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WELCOME to Cranleigh Magazine in this month of February when we celebrate Valentine's Day just for one day . . . but what if we were to demonstrate our love for one another for a bit longer? What kind of world would that create?

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Cromwell Coffee House-Homemade Fayre



The way we were

Potential farm workers at the Village School, 1908. The Infants' School (destroyed in World War 2) is in the background

Joy of Cranleigh

Joy Horn brings some anecdotes of 100 years ago

What was happening in Cranleigh in February 1916?

Conscription, introduced in January, was beginning to bite. All fit single men between 18 and 41 were called up. The Rector wrote: 'we have very few men of military age left in the village, and those that are here have been attested and wear their arm-bands'.

Farms, shops and industries soon began to suffer from the loss of manpower. Several employers took their case to the 'Hambledon Appeals Tribunal', which began to meet each week at the Guildhall in Guildford. One Cranleigh farmer applied for exemption from service for his two sons, as two of his six thrashing engines were lying idle. He had plenty of work, year-round, but could not get drivers. The sons were granted exemption, but only for one month. Another farmer secured exemption for his son as there was only one other man to work a farm of 60 acres.

As a partial remedy for this labour shortage, the Surrey Education Committee convened a meeting of farmers at the Lion Hotel in Guildford and a spokesman agreed that if a boy had the prospect of work on a farm he might leave school at 13 instead of 14. However, when he suggested that the boy should be paid seven shil-

lings a week, there was a chorus from the farmers of 'Not me!'

In early February the Surrey Advertiser reported that the Church Lads' Brigade had ceased to exist in Cranleigh, because 40 members had left to serve in the forces. The next week, though, this report was strenuously denied. The Cranleigh Church Lads' Brigade was 'very much alive' under 2nd Lt. Harold Winsor. His bakery and tearoom was in Kent House, where Barnardo's now is. He ran a coal business as well in the yard behind!

News came of the deaths of further Cranleigh men. Harold Frank Swallow, aged 19, of the 7th Battalion, The Queen's regiment, who lived in Bookhurst Hill, was killed instantly by a shell on 3rd of February in the trenches near the river Ancre. He left a wife, Katie, and a baby son, Frank, of five months, whom he had never seen. Harold's father had founded the Bookhurst Pottery (later known as 'Swallow's Tiles'), and before the War Harold had been a 'clay worker' in the family business.

Private James Surman of the 1st Battalion, The





Winner's shop in Kent House

Queen's regiment, was killed on 14th of February on the Western Front, at Annezin near Béthune, aged 22. The dreaded telegram was delivered to his home next door to the Cricketfield Stores on the Common (to the left of this photo, and out of sight). Before the war he had been a barber. ■

The Cranleigh History Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8.00pm in the Band Room. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th February, when Sheila Willis's subject is 'Poisonous Plots – a policewoman's look at crime via poison'.

The Common, with 'Cricketfield Stores'

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Bookhurst Pottery advert, 1910



People Profile

A MODEL TRAINER



Who's who?

Catching up with Simon is a lot easier nowadays

Simon Smith

Model and trainer.

From an early age Simon Smith loved sport, from tennis in the back garden, dreaming of a Wimbledon final, to football on a patch of grass in front of his house, dreaming of playing for Arsenal.

He 'saw the light' aged 11 after starting rugby at Gowerton Grammar School in Wales. He wanted to play at Cardiff Arms Park, though not for Wales - for England! His English father had watched his national team lose to Wales throughout the 70's when Wales were invincible.

Starting as a scrum half and moving through all the back line positions, Simon settled on the wing and was fortunate to play in 2 winning Cambridge University sides at Twickenham in the early 80's.

His big break was playing for the Barbarians as the uncapped player in 1984 against the touring Australian team who had beaten all the home nations. He played against David Campese, and scored a try in a thrilling game resulting in a 37-31 win to Australia.

Playing club rugby for Wasps with other English internationals, a first cap was won against Romania, a try scoring debut, followed by 8 consecutive games and another 2 tries.

Going to New Zealand on tour, he admits the Haka was a daunting spectacle to face before playing! He was lucky to stop playing before Jonah Lomu came onto the scene.

Playing in the amateur era, he went on rugby tours all over the world including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, US and Romania.

He came to Cranleigh in 1995 with his family as an Economics teacher and rugby coach. Needless to say, he has more passion for sport than economics!

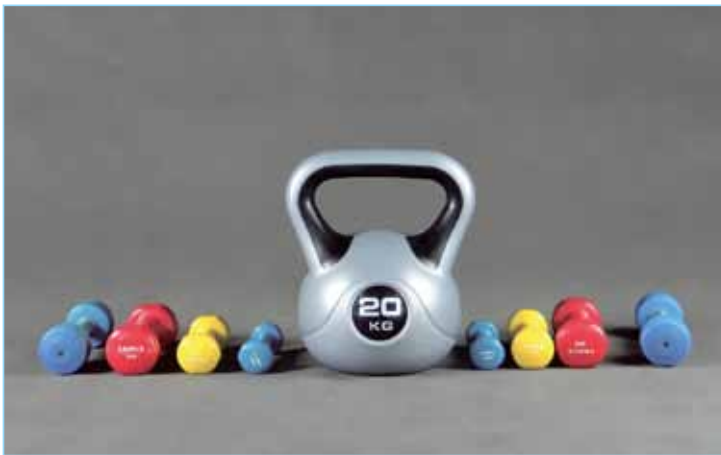
He retrained as a personal trainer in 2003. His work ranges from training teenagers, keen to improve their sprinting speed, to adults recovering from illness or injury. He also caters to those of us that simply want to

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Simon scoring a try against Scotland at Twickenham



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A modelling assignment



Working out in the home gym

get a bit fitter! He finds the variety of fitness issues fascinating. Group coaching is done in the form of circuit training in Cranleigh Baptist Church Back Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

He concentrates on 1:1 personal training with some sessions consisting of 2-4 people undertaken either in his gym or in client homes.



Working out on a one to one basis



A model shot

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Another side to Simon's life is modelling. He started with Boden clothes, moved onto comfortable cardigans for Farah Classics before making a spectacle of himself for Specsavers! A highlight was a trip to Canada to do a commercial for a drug company.

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Simon on a training run

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Crane Spotter:

tales from a Cranleigh birder



February – Red alert for the Greenfinch

The Greenfinch, that chirpy House Sparrow sized-visitor to the garden and bird table, is in trouble.

I was seeing up to 140 in flocks around farms in the Cranleigh area only 18 years ago. And until recent times this tubby songster put in daily winter appearances for just about everybody who cared to feed it. As we moved into the turn of the century I regarded its status as an abundant resident, winter visitor and passage migrant – although even then I was noting its numbers appeared to be falling.

But it has been more recently harshly clobbered by something rather nasty that's been lurking around our feeding stations in the last decade – and I don't mean the abundant cat population.

Greenfinch numbers have been steadily plummeting since the disease known as Finch trichomonosis, caused by a protozoal parasite called *Trichomonas gallinae*, was first identified as a worry for our perching birds in 2005.

Since then there has been a steady decline nationally and locally. If you are still seeing or hearing

them regularly near you then you are an exception. It will be interesting to see the results of a concerted effort among Cranleigh bird watchers to survey their gardens over the weekend of 30-31 January for the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch.

Nationally last year the Greenfinch dropped from 15th most common bird in the 2014 survey to 25th – a huge fall.

As I write, if early records from a number of local birders this year are anything to go by, then the species will I fear have crashed even further from its one-time perch in the top 10.

Until 2011, I always saw Greenfinch on the first day of the year and it was sometimes my first or second bird for January 1 – the day when keen birders are always eager to make an early start on their latest year list.

But as I neared the end of the first week of 2016 I hadn't seen or heard even a 'wheeze' from a Greenfinch, even though I'd seen 72 other species. And a birding gardener friend of mine told me he saw over 80 species this year before eventually 'clocking' just

Love Cranleigh

February is often thought as the month of love, culminating on the 14th with the advent of Valentine's Day. The day is celebrated every year as an opportunity to demonstrate our love for our partner, over and above all else, but of course there are many other kinds of love that we experience in our lives.

In the English language, we only have one word for love, and we use it on or with almost anything, just like we add salt or sugar! Not only do we say 'I love my husband', and 'I love my children', but we also 'love' a nice bowl of chips or a cup of tea. What a difference between the two expressions of the word!

How, therefore, should we let the word 'love' shape our lives, our work, our friendships, and indeed our children's lives, if we don't understand how to use that word, or where it came from?

One thing is certain, that we know when love is around us, and how it affects us. A child feels the warmth of a mother's love and embrace from the moment they come into the world. This bond is truly unique to mother and child alike, and lasts a lifetime. In quite a different way, we can recognise the feeling of falling in love with a potential partner.

Considering the many meanings of the word love, (brotherly love, adoring love, erotic love) and the myriad of ways it can enrich and affect our lives, in this issue we seek to explore love in all its forms. Of course, love is not just for the month of February, but it's a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the power love holds over humankind. Let's take some time to think about expressing love in meaningful, lasting ways: in our friendships, relationships, and community, with the truest and purest expression of love, that which expects nothing in return. ■

Cromwell Coffee House-Homemade Food

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one single bird that eventually flew overhead.

Finch trichomonosis is a stinker and it has hit other species too, including the Chaffinch. I have seen them with grossly deformed feet, or even no feet at all. Affected birds may show signs of lethargy, fluffed-up plumage, breathing difficulties, and wet plumage around the bill.

It is estimated there has been an annual rate of decline of the breeding Greenfinch population within England of at least 7 per cent since the initial epidemic.

Do your bit to fight back by following British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) advice to routinely take sensible hygiene precautions if handling bird feeders and tables: 'Clean and disinfect feeders and feeding sites regularly. Suitable disinfectants that can be used include a weak solution of domestic bleach (5% sodium hypochlorite) or other specially-designed commercial products.'

Rinse feeders thoroughly, air-dry before re-use, and clean bird baths daily. Rotating feeder positions can also help prevent the build-up of contamination in any one area of ground below your feeders. ■

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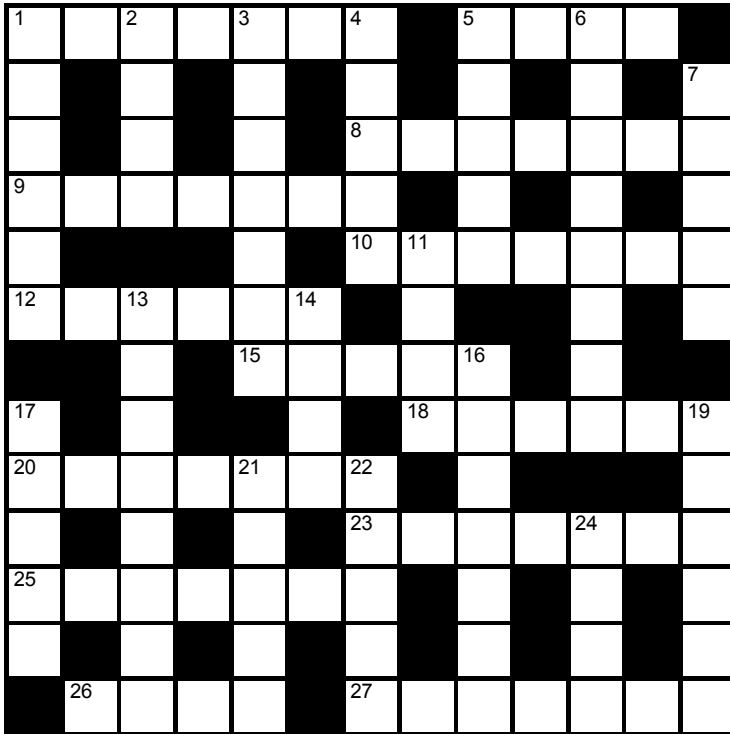
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February Crossword Puzzle 1 - Hard Level



Across

1. Man's felt hat (7)
5. It was (4)
8. Radical (7)
9. Wool fat (7)
10. Spendthrift (7)
12. Loud, rushing noise (6)
15. Encroach (5)
18. Instructed (6)
20. Yorkshire town (7)
23. Rotate (7)
25. Thin coating of metal (7)
26. Pace (4)
27. Nightgown (7)

Down

1. Empty (6)
2. Morning (4)
3. Unfasten (7)
4. Valleys (5)
5. A tenth part (5)
6. Removing faults (8)
7. Erodes (5)
11. Agreement (4)
13. Cloudy (8)
14. Sharpen (4)
16. Dividing into two equal parts (7)
17. Silhouette (5)
19. From that place (6)
21. Scrimp (5)
22. Inert elemental gas (5)
24. Ultimate (4)

Crossword and Sudoku – answers will appear in the next issue.



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January Crossword Solution

February Sudoku Puzzle 1 - Easy

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February Sudoku Puzzle 2 - V. Hard

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January Sudoku Easy Solution

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January Sudoku Hard Solution

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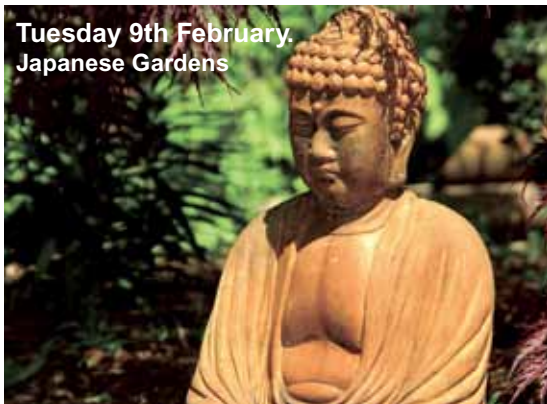
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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

D Days Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th February.
Japanese Gardens



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Ewhurst Horticultural Society

Tuesday 9th February.

Glebe Centre 8.00pm. With refreshments and raffle. We are holding a talk with slides “**Japanese Gardens**” by Stephen Morpew. Stephen a professional tutor with 35 years of experience is also a qualified horticultural designer, consultant and pruning specialist. Having travelled widely in Japan he has gained a deep insight into Japanese horticulture along with other aspects of their culture.

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All welcome to guided, free, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn up at the start point.

Monday 8th February 10:00am:

Pitch Hill: 6½ miles: 3 hours.

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Mike 01403 242564

Wednesdays 10th & 24th February 10:00am:

Rudgwick Brickworks: 4/5 miles: 2 hours.

Meet in the “The Milk Churn”, Rudgwick Brickworks, Lynwick Street, RH12 3DH. No Dogs -

Keith 01403 823436

Monday 22nd February 10:00am:

Holmbury Hill 5½ mile: 2¾ hours. Meet in the car park of the Royal Oak Public House Holmbury St. Mary (RH5 6PF) (TQ109445) Dogs welcome.

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Saturday 27th February 10:45am:

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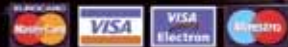
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DEVELOPMENT PLANS

A typical view from Newlands Corner.

Surrey County Council is currently planning to impose parking charges at Newlands Corner in order to cease its subsidy of Surrey Wildlife Trust, who manage this Albury Estate owned public amenity. It is also planning to build a large new visitor centre and commercial café on the main car park with a terrace extending out onto the sloping grassland.

Many are concerned about the suitability of this plan. They feel strongly that the Burger Bar and Visitor Centre in its current modest form, is in keeping with the natural environment and with the needs of those who use and cherish this unique and rightly designated 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'.

A petition has been organised which has attracted over 6,600 signatures to date.

For more information please go to: www.change.org/p/surrey-county-council-keep-newlands-corner-family-friendly-and-free-to-access or contact Richard Harrold telephone: 01372 375728 e-mail: friendsofnewlandscorner@gmail.com

To keep updated on the latest news a blog is available at: <https://newlandscornerblog.wordpress.com>

You can also contact SCC's Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, Cllr Mike Goodman: mike.goodman@surreycc.gov.uk, 01276 489680. ■



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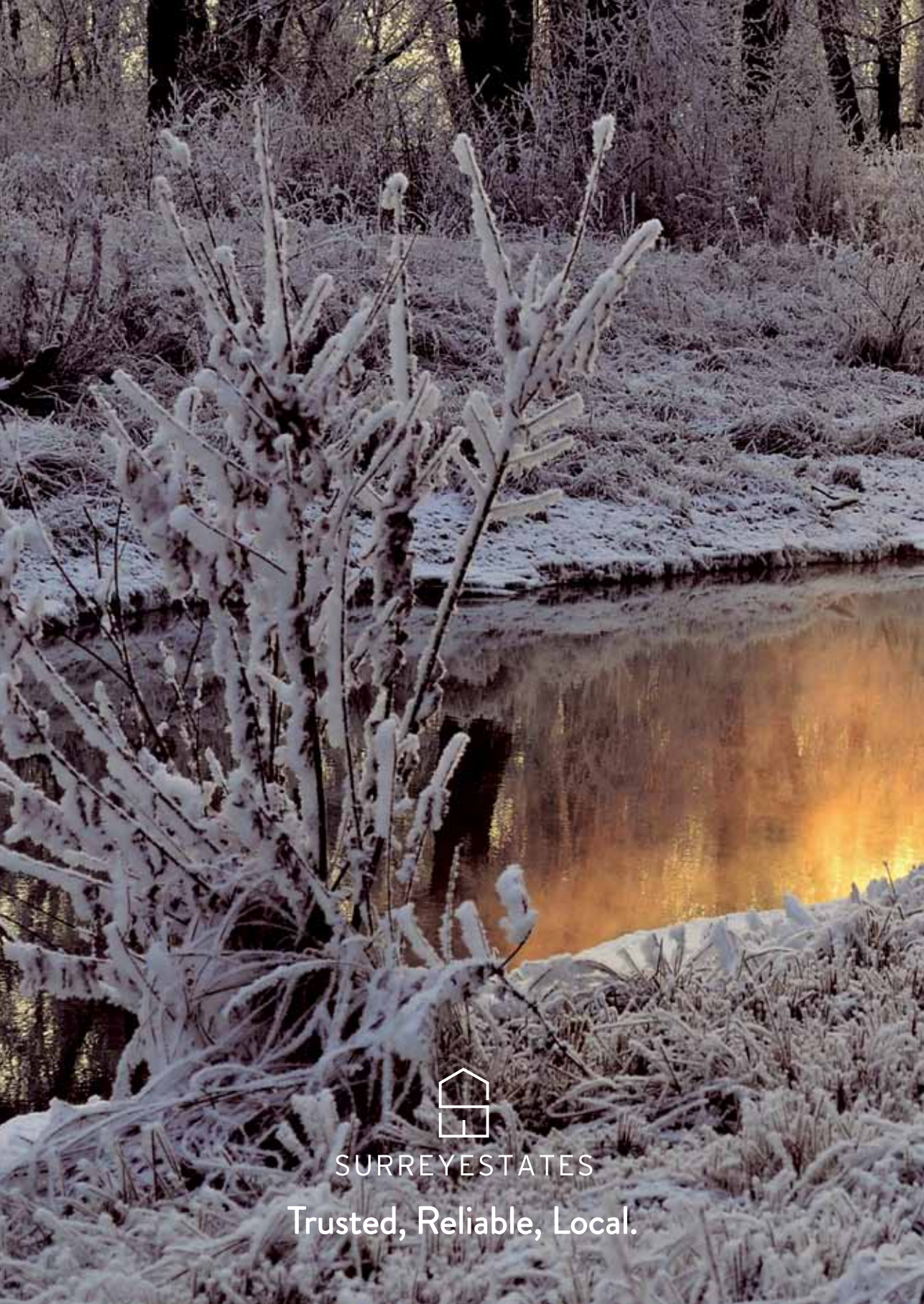
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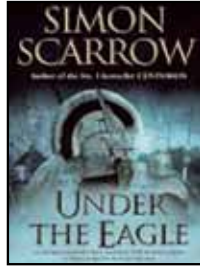
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BOOK REVIEW

Simon Scarrow's Under the Eagle series.



The Under the Eagle series revolves around the son of a freed imperial slave from Rome, who is sent to Germania after his father's death. Young Cato is portrayed as a smart, yet shy and insecure man, who befriends the veteran Centurion Macro, who is, as a character, a stark contrast to our brainy protagonist.

In this story of friendship through war and hardship, the relationship between the two soldiers blossoms into an unbreakable brotherhood. It is a friendship that the reader can genuinely feel a part of.

The series essentially begins with the second Roman invasion of Britannia, under Emperor Claudius. Aiming to succeed where the notorious General Julius Caesar had failed a century ago, the Romans battle their way up from the south coast of the foggy and mysterious Island.

The books then follow the two friends, as they are sent from one corner of the empire. From fighting the Druids under rebel leader Caractacus, to quashing a slave rebellion on the Island of Crete, Macro and Cato's friendship grows throughout their battles.

The battles and skirmishes in which Scarrow places our two heroes, are brilliantly drawn from real life events. One particular battle was won as a small Roman force flanked the British 'barbarians' by crossing a river upstream. You guessed right, Cato and Macro are part of that small force.

Former History teacher turned author, Scarrow uses his knowledge of battles and history expertly. He has a tradition of visiting each site before depicting it in his books, which he uses to great avail, allowing the reader to envisage their own image of events within a realistic geographical context.

The Under the Eagle series is, unlike some historical epics, easy for even the least literary reader to follow. Scarrow writes in a straightforward yet gripping way, pulling the reader through ferocious battles and the dangerously deceptive practices of the Imperial Palace, all with an underlying "laddish" soldiering humour.

But do not be fooled by the machismo. The Under the Eagle series is not just a story full of unwieldy testosterone. Scarrow brilliantly blends the life of the common soldier with the tactical arguments of the Generals and Prefects.

There are elements of the crime thriller genre, too. In one section, imperial freed men are seeking to assassinate the Emperor and our two heroes, as well as a situation revolving around the recently crucified Jesus Christ in Judea.

With all this, Scarrow will keep readers pining for the next instalment, book after book, which is no easy feat considering he is currently writing book 15!

This fantastic series is a story of history, friendship, brotherhood and deceit. By way of a testimonial, the brilliant Bernard Cornwell, author of the immensely popular Warrior Chronicles series, says of Under the Eagle: "I really don't need this kind of competition!". ■



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February

Spring is around the corner!

This month, the beginnings of spring are starting to make themselves known with hints of green shoots and the presence of wildlife emerging from hibernation to explore their own belated new year.

The warmer, earlier mornings bring new garden responsibilities. Its time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as wisteria, and evergreen hedges.

February jobs to do

- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- Chit potato tubers
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
- Prune Wisteria
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- Prune conservatory climbers
- Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

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Mary and Janet at the TV studio

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Glebelands School



Year 11 leavers with their GCSE certificates and various prizes

Glebelands School Spring Focus Day

Glebelands School's Spring Focus Day was a roaring success on Friday 15th January. Students enjoyed a fantastic day of activities which enriched their curriculum and prepared them for the future and the world of work.

Year 7 spent their second Focus Day partaking in some Code Breaking hosted by the Maths department and then, in the afternoon they planned storyboards, filmed, edited and then watched their own movies filmed around the school. A number of students brought in props to help bring their directorial debuts to life.

Following feedback from last year, we gave Year 8 students a choice of two trips. Half of them went to the Science Museum where they spent a day at one of the UK's most illustrious museums. As well as viewing the display and interacting in the Launchpad Area part of the museum, students watched the Legend of the Apollo 4D experience. The other half of the year spent a day at the Tower of London learning about a key part of our nation's history.

The Year 9 day was also split into two. For half of the day, students learnt about the value of working with each other to solve puzzles and problems provided by a specialist company. For the other half of the day these puzzle solving skills were super-sized up in the Main Hall, where the students competed in teams working with local charity SATRO on an engineering project. They competed with each other to see whose tower design most closely met the brief given. Madame Tussauds played host to our Year 10 students. This iconic London tourist attraction which mixes a walk through some key historical moments of our history and also takes a look at our current fascination with celebrities is a must see.

Following the issuing of their mock grades on the previous day and with important GCSE exams approaching, we wanted to give our Year 11's some more holistic skills to help them cope with the increasing demands of their GCSE courses. The first session looked at stress management and dealing with deadlines which was followed by a session of yoga and another entitled 'How to Ace your Exams'. To prepare for the wider world, students also experienced a session on addiction and another on time-management giving them some invaluable lessons in prioritising time with a bit of fun thrown in. Alongside this schedule of activities, the Year 11's had their Interview Day where they were grilled by local businessmen and women in a Mock Interview aimed at helping them improve their techniques before their upcoming College interviews.

Thank you to all the staff at Glebelands who have put time into planning this successful day, and also to all the visitors who came in to share their expertise with our students. A fantastic day was had by all! ■

Mr C Smitheram
Assistant Headteacher

A HELP TO PASSING EXAMS - without cheating!

One of my tutors at college gave me this advice, which revolutionised my method of studying. It could be called "**The Family Tree System**". Previously, I used to sit in an armchair with a textbook to read, which usually resulted in falling to sleep! Instead, you need to sit at a table on an upright chair with a stack of A4 paper.

Place one sheet of paper in front of you with the long side facing you and the text book beside. Study the book one chapter at a time with the chapter title written at the top of the page. Then subdivide the subject under different headings and write them down as the "children" in the family tree. As you read further details, subdivide those headings as the "grandchildren". Use another sheet for the next chapter until you finish the book and have the gist of the subject at your fingertips. When it comes to exam time, you haven't got to wade through lengthy text books but try to memorise your family tree notes.

Before I adopted this method, I would remember certain details but didn't have an overall view of the subject. This system can be adapted to many different academic subjects. Personally, I adopted it when studying for my Dentistry degree and also Theology diploma! It was such a help to me and I hope it will be to you too. ■

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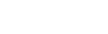
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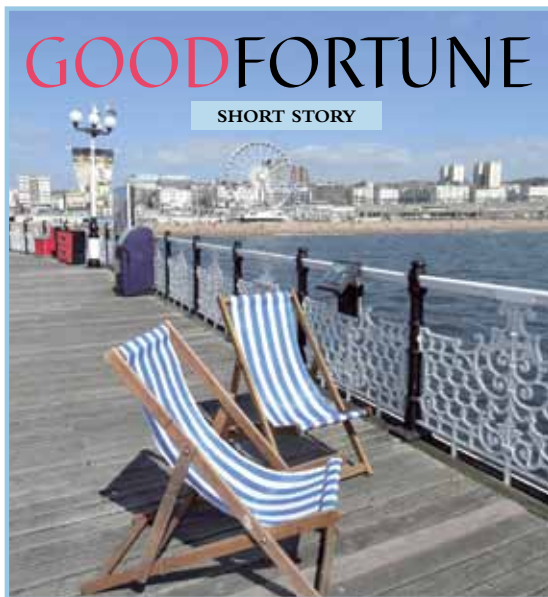
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It was March, warm and blue, with a crisp gust that is so unmistakably Brighton. Even after all these years, a certain scent in the air, a glint of light, and I'm back there, walking towards the famous promenade, towards that place famous only to a few. Seagulls screaming overhead, and in the distance, a carousel melody playing above the gentle white noise of waves on the shore. I crossed the main road, turning right, from my flat in Kemp Town, towards the centre. Rollercoaster capsules swooped and fell in the distance, tiny people teeming like ants around the entrance to the pier. The smell of doughnuts, chips and vinegar. Salt.

I dodged couples walking hand in hand, cyclists scowling at daytrippers wandering into the cycle lane, barefoot hippies selling beaded bracelets and henna tattoos. Down the ramp onto the lower promenade, the carousel music competing with bass beats from inside the bars that ran along the front. Women with enormous sunglasses and miniature dogs, squealing kids running between legs, large elderly couples waddling with ice cream cones in hand.

Then, just ahead, The Fortune. Pub benches crammed with laughing groups of friends, staff in olive green t-shirts carrying towers of empty glasses. And The Rolling Stones, blaring out into the chaos. This was my destination.

The manager's name was Arun, an Asian guy in his late twenties from up north, and when I arrived they put an arm round my shoulders and led me to him. He took one look at me, eighteen, skinny, bright eyed and grinning from ear to ear, and said, "Can you start tomorrow?"

Nothing could have prepared me for my first day of work. The sheer pace of it, the anarchic buzz of a bar where the drinkers just kept on coming. Eight men deep from 11am; no rest. My trainers saturated in beer, my hair sticky with Sambuca, and my heart beating like a

drum. It was a very sudden jolt into the world, my first job, drenched in adrenalin and laughter.

My shift ended at six, with a word in my ear to just drop everything and go, or I'd be there all evening too. I followed my new co-workers out onto the beach, and sat cross-legged on the pebbles, watching starlings in murmuration over the wreck of the West Pier. There's a photograph somewhere, of us all watching it together.

There are loads of photographs from that year. We were all less than 21, all overwhelmed by the new freedom stretching out forever ahead of us. Every day was like that first day, relentless, exquisitely joyful, completely without any responsibility beyond making it behind the bar when the rota said so. The year I spent at The Fortune was the best of my life.

Most of us have children now; wives, husbands, partners. We own homes, pay mortgages, and would rather go for a quiet coffee than five beers, two shots and a nightclub. But the bond we formed back then binds us still, in mutual love and respect for the people we have each become.

I watched as my wild, young rebels became professors, pharmacists, journalists, working artists. We moved away from the city by the sea, we moved back. We moved away again. We learned to be there for each other, from towns, cities, countries, and sometimes continents away. I, too, grew into the person I always hoped to be, despite the odds. Despite our parents' despair that we were wasting away our lives on frivolous fun, when the future was so hard ahead.

None of us would ever have guessed the challenges life had in store. It was all so easy then, and we had no reason to expect things would ever change. We were different, of course. We knew it all, and how to live better than all those who came before us. Until, that is, we didn't. But with each new hurdle, we taught each other how to grow, and which direction to choose. We learned from each other's mistakes, and we stood by holding back the tide when tsunamis of life's terrors threatened to engulf each of us in turn.

I often wonder if we would be friends if we met each other now. Who can say? Knowing them as well as I do, I know how alike we are as much as how we differ. After all, it can't be just that shared past that keeps us close, can it?

Some have gone their own way, either by dint of their choices, or because they're not the people we thought they were. So, of those that are left, I suppose there must be something solid there that transcends our history. But how would we know that, without that history as our anchor?

How many friends are there out in the world we've yet to meet, or who we haven't yet given the time? Perhaps there's a Fortune crew out there for every one of us. Long lasting love may be just a conversation away, and sewn in over years to come. ■

Tête-à-Tête

A Valentine Dinner for Two.

RECIPES



LOVE FOOD

Ingredients

2 Chicken breasts (2 x 150 g washed and dried)
 80g stuffing (see below)
 4 slices Parma ham, cut thin
 50ml double cream
 25ml dry Marsala (or sherry)
 100ml strong chicken stock
 200g mirepoix cut small (onion, celery, carrot, bayleaf)
 25g butter with a little oil
 Salt and pepper

The Stuffing

40g of good salami
 2 dry figs, soaked overnight – cover with hot water and leave
 Make a fine paste of the two ingredients using a blender or if you are a 'traditionalist' – chop, chop and . . . chop!!

Method

1. **make** an incision in thin part of the breast to form a pouch in it and place half stuffing in each and season



2. in a frying pan seal the chicken until slightly coloured, set aside
3. in the same fat, fry the mirepoix
4. **pour** a little oil well distributed, onto an oven (metal) tray
5. **place** the mirepoix in it and the chicken on top
6. **place** the tray in preheated oven, 180°C for 25min.
7. **take** the chicken out and keep it hot
8. **reheat** the mirepoix and pour over the Marsala, the stock and reduce by half.
9. **strain** into suitably sized saucepan and season to taste
10. **add** the cream and bring to temperature but do not boil
11. if necessary thicken with a little diluted cornflour
12. **place** the two chicken breasts side by side on a suitable, warmed plate and trim to form a heart
13. **pour** half the sauce over it, decorate to taste and serve



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Suitable accompaniment, if available would be braised fennel, baby carrots and sautéed, small potatoes.

Wine of choice - Cortese d' Alba, Sancerre

Dessert of choice - fresh fruit salad or Tiramisu`



Tiramisu` for Two

15 sponge finger biscuits

50g of Mascarpone

50g of Ricotta

2fl oz double cream

1 freshly laid large egg (be sure of its provenance)

25g soft light brown sugar

15g caster sugar

20ml of Rum or Brandy (Tia Maria is recommended)

1 medium cup of strong coffee

15g cocoa powder

2 large strawberries

Prepare a rectangular dish by sprinkling some caster sugar in it.

- Place 5 sponge fingers on the dish, sugared side up. Soak with coffee and liqueur
- Cover the sponge fingers with some of the creamy mixture.
- Repeat this 2 more times using 5 sponge fingers each time, dividing creamy mixture equally.
- Place strawberries cut vertically on top to form little hearts.
- Just before serving sprinkle the cocoa powder over the Tiramisu`.

Dessert wine of choice - Vin Santo Toscano

Using 3 Bowls, one of which should be 1litre capacity.

- Separate the egg, put yolk in the larger bowl
- Add soft brown sugar to the yolks and whisk until very light in colour to make quite a stiff mixture.
- Add Mascarpone and Ricotta, whisking together to form a smooth paste. It must not drop off the whisk.
- Whisk egg whites (make sure the whisk is REALLY clean, otherwise the whites do not stiffen) and add a little castor sugar when forming peaks. Add this to the first mixture.
- Whip the cream and also add it to the first mix. Refrigerate.

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Cranleigh Arts Centre February 2016



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Royal Opera House Live: La Traviata

**Thursday 4th February,
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La Traviata is regarded as one of Verdi's finest operas and Richard Eyre's traditional staging is one of The Royal Opera's most popular productions. The opera tells the story of the Parisian courtesan Violetta Valéry, one of opera's greatest heroines, based on the real life courtesan Marie Duplessis, who died in 1847 aged just 23. In this revival, Violetta is sung by Russian soprano Venera Gimadieva in her debut with The Royal Opera, following her successful appearance as Violetta at the Glyndebourne Festival.

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Song of the Sea (PG)

Saturday 6th February, 11am

Song of the Sea tells the story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse—the last Seal-child—who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of ancient legend and magic in an attempt to return to their home by the sea. The film takes inspiration from the mythological Selkies of Irish folklore, who live as seals in the sea but become humans on land. Song of the Sea, directed by Tomm Moore (The Secret of Kells) features the voices of Brendan Gleeson, Fionnula Flanagan, David Rawle, Lisa Hannigan, Pat Shortt and Jon Kenny. Music is by composer Bruno Coulais and Irish band Kíla, both of whom previously collaborated on The Secret of Kells.

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An Afternoon Bassoon Recital:

**Pedro Merchan Correas
Wednesday 10th February,
1pm**

Bassoon players can usually be found amongst dozens of other wind instruments in large orchestras, yet this February at Cranleigh Arts Centre there is a rare opportunity to attend a solo bassoon recital presented by Pedro Merchan Correas. Pedro is a rising star on the classical scene; in addition to performing pieces by R. Schumann, H. Dutilleux, Paquito de Rivera, K. Stockhausen and A Lauro, Pedro will present one of his own compositions.

This afternoon recital is part of Cranleigh Arts Centre's second season of classical music, which showcases the talents of international prize-winning chamber musicians whose performances are made possible by the Martin Musical Scholarship Fund of the Philharmonia Orchestra.

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Saturday 20th February, 8:30pm

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National Theatre Live: As You Like It

Thursday 25th February, 7pm

Enjoy Shakespeare's glorious comedy of love and change without the hassle and expense of travelling to London. With her father the Duke banished and in exile, Rosalind and her cousin Celia leave their lives in the court behind them and journey into the Forest of Arden. There,



released from convention, Rosalind experiences the liberating rush of transformation. Disguising herself as a boy, she embraces a different way of living and falls spectacularly in love. The play comes to the National Theatre for the first time in over 30 years, with Rosalind Craig (London Road, Macbeth at MIF) as Rosalind.

Tickets: £16.00



Hiraeth)**Friday 26th February, 7:30pm**

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Tickets: £12.00**The FB Pocket Orchestra****Saturday 27th February, 8pm**

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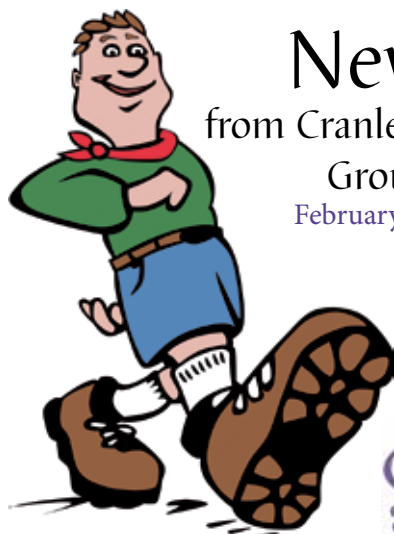
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News

from Cranleigh Scout
Group
February 2016



The Ottawa Beavers (very young Scouts), from Cranleigh, and St Lawrence Beavers, from Ewhurst, undertook a night walk around Elmbridge and Knowle Park on a spookily dark evening in December and successfully raised over £ 300 for Help the Heroes.

There were over 40 Beavers, Leaders and Parents taking the fresh air and the muddy walkers criss-crossed the footpaths and fields. It was a dry night but after heavy rain earlier you could hear the mud under foot but not see it! We had a great time and thanks to Amanda Mills and Sarah Ball for organising this event.

This year (2016) is the 100th Anniversary of Cub Scouts and many special events are being organised by Scout Association to celebrate. But we can only participate in such events if we constantly recruit more Leaders and helpers from our community to work with our young people. In recent years we have been successful in expanding our Scout Group to reduce the long waiting lists for the Scouting Experience. Surely there can be no better way of helping children develop their potential than through the core principals of Scouting. Volunteers can help by contributing just a few hours each week to guide our children through a structured programme.

We provide appropriate levels of training with externally recognised qualifications, a uniform and all you need to make a difference to our community. The kids get to learn new skills and responsibilities whilst mixing with others of similar ages and using group play to try new things and explore their talents. This for only £108 per year – free if you are the child of a uniformed helper! The alternatives are TV watching and computer games using thumbs – possibly reading books or other sports. Anyway it's all out there waiting to be harvested – so if you want to experience the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting please contact us via www.cranleighscouts.org or dave@cranleighscoutgroup.org

It has now become apparent that if additional leaders are not found one Beavers colony and possibly a Cub pack will have to close down after Easter 2016. We just cannot cover the demand for places with the current leadership on our books.

The return of the Jumble Sale

Our next event will be at the Cranleigh guide HQ on 27th February – doors open at 9am – please bring jumble from 20th Feb to Scout HQ in Village Way. Come along to buy and speak to a uniformed leader about helping for a couple of hours each week.

Dave Saunders AGSL. ■



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Just Say The Word

In the English language, the use of the word 'love' applies to a range of feelings and experiences. From the love of a partner, to the love of your children, of friends, of your country, of God, and even the love of a nice roast dinner! In a world where the art of coffee has such a sophisticated vocabulary... surely the art of love deserves much more?

The ancient Greeks had a more diverse set of definitions for the kinds of love it is possible for a person to experience. They actually had around thirty different words to describe love, in all its many incarnations. Let's take a look at some of the most widely recognised forms of love, as identified by the ancient Greeks.

Eros

Though Eros stems from natural sexual urges and lusts, it is a state of the heart. Sex can lead to children, family, joy and laughter, but without Eros, these things cannot be sustained. When Eros is infused and elevated to its true position, it can be spiritual, even transcendental. A relationship founded with plenty of Eros, can transcend into Pragma (the deeper, long-standing, compromise and sacrifice of long-term love), and to Agape.

Ludos

Eros is often preceded by Ludos, a playful, flirtatious affection, which can evolve into romance. Ludos, however, is not necessarily just flirtatious, but is also embodied in fun – such as going dancing, or a night's enjoyment with friends. It may seem superficial, compared to some of the other kinds of love we are looking at here, but maybe we could all do with a little more Ludos in our lives.

Philea

Philea is easy love and affection, and embodies our culture and beliefs. It's about the emotion we feel towards people like ourselves, or to those with whom we hold a shared goal. For teams, communities, peer groups, co-workers and so on. Philea can be combined with Storge, and is demonstrated through loyalty, sacrifice and the sharing of confidences.

Storge

This is the love of community and family. It is a natural love, but powerful enough to be a hindrance to spiritual growth, in circumstances where family and culture have a negative effect on your life. To understand Storge is to understand the complexities surrounding our duties and obligations, as much as to appreciate and elevate the emotion at the heart of them, in a more meaningful way.

Agape

Agape, the love of humanity, is the glue that holds the other loves together and gives us the wisdom and patience when other loves fail. Agape may be defined as pleasure in the object of affection, of prizing it above all other things, be unwilling to abandon it or do without it. Agape puts the beloved first and sacrifices pride, self-interest and possessions for the sake of that beloved. This is the love that God has for us. It is the kind of love we are commanded to have for one another, a love of supreme greatness.

Philautia

This is a love which many of us sometimes forget to maintain. It is love for ourselves, the joy of being true to our own values, to caring for ourselves and practising self-compassion. To embrace True Philautia is not vain or selfish: quite the contrary. It is only through loving ourselves that we can truly embrace and experience other loves. As Aristotle puts it: "All friendly feelings for others are an extension of a man's feelings for himself".

Looking at the ways that the ancient Greeks segmented the general idea of love, may give some food for thought as to how to enhance our own experiences, and maybe, humanity as a whole. As we look to the annual celebration of Valentine's Day, let's take some time to reflect on love in all its forms, and how a deeper understanding of the word and its application can enrich our lives, and the lives of those around us. ■



The New Year's Day Walkers stopping for a rest and a quick photo shoot along with their dogs

New Year's Day Walk started at 10.30am at St. Nicolas Church car park, 38 people and 7 dogs enjoyed a very pleasant 2 hour walk across the countryside south of Cranleigh, going past Holhurst Manor, across to Garstones and on to the old Canal.

We then crossed the road past Utworth Manor and home via the fields north of Knowle Park. We were blessed with a fine morning after weeks of rain, rain and more rain which left the fields very wet and muddy, but we were prepared and we walked at a good pace. It was lovely to chat to different people! The dogs seemed to enjoy it too!

Arriving back at the Church Rooms and were greeted by ladies stirring saucepans of homemade soup and a few more people joined us for lunch. It was a great spread of assorted foods and we were soon tucking into the delicious soup, followed with a cold buffet, mince pies, cake and chocolates, washed down with cold drinks tea and coffee.

There always seems to be a special comradeship during this New Year's Day Walk and lunch and a wonderful way to start the New Year, maybe you will join us next year 2017. Tel: **01483 273620**



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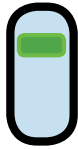
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