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Joy Horn brings some anecdotes of 100 years ago

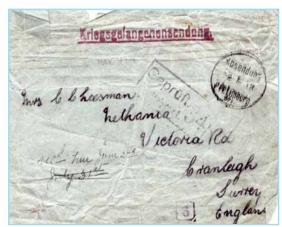


The Railway Hotel, one of the Cranleigh establishments which were not allowed to serve hot meals after 9.30pm. It changed its name to 'The Cranley Hotel' in the late 1920s.

Pritish civilians faced more and more restrictions in support of the War effort. The 'Curfew order' that came into operation on Tuesday April 4th specified that no lights were to be used on shop fronts; no hot meals were to be served in hotels, clubs, restaurants or public eating houses between 9.30pm and 5.00am; lights in the dining rooms of such places must all be extinguished by 10.00pm; and in places of amusement performances must close in time for the lights on the stage or in the auditorium to be extinguished by 10.30pm.

On the Western Front, the Germans' Great Spring Offensive was making large gains – in some places it broke up to 25 miles through the Allied lines. Paschendaele, won by the Allies after months of costly fighting, fell again to the Germans. Paris was shelled from only 75 miles away. Vera Brittain, working as a nurse at Etaples, wrote in her Testament of Youth, 'into our minds had crept for the first time the secret, incredible fear that we might lose the War'.

Cranleigh man Rennie Crick of the Royal Army Medical Corps experienced the force of the German onslaught at Béthune, a town about 45 miles southeast of Calais and 21 miles west of Lille. His diary entry for April 9th reads: 'Fritz shelled Béthune and



The envelope of Joe Cheesman's first letter home after his capture the roads all round it, and it was a terrific bombardment. We had to pack up and be ready to move at once, for rumour said Fritz was advancing towards Béthune. All the civilians ran away!' Two days later, Rennie wrote: 'Another heavy bombardment all day, and all our Ambie (the 34th Field Ambulance) packed up and marched away, leaving 18 of us be-



British troops blinded by gas on April 10th 1918 at an Advanced Dressing Station near Béthune (Imperial War Museum)



Osbourn's garage, about 1913, where the Esso petrol station is now hind. Fritz reported to be only 4 miles away from Béthune! It is like a dead city tonight.' The next day, Friday April 12th, 'We left Béthune at 10am, and there were not any people left in the town. Fritz was shelling it very heavily as we cleared out. Marched 4 kilometres back.' A few days later, he reported, 'Plenty of casualties came through our Ambie.'

Another young Cranleigh man was caught up in the German offensive. He was Joe Cheesman, aged 18, of Victoria Road. Before being called up, Joe had worked at Frank Osbourn's garage in the High Street. He arrived in France for the first time about April 1st, with the 3rd Glosters. The German offensive had caused a fair amount of chaos, and

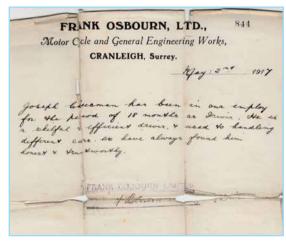


Card from Rennie Crick's papers showing the bravery of RAMC men in 1918 (by kind permission of Colin Crick, his son)

at Rouen he was transferred from the 3rd to the 8th Glosters as reinforcement. Then suddenly on April 10th he was sent into the trenches, probably in the area of the river Lys in Belgian Flanders. It was a baptism of fire. On Easter Sunday, April 14th, his battalion was overwhelmed by the German onslaught, nearly all his pals were killed, and Joe himself was surrounded and captured the next day.



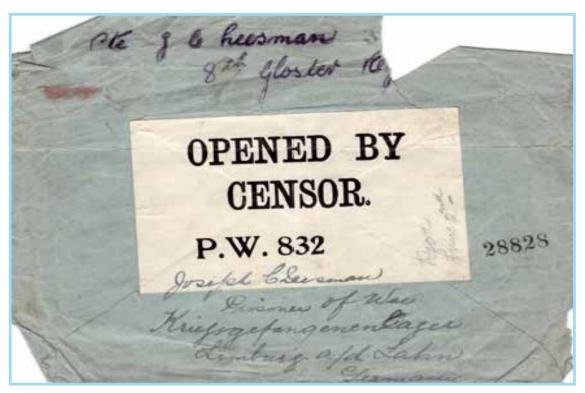
No. 6 Victoria Road, formerly called 'Nethania', home of Joe Cheesman



Joe Cheesman's heavily-folded reference from Frank Osbourn Ltd (by kind permission of Mrs Jill Wood, Joe's daughter)

On Thursday April 19th, his captors gave Joe pencil and paper, and allowed him to write home, although Joe knew that a German censor would read whatever he wrote. The letter took until June 2nd to reach his anxious parents, Christopher and Ruth Cheesman. Joe wrote that he was not in a prisoner-of-war camp, but because he was a motor mechanic he had been picked out, with seven others, to work in a depot on keeping German transport lorries roadworthy. 'Tomorrow is my birthday, too. I didn't expect to spend it here, but might do so in a worse place, so I'm thankful. The people here are kind and give us fags etc. when they see us.' (Presumably this means the Belgian civilians.)

The Cranleigh History Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be



on Thursday 12th April, and will take the form of an outing to Clandon Park. Meet outside the house at 2.30pm.

Back of envelope, with Ruth Cheesman's additions (We shall follow his story, as told in his letters home, in the coming months.)

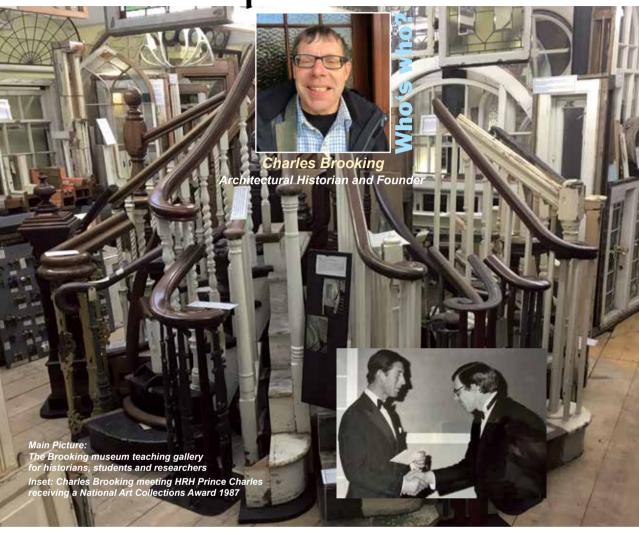


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FEATURE ARTICLE

People Profile



"It's amazing what we find in a skip!"

was born in Sutton, South London, in October, 1953. My mother, Edith, was a picture restorer and had run an amazing gallery, known as St. Martin's Gallery, off The Strand, London. She ran this with her uncle. The gallery was well known and was an 'Aladdin's cave' of paintings, water-colours, china and curios. She closed this shortly after her uncle died and married my father, Arthur Brooking, in 1951. He was an extremely bright financier and something of a business tycoon.

They settled in South Cheam, a highly regarded area of fine 'Arts & Crafts'-style villas with tree-lined avenues. This setting was to inspire me from at least the age of two. I was fascinated by all types of designs, often in the smallest details, from the leather eyelets of my harness to broken coloured china I found on afternoon walks. My first real 'craze' (as they were known in the

family) was for the intriguing revolving 'lobster-back' chimney-cowls with their central fins, which I noticed, almost with a life of their own, on afternoon walks. My mother fortunately had a great affinity with me as she knew I had an eye for detail and unusual objects.

Her great passion at that time was picture restoration. She was then acting as the picture restorer for The Army & Navy Stores in Victoria Street, London. This meant that every Saturday she would visit the store to collect paintings, my father driving us up to London in our won-

Nearly

derful 1950s Rover. My poor sister, Rosemary, found these trips pretty boring. I however, found the sights and architecture of London truly riveting.

In the Summer of 1957 I caused quite a stir in our household when, having noticed a battered chimney-cowl lying in a pile of rubble in Sandy Lane, close to our house, the following Sunday when my parents were at church, I persuaded 'Uncle Eddie', our marvellous family factotum, to collect this with me. Although aged four, I clearly remember the ensuing row when, having carried this through the house, failed to notice dripping tar from its interior - my clothes and the hall floor were covered with black patches. Although my father was furious, I won him around with the help of 'Uncle Eddie' and my mother, by explaining my fascination with the carefully designed fin to catch the wind and the simple but elegant mechanism therein.

Other early passions at this time included Bakelite numerals and letters on gates. I was fascinated by the different fonts used. My long-suffering mother offered to replace particularly interesting types I had noticed with new types purchased in the local hardware shop in Belmont. Neighbours became fascinated with my interests and sometimes presented me with numerals and letters.

In 1958 we visited the scene of the great Smithfield fire, which burnt for days. This was on one of our Saturday London trips. The drama of the occasion is still very clear in my mind. The city buildings were very black in those days from the London smogs. My father pointed out the Dennis fire-engines and other details, as he used to visit Smithfield market as a boy during the 1920s.

In 1959 he took me up to the City of London on Boxing Day and showed me the bombed-out ruins that still stood in Paternoster Row. He was a fire-watcher during the war and described the great fire raids. The drama of the ruined buildings with their twisted girders and surviving architectural details made a lasting impression on me. My father explained that one of these buildings,



1950s plastic handle display, form hardware shop in Oxshott

with its remaining ornamental plasterwork, was the book-shop he used to visit as a boy. He then plucked a brick from the rubble with a lump of shrapnel embedded in it - he was beginning to really understand my passion for the history of architecture and, I now believe, secretly enjoyed it.

In September 1959, my father, who was then working as Company Secretary for the Kenwood manufacturing company based in Old Woking, Surrey, was keen to move closer to the area. The family also required a larger house, particularly in the light of my mother's need for an oil-painting restoration studio.

After two years of fascinating house-hunting, where I first really became aware of architectural styles, we found an 'Arts & Crafts' house built in 1931 in White Lane, Guildford. Interestingly, it was built by the Wood family, who had constructed many prominent houses and buildings in the Guildford area, including the splendid Dennis motor factory offices. I have just discovered that the house has a 'mirrored double' in Links Road, Bramley, built in 1926, which was designed by Hodgson & Lunn, a local firm of architects descended from the Henry Peak practice.

Our new house in White Lane, Guildford, being unmodernised, Kenwood's architects, Malcolm Peck Associates of Friary Street, Guildford, were commissioned to design a 'state of the art' kitchen and to modernise the house throughout. My mother, sister and I made many visits throughout the hot Summer of 1959, driving over in her Morris Minor, often listening to The Platters' 'Smoke Gets in Your Eyes' on the car radio, along with Connie Francis. The workmen were very intrigued by my interest and, even more so, at my sadness caused by the destruction of the original maid's sitting room with its distinctive Tudor-style Minster fireplace and servant-bell indicator board. Mr. Uden, the foreman, who worked for Simmons the builders, was previously involved in the construction of the new Kenwood offices at Old Woking.

He and all the workmen gave me all kinds of fittings, ranging from door ironmongery to the servant-bell system. It was then that I first became aware of the fascinating social hierarchy in house design, particularly in grander houses where servants were employed.

In 1960 I started school at Watlands in High Street Green, Chiddingfold, an enchanting 16th century glass-maker's house, which had been the home of Sir William Bragg. His lecture room was our classroom. The school was run by Griselle Maxwell, who was keen to encourage my interest in history generally. She explained the history of the house and its connection with Alban Caroe, the son of the famous architect who lived at Vann in Chiddingfold.

The following year in 1961, when an extension was added to this room, I was fascinated to watch Mr. Peak from Dunsfold making the new timber casement windows.

This was the catalyst that laid the ground for my passion for all types of windows and doors – the more I looked, the more I saw.



An example of the standard of craftmanship that went into making a sash window with internal shutters, rescued from 2 Beach Road, Hayling Island, built in 1828, demolished 1993

On the way to school I noticed the sad demolition of a large 1870s house on the site of what is now 'The Meadows' in Portsmouth Road, Guildford. My father took me down to explore the site at the weekend and it was here that I discovered the wealth of craftsmanship and intriguing ironmongery, such as sash-pulleys, that went into the making of sash windows.

After reading my splendid 1930s 'World of Wonder' book, I was fascinated to see an illustration of a complete working sash window. Naturally I was desperate to have a complete example.

In the Summer of 1962 my long-suffering and wonderful mother, Edith, along with our Dutch 'au-pair' girl, Anna-Marie, chatted to the foreman of the demolition squad demolishing a row of 1830s houses nearly opposite what is now the multi-storey car park in Sydenham Road, Guildford. My mother offered the chap a Pound to remove a complete window. This was duly delivered the next day and I set about restoring it immediately. I was fascinated by the late-Regency craftsmanship, surviving hand-made crown glass, mouldings, and the accumulated paint build-up over the years. Moving this window around, aged eight, helped build-up my muscles for the 'rescue' work that lay ahead!

At the same time I had developed two major interests in palaeontology and archaeology, and that November, for the first and last time in my life, I succumbed to pressure to conform, by teachers at school and others, and offered to break-up my sash window for bonfire night that year and follow more acceptable interests, such as

fossil hunting and archaeology. This new start was soon doomed. I joined a prep. school in Seaford, East Sussex, as a boarder in the Summer of 1963. Normansal School, built in 1905, was a fine 'Arts & Crafts' building which set my imagination alight. Interestingly, many old boys from Normansal later attended Cranleigh School. My headmaster was very familiar with Cranleigh as his brother was a pupil at Cranleigh School just before the Second World War, and well remembered the Regal Cinema on Cranleigh common. While at this school I discovered Neolithic and Roman sites on the neighbouring ploughed fields on the South Downs. I soon built up a fine archaeological collection, which greatly pleased my father. I was torn between archaeology and architecture.

In Summer, 1965, my father being very concerned about my problems with maths, employed a brilliant tutor who was an absolute godsend in more ways than one. Edward Wyer was a teacher at Gosden House School, Bramley, throughout the 1950s and 60s. He lived in a delightful Regency Cottage, 'Little Gosden', on Gosden Common. He greatly encouraged my interest in architecture and architectural detail, taking both my sister and I to see local buildings of historic interest, including Shalford Mill and Hampton Court Palace.

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of architectural detail"



A vast collection of windows, doors, stairs stretching back in history and into the distance, part of the archive store. In the foreground a Lunette window from Milford House stables 1868 and internal door from 10 Downing Street

rescued just in



Edward gave me a marvellous book on Old West Surrey by Gertrude Jekyll. 'Squire Wyer', as I called him, was a great fan of William Morris and the 'Arts & Crafts' Movement. He encouraged my fascination with the 'Art Nouveau' windows at my prep. school, which began to worry my father as he could see the collection moving on to much larger items!

In October, 1966, when I was just thirteen, I decided to establish a museum of architectural detail. My parents were soon won over to the idea with my tutor's enthusiastic support. I began to visit the many local fine buildings undergoing demolition that were abundant in the Guildford area at that time as it underwent so much redevelopment. These included early Victorian houses in Dapdune Crescent, Haydon Place, and the old Congregational Church in North Street. On one occasion our German 'aupair' girl, Ingrid Beckman, chatted up the foreman of Ebenezer Mears, who were demolishing the above church, and 'rescued' a marvellous cast-iron boot-scraper for me.

In the Summer of 1968 the collection was taking over my bedroom to such a degree that my father bought me a fine display shed for it from the reputable firm of Barretts of Ripley. I still have the bill. It was erected in time for my fifteenth birthday that year. Edward Wyer helped me to design the displays therein and presented me with pieces he had found in the stables at Gosden

House School, together with a late-17th century wooden door-latch from a house on Gosden Common, which was being modernised.

At that time I was at school at Northease Manor near Lewes in East Sussex. This was a great period of inspiration. I was entranced by the fine Georgian town of Lewes and spent many happy afternoons trawling the bookshops and antiques shops there, not to mention visiting the many fine Georgian houses, then being demolished for slum clearance.

time...

Inset: A selection of circular wrought iron windows from Banbury and Ludlow 1840-60s

Our school assemblies were fascinating. Leonard Woolf, the husband of Virginia Woolf, would often talk to us about life in Sussex in the past. He lived nearby at the famous 'Monk's House' in Rodmell.

I left Northease Manor in 1971, my parents suggesting that I learn the fine art of furniture restoration, joining 'Furniture Finds' run by Stanley Beer at what is now The Bed Centre in Bramley. I worked with Charles Dane for around six months. I found it hard to decide on a career as I was still intent on creating a museum. I was fortunate enough to have space at the family home to continue the collecting work and erected stores in the large grounds there.

During this period I worked at several interesting venues exploring career avenues, including Sotheby's, Beigravia, R. Holford & Sons, builders of Guildford, to learn about building construction, and British Rail Architects at Paddington.

The rescue goes on

From 1971 onwards I began to spread my wings and visited the massive redevelopment sites in London, including houses in Piccadilly, Buckingham Palace Mansions in Victoria, and Coutts Bank in The Strand.

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Part of the casement window and fanlight collection, including an example from the Mansion House, City of London 1840s

Our marvellous gardener, Harold Wakeford, who lived in Chilworth, for a small fee agreed to help me 'rescue' the many exciting finds, including 1820s and 1830s fire-grates, in his Land Rover. My enthusiasm set him off on his own collecting spree. He became a great ally, defending me when my father naturally tried to restrain my activities owing to the amount of space my work was now taking up at the family home.

In 1978 I joined The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust for a year, helping them build up their Museum of Iron in time for the bicentenary of the opening of the Iron Bridge. This was inspiring work. I became familiar with industrial buildings in the midlands and in Wolverhampton. A local taxi-driver friend, Peter Harmer, also became an ally and drove up to Ironbridge and Wolverhampton to 'rescue' my finds. I found driving very difficult, not passing my test until 1989. On many occasions I had no option but to resort to carrying some of my larger finds home by train. On one occasion, when carrying the hob-grate from Elizabeth Barrett Browning's bedroom fireplace in 99, Gloucester Place, London, one of the fellow passengers on the train from Waterloo to Guildford told me with a laugh that 'My fire had gone out.'

A local friend whom I had met in 1965 at Sunday School, Robin Stride, kindly wrote a piece describing my work in The Surrey Advertiser in 1972. His father, who ran The Way Ahead driving school, would ring me up, enthusiastically telling me about another building biting the dust. I soon built up a network of friends, both locally and in London, one of whom I met at Coutts Bank. He stored my items for two years in his Victorian house in Victoria Park, Hackney, and delivered them when my parents were away on holiday!

In 1981 I joined The Building Conservation Trust based at Hampton Court Palace. That Autumn the B.B.C. approached me to film the collection for a programme on collecting. This led to many television and radio appearances and, indeed, sponsorship for four years from Scott, Brownrigg & Turner, Guildford Architects, then based at Bradstone Brook, Shalford. It was during this time that I met leading conservation figures, such as Dan Cruickshank, Colin Amery and Gavin Stamp.



Ornate wooden door carving, Crimson Drawing Room, Windsor Castle, donated by The Royal Household, 1997

In 1985 my father very kindly sponsored the creation of a charitable Trust to safeguard the future of the collection which was now being regularly used by historians and by English Heritage for research purposes.

After two very successful exhibitions at The Building Centre in London, one on The History of the English Window and one outlining the coverage of the collection, I was offered a post at The University of Greenwich as a lecturer and space to house the entire collection. The move to the Wapping campus commenced in 1989 and the collection formed a major teaching resource, latterly at The Royal Hospital at Greenwich, where we ran courses on the 'History of the English Window, Door, Staircase and Fire-grate.'

During the 1980s and 90s, with the help of English Heritage and others, I acquired major pieces from iconic buildings, such as 10, Downing Street, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and many buildings by leading architects, such as the Adam brothers. However, I must stress the collection is not determined by my taste – I embrace all kinds of buildings up to the 1970s, including the controversial Tricorn Centre in Portsmouth, which is very popular with architectural students who visit the Cranleigh collection.

In 1998 the family home in White Lane, Guildford, was sold. I was very fortunate to find a unique property in Cranleigh purely by accident. This was a former builder's yard, originally run by Farnfield & Watson, local builders in Cranleigh, and from 1937 by Victor



Cast iron, early Victorian fire-grate from the drawing room, 22 Stoke Road, Guildford, circa. 1843, donated by the owner 1972

Currier, who built several houses in the area. I moved to Cranleigh in September, 1998. Fortunately my sister, Rosemary, has lived in the village since 1982 and had introduced me to the many fascinating local characters over the years, including Frank Charles who worked for Warrens the builders and was a mine of information about local buildings and history.

I immediately set about converting the joiner's workshop on the site to form a display gallery and familiarise myself with the local building styles. I have been very fortunate - many local people have kindly made donations to the collection over the last twenty years. I also act separately as an historic buildings consultant, and as part of my work visit many intriguing historic buildings - from the Tower of London to terraced houses in Malmesbury. I have also managed to preserve features from many local buildings, including Bramley station, 'Art Deco' features from the Rex Cinema in Cranleigh, and a cross-section of historic windows dating from the 17th century to the 1950s. Many local firms and builders have generously donated features, along with homeowners replacing their windows. I have been described as a 'white van chaser'!

In 2011, owing to financial constraints, the University of Greenwich were unable to continue housing the collection and we are now actively seeking a new home. I now have a dynamic board of enthusiastic young Trustees and I have donated the entire collection to the new charity in order to safeguard its future.

I have found Cranleigh an extremely friendly village. It has certainly changed in the time I have lived here – the traffic has noticeably grown. As a conservationist I am concerned that with the inevitable building of new houses that something of the local vernacular is reflected in their design - I am not advocating a pastiche but good modern design reflecting the use of local materials, such as tile-hanging.

The museum collection has become very well known in architectural circles, largely owing to the unique 'hands-on' teaching philosophy I have developed. I was greatly honoured to be invited by Rem Koolhaas, the internationally-acclaimed architect, to participate in the 14th Venice Architecture Biennale, 2014. I restored and displayed 68 historic windows, including local examples, in the British Pavilion in Venice, to illustrate the develop-



Part of the door furniture display, circa 1850-1905

ment of this important architectural feature over the last 300 years. The event was amazing in that it generated great interest from not just the specialists, but from the general public, the Venetians themselves loving it. Visiting Venice is a truly divine experience. This display is shortly to be re-staged at the superb new Velux Window Foundation's museum in Copenhagen.

I have this vast collection of items that I 've taken from a wide range of buildings over the years which now needs a building of its own - an educational resource tool. It would be wonderful to find somewhere local.

When the Regal Cinema, Cranleigh, was being demolished the foreman of the demolition company, Comley Demolition, delivered the original entrance doors to the building to my house. Over coffee he told me about a ghostly presence he felt in the building. He was convinced someone from the past was not happy about the demolition and indeed he found the whole job quite distressing. At least elements of this cinema, along with many items from the Guildford Odeon Cinema, where The Beatles performed in 1963, have been preserved.



John, Paul, George and Ringo probably ran up the stairs of the Odeon Cinema, Guildford in 1963, holding on to this very handrail, built 1934

I feel my life has been a calling. The collection gives many people great pleasure – some becoming quite emotional when they see a part or a photograph of a building that influenced their lives in the past. Students often comment on the intriguing range of objects, such as 17th century doors and 1950s Crittall steel windows. Others marvel at the styles represented in the domestic stained glass collection, ranging from the Aesthetic Movement to 'Art Deco' and 1950s Rennie Mackintosh-influenced windows from North Wales.

We have many people visiting who are actively involved in the restoration of their house or a building. It is always a joy to learn more about their problems and to advise them on the best way forward in terms of repair and restoration. You never know where you are going to go next in terms of giving advice. The work is never dull – architecture, architectural detail and design is certainly an enriching field.

I would like to sincerely thank all the local people who have helped and donated so much to the collection over the last few years. **The rescue goes on...**

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Main Picture:

This Japanese mons motif is from a finely-cast Aesthetic Movement parson's grate of circa 1873-4 made by Barnard Bishop Barnard of Norwich and was designed by Jekyll, who developed this theme for many of their exquisite fire-grate designs.

This example came from the Director's office at The General Trading Company, Sloane Street, London, originally houses built around 1875, and later converted to their premises in circa 1960. The Director, David Part, told me about this grate when the building was threatened with demolition in 2000, and I recovered it shortly afterwards. This was one of several kind donations to the museum made by The Cadogan Estate, owners of the site. It forms an important part of the fire-grate collection, charting the evolution of the coal-burning grate from the early-18th century until the 1950s.



With the *collection now in the care of the new Brooking trustees, I am confident for its future and that its purpose – to tell the story of architectural detail design and making – will reach and benefit a much wider audience. Trustees are currently focus ing on developing exciting new programs for local volunteering to help us catalogue the archive, and to raise much needed funding with our ultimate

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Charles Brooking, *Historic Building Consultant* www.thebrookingcollection.org

ambition to rehouse both the museum and the

archive into one accommodation.

* The collection now consists of over one million rescued items from many iconic buildings such as:

Wembley Stadium, Broadcasting House, The Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Pancras Station, Kings Cross Station and Osborne House.

Bottom inset: Part of the sash window ironmongery display





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Crane Spotter: tales from a Cranleigh birder April

'Beast From The East' brings battle for the birds

arch madness socked Cranleigh and surrounding villages right between the eyes, shutting roads, closing schools and offering a new generation of children their first ever experience of a deep freeze – something they will surely always remember.

The much-predicted 'Beast From The East' hit us lightly by comparison to many communities. But by coinciding on the first day of last month with Storm Emma it caused havoc among bird populations. People who provided food and water for hungry birds were rewarded with rare garden visitors. Ravenous Fieldfares overcame their normal shyness. 'Chock-a-chock-chock' they cried as they flocked in excitedly from the fields to fight over apples awaiting on the snow.

Other winter visitors, like the smaller Redwings, dropped in hopefully too. But finding themselves bottom of the Thrush pecking order, behind big brothers Mistle Thrush, Fieldfare, Blackbird and Song Thrush, they were forced to satisfy their hunger on leftovers of the ivy's bitter crop. They crammed down enough to kill a human - but for them this meant sweet survival.

A poignant sideshow drifted in with the snow that morning. I saw a handsome male Bullfinch pathetically doing its best to chew some nourishment from dried and wizened blackberries on the bramble patch.

Dazzling Redpolls, Siskins and Goldfinches were fighting for a foothold on the feeders. Their frenzied feasting attracted unwanted attention and was sharply interrupted by the sudden arrival of a male Sparrowhawk who thought my feeding station was set up for his benefit. Luckily the Blue Tits sent out an air raid warning for the 'little fellas' just in time.

Everything escaped and the hunter sat on a branch looking puzzled. It was as if he had just been duped by a magic disappearing act and could not work out where his lunch had gone. He headed off empty handed.

In other gardens the crazy conditions brought once-in-a-lifetime memories. A friend in Pulborough saw a Cetti's Warbler on a neighbour's doorstep. They are normally skulking in marshy reed bed habitat.

Meadow Pipits – no garden lovers, these –ventured in for porridge, and some lucky observers even saw the usually secretive Woodcocks foraging in their flowerbeds.

Elsewhere a ravenous Water Rail, finding its usual dining room covered in ice, forgot its shyness. It strode forth to probe beneath the legs of another astounded, and frozento-the-spot, birdwatcher. Starving birds, like us, will do what it takes to try and live.

Up in the sky though, a battling performance largely unseen from the ground, was underway. Larger birds were fleeing the strong east-northeasterly winds to try and escape the blizzard and icy blast.

Many of these were waders, involving over a dozen different species in Surrey, and most were birds you would normally expect to see only on coastal estuaries. Some were forced down to try and find something to feed on along the edge of our lakes and ponds, or rock-solid fields. For a few it proved a hopeless task and they never flew again. During that horrendous morning, birders throughout the county and beyond were reporting a notable movement with many hundreds of Lapwings flying south west to escape the storm and the -11 wind-chill.

Eventually, at 11.30am, I witnessed a 10-strong Lapwing flock fighting hard to stay on course. This was the first sighting of this species over my garden for several years but seeing them like this was not such a happy occasion as before.

These birds were suffering. It was all too easy for their broad wings to catch the howling gusts and this sent them swirling and tumbling high-up in the snowstorm. Each time they were buffeted by the strong wind they had to circle round to get back on course.





Lapwing Vanellus vanellus in flight

Gradually they progressed to become specks until they disappeared behind the house roofs.

I wondered how many miles they had come. Possibly hundreds. And how many more they would fly before finding safety. I would like to think they made it – to wherever.

dent, winter visitor and passage migrant and flocks of 200 could be regularly seen. My record count on village fields was 850 during an Arctic blast in February 1999.

On the ground is the best place to see this wader for it is a most impressive bird. Afar off it looks mostly black and white. But closer in it shimmers with a metallic green, blue and purple sheen to the wings, orange under the tail, and a long crest like a navigation aerial.

The Lapwing is also called the Peewit, after the sound of one of its far-carrying, shrill, piping calls. Sadly, changing farming practices and the loss of damp meadows and fields have sent its numbers plummeting.

If you are out walking this Easter then watch out for it. It is a super show off in the air, especially around this time of year, when the male performs diving aerobatic displays of a quality not seen around here since British Aerospace ruled the skies above Dunsfold Airfield.

It's eggstraordinary! Lapwings and the Easter bunny

Don't forget to remember the Lapwing on Easter Sunday when you taste your eggs! It is the iconic Easter bird. And did you know it is behind those Easter bunnies too?

Lapwing Vanellus vanellus

A few days later I was much encouraged to find 126 Lapwing sheltering and feeding in a kale field off Run Common Road. There were survivors! I wonder where they will end up once winter moves on. One ringed in Ewhurst in 1961 was found dead - shot or killed by man - seven autumns later in Dukhovshchina, Smolensk, USSR (1,377 miles away).

To see over 100 around here is a good count because the species has been declining for years and is now on the official Red List as a near-threatened species. Two decades ago it was a common resiBefore chocolate eggs were available, countryfolk at this time of year would search the fields to harvest Lapwings' eggs from little scrapes in the ground.

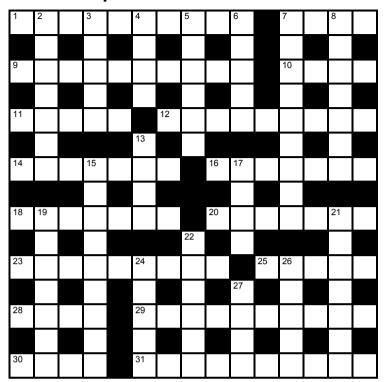
Birds would often nest in the same hollows used by hares so it was not unusual to see this mammal hopping away during egg hunts. When people found its droppings alongside their prize it led to a belief that hares laid eggs.

The 'Easter bunny' should have been a hare! But it was considered wrong to associate the biggest Christian event with an animal that also had ancient Pagan worship connections. So, the term 'Easter bunny' was hatched instead.

Twitter - @Crane Spotter



April Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Sheets and blankets (10)
- 7 Unfortunately (4)
- **9** Partly unrelated female sibling (10)
- 10 Grain husks (4)
- 11 Investigate closely (5)
- **12** Of no value (9)
- 14 Dog-houses (7)
- **16** Altar cloth (7)
- 18 Cases (7)
- 20 Implore urgently (7)
- 23 Inflammation of the stomach (9)
- 25 Wading bird (5)
- 28 Form of wrestling (4)
- 29 Beyond the power of Man (10)
- **30** Hay store (4)
- **31** The lot (10)

Some say . . .

Be happy for this moment.

This moment is your life.

Omar Khayyam

Down

- 2 Qualify (7)
- 3 Managed (5)
- 4 Leave out (4)
- 5 Frankfurter (3,3)
- 6 Small fish (5)
- 7 Vehicle for injured people (9)
- **8** Formerly the world's fourth largest lake (4,3)
- 13 Stop up a hole (4)
- 15 Wee Willie Winkie's attire (9)
- 17 Grass (4)
- 19 Sea north of Australia (7)
- 21 Hanging cloth (7)
- 22 Baby's feeding bottle cap (6)
- 24 Point in question (5)
- 26 Not easily broken (5)
- 27 Salver (4)

Colin the Cranleigh Chameleon, was hiding on page 20 during the month of March. Did you spot him? Crossword and Sudoku – answers will appear in the next issue.

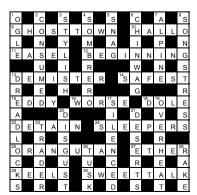
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April Sudoku Puzzle 2 - Hard

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March Sudoku Hard Solution

Days Dates for your Diary



Friday 6 April Cranleigh Country Market will be held in The Band Room, Village Way, Cranleigh, 9.15 - 11.00 am, offering a wide selection of home-made baked items and preserves, handmade crafts and home-grown produce direct from the producer all with a travel distance of less than 10 miles. Local honey now available.



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Tue 10 April 10:00am: Sidney Wood/Wey & Arun **Canal** A 5½ mile mostly flat circular walk through woods and along the old canal tow path. Meet in the Forestry Commission car park, Sedghurst Wood/Sidney Wood (TQ 026350 Take Dunsfold road from A281 at Alfold Crossways; car park about one mile on left). No dogs, 2½ hours.

Leader: Geoff 01403 258180

Thu 12 April 10.00am: NEW WALK Milton Heath, Dorking Meet Milton Heath and The Nower free car park (height restriction 2m), off Westcott Road, Dorking RH4 3JT (TQ155488). An undulating 51/2 mile walk, taking 2³/₄ hours, passing a pretty mill cottage and waterfall, before a steep climb up with good views to Ranmore and Boxhill. No stiles. No dogs please. Leader: Lynne 01403 268157

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Events in April are as follows:

April 5 Presentation: A long way South John Nathan ARPS

April 7 Annual Exhibition **David Smith LRPS**

April 12 Reg Mullard's flora & fauna competition Graham Johnson

April 19 5th colour print competition **Prof. Sheena Rogers**

April 26 Outdoor events competition Dave Brooker



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Thanks for the memories.

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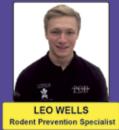
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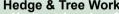




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In the beginning

The Genuine Living Company was born as a result of my husband and I throwing out the processed junk food that filled our cupboards and fridge 8 years ago, and embarking on a journey of rediscovering our health.

We both loved chocolate, desserts, coffee and I was a tea addict, drinking 6-7 mugs a day! Living in South Africa we turned to fresh, raw, organic, nutrient dense foods and soon began to emerge from the cocoon of brain fog, unexplained aches and pains, insomnia, heartburn and headaches into a new life of vitality, creativity, and energy which was both disease and pain free!

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In between

Relocating to the UK in 2012 in order to care for my elderly father we faced a real challenge when it came to eating

raw vegan in a cold climate! Gradually the cooked, processed foods crept back into our meals and as they did, our energy levels dropped, we put on weight and began to feel more depressed as the winter months continued. When Spring came, out came the juicer and it was back to fresh juices every morning! We became well known at Guildford farmers market, buying boxes of produce every week. The following winter we saw those cooked, processed meals creeping back in again and we were drinking more cappuccinos and eating more chocolate! April came around again and we were back on the health kick…lots of fresh vegetables out of the garden, clean protein, good fats and fibre at every meal and our energy levels soared. We were determined to eat healthily the following winter but life served us up a curved ball that almost derailed us.

In July 2014, my husband was diagnosed with malignant melanoma and we embarked on the Gerson therapy, an intense course of nutritional nourishment and detoxification. It involves hourly juicing, coffee enemas and a strict organic, whole food, plant based diet with

numerous supplements. It was incredibly tough. He had been a drug addict and alcoholic as a teenager, struggling with smoking for 20 years. Eating a clean diet for the previous 4 years meant that he felt incredibly well during his cancer journey but in spite of everything he sadly died in July 2015. As a Naturopathic Nutritional Therapist I was left with many questions and it spurred me on to study further, and to keep on searching for ways to support the body both before, during and post cancer.

The end (and a new beginning)

Since his death I have struggled with major depression, weight problems, adrenal exhaustion and chronic insomnia. I am a full time carer for my 98 year old father who has dementia and whilst my own health journey is ongoing, I still see my clients move from a place of poor health to where they feel as if they have a new lease of life! I have spent my whole life encouraging, inspiring and helping people to step out of the ordinary into the extraordinary. My husband died whilst passionately living with full intentionality and hope, and I am continuing that journey today.

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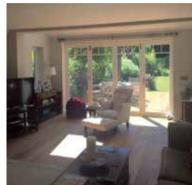


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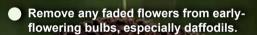
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APRIL

New Life!

pring is here! The days are lighter and it begins to get warmer. All the more reason to get sprucing in our gardens, here are a few things you can look into this month.



- Keep an eye out for slugs and snails with the use of slug pellets if needed.
- In mild areas dahlia tubers can be planted outside towards the end of the month.
- If the frost gets worse then pull some fleece over your potato foliage.
- Rake out any dead moss with a scarifier, afterwards fork over to improve drainage.
- Hanging baskets can be kept in the greenhouse while the plants grow on.
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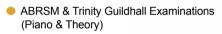
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Cranleigh Arts Centre will show four films in April.

Loving Vincent (Thursday 5 April, 8pm. This is a hand painted animation work about the great artist's last days. 100 artists worked on this in a pastiche of Van Gough's style. It proposes a theory about the artist's end which has a boy shooting him which he did not support, perhaps because suicide is a more glamorous end. We learn little about the real man and the effect could surely have been achieved more easily with CGI?

Paddington 2 will be shown twice on Friday 13 April, at 2pm and 8pm to service families with different aged children. This has been rated the best reviewed film ever which has already succeeded internationally taking over £100 million. Perhaps its immigrant allegory resonates in this post Brexit/Trump world? It repeats the charm and fun of the first film and brings in Hugh Grant as the new villain which adds brilliant quality to the bear and marmalade set pieces.

Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool is on Thursday 19 April , 8pm at CAC and can also be seen at Shere Cinema on Sunday 15 April, at 8pm. The film is based on Peter Turner's book about his affair with film actress Gloria Grahame, and her sad death from breast cancer. Annette Bening gives an award worthy performance as the doomed star of many famous film noir of the 1940s/50s where she was the femme fatale or the gangster's moll. Perhaps a film about her early career will be made so her true stature can be appreciated.

Roman Holiday is on the programme for Saturday 28 April at 2.00pm, as part of the "Spring into Cranleigh" celebrations. This sublime romantic comedy secured a best actress Oscar for Audrey Hepburn which resulted in Hepburn, Rome and motor scooters become the epitome

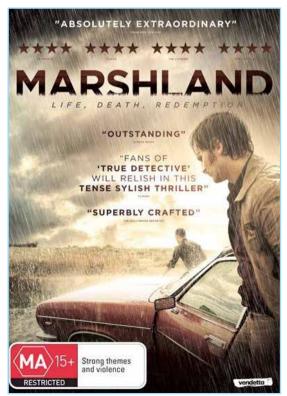
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of post war chic. She plays a princess and Gregory Peck a reporter showing her around the Eternal City. The uncredited script by Dalton Trumbo says much about personal freedom- a delightful classic.

Shere Cinema is presenting the new Murder On The Orient Express on 5 April 8pm. This is a remake of the very good 1974 version directed by Sidney Lumet with Albert Finney as Hercule Poirot. The new version directed by Kenneth Branagh has an all star cast which matches the original and Branagh plays the great detective with a larger moustache. The Agatha Christie story of the murder in which all 12 stranded passengers are suspects is so well known the suspense is missing but not the fun. Cranleigh Arts Centre will be showing the film twice on Saturday 12 May at 2pm and 8pm.

Cranleigh Film Club is screening Marshland on 26 April at 7.30pm. This is a 2014 film directed and written by Alberto Rodriguez and Rafael Cobos. The period of the main events is the post Franco time around 1980 when political and social upheavals were in process in Spain. The region where two detectives from Madrid are investigating the disappearance and murders of teenage girls is the Andalusian hinterland, in which local behaviour is a challenge. The policemen are contrasting types, an older fascist and a younger liberal and the relationship resembles the one in True Detective. Political differences ultimately provide the answer to how the mystery is resolved.

All the information about the venues and arrangements for the above films can be found on the websites of Cranleigh Film Club, Cranleigh Arts Centre and Shere Village Cinema.





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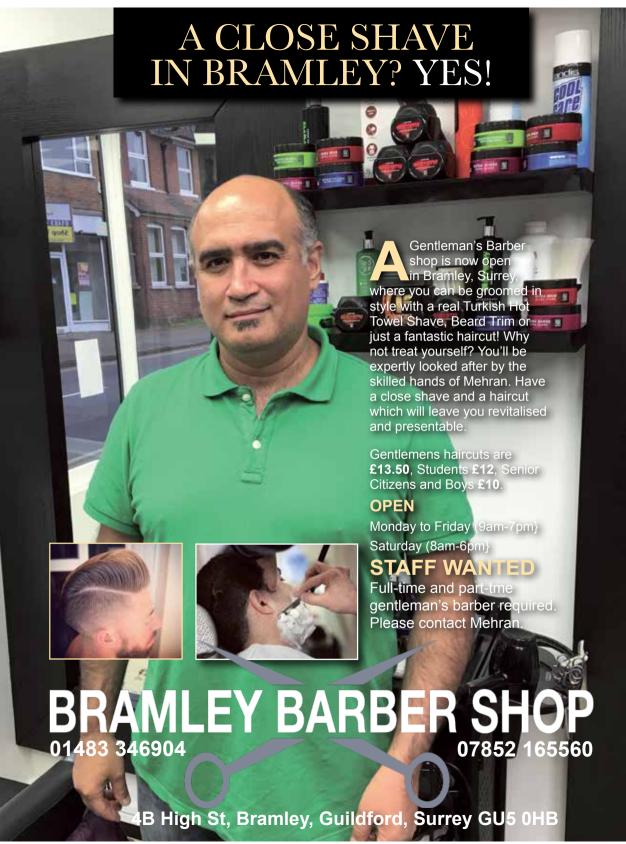








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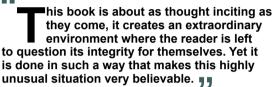
Life Of Pi

by Yann Martel

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Following the devastating sinking of a freight ship, a lone lifeboat remains bobbing on the endless, Pacific ocean. The only survivors from the destruction are a sixteen-year-old boy called Pi, a hyena, zebra, a female orang-utan and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger.

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The language in the book is seriously moving. Vibrant descriptions generate memorable images, it will leave you astonished at the compelling truth of the situation.

Martel's magnificent writing style and glorious imagery make for an unquestionably enchanting read throughout. The use of short chapters, which might otherwise prove to splinter a storyline, actually creates a seamless flow, making for a very enjoyable

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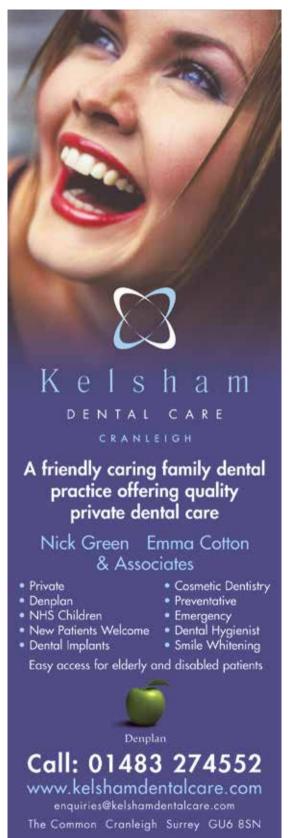
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Kitty

his month's menu is by Kitty Grosse, a young lady I had the fortune to present with the Ivan March Trophy, awarded by the Craft Guild of Chefs to the winner of the Rotary Young Chef Competition, for pupils aged 11-17 from schools in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. Kitty, aged 14, from St Nicolas School in Fleet was the winner in 4 stages of the competition through to the Final at the "Weald" School in Billingshurst where she impressed the team of judges, lead by Master Chef Omero Gallucci, with her professionalism and enthusiasm. Kitty competed again on the 17th of March in the Regional Final and she hopes to represent the region in the National Grand Final.



SMOKED HADDOCK & LEEK TARTLET

Ingredients

For the pastry

100g plain flour, 25g butter, 25g lard

For the filling

3cm leek, 10g butter, 30g undyed smoked haddock 1tsp capers,1 tsp horseradish sauce 40ml crème fraîche, 1 egg yolk

To garnish

2 quails eggs, watercress and samphire 50g beetroot, 2tsp olive oil/1tsp lemon juice

Preparation

Pre-heat oven to 200°C/GM6



- 2. Place the flour, butter and lard into the food processor. Process until breadcrumbs
- 3. Add 2 tbsp water to form pastry
- 4. Roll out and line 2 small tartlet tins. Place greaseproof paper with baking beans onto pastry and bake blind for 10 minutes
- 5. Finely chop leek. Melt butter in pan and sauté leek for 3 minutes, gently
- 6. Chop haddock into small pieces
- 7. Mix together the crème fraiche, egg yolk, horseradish, smoked haddock and capers. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the leeks
- 8. Place mixture into the tartlet case
- 9. Reduce oven to 180°C/GM4. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes until set
- 10. Hard boil the quails eggs for 2½ minutes. Plunge into cold water. Peel
- 11. Dice beetroot and mix with oil and lemon juice.

Life in Food



Inset: Kitty receiving her prize

Ingredients

Bacon wrapped pork

½ pork fillet ½ tbsp Dijon mustard 1 tsp chopped parsley 1 clove garlic Salt and black pepper 5 rashers streaky bacon Little oil for frying

Vermouth sauce

15g butter
½ tbsp olive oil
½ shallot, finely chopped
1½ tsp plain flour
125ml chicken stock
50ml dry vermouth
60g mushrooms

Vegetables

100g baby carrots
Florets of Romanesco cauliflower

Gratin Dauphinoise

5g butter for greasing 200g potatoes salt & Pepper 1 clove garlic 170ml single cream Pinch of ground nutmeg 10g gruyere cheese

Preparation

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C/GM4
- 2. Peel the potatoes and slice them wafer thin
- Rinse under cold water and leave in a colander to drain. Dry on clean tea towel
- Put cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg into a pan. Add the potatoes. Bring to the boil and then simmer for 1 minute
- Tip potatoes and cream into greased and lined Yorkshire pudding tin. Smooth over the top and sprinkle with cheese
- 6. Bake for 50 minutes
- Make a cut through the centre of the pork fillet and spread with the mustard, garlic and parsley. Season with salt and pepper. Plait the bacon rashers around the fillet tightly.
- 8. Fry in a little oil to brown bacon lightly
- Place the fillet in a roasting tin and cook in a preheated oven at 180°C for 25 minutes until the juices from the pork run clear and the bacon is crisp and golden
- Meanwhile, make the sauce: melt the butter with oil in a small pan. When butter is foaming, add the shallot and cook gently until softened
- 11. Add the flour and cook, stirring for 1 minute.
 Gradually blend in the stock and vermouth.
 Bring to the boil, add the mushrooms and simmer for 5 minutes
- 12. Remove pork from the oven and allow to rest for 10 minutes. Serve sauce with the pork
- 13. Steam the florets of cauliflower and baby

Some say . . .

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

Elbert Hubbard

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SPICY APPLE & PEAR CRUMBLE WITH BLACKBERRY CREAM

Ingredients

For the fruit

1 cooking apple, peeled, cored and sliced 1 dessert pear, peeled, cored and sliced 30g blackberries Finely grated zest of 1 lemon 50g caster sugar

Crumble

28g butter 45q plain flour 1 tsp mixed spice 25g brown sugar 10g oats A little Demerara sugar, to decorate

For the blackberry cream

50g fresh blackberries 1/2 tsp Caster Sugar 1 tbsp. crème de cassis ½ tsp lemon juice 100ml whipping cream

Decoration

6 blackberries Pink rosebuds

Preparation

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/ gas 4. Put the prepared apples and pears, lemon zest and caster sugar into a pan, cover and cook over a medium heat for 7-8 minutes until just tender. Tip the fruit into a bowl and cool slightly.
- 2. Rub the butter into the flour and mixed spice until a coarse crumb is formed. Add the brown sugar. Place 2 lined pastry cutters onto a greased baking tray and spoon 1 heaped table spoon of the mixture into each. Press it down lightly with the back of a spoon to make a base. then spoon over the apple and pear mixture.
- 3. Stir the oats into the remaining crumble

- mixture. Spoon evenly over the top of the apple and pear mixture, then bake the crumbles in the oven for 20 minutes until golden.
- 4. Meanwhile, make the blackberry cream. Put the blackberries, the caster sugar, crème de cassis, if using, and lemon juice into a bowl and crush lightly with the back of a fork. In a bowl, whip the cream to soft peaks, then fold in the blackberry mixture.
- 5. Carefully lift the crumbles onto warmed plates and carefully lift off the pastry cutters. Sprinkle the tops with a little Demerara sugar and spoon some of the blackberry cream alongside.
- Decorate with the blackberries and rose buds

BUON APPETITO - Giovanni Fontebasso

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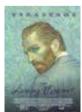
A collection of work by artists from The Artventure Trust, a creative day service for adults with learning

disabilities. Working from their own photographs taken at Newlands Corner and using a wide range of materials they demonstrate a variety of ways to see the local landscape. This project is kindly funded by the Co-Op and members, Aldershot Road, Guildford. Free Entry



Adult Workshop: Pottery Classes (4 weeks) Tuesdays 3 to 24 April, 2 - 4.30pm or 7 - 9.30pm Led by Su Rogers of Bus Stop Pottery. Try your hand at making

Learn slab and coiling techniques, how to throw a pot on a wheel and experiment with the art of glazing. Workshop Fee: £145 incl materials



Film: Loving Vincent (PG) Thursday 5 April, 8pm

A story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there. Tickets: £8.25 Adults; £7.25 Friends;



Live Music at Cranleigh: Jonas and Jane + support Friday 6 April, 7.30pm Jonas and Jane are a UK Americana

Duo consisting of harmony driven vocals and bluegrass influenced guitar and banjo. They've toured Texas, Colorado and Arizona and

have played many UK festivals including the main stage at Carfest South 2015, following a live performance of their song 'Whispered' on the Chris Evans BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show. Tickets: £8

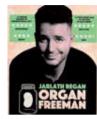
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Workshop: Fun with Felt Flowers Saturday 7 April, 10,30am - 1pm Have fun making colourful felt flowers with Nancy Shafee, of the International Feltmakers Association and current Chairman of The Surrey Guild of Craftsmen. In this

class you will make two flowers to use as brooches or for decoration. You will leave with the skills to continue this fascinating craft and develop your ideas further.

Workshop Fee: £45



Comedy: Jarlath Regan: Organ Freeman Saturday 7 April, 8pm

A selfish man is forced to reassess his entire life when his best friend needs a kidney - join the creator of multi-million downloaded Irishman Abroad podcast, for a standup show about life and death, give and take,

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Talk: GSC Bard Walk Documentary Film and Talk

Wednesday 11 April, 7,30pm Last year, Guildford Shakespeare Company Co-Founder Matt Pinches embarked on a 146-mile journey from Stratford-upon-Avon to Shakespeare's Globe in London - a route once followed by Shakespeare. During the walk Matt was given ex-

clusive access to film in Shakespeare Birthplace and The Painted Room in Oxford - where Shakespeare reputedly broke his journey. Find out about the trials facing travellers in the Elizabethan period and the rise of the playhouses in this special charity screening of GSC's Bard Walk film, with talk and Q&A from Matt. Tickets: £10



Film: Paddington 2 (PG) Friday 13 April, 2pm & 8pm Settled in with the Brown family, Paddington the bear is a popular member of the community who spreads joy and marmalade wherever he goes. One fine day, he spots a pop-up book in an antique shop, the perfect present for his beloved aunt's 100th **DINGTON 2** birthday. When a thief steals the

prized book, Paddington embarks on an epic quest to unmask the culprit.

Tickets: £8.25 Adults; £7.25 Friends; £5.50 under 16s

Family Entertainment: Climb That Tree Saturday 14 April, 2 - 3pm

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Classical Music: Trio Opal Tuesday 17 April, 7.30pm

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Comedy: Andrew Lawrence: The Happy Accident Tour Friday 20 April, 8pm

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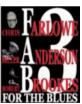
Tickets: £13.50



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Live Music: Farlowe, Anderson and Brookes Thursday 26 April, 8pm British blues legend Chris Farlowe joins Woodstock veteran Miller Anderson and Sussex Desperate Dan Band frontman Bob Brookes for an evening of Blues RnB and Gospel in the intimate surroundings of Cranleigh Arts Centre.

Those of you who know of Chris Farlowe will remember his no.1 hit 'Out of Time' and 'Handbags and Gladrags'.

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Live Theatre: The King Lear Friday 27 April, 7.30pm

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Children's Workshop: Make Your Own Pet Saturday 28 April. 2 - 3pm

A fun, creative workshops for children led by local artist Miriana D'ambrosio, suitable for ages 5-7 years. Make your very own paper pet hand puppet. Workshop Fee: £5



Film: Roman Holiday Thursday 28 April, 2pm

Overwhelmed by her suffocating schedule, touring European princess Ann (Audrey Hepburn) takes off for a night while in Rome. When a sedative kicks in, however, she falls asleep on a park bench and is found by an American reporter, Joe Bradley (Gregory Peck) who takes her back to

his apartment for safety. At work the next morning, Joe finds out Ann's regal identity and bets his editor he can get exclusive interview with her, but romance soon gets in the way.

Tickets: £8.25 Adults; £7.25 Friends; £5.50 under 16s

Community: The Men's Shed Every Thursday, 10am to 1pm

The Cranleigh Men's Shed is about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course a lot of laughter. Part of a national scheme, The Men's Shed is a community project for men to connect, converse and create. The group, mostly working with wood, meet every Thursday in the Arts Centre Pottery room. Free

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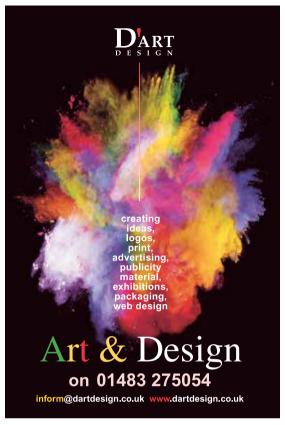


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ost people live well into old age, however many live with long term conditions as we live longer. Longevity of course is to be celebrated. For those who live with arthritis, stroke, Parkinson's or dementia, it is particularly important to continue flourish and feel in control. This means to be able to engage and participate fully in life with vitality for as long as possible. Often though, people can find themselves facing barriers such as feeling isolated, coming out of hospital and losing confidence, or a sudden change in circumstances. It does not take much to tip the scales of our 'wellbeing status quo'.

A compassionate community means having a conscious awareness throughout Cranleigh of how we can listen intelligently and engage from the heart. This ensures a vulnerable person feels valued, competent & included.

We also know loneliness eats away and causes frailty, dependency, dementia, cancer and more. The drudgery of infirmity and loneliness are not just the bugbear of old age, it can be the root cause of depression, frequent illness, loss of agility, mental decline and rising care costs. In our communities we need to be prepared and create self-sustaining interaction and communication between small groups of all ages who have some of these challenges and help people get out and about confidently so that they can stay in the mainstream and continue to be active.

Joining up:

This requires joining up better what is already happening across Cranleigh and villages, creating a dynamic community calendar so people can make better choices, with better collaboration better between community groups. These things together can help prevent or slow down deterioration and help people stay connected in the community, benefiting all ages. It is about getting access to the right coordinated advice and getting support when you need it. With the integration of the NHS with Social Care, low-level community support must form the third leg of the

stool for people to stay well in their neighbourhoods. Joining up the individual cogs better is the only sustainable way forwards. The state is shrinking; this means we must do things differently.

Change agents

Effective engagement with the community closes the barrier of 'immunity to change' that seeks to keep hold of the 'status quo'. Change-makers with resilience and emotional stamina are needed - people who are persistent and flexible, working with 'willing others' and act then act on the opportunities to help that they spot!

This is not just motherhood and apple pie. Interesting lessons have been learnt from an eminent Social Entrepreneur, Andrew (Lord) Mawson, a former vicar and business man rolled into one. He started with a can-do attitude working in an underused church building with a few old ladies, to create the first Health Living Centre in the UK. His experience was an inspiration as it liberated people to think and act in ways that put them back in control, devolving power to the wider community, shaped by individuals, families and neighbourhoods. We too can work together and use our many assets and the strengths of people who can both give and receive support. Quick fixes don't work. People need to be involved in the process of change and learning what works. We will always have the cynical with us with a limited world view, those who see the glass as half empty. But there are more who believe they can make a difference and there are better ways of doing things if we join up and work together across the community.

Real change needs strategy, it takes time and needs proper co-ordination. How about if we joined things up better in Cranleigh, employed a village agent/co-ordinator role supporting this? Then better community connections can really make a bigger impact rather than work in silos. This would be a new role working across health, care and the community and help keep people together, working

with services and others, linking people and addressing community and individual needs in a holistic way, thus helping people stay well.

Key benefits include:

- Reducing loneliness and isolation- enabling people to take up social opportunities and access the information or signpost support they need to live well.
- Preventing hospital admission or assist in the early discharge of patients
- Preventing duplication and encouraging joint working to meet changing needs
- Improving the take up of existing services
- Supporting current voluntary initiatives and encourage new initiatives
- Acting as a catalyst to help increase volunteer numbers and capacity within the surrounding villages
- Providing a community wide strategy linking together voluntary, business, spiritual leaders, local government and care teams working closer together
- Maximising take-up of community activities for those who would most benefit
- Accumulating information and advice for residents and carers, and provision of information in a published form and website links
- Support initiatives such as befriending schemes

Being reminded of people's efforts- seeking to come together, developing new conversations and connections is key to change to relationships and the community.

Recommendations include:

Smart Cranleigh CIC is a rvillage initiative focused on promoting good quality of life for local people through enabling local organisations to work together more effectively. We aim to support community led projects that make a positive difference to the lives of local people. We aim to help local people connect with their community and empower them to find the local support they want.

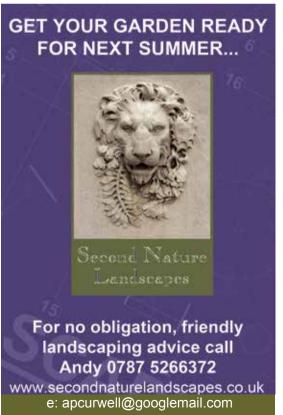
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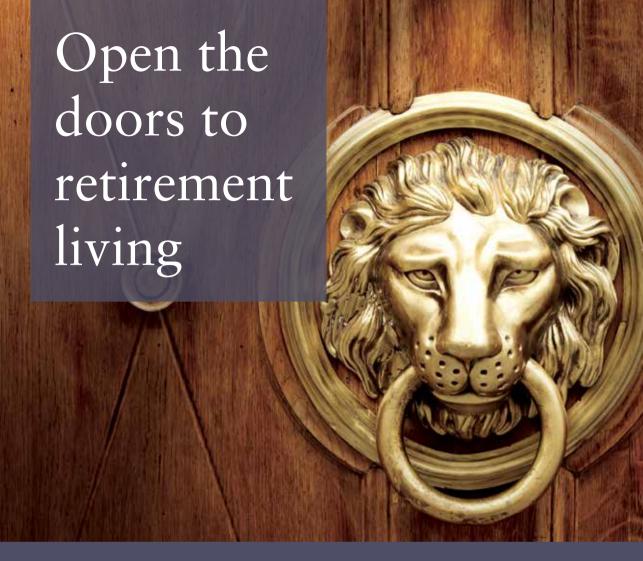


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Cranleigh Amateur Swimming Club Surrey County Championships

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he last weekend of the Surrey County Championships finished on a high for CASC as our final 3 swimmers swam PB's in 200 Breaststroke at Crystal Palace collecting 2 more club records and 2 top 10 finishers! Over the course of the last 3 weekends CASC has had 25 swimmers swimming in 46 events achieving 42 PB's and there were 8 top 10 finishers.

Since David Whorlow has taken the helm at Cranleigh Amateur Swimming Club (CASC) the vision has become very clear. Perfect stroke, increase fitness and swim faster . . . and get those qualifying times for the Surrey County Championships!!



Cranleigh ASC Surrey Champs swimmers

The lead up to the Surrey County Championships was rather exciting as swimmers entered qualifying galas and our own Club Champs in from October to December to put their hard work to the test and try and achieve their country times. It was a huge success and 25 swimmers achieved 70 qualifying times and the fun could begin. Training was set to start during the Christmas break until a huge spanner was



Girls relay teams

thrown in the works. Cranleigh School pool developed a major leak and could no longer be used... timescale unknown! This could not have come at a worse time, when training for the Surrey Champs was about to kick into the final push phase. David and the team rallied and found extra pool time where possible and everyone worked hard in the pool time that was available.

The Surrey County Championships took place over 3 weekends in February across 3 locations; Surrey Sports Park, the London Aquatic Centre and Crystal Palace. All the pools had one thing in common -they were Long Course - 50m! Most of our swimmers had never swum in a 50m pool before! The swimmers just got on with the job - fast swimming! It was fabulous to see the team spirit the swimmers showed cheering each other on and celebrating each other's individual success. The successes of this year's Surrey County Championships reflect the grit, determination and shear hard work both the coaches and swimmers have put in over the year to achieve the qualifying times and ultimately in the last few months overcoming the challenges to train hard to get to the start line, race and finally smile.

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