When is Easter? This year, 21st April. But, unlike Christmas, the date varies from year to year. There have been discussions across the world churches about fixing it, which would help us with our annual planning, school holidays and so on. So why not take control? They finally decided not to, because it is one of those reminders - in the midst of all the things we do control, and try to control in our lives - that ultimately we are not in control.

In 325CE the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox (21st March). We can always see the beautiful full Passover (Paschal) Moon in Holy Week. We can observe it, but we can't control it.

King George VI, in his famous broadcast at Christmas 1939, quoted Minnie Louise Haskins who had written when working as a missionary in India:

_I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown’. And he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That will be better to you than light, and safer than a known way.’_

As so often, we use picture language to express a glimpse of something we can't fully express. The Church is here to help us to live and walk with God.

This year, to help us to prepare for Easter, as well as our local Churches Together in Oxted Lent groups on poetry, I will also lead an open Lent group in the Bull: Tuesday evenings, 8pm:

- 12 March: Who is God?
- 26 March: Who is Jesus (Christ)?
- 2 April: Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 9 April: Who are Christians?

Come, ask questions and find out more, or simply join us for drink. For all ages and stages of life and faith. A reminder too of the beauty, power and peace of St Peter’s church building through these special seasons, open all day every day: all welcome. And, of course, to any of our services.

Whatever you are in control of, and not in control of, this Lent - I wish you and your families many blessings, and renewed joy at Easter, when we get there.

With love,
Who’s Who
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For details of Sunday services see the Church Diary on the following pages.

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Children at Sunday morning services
Children are welcome every week. Our children’s groups gather every week during term-time only, except on the first Sunday of the month (our All Age Eucharist) and second Sunday of the month (when we have Messy Church in the afternoon). We all start in church together, and then the children go out to the Millennium Room (Xplore for school-age children, Stepping Stones, for little ones) for activities before returning for communion or blessings with their families. Young families are also welcome to use our children’s area for little ones in the Gresham Chapel.

All Age Eucharist
This simple Eucharist aims to be relaxed and reverential and to especially meet the needs of families with young children. All members of the church community, old and young alike celebrate together, accompanied by our very own all age choir and orchestra. Do come along at 9.15am if you would like to sing with the all-age choir (a relaxed and informal choir for all ages and abilities) – simply turn up and give it a go! All are welcome.

Messy Church
On the second Sunday of every month, from 3.30-5.30pm in the church and Millennium Room, Messy Church offers all ages an afternoon of crafts, activities, celebration and a meal. The Messy Church Sports Club also runs on selected dates (see publicity).

During the week...

Bell Ringing
(Lynda Boast 01883 715085)
Limpsfield Bell Ringers invite you to help us keep our church bells ringing well into the future. Contact Lynda Boast on 715085 to arrange a visit to the tower and find out more about how you can learn. This invitation is open to anybody aged 12 and over, not just church members. Practice night Tuesday.
Everyone of all ages is warmly welcomed to worship at St Peter’s. Whether you’re familiar with it or not, we hope that you will find love, joy and peace in this place (however noisy it sometimes gets!). Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table, and no-one is ever turned away. If you do not yet receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, please speak to James (in person or on 722351 or James.ittm@gmail.com), or others.

**Weekday Services**

**MORNING PRAYER**
Tuesdays-Fridays 9.15am

**HOLY COMMUNION**
Wednesdays 10am and most major Holy Days with community coffee morning 10.45am first Wednesday of the month (see lychgate and notice boards for details)

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**Date Services Feb**

**15-17 Apr** Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week Services at our Team Churches. Please check the website www.stpeterslimpsfield.org nearer the time for full details.
### CHURCH DIARY: APRIL - JUNE

#### Date | Services April
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Thu 18 Apr | **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8pm LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY
*With the receiving of the oils, commemoration of the last supper, the washing of feet and keeping watch (church open until 10.30pm)*

Fri 19 Apr | **GOOD FRIDAY**
10.30am ALL-AGE SERVICE
*children and families especially welcome*
12.00 Churches Together Walk of Witness in Oxted, meet at 11.50am by the Council Offices
2pm LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Sun 21 Apr | **EASTER DAY**
8am Holy Communion
10am EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
*Bring a flower to celebrate the Resurrection*

Sat 27 Apr | 2pm Wedding of Charlotte Bruce and Adam White

Sun 28 Apr | **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
(Xplore and Stepping Stones in Millennium Room)

#### Date | Services Apr-May
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Tue 30 Apr | 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Peter’s Church with elections, Thanksgivings and looking forwards, followed by refreshments — **ALL WELCOME**

Sun 5 May | **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST with ALL-AGE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA with Baptism
12pm Baptism

Sun 12 May | **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
3.30-5.30pm MESSY CHURCH in the Church / Millennium Room
*Theme: Who is God?*

Sun 19 May | **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
(Xplore and Stepping Stones in Millennium Room)

Sun 26 May | **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
(Xplore and Stepping Stones in Millennium Room)

#### Date | Services Apr-May
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Thu 30 May | **ASCENSION DAY**
6am OPEN AIR EUCHARIST at St Mary’s Tatsfield followed by breakfast in the hall

Sun 2 June | **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
10am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST with ALL-AGE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
12pm Baptism

Sun 9 June | **PENTECOST**
— celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church
8am Holy Communion
10am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Sun 26 May | **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8am Holy Communion
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(Xplore and Stepping Stones in Millennium Room)

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**FUNERALS & THANKSGIVING SERVICES**
23.12.18  Fiona Radojev
2.1.19  Jim Langford
8.2.19  Ruth Crane

**WEDDINGS**
2.2.19  Alexa Keymer and Tom Davies

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**
Ash Wednesday 6 March:
8pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of Ashes at St Peter’s

Tuesdays 12 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April
Pub Lent group, 8pm in The Bull – informal sessions exploring questions Who is God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and Christians? All welcome.

Thursdays 21 & 28 March, 4 April
12.30 for 12.45pm talk, followed by lunch. See church diary for more details.

Thursdays 14 March, 11 April, 9 May
Musical Memories
A stimulating singing group. All welcome, especially those with dementia and their carer. See advert inside back cover for details.

Further ahead…

Saturday 15 June
11am-2:30pm Limpsfield Village Fete on the Glebe Meadow
Oh dear! Whatever happened here?

These are the ruins in 1983 of Carpenters Carthouse – formerly a barbers and electrical storeroom - when someone cutting trees on the bank above, cut too energetically and demolished not only a rather nice looking Victorian barn but also a war memorial next door. In a way it was a good thing. We were about to lose our village food shop and a local builder, John Worsfold, bought the site and put up a shop to serve the village. Subsequently it took in the Post Office when the bakery which housed it also closed. The War Memorial was re-erected on the wall of the shop and it was called “The Memorial Stores”.

The builder started the shop and set up the Post Office but later sold the business to others. However in the end it became clear that it was not a viable proposition as a business. The village had to decide whether this was something we needed. We set up the Limpsfield Village Store Association as an Industrial and Provident Society, raised the funds and bought the business and the land.

20 Years Young

We salute the community effort which created the Memorial Stores back in 1999.
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FEBRUARY – The garden is beginning to stir from its winter slumber and there is lots to be getting on with in the garden when the weather allows. If you’ve got a veggie plot or are putting in a new one now is the time to get it prepared and ready as the planting out time comes around very quickly. Some seeds can be started off indoors or the greenhouse this month, just check the seed packets. If you want your own home-grown potatoes, buy your seed potatoes and start them off to chit. That means sit them in a tray or in egg boxes to allow the shoots to start to be formed. If you don’t have a space to have a veggie plot you can still grow your own. You can use very large pots or even strong bags filled with a soil mixture. Just remember the larger the pot or bag the less often you will have to water.

If you’re lucky enough to have snowdrops now is the time to divide the clumps as they like to be moved and divided ‘in the green’. All that means is they should be green when they are moved or divided. This is a great, and free, way to get more snowdrops! You have another chance to prune your wisteria this month to get the shape you want and encourage the flowers.

As the birds are still not nesting, now’s the time to prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown hedges and prune any winter flowering shrubs when they have finished flowering. This is also the time to cut back deciduous grasses that were left uncut over the winter, sedum and any other plants needing a trim or cleared out of dead leaves.

MARCH – hopefully we will see spring getting underway with a vengeance this month. You need to start the tidying up of the garden. Get on top of it now and the rest of the year will be easier as it will be under better control.

Take the opportunity to get summer flowering bulbs planted. They can go into the ground or put them in a pot and bury that, so not so much watering as a single pot, so that at the end of the summer they a can be lifted easily and stored over winter. You can also grow in pots and just move them to fill any gaps in borders.

Overgrown perennials can now be lifted and divided to share with friends or put elsewhere in the garden. They could also be potted up so that you have more pots to move around the garden as needed. You can also prune back hard your bush roses and climbing roses so that they will produce more shoots and so more roses later in the year. Also cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) so you get new shoots for the colourful winter stems. You can also use these cuttings for basket weaving and living garden structures etc., if you’re feeling creative.

Mowing the lawn gets underway this month when the weather is dry, and the ground has dried up a bit. If the edges need to be trimmed or recut now’s the time to do it also. Use a half moon lawn edger and a board if you want a straight edge. When the edges of a lawn are neat then the garden looks so much neater even if the lawn has not been mowed.

Keep sowing your seeds, as directed on the packets, for the vegetables or flowers. If you sow your vegetable seeds for succession, that means a few every week, then you shouldn’t get your vegetables all at once and have a glut! Last year courgettes were in poor supply so I for one am planting courgettes this year.
APRIL – Hopefully sunshine and only a little of rain will bring in April. Time to begin to enjoy being out in the garden and see the plants all sprouting and flowers starting to bloom. Now is the time to get hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seeds sown outside. It’s very easy to grow a small herb patch or pot that can be near the door for ease of use. Wild flowers for the bees and other insects is a great way to help our wildlife. You need a piece of land or very large pot with poor soil that is weed and grass free and just follow the instructions on the packet. Make sure you buy the correct seed for the area you want to plant, shady, bright sunshine, etc.

Time to feed your roses and lay a mulch around the base as this will help them not to get diseases that exist in the soil such as black spot. Black spot tends to get splashed with the rain onto the rose leaves so a mulch will keep it in the ground.

Weed, weed and weed as much as you can to keep them under control. It’s a great way to spend a sunny day in your own thoughts or with a group of like-minded friends helping each other out.

If you’re lucky enough to have fruit trees and they have blossom. Enjoy but keep a watch on the weather as a cold snap or frost will kill the blossom and then you will get fewer fruits.

MAY – We will be well underway in the garden by now. A date for your diary and for vegetable and flower plants is the Limpsfield, Oxted and District Horticultural Society Plant Sale on 18th May, 10am to 12pm, at the Red Cross Hall in Oxted. Still not too late to get those plants in as frost risk is now over.

Don’t think that you will be let off from the garden next month as there will be more to do, but also lots to enjoy!

Morag (on behalf of the LODHS)

I’ll begin by asking a question…. What is $2 + 2 \times 2 = ??$

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Are you sure?

Did you go from left to right?

The key to solving most mathematical problems is knowing to correctly apply the order of operations.

Which is:
P – Parenthesis
E- Exponent
M- Multiplication
D – Division
A – Addition
S – Subtraction

The answer is $2 + 4 = 6$
Now, let me tell you straight away, I never understood maths, I learnt what I had to. You could say that life was in the way – I favoured the beach to revision! As an adult I suddenly found I should have paid a lot more attention. My dad told me about the mnemonic BODMAS - it was the only way I could remember to apply matters in the correct order when needing a solution in Algebra.

So, I am no maths wizard, but I learnt, and I am a Chartered Financial Planner, and thanks to the Open University obtained my Law degree. Why do I tell you all this, it’s not to tell you I am now clever, no – but to say anyone and everything can be learned/understood and put into action if given the opportunity, knowledge and sometimes a touch of luck (or fairy dust!) – and importantly following the correct order. Knowledge too needs nurturing, there is never a time when we know it all, we have to keep abreast of the times, the changes and revisiting our plans and the order of priorities in life.

**So how do you prioritise matters? When did you last revisit yours?**

I heard about the PEMDAS of Finance via an excellent Million Dollar Round Table speaker and it got me thinking how important this is in life generally.

For this article I’ll look at the P

**Protection** - At some stage in your life, I’m sure you will have purchased some kind of insurance: life insurance, car insurance, home insurance and so forth. Sometimes this is out of choice, other times it is because you were advised to do so, and sometimes there is no choice in the matter.

You may have a Will.

You may have designated your spouse to receive your pension after your death.

You may in fact have even written your life assurances in trust.

BUT – will these actions provide the **Protection** of ensuring your money goes absolutely to the right people at the right time?

Without consideration of the order of planning - it is unlikely. It’s usual for these things to be dealt with as they come along and piece meal.

For example – we are all familiar with the fact that tax is paid whilst earning, whilst saving, whilst alive in general – tax will be due again on death. Inheritance tax is not compulsory as action can be taken, so therefore often referred to as a voluntary tax. Yet there are so many deserving causes your money could be utilised for – have you considered this in your Will?

**Property and Probate** - in most cases, especially if you are a property owner, your loved ones will have to pay just to get probate granted. Probate costs are referred to by some as a stealth tax – is there provision and access to what’s needed for your loved ones in place?

**Provision for Later Life Care** – has this entered your calculations? It’s a sad fact but more commonplace than ever that as we live longer it is often without good health or family to help us. Sometimes family are unable to help if care is needed for a medical condition. Care is underfunded and extremely expensive privately – so should factor in your plans. However, I am not talking about just entering into a care home. You may need help at home (the happiest place to stay for most), just help with the day to day needs we all have. Later life care could also encompass taking you shopping, helping with the chores which can be too much for you.

**Protection & The Benefits of Trusts**

- **Public Record** - Trusts are not a matter of public record, any wishes you set out within your trusts are private
- **Protection from Generational IH** – the tax man can’t keep taking bites out of your es-
But wait, am I starting at
the end rather than the
beginning?
Surely while you are well and of sound
mind, not incapacitated and alive - you
should have Lasting Powers of Attorneys
in place? Powers that ensure your wishes
are carried out in the event of incapacity?
Powers that make sure the people you
trust and who love you are making deci-
sions for you – not strangers.

Where should you start?
If you would like to know more and dis-
cuss where the rest of PEMDAS fits in with
your current and future plans, please
contact us (see below).

Written By: Jacqueline Lee-Lis LLB (Hons), APFS (Chartered Financial Planner)

If you would like any further information regarding this subject please visit our website:
www.financialobserver.co.uk or contact us at office@financialobserver.co.uk
result, terror and paroxysms of screams. Hayley said “Give him to me, I’ll get him going”. Sceptical parent “I doubt it, but we’ve tried everything else”. He arrived at the Limpsfield Grange pool in some trepidation, but the first thing he saw was lots of toys floating in the water. Face lit up; “that looks like fun!” Hayley gently but firmly lifted him in and by the end of the session he was happily spuddling along, taking his feet off the bottom now and again without even noticing what he was doing.

And he’s never looked back. Now he’s older he’s in Satchi’s class which is rather more structured, and learns all the formal strokes. His crawl is quite impressive – albeit very splashy. He’s confident in water and thinks it’s huge fun.

For more information see the Swimeazy page on Facebook, or ring Hayley on 07711 501854 or contact her at thechi-cotts@btinternet.com.

Marianne Bell

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Did you know that the Hawth Theatre in Crawley hosts a classical music season, including symphony concerts by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and other visiting orchestras? The RPO is in fact orchestra in residence at the Hawth. Easy to get to, easy to park, and easy to get home! There are concerts in March, April and June. The June one is on a Sunday afternoon, a film themes one – Harry Potter and all that sort of stuff, very suitable as an introduction for children. And a lot cheaper than trekking up to London! For more information see the Classical Music page on the Hawth website at www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth

Marianne Bell

Atonement

I remember a man carrying a piano
On his back along the street, years ago;
And looking down from our balcony in Cairo,

Having a good laugh at the ridiculous sight
Of him plodding barefoot, bound tight
And doubled up, not thinking of his plight

But only of the wild absurdity
As it seemed to youth and frivolity
Of a piano progressing through the city.

Now I hope I’m rid of western scorn
And know that all are born, perhaps reborn,
Either to stroke the keys, or ply their brawn;

His ancestors might have hauled blocks of stone
To build the pyramids; how shall we atone
For not being forced to sweat and groan?

John Matthew Mitchell
Good progress has been made on the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan, it has been a long process but we have now entered the final stages.

In December an Independent Examiner began his examination of the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is tested against what is known as the Basic Conditions which are set down in legislation, it is against these criteria that the examination must focus.

As part of this examination, the Examiner visited Limpsfield and then asked the Parish Council, Tandridge District Council and certain other parties (landowners) to respond to his questions relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner’s report was issued at the end of January, the plan is now being modified to incorporate his comments.

The very final step is for the Neighbourhood Plan to be put to a public referendum on Thursday May 2nd (the same day as the District Council elections). If the plan then receives the support of over 50% of those Limpsfield residents voting at the referendum, the Plan will be “made” by Tandridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority for the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Once the Neighbourhood Plan is made, it will form part of the statutory development plan alongside the Tandridge Core Strategy and the Tandridge Local Plan. In future, decision makers will be required to determine planning applications in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

You will receive more details about the referendum nearer the date, in the meantime if you want to read the Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the website www.limpsfieldnp.org.

Community Speed Watch
The Parish Council is working with local residents to set up Community Speed Watch teams for roads in Limpsfield where speeding traffic is a perceived problem. As many of you will know, Detillens Lane already has a very well organised and effective Community Speed Watch team, the intention is to now set up new teams in Bluehouse Lane and Limpsfield High Street.

To make this scheme work, we need the participation of local residents, full training is given by Surrey Police and the time commitment is one or two hours per month. If you would like to get involved or to find out more about the Community Speed Watch scheme, please email the parish clerk clerk@limpsfield.org or contact Mark Wilson (telephone 717247).

Becoming a Parish Councillor
The current Parish Council finishes its four-year term of office in May. A number of the existing parish councillors will be standing down, meaning that there will be vacancies on the Parish Council. Limpsfield Parish Council is non-political, members of the parish council are local residents who want to make a contribution to their local community. If becoming a Parish Councillor is something that might interest you and you would like to know more about what is involved please feel free to contact me on the number above or email the parish clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting
Finally, a date for your diary, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April at St Peter’s Hall beginning at 7.45pm. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Mark Wilson
Our hall is possibly so obvious that many people don’t notice it. In a raised position to one side of the High Street, trees and bushes obscure it from view unless you turn in and go through the entrance. Even then you may be distracted and your attention unfortunately drawn away as you negotiate the chicane into the car park area.

On your right sits St. Peter’s Church Hall, used by many who know about it, but patiently waiting on more societies, clubs and community activities to enjoy its facilities. Now Panda Nursery is settled into their dedicated facility on Glebe Meadow many time slots have been created for others, both in the Main Hall and in the Glebe Room. For enquiries please contact Pat Davies on email at stphlimpsfield@gmail.com or tel 01883 716487.
In the year to August 2018 we raised £39,580, a good year for our Charity. The really good news is that we donated £41,467 to 14 projects in 8 countries. This was almost £10,000 higher than last year partly due to some timing of payments to projects at the beginning of the year financed by the previous year. We still had £3,826 in the bank at the end of the year. We have raised £815,000 over the 35 years of our existence as a charity. I estimate that £783,000 has been donated to projects in 36 countries.

Our projects database, which Barbara Buxton manages, records all donations made by date, reports on progress and the decisions with reasons on all projects proposed or declined. This helps us better manage our donation decisions by showing us all current and past projects. We also have to provide annual answers to the Charity Commission and the Bank which Anna Burrage ably manages.

In the last ten years we have donated over £430,000 to projects, sustainable projects in education, agriculture, health and small business initiatives in the developing world. I think we can all feel proud of this achievement knowing that it comes from your donations, fund raising events and the efforts and energy of your committee and members who regularly turn out to help.

We donated £4325 to a school run by Mission Africa in Kivule Uganda to complete a girls dormitory for 40 girls, including beds and also a larger kitchen. This work has just finished and is in use already. We have just received some pictures which came too late to share but clearly show...
fantastic progress with the ovens and cookhouse and also the dormitory with their iron bunk beds.

We financed with £2000, a pig rearing project in Mwanza Port, Tanzania, and also provided £2600 for two incubators for babies born prematurely. In this case there was a local contribution of £1150 for training and transport.

Keeping effective communication with our many contacts is very important. Shaun Mundy is our projects coordinator and does an excellent job running the projects committee and responding to requests and seeking the opinions and thoughts of trustees on whether to support particular projects.

Looking as I always do at the developing world in general, the World Bank and the UN have recently reported that in the last 25 years about 1 billion people have emerged from extreme poverty in East Asia and increasingly in South Asia. Plunging from 62 per cent in extreme poverty to 3 per cent. Remember that extreme poverty is earning less than $1.9 per day. Many of these people still only earn between 3.5 and 5.5 dollars per day. There are still many undernourished at this level of income, Possibly 300 million in Asia. But importantly there are increasing numbers of people who now have a stake in their land and/or home. Businesses are multiplying and innovation is respected. Education provision is improving, health facilities stretched but slowly improving. There is hope that this will continue.

Sadly in Sub Saharan Africa the number in extreme poverty has risen. It stood at 420 million last year, up from 280 M in 1990. At least 500 million undernourished people in Africa.

There are estimated to be 60 million people in South America suffering extreme poverty and 220 million living on less than $10 a day. Better news on under five mortality rate, globally it dropped by almost 50% over the last 15 years.

Globally the number of undernourished people has increased for the first time in a decade by 40 million in the last two years, driven by conflict and failed governments and the resulting food insecurity in 18 countries. In Africa, Middle East and S America many countries are lead by absolutist leaders and their corrupt supporters who build their wealth and maintain their power at the expense of the majority of their impoverished people. Countries with weak and corrupt legal systems. Poor health facilities and where even the dream of land or business ownership is very difficult if not impossible. No wonder there are so many refugees, 65.6 million last year, the highest ever recorded, 6 million from Syria alone, escaping not only from war but from destitution, lawlessness and often economic slavery.

Small initiatives that we fund in education, health and agriculture have their place and luckily are usually under the radar of corrupt officials. Small well targeted projects are more likely to be ‘inclusive’ by which I mean that many individuals within the local community derive benefit.

Drive for change, improvement and innovation is often seen as the preserve of people in developed countries. But there is much evidence in the proposals we so often receive, of a determination to lead change, to improve and to innovate in circumstances which many people in developed countries would find to be totally overwhelming. It is good to know that our small charity continues to assist such people. There is still lots of room for small charitable contributions, from One World Group Oxted, carefully targeted to help deprived hungry people in communities around the world to survive and thrive.

We have done this now for 35 years and with your help we will continue to do so.

Averin Cox
Silent Auction

Saturday 30th March 7:30pm, St Peter’s Church Hall

Tickets on sale now and include a two course meal and the chance to bid for many lots donated by the Group’s members and local businesses. Last year’s lots included donated holidays, boat trips, offers of gardening and many other goods and services.

Lots on offer include:

- several holidays
- a boat trip on the Thames
- a Fortnum & Mason’s Hamper
- a studio photography session
- hair-dressing vouchers.
- and much more to come

Ticket applications should be sent to Jane O’Hare, 15 Beatrice Road, Oxted RH8 0PZ with a cheque for £14 per ticket made out to the Oxted One World Group and a stamped addressed envelope for sending your tickets.

The Oxted One World Group is a local charity, founded in 1983. Donations to the Oxted One World Group may be made online via JustGiving or by sending a text message. Simply type in the code OWG011 followed by the amount you wish to give and send it to 70070.

Stuart Paterson
Are you interested in becoming a school governor?

Limpsfield C. E. Infant School has been part of our local community for over 150 years. This popular school, situated on Limpsfield Common, is judged as Outstanding by both OFSTED and SIAMS and offers a broad and exciting start in education for 180 local children, ages 4-7. The six classes are housed in beautiful, old buildings which have been sympathetically extended to accommodate the rigours of a modern, lively school, whilst the Common and surrounding National Trust woodlands provide opportunities to enrich the curriculum and engage the children, especially with our Forest School.

School governors have an important role in strategically managing the school. It is an interesting and varied role which requires an interest in education and a willingness to learn rather than direct experience or knowledge of the education system.

We would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in finding out more about becoming a governor at Limpsfield School, especially if you have experience in strategic planning or human resources although these are not a prerequisite.

If you would like to find out more please contact: Sue Vodicka, Chair of Governors sue.vodicka@limpsfield.surrey.sch.uk

Our lovely locals may well have already got wind of some exciting new developments at Botley Hill Farmhouse just lately. In short, this historic inn will soon be able to host weddings, thanks to the addition of a beautiful new barn.

Currently under construction, the exterior of the barn will be crafted from traditional black shiplap timber, whilst the interior will be created from reclaimed wood.

“When we first bought Botley Hill Farmhouse in 2015, we initially concentrated on turning this centuries-old pub into a thriving restaurant and inn,” says manager and part-owner, Nicole Joubert.

“Now, after a four-year journey involving planners, architects and builders, we are realising our dream of building a spectacular wedding barn with massive windows that look out over the sweeping valley.”

Part of the historic Titsey Estate, which is found at the highest point of the North Downs Way, Botley Hill enjoys unrivalled views across acres of rolling countryside – and, of course, gorgeous sunsets – so the perfect backdrop for a wedding.

Heading up the new wedding barn is Susie Evans and Emily Taggart-Edmeades (pictured), who will be guiding couples from their first enquiry right through to their special day. With several wedding receptions already booked for this summer, they are looking forward to meeting many of you soon.

For more information on The Barn at Botley Hill, see www.botleyhillbarn.co.uk

Keely Harrison
Our House
Louise Candlish’s book is reviewed by Alex Wilkinson

If you like twisty, compulsive, psychological thrillers, destined to be devoured in a couple of sittings, this is the book for you.

Fi Glover turns the corner to her house, sees a removal van unloading, and a couple apparently moving into her house. Surely there is some mistake she, and we, think. Yet, as she approaches them it is very clear this is actually happening and her husband, Bram, is nowhere to be seen. At this point, I did start to think “what a ridiculous premise for a book”, but Louise Candlish has an incredible ability to turn the preposterous into something frighteningly believable.

We follow the story from three perspectives: Fi’s real-time unravelling of the situation at the house; a transcript of the podcast “Fi’s Story” that was later released to the public; and extracts from Bram’s account of events which are found in a word document that he introduces as his suicide note.

The way in which the author deftly weaves between these perspectives means that the tension builds dramatically and there are twists, turns, ramifications and an impending sense of doom. Our initial questions are the same as Fi’s: where are all her belongings? Where are her family? How can she have no idea what is happening? Yet, we soon realise the story is so much bigger than that.

I’m always admiring of crime and thriller writers’ abilities to know just how and when to drop those little nuggets of important information into the narrative. Louise Candlish does this in such a skilful way that sometimes you have to go back and reread a paragraph just to make sure you have interpreted it correctly. The words go in but the brain takes a while to catch up, because the ramifications of that revelation are far-reaching. It is in these moments that you cannot help but gasp/utter incredulity/garner looks from those around you!

Both Fi and Bram’s stories are of a situation running out of control and that is why this is the ultimate page-turner. You almost can’t bear to read it, but you certainly can’t put it down. It all takes place against the backdrop of a family finding their way through divorce so there are some touching moments and very recognisable emotions. Set in a very middle-class suburban location, dare I say there is much about Surrey to recognise too! The characters are extremely well-written and for all their loathsome characteristics you still cannot help sympathising at points. As for their ability to be fooled and hoodwinked along the way, well we as readers are consistently subject to that throughout the story. I think a second, with-knowledge, reading of this book would be very satisfying.

As with many modern thrillers, the pace of the novel means this is screaming out to be adapted for a screenplay version. It is certainly on a par with, if not better, than the likes of Gone Girl and Big Little Lies.

Finally, just when you thought this book couldn’t satisfy you anymore, Candlish does that wonderful thing of saving something till the very last line….

Alex Wilkinson

Our House is published by Simon & Schuster UK in paperback rrp £8.99
On the 20th of January, 150 people flocked to the British Legion and the Community Orchard to take part in the annual Wassail.

The moon was big and bright and there wasn’t a cloud in the sky. It was a beautiful night. We met at the British Legion where torches were lit. We took different instruments to make loud noises and wore brightly coloured clothes to scare away the evil spirits to ensure a good harvest. Led by Andrew Clar- ingbull, our Wassail Master, and encouraged by the North Downs Drummers, with glowing drums, we processed to the orchard. After singing the traditional songs around the blazing bonfire we headed to the king tree where the wassail princess offered the king tree an apple, bread and salt to make sure we got a good crop of apples. The bread to feed the birds, the apple to give back to the orchard and the salt for purification. The Wassail bowl was passed around and everyone took a sip of the cider. We then headed to the hot dogs, mulled cider and apple cakes (which disappeared immediately). The remaining people gathered round the fire to get the remaining warmth from it, sparks and embers floating up to the brilliant moon.

I have been coming to the wassail for a while now and this was one of the most pleasurable evenings yet, probably because I gave something back to the community as I am doing my DofE volunteering at the orchard. I remember digging out the concrete right at the beginning. It is wonderful to see the orchard now.

In the words of the traditional song;
Love and joy come to you,  
And to you your wassail too;  
And God bless you and send you  
A Happy New Year

Theodore Turner
The Spring Term has begun with some changes. Following the retirement of the previous Head Teacher, Mrs Jenny Baird, who everyone bid a fond farewell to before Christmas, I have found myself in the privileged position of taking up the role of Head Teacher at Limpsfield School. I have received such a warm welcome from all the children and families and I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone.

There is a real buzz around the school and it is clearly evident what a safe, happy and vibrant place Limpsfield CE Infant School is to both learn and work in.

Before the end of term the children performed their Nativity at the Barn Theatre, which was a great success. Staff and parents have commented on how joyful the occasion was and how mature the children were, especially as for the majority of the Reception children it would have been the first time that they performed in the theatre.

We are already looking ahead for the Spring Term and have some exciting projects that will be the focus of our curriculum this term - Africa and Space. I know both themes will be popular with the children and we are looking forward to seeing some of the fantastic work that results from their learning.

Spring is also a time of new life and the children will be able to discover all the excitement of new buds, leaves, flowers and plants as part of the Forest School curriculum. We are very fortunate because of the unique situation of the school that all the children can experience and appreciate the wonder of the outdoor environment. A big thank you to the National Trust and all the parent and community helpers who enable this to play a big part of the curriculum that we offer here at Limpsfield CE Infant School.

Easter is celebrated during nature's season of spring and is also about rejuvenation and new life. I had a lovely visit to St Peter's church to meet Father James and learnt about some of the history of the area. As part of our discussions we talked about building on the theatre, which was a great success. Staff and parents have commented on how joyful the occasion was and how mature the children were, especially as for the majority of the Reception children it would have been the first time that they performed in the theatre.

We have planned two prospective parents' mornings in the Spring and Summer Term for parents who are making school choices for September 2020. The dates for these mornings are Tuesday 5 March and Thursday 13 June. Both mornings will run from 9.15 until 11.15am.

You do not need to phone ahead if you wish to attend one of our prospective parents' mornings. Just turn up between 9.15 and 11.15am and a member of staff, a governor or an existing parent will show you around. I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Of course, I am always happy to meet parents/carers and show them round the school at other times by appointment. Please email info@limpsfield.surrey.sch.uk or phone 01883 723183 for an appointment.

I look forward to getting to know the wider community of the school as well over the coming weeks.

Cheryl Hudson
Headteacher
info@limpsfield.surrey.sch.uk
01883 723183

Meet Cheryl
We asked Limpsfield Infants' new headteacher to tell us a bit more about herself

I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. I have been in the post at Limpsfield CE Infant School now for six weeks and have received such a warm welcome from the whole school community. There is a real sense of love, warmth and care that envelopes everything that happens in the school.

I was born in Gloucestershire and went to an Infant School in the village, not too dissimilar to Limpsfield, so I feel I have gone...
back to my roots. I first moved to London when I was sixteen to train as a classical ballet dancer and spent my first year living in a hostel with lots of other girls who were attending different dance colleges and theatre schools in the City.

In my final year I was part of the National Youth Dance Company and I was very fortunate to work with some amazing choreographers including Lloyd Newson from DV8 Physical Theatre. Part of the work with the dance companies that I subsequently worked with involved leading workshops in schools. This led to me working for English National Ballet (ENB) where I worked for five years combining my passion of ballet with teaching.

After my work at ENB I moved into Arts Management and worked for a local authority managing grant aid to arts organisations to develop education programmes for schools and local residents.

Following a period of uncertainty with lots of funding cuts to the arts, I decided to pursue a career in teaching and feel really privileged to be now working in Education. I have also been able to still draw on my dance background to enhance the curriculum and have run several dance projects in the schools where I have worked. One of the groups were invited to perform at Westminster Abbey for the Bicentenary of the National Society who established a network of church schools. It was an incredible experience for all the children involved.

I have taught in three schools prior to taking up my post at Limpsfield CE Infant School and have a wide ranging experience of whole school curriculum leadership in a range of subjects and have taught across the whole primary age range. I am passionate about providing positive, memorable and meaningful learning experiences for children throughout their education to enable them to develop skills that will serve them within and beyond the school environment. I also believe it is important to develop children's curiosity, enquiry and questioning and encourage them to think critically, creatively and collaboratively, thereby developing a thirst for and love of learning.

I led my previous two schools to achieve the Gold Standard in the Religious Education Quality Mark and have written and developed new innovative schemes of work for RE, resulting in winning a national award and a training bursary to further develop an aspect of this area of the curriculum (Hockerill NATRE). I represent the Church of England on the Croydon SACRE and have previously led a workshop at the National Conference for the Association of Religious Education Advisors, Inspectors and Consultants (AREIAC).

My other passion is the outdoors and I am very fortunate that my husband Jason, who is also a teacher, enjoys walking as well. My two children, Emily and Adam from a very early age have climbed mountains and gone on long walks with us, so really appreciate the beauty and awe and wonder of God's creation all around us.

I look forward to continuing to meet different people from the Limpsfield community over the coming months. I am a practising Christian and plan to attend some of the services at St Peter's with my family. At the church I attend I am part of the team that leads the youth ministry and I also help plan and deliver the Messy Church activities.

Cheryl Hudson
If you fancy trying something new in 2019 which combines exercise, learning a new sport and making new friends and acquaintances together so social activities throughout the year then why not pay us a visit.

The new outdoor season starts in late April and Bletchingley Bowls Club extends a warm welcome to people of all ages whether complete beginners or experienced players. The Club was founded in 1929 and is based at Grange Meadow, Bletchingley on the A25 opposite "The Bletchingley Arms".

A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 12 noon when you can view the Club and its facilities and find out about the game of bowls. An Open Day is being held on Sunday 5th May from 2pm to 6pm followed by a series of "Play Bowls4Fun" evenings on Friday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May from 7pm to 9pm.

So if you fancy learning a new sport, getting some exercise and making new friends in 2019 why not bowl up and give it a try?

Further information from Mike Stone 01883 714414, Joyce Brook 07453 356807, Brian Rogers 01959 509111 or Trevor Pocock 01293 785028. Our Club website is www.bletchingleybowls.co.uk

Mike Stone

Saturday 18th May, 7:30pm:
"They played so majestically that it moved this critic to tears, the human longing of Beethoven’s prayer being played with such sensitivity and vulnerability. It is hardly ever the case that gratitude is the lasting impression of a concert, but this is one of them."
The Glasgow Herald.

The Elias String Quartet was formed in 1998 and now, two decades on, are firmly established as one of the most intense and vibrant quartets of their generation. Their journey through the complete Beethoven string quartets has captivated live audiences globally and is recorded on the Wigmore Hall’s own CD label.

They played in the 2017 BBC Proms and regularly perform at the Berlin Konzerthaus, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Carnegie Hall and the Washington Library of Congress. In 2018 they returned to the USA for two months before going on to France, Portugal, Sweden and Austria.

For this concert they have chosen a selection from Bach’s ‘The Art of Fugue’, Mozart’s String Quartet No.17 known as ‘The Hunt’, Schumann’s 3rd String Quartet and we will also hear a selection of Scottish folk songs especially arranged for string quartet by Donald Grant, who is a founder member of the Elias Quartet.

All concerts will take place in Bawtree Concert Hall, Hazelwood, RH8 0QU. Full details at http://www.oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk

Booking arrangements
• Pay cash at the door on the night.
• Pay via bank transfer to Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society, a/c no. 01537034, sort code 30-91-72 clearly referencing the concert date concerned.
• Buy e-tickets through www.eventbrite.co.uk
• Email via the ‘Contact Us’ button on the Society’s website www.oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk where you can also find a map of the venue.
LIMPSFIELD VILLAGE WI
ST PETERS HALL, LIMPSFIELD HIGH STREET
Limpsfield Village WI meets on the first Wednesday of the month, normally at 2.30 pm. New members & guests are always welcome. Please contact Catherine Webber on 07879 338397 for further details and confirmation of meeting times.

Oxted & Limpsfield Choral Society
UNIVERSAL REFORMED CHURCH, BLUEHOUSE LANE, OXTED
Sunday, 7th April 2019, 7.00pm
COME AND SING MESSIAH CHORUSES
Oxted & Limpsfield Choral Society cordially invite you to come along and sing or listen to the choruses from Messiah by George Frideric Handel on Sunday, 7th April at the United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted.

Singers register at 2pm, Performance 7pm
Tickets £10 from 01959 577749 or from any choir member or on the door. More: www.olfs.org.uk

LIMPSFIELD, OXTED & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
LODHS, now called ‘Come Grow with Us Club’ meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and August) in the Red Cross Centre at 8pm. We welcome new members. Enquiries to Malcolm Young on 01883 730032 or myoung@film-buffs.com.
Go to lodhsgardens.blogspot.co.uk for further details

Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society
The Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society brings music of the highest standard to the area, inviting world-renowned artists to perform but still being able to offer tickets at very reasonable prices.
Everybody is welcome. Membership of the Society is not required and our concerts are open to all.

Forthcoming concerts:
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