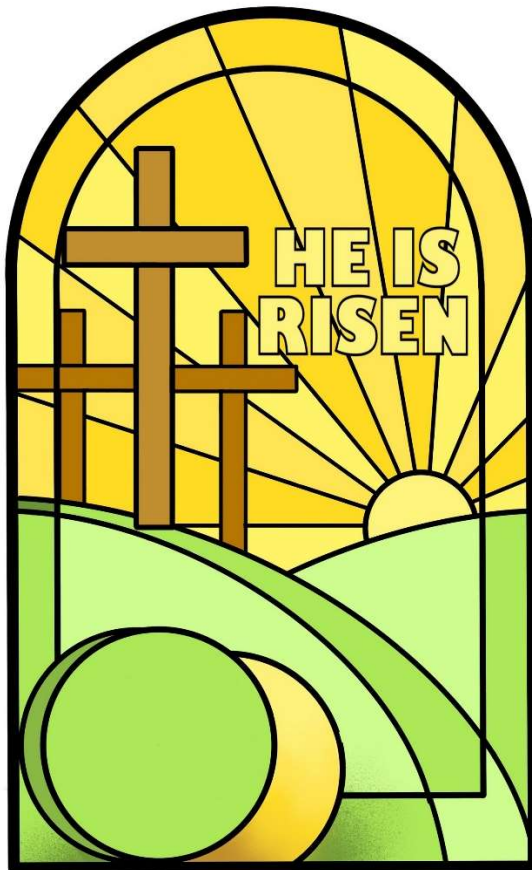


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Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham and Woodlands Park,
Within the time this parish magazine issue is supposed to cover, there will be Easter and then the coronation of King Charles III. So, my mind drifts to crowns...

The Crown of England (*St Edward's Crown*)

Steeped in history and tradition, St Edward's Crown is one of the most iconic symbols of the British monarchy. King Charles III will follow British royal history by wearing the St Edward's Crown for his coronation. Dating back to 1661, this magnificent piece of jewellery has been used in the coronation of every British monarch since the coronation of King Charles II.



The gold crown features a glittering display of precious stones, including rubies, sapphires, pearls, tourmalines, topazes, rubies, amethysts, garnet and aquamarines. As one of the oldest symbols of the British monarchy, it holds a significant place in the nation's history. *The Crown of England speaks of Power and acceptance.*

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The Crown of Thorns

Thrust mockingly upon Jesus' head when he had been captured by his enemies. *This crown of thorns speaks of weakness and rejection.*



The sign above Jesus' twisted, crucified form likewise read 'King of the Jews', while people jeered that Jesus could save others but could not save himself.

Jesus had certainly shown that he had astonishing power over creation, over sickness, over social ostracism, over the forces of evil, over death. 'Christ' was a title given to him meaning 'God's promised king'. Yet, in spite of his very obvious power, he had not once demanded the service or honour due a king. People would have started being able to see what God's king was like, and they would have heard his repeated warnings for people to "repent for the kingdom of God is near".

Eternal Crown

The British coronation itself involves oaths made to the God of the bible. While one crown makes the wearer look greater than the other, the Christian claim is that Jesus is *THE* king over all others. And that he is proved to be *THE* king over all others by his coming back to life again (his resurrection) – in some ways, the coronation of Jesus. As the apostle Paul, who had once vehemently opposed Jesus, said:

³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead. *Acts 17*

... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2*

So, two celebrations coming up. In May, a British celebration of our king and the traditions that he symbolises. But in April, at Easter, there is a celebration of a far greater coronation – of the ultimate king, Jesus. I don't know if you will feel like one of King Charles' subjects, but the most important question is, are you one of King Jesus' subjects or do you reject him?

If you don't yet believe in Jesus, do come along and check out who this king is, whose gentle loving rule is **available to all who accept it**. In our Easter services (*see page 7*) we will retell the details of the coronation of king Jesus, clearly presenting the choice we all face. And after Easter, there is a chance to bring your questions and look together at the eyewitness document of John's gospel in the Identity Course (*see page 11*) to explore more of what Jesus' kingship looks like and what this means for all of us.

Dave

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I can't believe we are already halfway through the academic year. The time has flown past and we are now looking forward to the longer evenings and the warmer days of the late spring and summer terms.

Since the last edition of the parish magazine, we have been graced with the presence of former prime minister, Theresa May (photo 1). Mrs May visited to congratulate us on joining the Slough and East Berkshire Multi Academy Trust. The children really enjoyed meeting her and she spent a generous amount of time with governors and members of our Trust, discussing all things educational.



School trips to the London Aquarium, the Imperial War Museum and, more locally, Woolley Firs, have engaged children in their learning and provided them with new experiences. School trips play an important part in the curriculum and help engage children in their learning. We hope to offer more trips in the second half of the year, as well as develop our outdoor space, allowing us to do more on our school site.

The big news for us this term is the opening of a new class. We have returned to an admission number of 210 and we now have additional places in Years 3 - 5. Our new class has been named Foxes by the children and it's exciting to see new children join us since February half-term. Please contact us if you wish to enquire about a place by emailing the school office on office@woodlandsparkschool.org. We would be more than happy to provide you with a tour.

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We have been making waves on the sports field too; participating in a number of competitions and festivals, the latest one being an indoor cricket festival for Years 1 and 2 (photo 3). Improving sport and PE has been high on our agenda and we will do our best to keep providing opportunities throughout the summer term. Later this month, we are representing Maidenhead at the Berkshire Youth Games and next term we will be starting our swimming programme in our outdoor pool.

If you live near Heywood Road, where the school's located, you may have seen some school improvements taking place over the last few weeks. The old faded blue fencing is having a face lift and much needed work is being undertaken to the school roof. We wish to develop our outdoor space by extending our forest school and planting more trees on our school field. We have applied to the Woodlands Trust for some trees as part of their community woodlands project. We hope to receive them in March and the children are already planning where we wish for them to be planted.

I look forward to updating you on more school news in the next edition!

Jamie Miles
Headteacher



Year 3 and 4 performing at the Maidenhead Dance Festival

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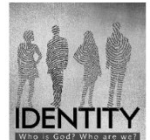
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Want to find out more about the God who gave up his Son for you?

After Easter we are running 'The Identity Course', on Thursday evenings starting on Thursday 27th April at The Vicarage. This 7-week course gives us the opportunity to explore the character of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, and to find out more about ourselves. You can ask questions, or just listen.

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In February, all the children enjoyed a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) week focused around the story “George’s Marvellous Medicine”. They conducted experiments, invented their own potions and went outside to do activities such as bug hunts. It was a great week, which the children were all inspired by.

Year 3 and 4 went on a brilliant trip to Reading Museum on Tuesday 31st January. They got to take part in an exciting Victorian workshop and dress up in different costumes from the Victorian era. They all behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school.



All children performed brilliantly in the semi-finals of our Eisteddfod poetry recital competition. The semi-finalists were able to perform on stage in the village hall. It was such a difficult competition to judge and they should all be very proud of themselves.



On Thursday 9th February we had a very special day to celebrate the life of Sia Schoeman, a wonderful little girl who unfortunately lost her battle with cancer last year. The children came dressed up ready to celebrate and we enjoyed a cake sale, organised by the school council, to raise money for Alice’s Arc. Year 1 also had a special mystery reader from Sia’s family and

her beloved ‘real panda’. Thank you so much for everyone’s support with this day. We raised an incredible £575.68 from the cake sale alone!

Chloe, Ella L, Gia and Isabella in year 5 have been working hard to improve our outdoor classroom area. Over half-term, I scoured the charity shops for second hand board games, puzzle books and books and the girls have done a fantastic job decorating it, tidying it up every day and making it a fabulous space for all the children to benefit from and use. Thank you so much girls!



On Wednesday 1st March, our year 5 and 6 football team took part in two matches against Knowl Hill and Bisham. We were victorious in our first match, winning 4-2. Unfortunately, Knowl Hill pipped us to win 2-1 against us in the second match. All children performed brilliantly, with special

mentions for F in goal, Jacob W giving his all the whole time and creating some brilliant opportunities and Jess, for being a great captain of the squad. We look forward to more matches in the near future, against Waltham St Lawrence and Holy Trinity.

On Tuesday 2nd March, Ashley Hill Multi Academy Trust held the annual Eisteddfod Finals at Cox Green School theatre. The children representing White Waltham performed amazingly, I am so very proud of each and every one of them! Winners on the night were:

Foundation – Libby,
Year 1 – Maisie,
Year 4 – Rayan,
Year 5 – Sophie,
Overall KS1 winner – Amara,
Overall KS2 winner – Anna.



This day was also a fun one, as we celebrated World Book Day. We had some fantastic costumes on the day and we enjoyed a day off-curriculum to celebrate all things reading. We had a Masked Reader, where the children had to guess the characters (staff members) reading to them, a story relay where the children in each year had the opportunity to write a whole story with other children in the trust, and a story



character hunt around the school grounds.



On Wednesday 8th March, year 5 and 6 had a snowy journey to Tring to visit the Natural History Museum there. We had a fantastic workshop on evolution and adaptation, where we looked at 4 animals and discussed what made them suitable for the environments they lived in. We then had the opportunity to go around the museum, looking at the incredible collection of animals on display there.

On Thursday 9th March, our year 1 and 2 children had a trip to Windsor Castle. The rain didn't dampen our spirits and we enjoyed watching the changing of the guard, a visit to Queen Mary's doll house and a look around the State Rooms at the castle. Some groups were even lucky enough to have a sneak peek behind the barriers, when a steward let us get close up to the Rose Garden and told us all



about the secret swimming pool and why it is no longer used, due to the naughty soldiers!



As part of Foundation class' topic this term, they have been lucky to have had visits from Will's dog and the local vet, Richard Best, with his dog Dorcus. The children learnt all about how to look after animals and even had their work 'stamped' by Dorcus' paw.

We still have the exciting Dance Extravaganza taking place on Wednesday 15th March at Braywick Leisure Centre, where all the children will perform a dance for their parents and carers.

I wish all the families a wonderful Easter break, which I hope is filled with love, laughter, reflection, and perhaps a little bit of chocolate too!

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8 th June	The God who died for us
15 th June	The God who wants to persuade us

If any of that sounds interesting but the timing is difficult, please be in touch (contact details below) and suggest an alternative.

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St Mary's Flower Guild, White Waltham

We always welcome new members to our friendly group. You don't have to be an experienced flower arranger to join us. Here are some dates for your diary:

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Friday 5th May from 9.30am – this year we're decorating the church for the Coronation – let your imagination run wild with colour and style for the King!

Tuesday 30th May – a visit to Waltham Place Garden including a garden tour, tea and cake. Tickets cost £16 – contact Carolyn Thompson on 07834 545967 to book.

There will be further activities later in the year including a garden party, floral arrangement demonstrations, fund raisers and coffee mornings. An autumn garden visit has also been arranged for November.

More details will be in the next edition of the parish magazine but for information on any of our activities, please contact Carolyn Thompson 07834 545967, Liz Atlay 07881 785131 or Julia Hodgson 07904 999685.

We look forward to seeing you.



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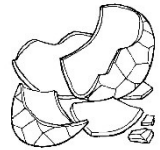
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BROKEN!

It's that time of year. We've not been able to do much in the garden while the very cold days and strong winds have deterred us from doing maintenance work. If your garden, (like mine) has suffered recently, it's not surprising. Broken fence posts, branches hanging off trees, tenderly cared for plants and bushes damaged in the wintry weather. So as the days lengthen and the weather gets warmer, let's assume that we are encouraged to get out and do some repairs.

This is also the time of year when things are deliberately broken! Not furniture or vases, but clay pots which we saw being hurled to the ground and smashed by members of the Orthodox Church in Corfu – it's a massive celebration of getting rid of the old and starting afresh with the new when the Greeks come to Corfu in their thousands. It's the Easter message of death and new life that they remember.

Our celebration in the UK is more muted. We have Easter eggs which look so lovely when they are beautifully wrapped up and boxed but to enjoy them, we have to break them open! Their wholeness is wrecked in the eating – shame!!



Easter is also the time when we can reflect on its meaning. The Bible reminds us that Jesus was arrested willingly, he was put on trial in a biased law court by the Jews and killed by the Roman rulers. His body, his life, was broken and wrecked for a purpose – so that you and I could experience a new life. Jesus' broken body, which died on that Roman cross, overcame the power of sin and death when God raised Jesus from the dead. All those who believe in Jesus

can experience that forgiveness of sins, paid for by Jesus' death. God showed us that even broken lives can be completely changed for ever. Not just with a bit of DIY as a temporary repair like in the garden or the house, but for ever. We can have that new relationship with Jesus when we put our trust in him – when we believe that through his death and rising again, Jesus conquered the evil of sin in us and in our world, to give us that new life.

So, when we mend something that's broken, we need to think beyond that item. We don't need to live a broken life – of broken objects or promises, actions or words. Jesus has provided a way to mend us! Easter reminds us that this is the most important Christian celebration each year.

Jesus died once and for all to give us a life free of brokenness and sin, and a new life that we can live for him.

Come to an Easter service and learn more about the true Easter story!

Bob Crittenden

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



and they found it as Jesus had said.



The Lord needs it.



They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



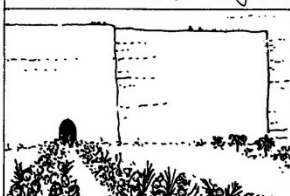
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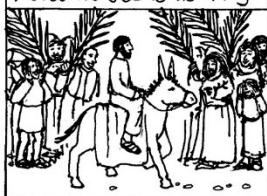
God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew.



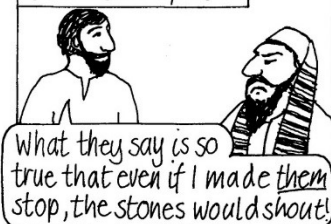
Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry



But Jesus replied



...and complete this Wordsearch about it!

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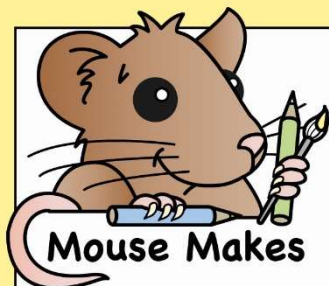
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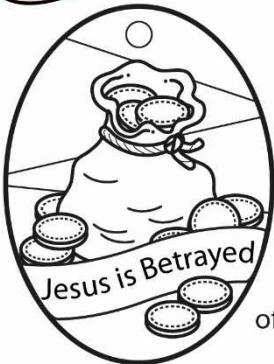
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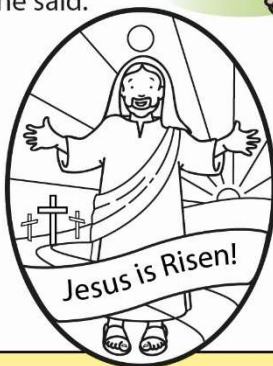
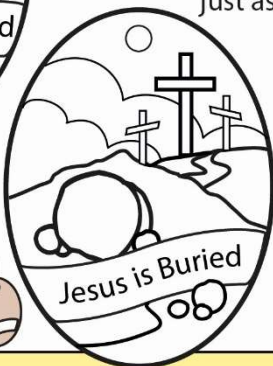
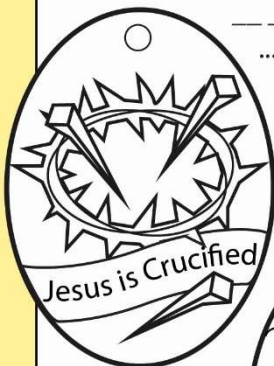
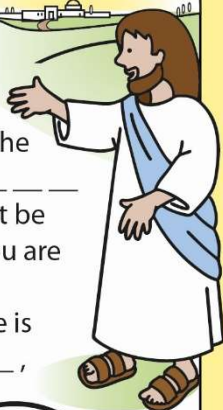


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The Resurrection in
Matthew 28:1-20



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of the Lord came down from _____
and going to the _____
rolled back the _____
... the _____ said, "Do not be
_____, for I know you are
looking for Jesus who was
_____, He is
not here; he has _____,
just as he said."



Glue this page onto
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for Easter



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Updates

As always, it feels like a long winter when we are waiting for the new cricket season to come around. However, I am pleased to say the club, both juniors and seniors, have resumed indoor training. April will see the return to outdoor cricket (weather dependent) and we are all really excited to get going again.

Despite the winter months, work is ongoing all year around and I hope you all agree the ground is looking fantastic, despite the cold/wet weather – many thanks to our hardworking groundsman, Luke.

The club is currently looking to carry out some projects around the ground and within the pavilion, notably painting inside and outside the pavilion, as well as exploring some renovations to our dated net facilities.

We hope to be able to provide some playing updates in time for the next magazine edition!

For more information, or if you are interested to join/train with the club, then please visit our website or contact us using one of the below options:

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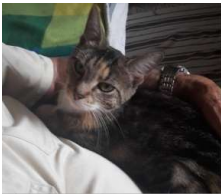
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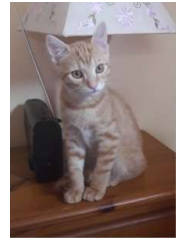
Good News, Bad News

As I sit here on a February evening, the day has been hot and even now it is 23°C. It is good to be able to write again – this time I have a mixture of good and bad news.

Just a couple of Sundays ago, we realised that our last cat was not having a reasonable quality of life and that we should have her put down. She was 17 years old, entirely grey and we had named her Fern, when we received her all those years ago. She was a very special pet and we felt quite empty with no cat in the house. We were very fortunate that a good vet friend of ours was able to visit us that day and, before she did the deed, she checked her over and found a big swelling on her left front leg – probably cancerous – so we knew that even though I shed tears, we were doing the right thing.



Liz too felt very empty with no cats (we had 7 at one point!) and checked with the local cat rescue. We wanted a male ginger and a tabby or tortoiseshell who would be mother and son. We prayed about this very specifically. You do know you can pray to God about any and every thing, don't you? Last week our prayers were



answered! We have a Mum, a mixture of tabby and tortoiseshell with a long white bib – beautiful, and her ginger son – Rata. So, you see, our bad news has been turned to good news as God answered our prayers. The cats are acclimatising in a room of their own but we spend time with them each day; some nights I sleep in that room and we can't wait to introduce them properly to our Fox Terrier and give them the run of the house. There are 12 chickens they will also need to meet and get to know!



Have you read and seen about cyclone Gabrielle and the dreadful devastation, damage and loss that has caused to much of New Zealand's North Island? As I write, it all started just over a week ago. Understandably, our news is full of it every day. It is such bad news, and it will be days before everyone has

power and fresh water; months before the roads and bridges are rebuilt; {and} years before wrecked houses, factories and fruit farms are restored. The cost to every one of us here will be large. But the good news is that there have been very few deaths, power is starting to be reconnected – as is the Internet – and temporary bridges are to be installed.

You want more good news? God not only answers prayers, He gives eternal life and a mansion in heaven for everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. But there is bad news too – a place reserved for people who know the only way to heaven but choose not to accept it. Please don't let yourself go there!

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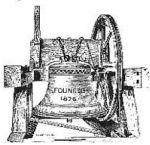
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So far, we have one new person who has come forward to Ring for the King. If you are interested in learning to ring for this, there may be a chance to train in the time available – it would need a lot of commitment and intense training. The aim would be to get you handling your bell and then progressing to ring in 'rounds'.

If you used to ring in your younger years, now is the time to drop me an email. Returning to ringing is like riding a bicycle. Once you have learned, you never forget! So why not come and start to retrain? We always welcome returning ringers, and all the more so with this big event. This is something that has not happened for just over 70 years. You'll be part of history!

In other ringing news, our 'not so new' ringer, attended the ART Elementary Practice. These practices introduce new ringers to a new way of learning, with the progression to method ringing.

*To express an interest in learning please contact us
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‘...an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for those who through faith, are shielded by God’s power’. (1 Peter 1:4)

On the cross, Jesus promised to one of those crucified with him:

‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise’. (Luke 23:43)

Bob Packer

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Not quite spring yet, but many of us are looking forward to Easter and seeing the trees and bushes start to bloom with colour once again in our gardens. This is a special time of growth and regeneration.

This year's budget has incorporated growth and regeneration, but also ensured our children and vulnerable residents are protected and cared for, which is the largest outlay for the council. We have listened to the concerns of residents about the need for more police on the streets and have allocated a budget expense for 4 additional police officers.

The key investments in the budget include:

- £41.3 million in Adults and Housing Services
- £27.8 million in Children's Services
- Four additional police officers to support neighbourhood policing across the borough
- Four environmental enforcement officers
- Improvements to town centres
- Extending the Resident Parking Discount Scheme

In 2023/24, the portion of Council Tax that supports the Royal Borough's services will increase by **4.99%**. This comprises a 2.99% increase in the general charge and 2% increase in the social care precept. For a Band D charge, this equates to a rise of £58.12 across the year, or £1.11 a week.

New school for children with complex special educational needs

One bit of fantastic news is the council was successful in its bid to the Government to have a new school for children with special educational needs, further improving local provision for children with complex needs. The ambition is to open the school in the next 3 to 4 years, subject to planning permission, identifying a suitable operator and further project development.

This new special school will make provision for the most vulnerable pupils to be educated in a specialist school setting, closer to home, that meets their specific needs. It will provide up to 100 places for pupils aged 7 to 16 who have a complex range of Social, Emotional and Mental Health and associated needs, identified in their Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP). At present, there is no specialist provision for these needs within our borough; such pupils may attend special schools in other local authority areas, or attend independent schools either inside or outside of our borough, or they are educated outside of a school setting, often at home.

The planned location for the school forms part of a wider housing-led development site, known as Land West of Windsor, north and south of the A308, which is allocated in the Borough Local Plan.

Plan to deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the borough

In our borough, 33% of carbon emissions come from the vehicles on our roads; the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans in the UK will end in 2030. With the target in the council's Environment and Climate Strategy of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest, there is a need to ensure infrastructure is in place, enabling residents to make the switch to electric.

To meet the demand, it is anticipated there will need to be around 600 on-street chargepoints at up to 300 'Connected Corner' sites i.e. on-street charging, usually located near street corners, serving multiple streets. In addition, the plan outlines the need for more than 120 chargepoints in council car parks, along with almost 100 rapid recharge points at service stations in the borough.

A plan has been agreed by cabinet to give our residents confidence that an electric vehicle would meet their daily needs. The 10-year plan is due to begin in the next financial year, when work will start to identify preferred commercial partners to carry out the chargepoint rollout programmes.

Elections on 4th May –you must have photo ID for voting These elections are for the Borough and Parish Council and it is your opportunity to vote for the persons you want to represent you over the next four years in the council and in the parish council. Most residents are on the electoral register but if not, the last date for registering to vote for these elections is Monday 17 April at 11.59pm. Registering to vote is easiest online via www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Due to a national legal change, on Thursday 4 May you will need to show photo ID in order to vote at a polling station for the first time. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark. If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply by Tuesday 25 April for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call 0800 328 0280 to find out more and apply.

Voters will have the usual range of options for casting their ballot – in person, by post, or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote. The deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications is 5pm on Tuesday 18 April. The deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies) is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.

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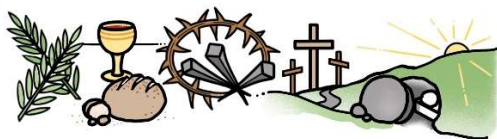
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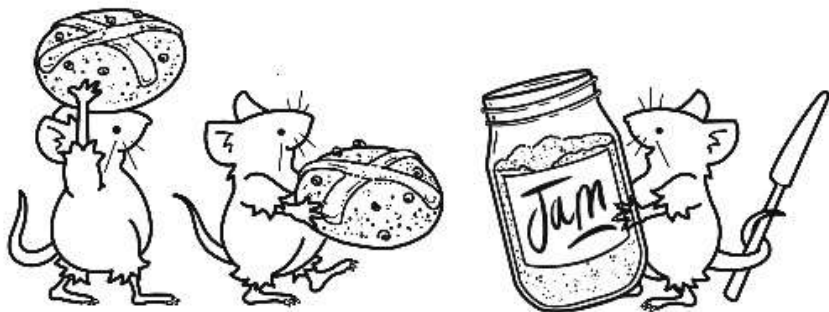


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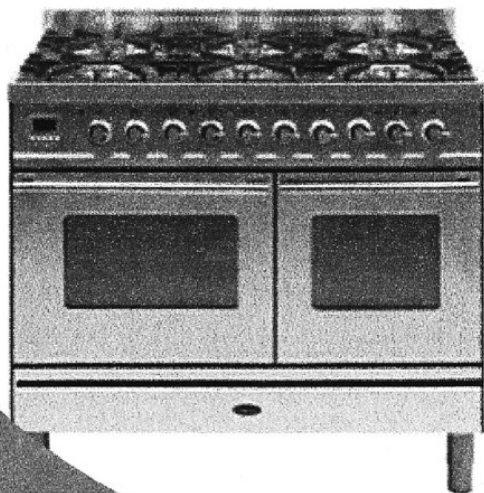
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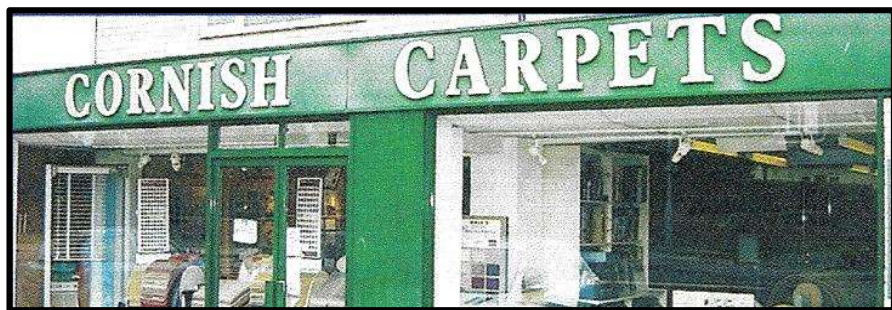
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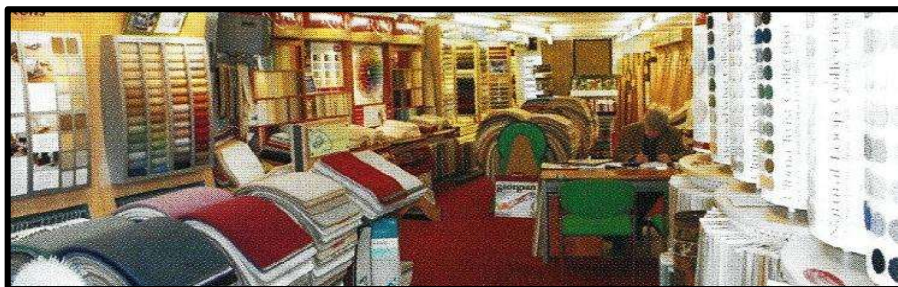


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