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Cushing's Column

I just found out that *Aarghh* is not a real word. I can't even tell you how frustrated I am at this.

I'm frustrated that my jokes aren't any better on paper! Anyhow, I tell that little joke simply to raise the topic of frustration. Have you found yourself feeling more frustrated recently as our norms and freedoms are constantly being curbed and changed? I certainly have, and it's frustrating isn't it – it's frustrating being frustrated!

In terms of running Church services, the last few months, and certainly the last few weeks, have felt a little bit like the *Hokey Cokey* with regards preparing to return to indoor services, “*put your left leg in, your left leg out, in, out, in, out...*”

I know this will resonate with many of you who have had to scupper plans to visit friends, enjoy exotic holidays, or hold off on a new business venture for even longer.

Well if that is you, then I share a quote I heard for the first time on a webinar last week:

“When we can't look forward with confidence – we can look up with certainty.”

Isn't that a great little nugget to remember; the looking up there is a reference to God, for Hebrews 6:19 tells us, “***we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.***”

Can I encourage you if you've felt bashed by constant Covid breakers washing anxiety, and frustration, and helplessness over your head – look up. God is not drowning in this. He has not changed, neither has His love for you, and once again He's offering His hand to you as a steady anchor amidst all the turbulence.

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The two groups run at 8.00 pm on a Tuesday and 10.00 am on a Wednesday.

GC

Alfold Evening WI

We are still in this strange unprecedented time and sad to say are unable to meet due to Covid guidelines.

We do keep in touch via zoom which is helping us support one another and look forward to the day we can meet face to face.



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Loxwood Luncheon Club

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these challenging times. Unfortunately for the foreseeable future, we cannot see how we can restart the Lunch Club. Hopefully North Hall will be in a position to reopen following very strict Covid 19 guidelines in the near future, however, due to the nature of the number of people attending and their slightly senior age group, we do not think we could even consider starting up yet.

We will review the situation on a regular basis as we do realise that Lunch Club is an important part of the village social life. As soon as we think it will be safe to run our lunches again we will be in contact with everyone. Best Wishes to all of you and hope to see you all soon.

Gina Moore

Points Off Pat

Isn't it wonderful that the moon we see is the moon that Jesus saw.

Pat Davidson

Alfold Parish Council

Alfold Parish Council convened via Zoom on 8th September to discuss current planning applications, maintenance issues in the village, and traffic and speeding, amongst other things.

Councillors noted that Thakenham Homes had not been in touch since before the July meeting and that once they had returned with their revised proposals for the Springbok site, the Clerk would notify Councillors. The revision to the application from 80 to 86 houses at the land at the BP Garage was also noted, and our comments still remain valid. The Clerk and Councillors have also sent a further letter to Surrey Highways and Waverley about the removal of trees at the site, and a Tree Preservation Order has since been applied to one of the oak trees preventing its removal without further consultation with Waverley Borough Council. Alfold Parish Council have also since reiterated its concerns about traffic within the village to Surrey County Council Highways and will liaise with them going forward to evaluate solutions to speeding and traffic in Alfold.

It was also noted that the UKOG application at High Loxley was due to be reheard by the Planning and Regulatory Committee at Surrey County Council in the Autumn. At present, no date had been set but Councillors are liaising with Dunsfold Parish Council and the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma community at Stovolds, and our local MP, Angela Richardson, amongst others in order to ensure Alfold's concerns regarding the rehearing of the application, and the details within the application are heard and that we remain strongly in objection to the application as a whole.

The Clerk also reported that the Rosemary Lane cemetery was also in the process of being extended with a further 57 burial plots to the north of the car park. A cut back of bushes and preparing the land was planned before the grave markers are installed. Councillors are also looking at options for installing bins and benches in the future.

The Parish Council have also submitted an application to BT to look at adopting the K9 telephone box at the junction of Rosemary Lane and a 90-day consultation has now begun. Ideas, should the application be approved, are very welcome, but a defibrillator or community library are some of the mooted ideas already. The Parish Council are also pleased to note that maintenance work to the playpark has been completed – thank you to Mark Pearl for his hard work.



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EMERGING REVISED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY PRESENTATIONS Thank you to all those that attended the Presentations on 5th and 6th September and the webinar on 8th September. This presentation is on the Loxwood Parish Council website for those that were unable to attend. Any comments on these proposed revisions to the Neighbourhood Plan are welcome and please send these to the Clerk@loxwood-pc.gov.uk

PALLINGSHURST WOODS CLAY PITS PROPOSAL A planning application is due to go in for this at the end of the year and as you can imagine neighbouring parishes, residents (as well as Loxwood residents) are paying close attention to this. The applicant is organising a series of webinars so residents can find out more and ask questions. The next one is 27th October at 5pm and you can sign up via this link if you want to attend Register in advance for this webinar: **https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EALLvwJISASgGqlj5FJk5g**

Parish Council Virtual Meeting dates: 5th October; 2nd November; 7th December.

All Meetings of the Parish Council Commence at 8.00 pm and ahead of these are Planning Meetings. Please check the website for the time of

commencement for Planning Meetings. Zoom links to these virtual meetings are available on the day of the meeting on the website with the agendas.

JB

Wey and Arun Canal Trust News



Wey & Arun Canal Trust offers apprenticeship opportunity

In what is thought to be a first for an independent canal restoration group, the Wey & Arun Canal Trust is looking to take on a Water Environment Worker apprentice.

The apprentice will be part of the team delivering the restoration of the 23-mile Wey & Arun Canal which runs from Shalford in Surrey to Pallingham in West Sussex. They will work alongside two full-time staff overseeing the restoration and maintenance of the historic waterway, as well as contractors and the many volunteers who make up working parties held almost every day of the week.

The Trust is offering this new Level 3 (A Level) apprenticeship to someone keen to forge a career in waterway restoration and the applicant will need to enjoy working out of doors with people of all ages, be willing to learn new skills and have a clean driving licence.

Wey & Arun Canal Trust training director Margaret Darvill said of the new post: "This is a fantastic opportunity for someone looking to learn skills in the maintenance, repair and management of the canal and its habitats. The Trust is embarking on some ambitious new projects and now is an exciting time for an apprentice to join us as we step up our efforts in restoring London's lost route to the sea."

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AE

Loxwood Book Club

On 4 September, the Book Club met and discussed *Not Dead Enough* by Peter James, chosen by Terry Russell. It is book 3 of 16 featuring Roy Grace.



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Published in 2007, the group felt that some aspects of the book seemed surprisingly out of date. Most enjoyed the book but thought it too long and not a real "page turner". It was considered that some events in the book were unnecessarily detailed, in particular a post mortem. The intention seemed to be to shock rather than contribute to the story.

Next Book Club meeting: 4.30pm on 16th October in St. John's Church Room if the current Lockdown restrictions have been lifted or via Zoom or at another location if restrictions have not lifted. We will be discussing *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes, chosen by Beryl Rudge. New members are always welcome; please contact me for further information or for details of location of next meeting.

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Continued overleaf

Stop The Loxwood Clay Pit

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Beware what Lurks in the Church Vestry...

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness his tongue-in-cheek letters from ‘

Uncle Eustace’...

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in, which are kept “just in case” and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can’t bear to throw away. Flower arrangers creep into my vestry, looking for space for boxes of twine. Decorators arrive with cribs and Easter gardens they are hoping to store. And even the choirmaster occasionally sidles in, trying to slip some anthems past me. I repel them all with vigour, and a firm broom.

One thing I can’t keep out of the vestry are the portraits of all my predecessors, who stare down at me reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, stare smugly, knowing that I am still being compared to them, and falling short. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, look mildly reproachful, reminding me that *they* all held doctorates from Oxford. The hand-drawn portraits from pre-1870 are the worst – they all look as if they drank vinegar for breakfast and argued Pelagianism over lunch, just for fun. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor, and perpetually irritate him.

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five-foot, 18 stone incumbent will leave a cassock for his six-foot, ten stone successor. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop

that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the Relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – and lost forever in the churchwarden's shed.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

October 2020

Please be advised that the Church cleaning and flower arrangements will not be required until both Churches are permitted to fully re-open.

Magazine Copy Dates

Please note the copy dates for the next two issues of Parish News.

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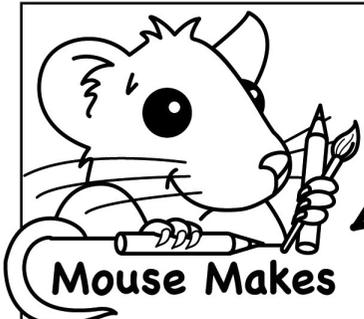
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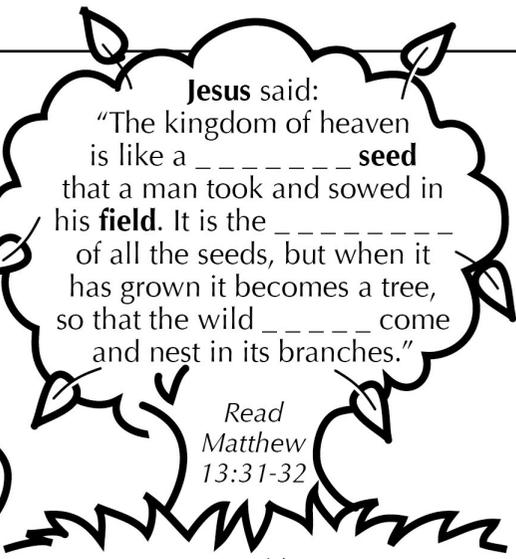
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Providing the current restrictions are not still in place, we will meet on **Friday 23rd October** at 2.00 pm in Loxwood Church Room. Come and claim your free cuppa and chat while helping with the assembly of the magazine.

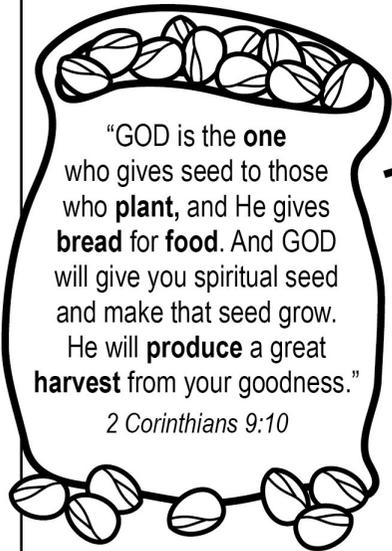


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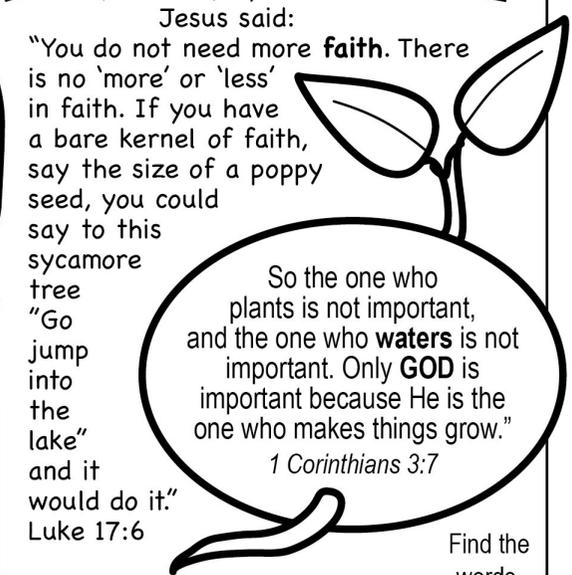
Jesus said:
 "The kingdom of heaven
 is like a _____ **seed**
 that a man took and sowed in
 his **field**. It is the _____
 of all the seeds, but when it
 has grown it becomes a tree,
 so that the wild _____ come
 and nest in its branches."

Read
 Matthew
 13:31-32



"GOD is the **one**
 who gives seed to those
 who **plant**, and He gives
bread for **food**. And GOD
 will give you spiritual seed
 and make that seed grow.
 He will **produce** a great
harvest from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10



Jesus said:
 "You do not need more **faith**. There
 is no 'more' or 'less'
 in faith. If you have
 a bare kernel of faith,
 say the size of a poppy
 seed, you could
 say to this
 sycamore
 tree
 "Go
 jump
 into
 the
 lake"
 and it
 would do it."
 Luke 17:6

So the one who
 plants is not important,
 and the one who **waters** is not
 important. Only **GOD** is
 important because He is the
 one who makes things grow."
 1 Corinthians 3:7

Look out for seeds
 in the
 park
 and
 garden
 and in your kitchen
 store cupboard.

How many
 different seeds
 can you
 find?

Find the
 words
 in **bold**
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