, and do come along, please!

SUGAR & BAKES

By Camilla Daubeny

MANGO & COCONUT CAKE



A tropical treat that marries the sweet mango with the richness of the coconut - perfect for accompanying a cup of tea with friends, or as a pudding. This makes a 2lb loaf cake.

Ingredients

240ml milk
1 teaspoons of lemon juice
210g of self raising flour
150g of caster sugar
1 teaspoon of baking powder
1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
60ml of vegetable or sunflower oil
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
60g of mango puree

Icing

150g soft butter
325g icing sugar
3 tablespoons mango puree
100g desiccated coconut

Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C fan and line TWO 2lb loaf tins with greaseproof paper.
2. In a bowl, combine the milk with the lemon juice and whisk until fully combined. Set aside for 10 minutes to curdle. This creates your 'buttermilk'.

3. In a large mixing bowl, sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda. Mix well to combine. Add the oil and vanilla into the 'buttermilk' and whisk to combine. Add the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix.

4. Divide the cake batter in half. Add the mango puree to one of the bowls, leaving the other plain vanilla. Pour equal amounts of batter into the lined cake tins, alternating between the vanilla and mango in a swirl pattern in each tin, use a skewer or fork to swirl the batters together. Make sure to tap the tins on the worktop to remove any air bubbles.

5. Pop the cakes into the centre of the preheated oven and bake for around 25 to 30 minutes. You will know they are done when you put a knife or skewer in to the centre of the cake and it comes out clean.

6. Place the cakes on a cooling rack and allow to cool slightly before removing them from the tins. Leave the cakes to cool fully on the cooling rack.

7. To make the buttercream, beat the butter for about 5 minutes until silky smooth, then add the icing sugar in stages and lastly the mango puree.

8. To assemble your cake, take one of the loaves, cut off the top so that it is level, then pipe your buttercream on to it and sprinkle over half of the coconut. Place the second loaf on the iced first loaf and pipe the remainder of the icing on top and then sprinkle the remainder of the coconut on top. Enjoy!



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
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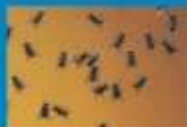
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