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PARISH NEWS

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Musical Memories - Limpsfield

After a long break due to Covid, Musical Memories is back.

Designed for anyone who enjoys a sing a long, including those with dementia and their carers. All welcome. You can be assured of a warm welcome, plenty of singing, company, delicious cake and a good cup of tea/coffee.

**Last Wednesday of the month, from 11am
in St Peter's Church, Millennium Room**

2022 dates

25 May 29 June 27 July

31 August 26 October 30 November

£1 per person

Refreshments provided

Lifts available! Contact the Parish Office to enquire:

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**Limpsfield
Village W.I**



Dear Friends,

As I write this letter summer is beginning to settle in, the weather is getting warmer and in the flower beds and verges along the high street the plants are beginning to grow and flourish, is this in anticipation of Limpsfield in Bloom – will it be another gold!

We are also waiting and looking forward to our Queen's Jubilee and the opportunity to join together in a street party which all are welcome to. How well Her Majesty has served this country for seventy years, never flinching from duty, steadfast in service and always done with such grace.

The Queen in line with tradition is very regal, on state occasions she will be seen wearing a crown, sitting on a throne and riding with much ceremony in fine coaches and on occasions well-groomed horses. The king we serve in the Christian church is very different, he chose to enter into Jerusalem not on a fine horse but a humble donkey, his clothes were simple garments and the only crown he wore was made of thorns.

Jesus was also a King who was humble, courageous and acted as servant to others. In this we find that although outward appearances are very different, inwardly our Queen seems to have many of the qualities which we find in any disciple of Christ who seeks to follow the way of our Lord.

I hope to see you on Sunday June 5th when we will all be able to enjoy each other's company and express our gratitude for the Queen's steadfast service to this country.

With my love and assurance of prayers,

Rev. Helen



Messy Church Queen



CHURCH NEWS

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St Peter's has a regular pattern of Sunday morning worship: a quiet **8am Holy Communion service** and a main **10am Parish Eucharist**. On the first Sunday of the month there is a shorter, more informal **All Age Family service at 10am**. Everyone is always welcome.

LIVE STREAM

The 10am service is live streamed on the St Peter's YouTube channel every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Visit YouTube and search 'St Peter's Limpsfield' or find details at www.stpeterslimpsfield.org.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will take place in St Peter's on **Sunday 19 June** when children will be making gifts for Father's Day at 3pm and on **Sunday 17 July** for a picnic on the Glebe Field. For more details please contact the Parish Office.

COFFEE ON THE GLEBE

From June onwards the Gazebos will be back and our community coffee mornings will be alfresco! Starting on 1 June with balloons and festive cakes as it is the week leading up to the Jubilee, they will continue on the Glebe Field every Wednesday at 11am throughout the Summer. Please join us for a coffee and a chat, bringing your own coffee/tea, and a chair if possible. Spare chairs will be provided and LOTS of cake! On the last Wednesday of the month Musical Memories will still be in the Millennium Room and there will be no coffee on the Glebe that week. Look forward to seeing many of you there!

PARISH REGISTER

FUNERALS & THANKSGIVING SERVICES

13 April Gladys Powell
5 May Jean Taylor
30 June Mary Collins



CHURCH DIARY: JUNE - AUGUST 2022

The church is open every day during daylight hours.



Date	Services June-Aug
Wed 1 June	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Fri 3 June	2pm WEDDING <i>of Olivia Neville and Rupert Porter</i>
Sun 5 June	PENTECOST - celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am ALL AGE SERVICE 12-4pm Queen's Jubilee Street Party on Limpsfield High Street
Wed 8 June	11am COFFEE MORNING on the Glebe Field
Sun 12 June	TRINITY SUNDAY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST * with a talk by Welcare
Wed 15 June	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Sun 19 June	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / FATHER'S DAY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST * 3pm MESSY CHURCH
Wed 22 June	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>

Date	Services June-Aug
Sun 26 June	FESTIVAL OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST *
Wed 29 June	9.30am Limpsfield Infant School St Peter's Day service 11am MUSICAL MEMORIES <i>in the Millennium Room</i>
Thurs 30 June	11.30am Mary Collins Memorial Service
Sun 3 July	ST PETER'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL - celebrating St Peter the Apostle, our Patron Saint 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am ALL AGE SERVICE with BAPTISM
Weds 6 July	11am COFFEE MORNING on the Glebe Field
Sat 9 July	2pm WEDDING <i>of Camilla Pudney and Oliver Taylor</i>
Sun 10 July	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST * with WEDDING of Sarah Paxton and John Butt
Wed 13 July	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>

Date	Services June-Aug
Sun 17 July	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST * 3pm MESSY CHURCH PICNIC
Wed 20 July	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Wed 20 - Thurs 21 July	All day Sparkfish Prayer Stations for children of Limpsfield Infant School
Sun 24 July	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / FESTIVAL OF JAMES THE APOSTLE 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST * 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG at St James' Church Titsey
Wed 27 July	11am MUSICAL MEMORIES <i>in the Millennium Room</i>
Sun 31 July	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST 12.30pm CHRISTENING *
Wed 3 Aug	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Sat 6 Aug	1.30pm WEDDING <i>of Joanna Hiller and Adam White</i>

Date	Services June-Aug
Sun 7 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am ALL AGE SERVICE
Wed 10 Aug	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Sun 14 Aug	FESTIVAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST *
Wed 17 July	11am COFFEE MORNING <i>on the Glebe Field</i>
Sat 21 Aug	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST *
Wed 24 Aug	11am COFFEE MORNING on the Glebe Field
Sun 28 Aug	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am HOLY COMMUNION 10am PARISH EUCHARIST *
Wed 31 Aug	11am MUSICAL MEMORIES in the Millennium Room

The Week I spent with the Brothers

I am in the discernment process. For those who don't know, the discernment process is a year-long job interview for those considering ordination or similar type of roles in the Church of England. Part of my process is to experience other Christian traditions and experiences. So far, I have been to an Evangelical service (HTB home of the Alpha course) and to a Charismatic service in Brockley (focus on Healing). This week, I went to experience Monastic life (Monday to Friday) in Alnmouth on the Northumbrian coast.

I wanted and needed to unplug from the Corporate world, seeking the calm of monastic life. The Friary is in an area of outstanding natural beauty, therefore, I wanted to walk, to enjoy the vigour of the walk, the fresh air and the view. Also, I wanted to journal and make use of the stunning library and read.

The house is run by a community of Brothers from the Order of St. Francis in the Anglican tradition. The Order has 6 houses across the UK and the Brothers take turns in having stints in different houses. They live and work in the house, the garden and the

surrounding area e.g with homeless adults or refugees. People are welcome, they offer hospitality and share in their life, as much or as little as they would like to.

It is free, however, they do suggest if you would like to make a donation £45 a day would be a good benchmark.

The day starts at 6am, to wash and dress, and conduct private prayer before the bell rings at 6:50 for morning service and prayer (they use a handheld bell for either food or prayer). The service finishes at 7:40 (ish) then it's time for private prayer before



breakfast at 8. Services included Hymns sung without accompaniment, Psalms, readings from the Old and New Testament and prayer but no sermon or notices.

Breakfast is a choice of 4 kinds of cereal, toast with tea or coffee after which silence is broken. Prayer is again at midday with mass from 12:15 until lunch at 1 pm. Lunch is the main meal of the day such as chickpea and butternut curry with a reading and prayer. We have tea and biscuits at 4:30 pm. Service and prayer at 5 with supper at 6.

Supper is a simple affair sometimes it is just cheese or beans on toast. Compline is at 9pm, where the house

will then go into the great silence until after breakfast.

Between those times you are free to use the library, read, write or go out for a walk, and even see a Brother for Spiritual guidance.

So, what did I learn from this experience?

Lots just from the different tone and pace, I was surprised how much hard work it is being one of the Brothers, their lives are centred around prayer and worship and they have taken a vow of poverty which shows but there never seems enough time to do everything. I noticed on returning home that there is anxiety (albeit at a low

level) that comes with possessions and food and that does get in between you and God, I noticed when I was at home how I would worry about how to prepare food - how it looked and tasted etc whereas in the Friary food was only really about sustenance.



I hadn't fully appreciated how important spiritual life is and how rewarding and calming it is. We often overlook our spiritual lives yet like all things in our lives - finance, physical and mental health etc it needs to be looked after and not ignored. The rhythm of life for the Brothers is regimented, in fact, it reminded me most of the service in the British Army, however, I did miss the sermon, with all its creativity, questioning, humour and the interpretation of the gospel in today's world. I did like the period of silence, communicating through a smile or hand gesture, anticipating others' needs. I liked answering the door when the Brothers were at Mass and watching people's reactions to me.

A word of caution, being in a very

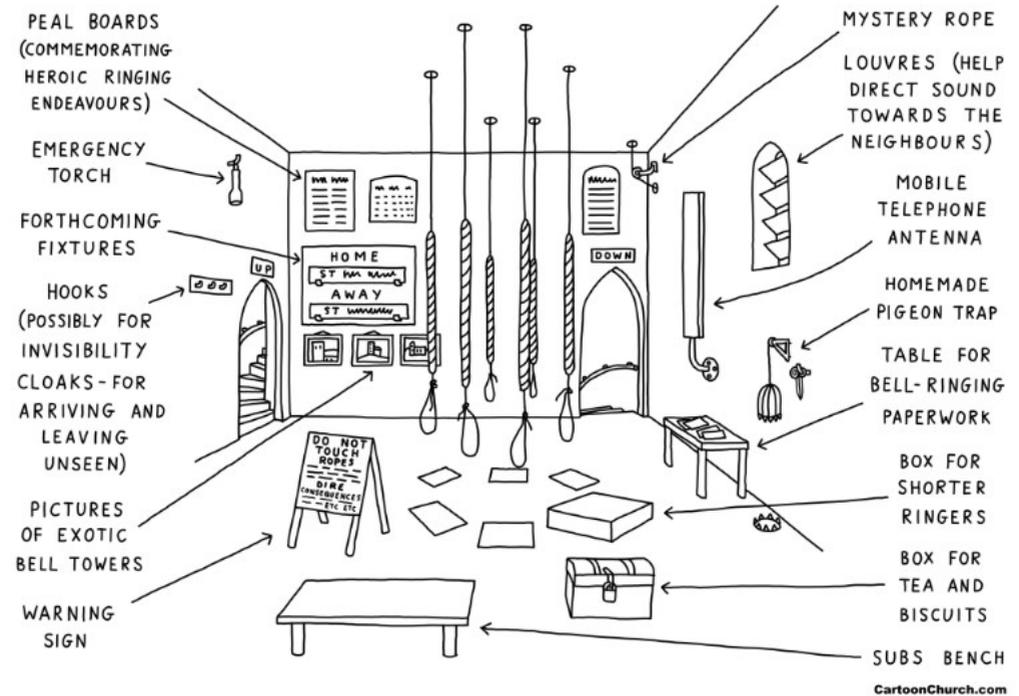
spiritual environment without the usual crutches can be tough and challenging. In making myself open to the spirit, in particular, through what I will call deep prayer, I made myself very vulnerable and made aware of my sin. It was the spiritual equivalent of a spring clean, dusting corners that hadn't been reached for a while. I would recommend a retreat to anyone.

Life there has a different pace and set of priorities, it is not a 'holiday' but a spiritual refresh and rejuvenation. The 'less is more' approach is very useful when wanting to connect spiritually with God.

Paul Budgen
St. Peters Limpsfield
AD SPA for Reigate and Tandridge

THE RINGING CHAMBER

HOME OF THE BELL RINGERS



Ringling chambers are often like little museums: containing all kinds of objects from the lives and activities of ringers over the centuries. You can find out more about one of the treasures from our bell chamber on the inside back cover.



On Coronation Day Marianne Bell (nee Harrison) was on a winning streak. Her Brownies won first prize with their float in the Burton Coronation Day fancy dress competition.

We were red roses of England, all dressed in scarlet crepe paper. It was very lucky that it didn't rain down on the south coast, whatever it did in London. It could have been messy! We toured all round two villages on the back of a farm lorry, great fun. Several older people (who should have known better) turned out with ordinary white bed sheets draped over the heads apparently dressed as Mount Everest. We'd just heard about Hilary and Tensing's triumph that morning. They presumably couldn't see out as they stumbled round the processional route.

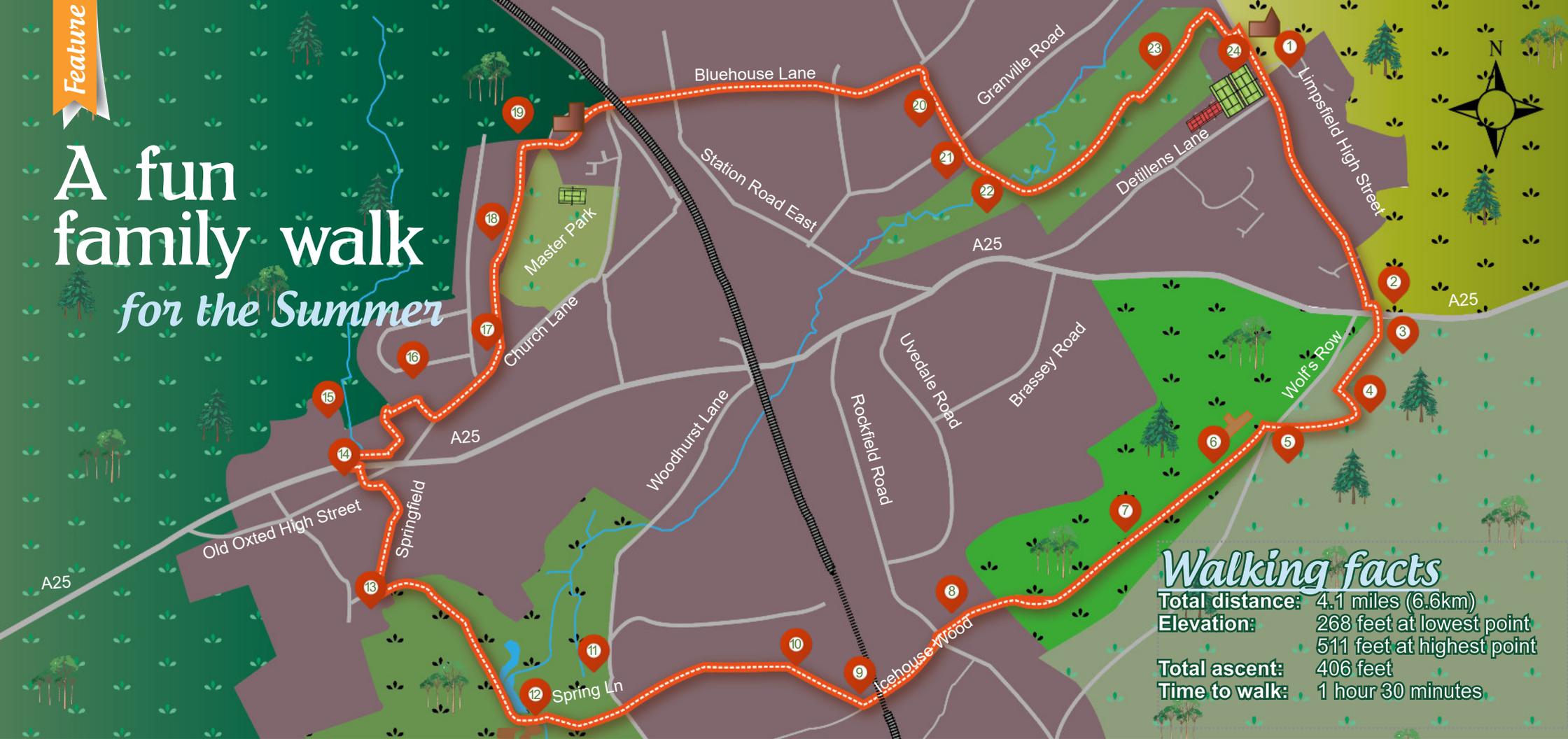
Later that day I won 2/- in National Savings stamps in the sports.And to cap it all a few days later at the village garden party I made it to the final of bowling for the pig. I lost to my father! We didn't get to keep it, however. It went to join my uncle's mini-herd.

I think it was the high-spot of my childhood!

Marianne Bell



A fun family walk for the Summer



Walking facts
 Total distance: 4.1 miles (6.6km)
 Elevation: 268 feet at lowest point
 511 feet at highest point
 Total ascent: 406 feet
 Time to walk: 1 hour 30 minutes



We start at St Peter's Church Lychgate. Make your way southwards up past the tennis courts to the top of the High Street.



Pause to admire the village sign which is packed with information about the history of our village. Then cross the A25 carefully at the crossing.



Follow the footpath sign up the little path by the side of the A25. There is a short but steep hill here.



Follow the path behind the houses of Wolf's Row past Limsfield Pond where animals have been kept since the 16th century. Take the path straight ahead into the woods and then bear left.



When you meet the larger path (the Greensand Way) turn right. You will come out on Wolf's Row again just opposite St Michael's. Cross Wolf's Row with care here as the traffic does go quickly.

6



Walk up the road which runs by the gates of St Michaels following the Greensand Way.

13



The path comes out at the top of Springfield. Walk down the road and take the path to the right of the houses at the end.

7



At the end of the road bear left onto the path that enters West Heath. Follow it around to the right.

14



The path comes out on Old Oxted High Street. Cross the road carefully and take the path down to the underpass.

8



The path continues down a gravel track which leads down to Rockfield Road. Turn left then right down Icehouse wood

15



Pass under the A25 (admiring the pictures), turn right and follow the path by the roadside.

9



Half way down Icehouse Wood turn right where the sign says "Three Hedges"

16



Almost opposite the Esso Garage fork left onto the path that leads you into the Haywain cul-de-sac.

10



Take the path just to the left of the "Banerigg" gate and follow it behind many gardens all the way down the hill to Woodlands Lane.

17



Walk through the Haywain turning left and then right until you come out on Church Road. Go left, cross Wheeler Ave, and take the Master Park path on your left.

11



At Woodlands Lane turn left then right down Spring Lane and follow it down the hill until you reach Oxted water mill.

18



Pass along the path on the left side of Master Park to St Mary's Church.

12



Oxted Mill was a water powered corn mill which ceased milling in 1951. Turn right onto the path going up the left bank of the millpond. It bends round to the left after the water ends.

19



Take the path to the door of St Mary's and continue on past Oxted Community Hall. Cross onto Bluehouse Lane.

20



Follow the pavement past Oxted School. Just before Park Road take the footpath on the right between the houses.

21



Cross Granville Road and continue on down the footpath between the hedges.

22



Keep straight ahead and cross the river Eden over the bridge.

23



Once in the field bear left and follow the path over the stile past Pandas in the Glebe meadow.

24



Walking past St Peter's Church hall cross the High Street and go up the steps back to the church lychgate.

Congratulations - you made it!

Can you find the following:

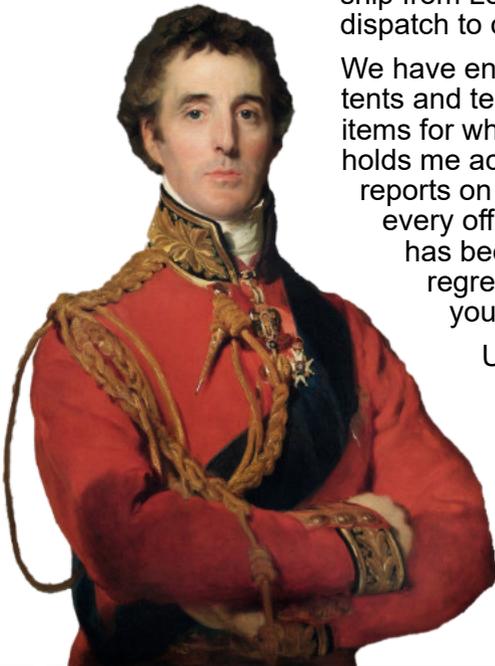
- A letter box
- A dog on a walk
- A memorial plaque
- A shield
- A squirrel
- Some red and white stripes
- A blue door
- A clock
- A Viking ship
- A traffic light
- A red flower
- An elephant
- A pine tree
- A panda
- A river or lake
- A lonely tree
- A pink house
- Some goalposts
- A water wheel
- A bull
- A green car
- A signpost
- The number 7
- A litter bin
- Something square
- A bird feeder
- A copse
- A bee
- A bicycle
- Something purple
- Something that starts with the letter 'm'
- A tower

Are you harassed by Bureaucracy?

The Duke of Wellington, the much decorated general who defeated Napoleon twice and who, to many in the era, defined the British character, still had to answer a flurry of petty questions generated by bureaucrats in London. The following is a letter he wrote to the National Office in 1812 in response to some trifling expenses for which he was held accountable:

Gentlemen,

Whilst marching from Portugal to a position which commands the approach to Madrid and the French forces, my officers have been diligently complying with your requests which have been sent by H.M. ship from London to Lisbon and thence by dispatch to our headquarters.



We have enumerated our saddles, bridles, tents and tent poles, and all manner of sundry items for which His Majesty's Government holds me accountable. I have dispatched reports on the character, wit, and spleen of every officer. Each item and every farthing has been accounted for, with two regrettable exceptions for which I beg your indulgence.

Unfortunately the sum of one shilling and ninepence remains unaccounted for in one infantry battalion's petty cash and there has been a hideous confusion as to the number of jars of raspberry jam issued to one cavalry regiment during a sandstorm in western Spain.

This reprehensible carelessness may be related to the pressure of circumstance, since we are war with France, a fact which may come as a bit of a surprise to you gentlemen in Whitehall.

This brings me to my present purpose, which is to request elucidation of my instructions from His Majesty's Government so that I may better understand why I am dragging an army over these barren plains. I construe that perforce it must be one of two alternative duties, as given below. I shall pursue either one with the best of my ability, but I cannot do both:

1. To train an army of uniformed British clerks in Spain for the benefit of the accountants and copy-boys in London, or perchance:
2. To see to it that the forces of Napoleon are driven out of Spain.

Your most obedient servant,

Wellington

David Bell

Editorial Fact Check:

Of course you'd expect your Parish News to be rigorous in its reporting (no accusations of "fake news" here) and so we have undertaken "extensive research" into the probity of this letter. It doesn't appear in any of Wellington's official papers which are deposited in Southampton University Library. Some of the wording is also questionable - words and phrases like 'petty cash', 'Whitehall', 'copy-boys' and 'sandstorm' may have existed in 1812 but were not in common use in the way they are referred to here. There do not appear to be any references to it in print before the internet age (invariably a bad sign).

Having said all that the general consensus is:

- A) If it's a spoof it is a pretty good one
- B) Even if Wellington didn't write it he would have admired the style and probably agreed with the sentiment
- C) Most of the rest of us would too

And that's good enough for us.

Progress on the Limpsfield Way and Cycle Route

Limpsfield Parish Council has now received the first tranche of funding from Surrey County Council's Your Fund programme, for the Limpsfield Way and cycle route. A key part of the 4.5 mile waymarked circular walk from Limpsfield village to Limpsfield Chart is the Rest and Play area.



This is now in place, situated on the green space just south of the New Road National Trust car park, called the 'bunny patch' by some (rabbits have recently been seen there). The National Trust has granted a licence for a children's natural play area with benches and a picnic table.

Do go and look - the solid wooden features are fun for children to climb on, and made from douglas fir, sourced sustainably.

The benches offer a quiet seating area complete with 'side tables' and the picnic bench has longer ends, suitable for a wheelchair to fit underneath.

At the time of writing we are awaiting a date for an easy access path to be laid from the car park, suitable for wheelchairs and buggies. We hope this will be in place by the time you read this article.



Our local carpenter is busy making history boards to go on the route, plus a larger board in Limpsfield High Street and near the Carpenters pub at the Chart. These will have a map of the Limpsfield Way and the 'there and back' cycle route joining the two villages, without going on the A25 or the Kent Hatch Road.

If you have any queries or comments about this

do contact the Parish Council clerk on clerk@limpsfield.org



The rejuvenation of Limpsfield High Street

While Covid put paid to many businesses around the country, one phenomenon that is being witnessed throughout the regions is a cautious re-invigoration of our local high streets.

Oxted has seen quite a turnaround of new businesses, and Limpsfield High Street has also witnessed a return to the high street with new businesses launching and existing ones coming into their own.

Established business and newbies are giving our little high street a new lease of life. As well as telling you about these amazing enterprises, we also reveal some hidden gems behind closed doors that you may not even know about...

Wickhams Courtyard

The little enclave at Wickham's, which has housed Limpsfield businesses for hundreds of years - as a brewery, general stores, off licence, fancy dress shop and much more - has really come into its own over the last year or so and now houses a creative collection of new and established businesses within its ancient walls:



Kate Tulett Art
Well-known local art teacher Kate has created a lively gallery full of fun and inspiration as well as some fabulous art for sale. Her studios are open Fridays and Saturdays for regular classes and clubs; evenings for pre-booked classes and parties and throughout the school holidays for holiday art clubs.
www.katetulettart.com.
Call. **07815 918511** or email katetulett@gmail.com.

Free to Be Yoga

NEW! Samantha Whitaker has just set up her studio at Wickham's behind Kate Tulett's Art studio. She has been practising yoga for over 15 years and runs both in person and online classes for relaxation, restoration and focus. Find out all about her classes at <https://freetobeyoga.co.uk> or email sam@freetobeyoga.co.uk



Bey Tree Boutique

Having had a huge increase in demand for her fabulous fashion and homewares, Sue Bey, who previously only sold via Facebook and fairs, set up shop at Wickham's and now opens her doors every Thursday and Friday 10-4pm and on the first Saturday of the month. She is also open at other times by appointment. Email sue@beytree.com or call **07990 511116**. www.beytree.com

Oxted Framing

If you didn't know, Colin, a professional framer with decades of experience and proper skill, has his little picture framer's in the courtyard too. Call him to arrange an appointment if you have a framing request. He loves a challenge! 07415 338242



New and opening soon

Balman Aesthetics

In the shop previously occupied by Surrey Skin & Laser, Balman Aesthetics offers dermal fillers, anti-wrinkle injections, vitamin injections. Call 07368 840054 for an appointment.

balmanaesthetics@gmail.com



Upholsterer - Michelle Chappell

Michelle, a professional but part time upholsterer will be offering traditional & modern upholstery with her little shopfront opposite Coffee @ Kiwi House. She will be gradually building up her client base to offer upholstery and soft furnishing services.

The Limpsfield Cookery School - new cook shop now open!

Jacqui has been in the Old Printworks now for just over 2 years having launched right before lockdown 1 in February 2020. When forced to shut down her cooking classes, she set up home-made meals for delivery and collection and has recently officially launched her new shop.

Open 10-4.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday, locals can just pop in and stock up their own freezers with her delicious ready meals, sides and desserts, as well as cakes, baking kits, jams & chutneys and all sorts of other foodie goodies. She also caters for private events. Cooking classes area also continuing.

www.thelimpsfieldcookeryschool.co.uk 01883 818383.

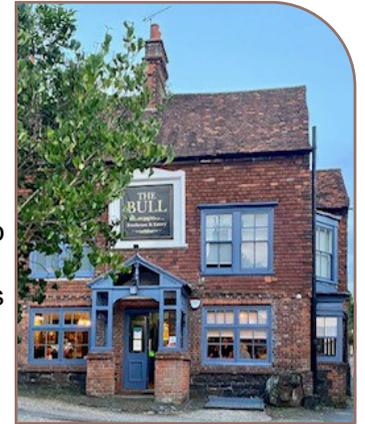


The establishment!

The Bull Inn

The last remaining of the 5 original pubs of Limpsfield Village, The Bull, which relaunched in late 2018 then shut for the majority of 2020 and some of 2021 has been making lots of changes to get back to that local pub we have all been longing for. With a new menu, some great local beers and a fabulous new garden to sit in, it's really coming into its own. The new Bull swing sign and recent Titsey weekend was a huge success and there are more events planned, including open mic nights, comedy nights and of course the great British pub quiz!

www.thebullinnlimpsfield.com



Coffee at Kiwi House

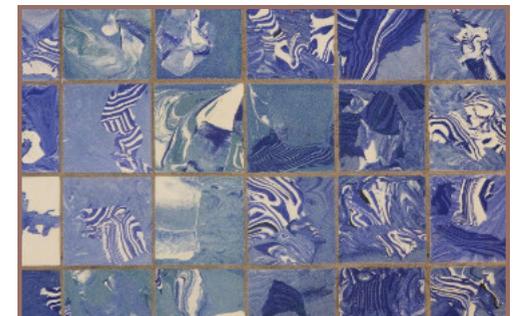
A relative newcomer, but now into its fifth year, this lovely cafe has become a mainstay of our high street. Its family atmosphere and home-made cakes, coffees, breakfasts and lunches have become a regular favourite for hundreds of locals and visitors. It's an absolute gem and a useful stop-off for refreshment or a great place for a casual coffee catch-up. Call 01883 722785.

coffeatkiwihouse@outlook.com
www.facebook.com/coffeatkiwihouse/

Limpsfield Ceramics

Lawrence Littleales' tile shop has been meeting the needs of bathroom renovators all around Limpsfield for many years and he's still providing a wealth of specialist knowledge to ensure your bathrooms and kitchens look beautiful.

www.limpsfieldceramics.co.uk



Memorial Stores

This absolute lifesaver and essential local service kept Limpsfield villagers going throughout lockdown and proved it's indispensable to our community. Open daily for your groceries, gifts, postal needs or just a chat, the lovely volunteers have kept Limpsfield smiling for decades. <https://limpsfieldstores.co.uk>. Call **01883 713306**.

Limpsfield Fitness

Jon and his team are helping to keep Limpsfield residents happy and healthy with their fab fitness classes and gym just off the high street on the Glebe Meadow. Jon also takes cycling and walking groups, as well as providing lots of other services like Personal Training, sports therapy and reflexology. limpsfieldfitness.co.uk, jon@limpsfieldfitness.co.uk or call **07772 876 980**.

The Limpsfield Club

Our village racket club since 1905, the Limpsfield Club now has some very fancy Padel Tennis courts (how European!) a renovated club house and the best tennis courts for miles around. With a regular programme of events and social membership as well, it's a great place to keep fit, relax and unwind <https://www.limpsfieldtennis.co.uk>

Panda Nursery

Also on Glebe Meadow, Ali Thompson's family has been running Panda for over 50 years and they're getting bigger every day. Now in their lovely new cabins right on the meadow, it's a gorgeous place for little ones to grow and play. www.panda-nursery.com, Telephone: **07812 522492**, Email: ali@panda-nursery.co.uk

Ebbutt Funeral Services

Trading as Ebbutts since the 1960s and on a site that has been an Undertaker's for hundreds of years, the lovely and understanding team at Ebbutt Funeral Services caters for all funeral needs and services with the utmost care. Phone: **01883 713767**

Who's behind the other doors?

As well as the visible businesses on the high street, there are some great local enterprises behind closed doors that you may never actually see if you don't know they're there!

The House of Healing - Reflexology

Based at The Old Lodge on the high street is a place of calm and relaxation, courtesy of the lovely Chantelle Jones who practises Reflexology and Reiki. If you're looking to give your tired self a bit of a boost, call her on **07872 482458**. www.instagram.com/the.houseofhealing

Pomona & Ceres Candles

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Sophie Martin



JUDGING DATE

this year it's Thursday 7 July in the afternoon

Our theme this year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so our theme colours are red, white, and blue/purple. Do add these colours to your planting and hanging baskets if you possibly can.



Our judge from South and South East in Bloom will be given a portfolio which shows our village at all times of the year but it is great to make a special effort for judging day. We are always delighted to see lots of villagers out on the morning of judging, tidying gardens and hanging baskets and brushing the pavement so everything looks neat and tidy. And do say hallo to us as we

work in the High street during judging week.

Look out this year for the three troughs on the bank opposite the church which will be repainted in the theme colours and have crowns on them. Do also walk along the side of the River Eden where we do lots of work lead so ably by the neighbours who live nearby.

And don't miss the little fairy house just down on the left hand side of the river (see opposite page).



Have a look at the exciting improvements outside the Pavilion on the Glebe meadow, now a thriving community hub, down past St Peter's hall. The staff at Limpsfield fitness, with help from the children at Panda Nursery, are making this area very special. The side of the Pavilion now has a bug hotel, a wild flower area, and lots of vibrant plants in brightly coloured containers. Last year they

received a special award and are working really hard again this year.

Ann Osborn

ALEX'S BOOKS:

Sorrow and Bliss

By Meg Mason

This novel is all about Martha Friel, a contradictory character that draws you in from the first chapter. We quickly learn she is 40 years old, a gifted writer, often praised for her beauty and wit, but she seems to be in a very difficult place at this stage in her life. She has no job, few friends and her husband Patrick has just moved out. *Sorrow and Bliss* is a series of flashbacks through her life that bring us back to this point where she is broken, and wondering if she and her marriage can be fixed. Despite the somewhat depressing premise, this is book is brimming with humour and you will be swept up by the characters immediately.

Martha and her sister Ingrid are daughters of artistic and eccentric parents, and stories of their early life are brilliantly observed. There is a more than a nod to Nancy Mitford in this family set up, and their ridiculous routines and opinions are often hilarious. Patrick appears in Martha's life very early, at the age of 14,



Meg Mason

and as we know they end up married it is intriguing to watch their relationship blossom from those early years. It is clear he has an un-nerving devotion to her from the very beginning, but Martha is diverted by a first marriage that is cringe-worthy and chaotic.

Nevertheless, Patrick loves her devotedly and his staying power means they do end up married despite all Martha's eccentricities. Martha's description of their life is extremely funny but also deeply infuriating. She can be so mean to the people who love her the most, often displays self-sabotage, and what follows is an exploration of marriage with all its ebbs and flows. There is an acceptance that marriage is inherently complicated and at one point Martha's mother says "*no marriage makes sense to the outside world because marriage is its own world*".

Alongside this is the wonderfully portrayed relationship between Martha and her sister Ingrid. Ingrid is a self-declared baby-making machine, and their scenes touching on motherhood are some of the funniest. They are able to say things to each other that no-one else would but a love and acceptance runs deeply between them. Their interaction is beautifully observed.

Most importantly, this novel deals with mental health. It soon becomes clear that Martha has struggled with something from a young age which interestingly the author chooses never to name. There has been much discussion about the purpose of keeping something so crucial from the reader, but it does mean you can't put Martha in a box named X and reinforces the idea that actually everyone's experience is unique. What the novel does do, is explore what it is like to live with a mental health issue from a young age, and how it can affect everyone around you throughout your life.

The title of this book is spot-on, despite all the sorrow there is so much joy to be had in this novel, and there is also hope. You can't help but react to Martha: you will want to shake her, laugh with her and cry with her. There are some brilliantly funny lines but the humour is never contrived or insincere. Meg Mason's writing reminds me of Susie Boyt or Phoebe Waller-Bridge in that it is wonderfully humorous but is still meaningful and resonates intensely. *Sorrow and Bliss* has been overwhelmingly praised in the literary press, it has been shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, and you will find yourself recommending it to friends the minute you finish it.



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Hannah Condliffe

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A Tour de Wilberforce

Summer is with us and the East Surrey Walkers quarterly walks programme is underway - details are available via our website:

www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk

Our walks frequently reveal sites that tweak our interest and induce us to try and find out more. information. On a recent walk, near Abinger I came across a large memorial standing in open countryside. The memorial is to Samuel Wilberforce. I knew something of William Wilberforce the architect of reform leading to the abolishment of slavery but nothing of Samuel.

Research revealed Samuel to be the third son (of four) of William. He was born in 1805. I discovered that Samuel became well known as one of the foremost public speakers of his day. He was well known as "Soapy Sam" and best remembered for his opposition to Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

During speeches Samuel apparently had the habit of wringing his hands in the manner of hand washing this gesture was included in a cartoon published in Vanity Fair it is believed this led to the nickname Soapy Sam.

Samuel's education included a significant grounding in religious teachings. He gained a place at Oriel



College, Oxford and joined The United Debating Society (the forerunner of The Oxford Debating Society) this gave him his grounding in public speaking. Samuel left Oxford in 1826 with degrees in maths and classics. During the next three years he

travelled on the continent and married the daughter of a rector.

In 1829 he was ordained as a priest his theological career progressed rapidly and he held many senior ecclesiastic appointments including appointments to Prince Albert and Queen Victoria.

Samuel is best known for his opposition to Charles Darwin's theory of evolution particularly that humans and apes shared common ancestors. Samuel's opposition was not, as may be assumed, based on religious beliefs but on scientific arguments presented by certain of Darwin's scientific colleges who refuted the theory.

Why is there a Memorial in Abinger?

In July 1873 Samuel was on his way to visit William Gladstone at Holmbury St. Mary he was involved in a riding accident the injuries sustained led to his death. The memorial marks the location of the incident.

The Enterdent

In the course of our walks we happen upon strangely named places

often accompanied by odd tales. One such location is The Enterdent a small parcel of land just off The Eastbourne Road south of Godstone village. The origins of this unusual name are opaque it has been known as Henterden and in the 19th century Polly Pains Bottom. The origins of both older names are equally obscure.

A legend is recorded of an old lady who lived in one of the original cottages in the area and practised witchcraft. The legend holds that she had the ability to change herself into various animals and so disguised would execute her malign plans. One such story is that having changed into a dog she frightened a team of horses pulling a cart of hay causing the cart to crash and be destroyed. She also bewitched a black cat so that it became very small however when picked up by a stranger it would grow larger and larger. On one such occasion a stranger picked the cat up and took it to show a friend, as she did so it grew larger. The friend had heard of the stories of the witch and urged that it be taken back to The Enterdent (or Polly

Pains Bottom as it was then known). As they got nearer the cat grew smaller and on arrival suddenly vanished into thin air.

As other strange incidents occurred locals began to notice that on such occasions a hare was seen nearby but the old lady was never at her home!

The locals decided to organise a hunt for the hare. Hounds were deployed and on one occasion got on the trail of the hare which ran into a drain to escape. Apparently one of the dogs managed to bite the hind quarters of the hare as it made good its escape.

Post this incident it was said that the old lady developed "a terrible limp" and was always in discomfort when she sat down. The strange incidents also ceased.

The area of the Enterdent is crossed by footpaths a number of ESW walks cover the area. We hope you may join us for any of our walks although we can't guarantee expanding cats, hares or witchcraft we can offer the prospect of lovely, perhaps even magical, walking experiences.

Stephen Hanks

Bermondsey Bonanza Tour



A group of The Arts Society Limpsfield members, organised by its Visits Secretary, Seanne Giddy, have just returned from a 'Bermondsey Bonanza' walking tour led by Andrew Davies. Bermondsey contained some of the notorious London slums which featured in several of Charles Dickens novels and the group visited the spot where Bill Sikes met his death in 'Oliver Twist'. Much of the area suffered considerable bomb damage in World War II but a few old buildings survive in Bermondsey High Street.

The area visited adjoins London Bridge Station, one of the earliest London

termini dating from 1836, and the former warehouses adjoining the Thames at the once very busy Port of London. The group visited the site of the former Bermondsey Abbey and various churches, some of which had to be completely rebuilt after the war. They also saw the head offices and former factories of some of the many businesses in Bermondsey which included leather processing and biscuit manufacture as well as the former Bermondsey Town Hall. Nowadays Bermondsey is a trendy residential area with converted flats in former warehouses, many new build flats and

associated modern businesses, cafes and restaurants.

Back home Mark Ovenden, author and broadcaster, gave an illustrated lecture to The Arts Society Limpsfield on 'The Woman

Who Told Us Where To Go' about Margaret Calvert and her designer colleague, Jack Kinneir, who changed the face of Britain by designing consistent and highly readable road signs in the 1950s and 1960s.

In the 1950s Jock Kinneir was employed to design the signage for the newly expanded Gatwick Airport and was helped by the brilliant Margaret Calvert. The corridors to the boarding gates required readable clear signage. Upper and lower case lettering were designed to make the signs more user-friendly. Black on yellow was the most visible for people with sight difficulties. This technique in Helvetica type-face was copied by other airports.

Road signage started to improve in the 1930s when it became necessary to read road signs while driving and in the late 1950s and 1960s similar signage was designed for the new motorways,



also in Helvetica type-face and improved signs were also needed for other main roads. Margaret Calvert also designed modern pictograms to make clearer the proximity of schools and other public buildings. British Rail also used the same signage when modernised from the 1960s.

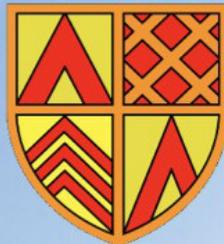
The Arts Society Limpsfield's next lecture will be on Wednesday 29 June, when Julia Marwood will give a lecture on 'John Duncan Fergusson: Scottish Colourist'.

Details of the Society are on www.theartsocietylimpsfield.org.uk. Those interested in attending lectures should contact John Holmes on chair.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or the Membership Secretary on membership.limpsfield@theartsociety.org.

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Open Gardens Success



Oxted One World Group is celebrating the success of its annual Open Gardens Day held on 29 May. The event was ably organised by Paul Belok to whom the Group is very grateful. The Group would also like to thank the garden owners who opened their gardens and the many helpers who organised teas at two of the gardens, manned gates, sold plants, transported garden furniture and to all those who toured the gardens and allotments open for the afternoon.

The One World Group's next fund raising event is its Bingo Evening to be held at the Oxted Community Hall on **Friday 28 October** and further details will be sent out nearer the time and will be available on the website at <https://oneworldgroupoxted.org.uk/>.

The Oxted One World Group is a local charity, founded in 1983. Organised by volunteers, its small overheads are covered by subscriptions from its nearly 400 members. It raises around £40,000 a year for overseas aid projects and is well supported by local churches and schools.

Donations to the Oxted One World Group may be

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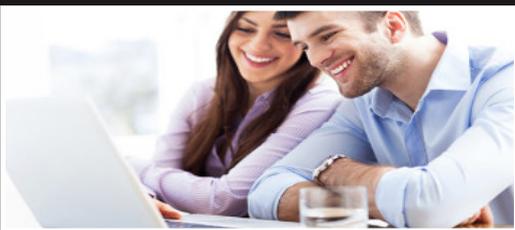
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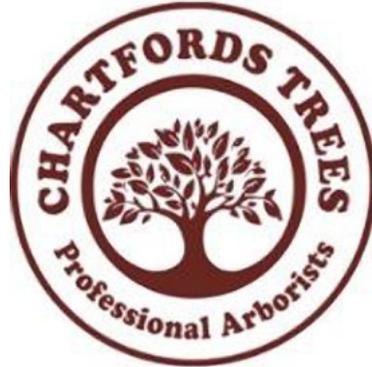
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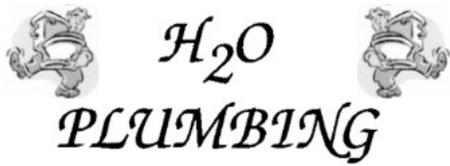
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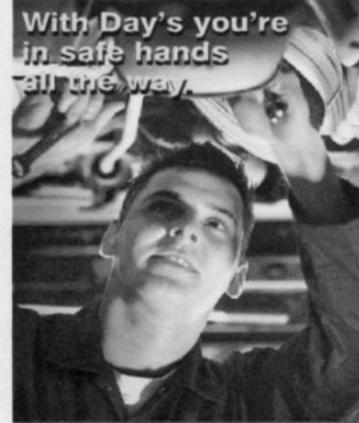
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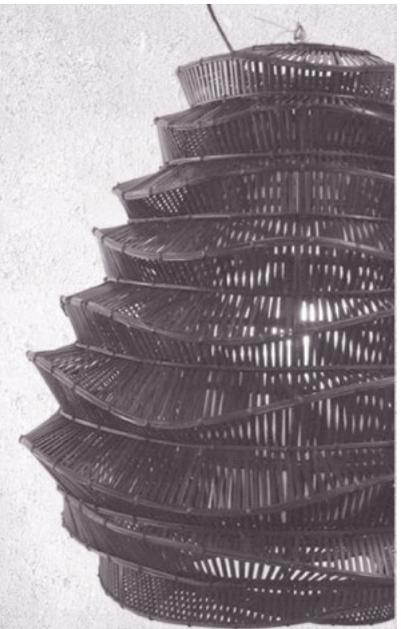
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(A "single" being a bell ringing term used in method ringing.)

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