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It is of course back to school month. We have some articles to help you ease your way back into the routine. But if you understandably want to keep the holiday mood going there are still great local events happening during September. The three day ‘Always The Sun, Music & Arts Festival’ is back once again as is the Surrey Game and Country Fair. This is an action packed rural day out for all the family. Or staying closer to home, grab a picnic and blanket and go and listen to one of the remaining concerts held on Sundays at the band stand. (p43)

If you would like a night away then you don’t have to travel far to have a most enjoyable one. Read our review about The Richard Onslow on pages p23/23

The Godalming Theatre Group are staging ‘Steel Magnolias’ this autumn so get ahead and book your tickets now.

I am very pleased that Tony Gordon Smith is back continuing his excellent local heritage series.

Back in October.

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Quick Crossword (answers page 38)

Across
8  Heedless, uninformed (7)
9  Capital of Egypt (5)
10 Soft, creamy confectionary (5)
11 Sharp pains (7)
12 Relinquishing (12)
16 Dismantle (4,2,6)
20 Harsh, radical (7)
23 Oppressor, persecutor (5)
24 Choice few, select (5)
25 Keep an eye on (7)

Down
1  1950s hairstyle (5)
2  Ill fortune (4,4)
3  Profession (6)
4  Chair (4)
5  Lively, agile (6)
6  Serenade, croon (4)
7  Formally deliver (7)
13 Sharp pinch (3)
14 Visionary, optimist (8)
15 Scrutinised (7)
17 Snigger (6)
18 Badge, insignia (6)
19 Oven-proof glass (5)
21 Neutralized by alkali (4)
22 Wooden shoe (4)
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Looking down our picturesque Church Street it is easy to allow one’s imagination to run wild and envisage smugglers bringing their contraband up the road in the dead of night. My researches into this subject have revealed very little concrete evidence that such activities did indeed take place. There are tunnels and rumours of tunnels on the North side of Church Street, that is opposite Cornmeter, (the even numbers). One such rumour is that there used to exist a fairly extensive tunnel from the Skinners Arms through the cellars towards the church. What is known is that there is an entrance to a tunnel that runs into the vaults on the south side of the church from Church House.

I suspect that this tunnel was more likely to be associated with religious persecution than with smuggling.

Further research came up with the curious fact that for many, many years from the twelfth century onwards most smuggling was of wool which was being taken out of England to the continent. English fleeces were highly valued by the weavers in the low countries where the finest fabrics were woven. Successive monarchs had raised taxes to pay for their armies and other excesses. The tax (at the rate of about 34p per woolsack) was collected at markets or “staples” rather than by counting sheep. Around the year 1200AD about 30,000 woolsacks were officially exported, having paid
tax, but without properly organised customs men, it was fairly simple to smuggle wool across the channel, thus avoiding the tax. In Kent and Sussex these smugglers were called “owlers” (presumably because of their night time activities.

Godalming was a major player in the woollen industry in the Mediaeval period, ranking in size and importance above Nottingham, for example. The port of Shoreham is only 6 hours away by horse and there is good evidence to show that this harbour was well used by smugglers. It would therefore be surprising if some of the “enterprising” men of Godalming, which has a woolsack as part of its coat of arms, were not involved in this nefarious trade. However, such matters were all rather “hush hush” so very few records of smuggling activity have been uncovered.

Edward I (1312 -1377) being desperate for money, introduced a tax on imported wine, called “tunnage” This was 3s4d (about 17p in today's money) per barrel (or “tun”). He also used the practice of charging the bigger ships a “prize” or “prise” if they carried more than 20 barrels. The prise was one barrel from before the mast and one barrel from behind the mast.

Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) mentioned in one of her books a story she heard as a young girl of a doctor in Godalming being taken blindfolded and at night to some caves somewhere south of the town to treat a smuggler who had been wounded by a gunshot from the customs men. These caves were used to store contraband brought up from Shoreham, until the coast was clear. The goods would then be dispersed on “dark, moonless nights”.

Sadly, these days it is not “lace for the ladies or brandy for the rector” that are being brought in illegally, but rather weapons and desperate people.

Five and twenty ponies
Trotting through the dark-
Brandy for the Parson
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A local charity based at Surrey University is undertaking ground breaking research into cancer immunotherapy. However, like many other charities, it receives no funding from the government and relies on charity funding to top-up research grants.

Topic of Cancer helps fund Surrey-based Professor Pandha’s Oncology Unit’s research into cancer immunotherapies, promotes awareness of these highly effective treatments, builds networks of local support groups (three are in Surrey) and is soon to launch fitness classes for those living with cancer. The aim of immunotherapy research is to use and stimulate the body’s own immune system to recognise and destroy a tumour. Current chemo and radio-therapies use a sledge hammer approach to treatment: all cancer cells including healthy normal cells, are targeted and damaged, resulting in unpleasant side effects for the patients. Immunotherapy is a treatment that stimulates the body’s immune system to fight cancer resulting in dramatically reduced side effects.

This year, the research team are working on a number of significant projects: developing a novel ‘cancer-killing’ virus to treat breast cancer; investigating at what stage and why the immune system becomes dysfunctional in kidney cancer and why certain types of bowel cancer may be more sensitive to checkpoint immunotherapy.

Managed by a small team of volunteer Trustees means administration costs are less than one percent leaving the majority of money raised to go towards its worthy cause.

The work Professor Pandha and the team undertake is cutting-edge. They work in partnership with many other research institutes (Cancer Research UK and the national Cancer Institute in the US) to develop better cancer treatments and improve survival rates.

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Many of us are so concerned that we are employing private tutors to help our children achieve their goals.

How do I know whether my child might benefit from private tuition?

Is your child struggling with course work? Are they stressed about certain lessons? Do they avoid certain subjects during homework sessions?

Does your child find course material too simple? Do they complain of boredom and does the teacher accuse them of being disruptive or a daydreamer?

Do you feel that your child is neglected by the system because they are neither special needs, nor especially gifted?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions then your child might benefit from private tuition.

What sort of tutor should I choose?

School is probably the best place to start. They know your child already and might be able to offer ‘in school’ help.

Even if that isn’t an option good teachers will be happy to discuss what your child needs from a tutor. Some children require just a little extra attention and support with homework. Others benefit from learning study skills. Others might need to re-learn things they missed through absence or that they simply didn’t understand the first time around.

What do I look for?

It sounds obvious but you really need someone who can teach! Being specialised in a subject area is great but teaching skills are everything. A tutor should be able to relate to a child and explain things at his level.

Once or twice a week for two or three months is a good starting point. After this time you should have a good idea how much tutoring is helping your child.

What questions should I ask?

Check professional references and qualifications.

Ask to see a copy of their CRB (criminal Records Bureau) check

Ask about any career gaps on their CV

If the tutor is employed at a school you can ask for a reference from the head teacher.

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Moving from single to married or civil partnership status is a great moment in life. Not only does it mark the start of an exciting journey together, it also brings a change in legal status and opportunities for tax savings from the couple’s combined income.

If spouses have different levels of income and are paying income tax at different rates, there may be savings to be had from equalising the two. For straightforward salaries there can be little you can do, but investments or bank accounts could be transferred to the lower-income spouse to reduce the tax paid across the couple. If you have your own business, do consider employing your lower income spouse, or creating a partnership or transferring company shares.

The married couple’s allowance also lets you transfer £1,150 of your Personal Allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner - if they earn more than you. This reduces the higher earner’s tax bill by up to £230. To benefit as a couple, the lower earner must have an income of £11,500 or less.

If your assets as a couple include a second property, take care with its designated ownership and bear in mind that transfers between the two of you are exempt. Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on additional properties is currently charged at either 18% or 28% depending on a person’s income level, so it may make sense to transfer part ownership to the spouse with the lower income rate, thereby reducing CGT on the sale.

When it comes to pensions, whilst a husband, wife or civil partner should automatically inherit their spouse’s final salary pension and secure an increase in state pension, it’s important to make a declaration of trust in relation to your defined contribution plans. This is much simpler than it sounds and ensures that your pension pot definitely goes to your spouse.

There are definite tax advantages to being a married or civil partnership couple so familiarise yourselves with the various thresholds where certain tax rates kick in, as well as your allowances. Don’t pay more tax than you need to.

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Whether you view the end of the summer holidays with sadness or a sense of relief, there’s a lot to do before that new school term starts.

Clothing. You’ve already bought all uniform items, including shoes and bags, haven’t you? Hopefully everything has been tried on recently. Children grow, often very suddenly, and usually during the first week of term! Now label everything. Iron-on labels save time, but can peel off after a few washes. Make sure you have spares.

Stationery. What child doesn’t love a new, filled pencil case. It gets the school year off to a good start. Buy a few extras too so they’re available for when junior suddenly announces “I can’t possibly go to school because my favourite pen is missing”.

Hassle-free mornings. Create an area near the door for all school items. Ensure all bags, sports equipment, musical instruments, shoes etc. ‘live’ there at all times. No more time-wasting and morning stress, scouring the place frantically for missing items. Well that’s the theory…it must be worth a try! Get as much as possible ready the night before. A calendar or timetable for each child will help everyone be more organised.

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Right on that high street sits The Richard Onslow which is a busy pub/restaurant with ten bedrooms and an appealing menu. It prides itself on aiming for perfection on a small scale, fuelled by passion for good food and drink.

So back in July when the sun blazed all day and we foolishly thought summer was here to stay, my partner and I fancying a twenty four hour break, packed a bag and booked a room.

We were greeted by the delightful Deputy Manager, Tom, who showed us to our room. The décor throughout is modern, muted and unfussy which works well in this historical building. There are ten ensuite rooms mainly in the pub itself, with others tucked away across the court yard. All have power showers, free Wifi and flat screen televisions. Ours was extremely comfortable with a luxurious bathroom and a large seating area.

By now feeling hungry we returned downstairs where there was a good mixture of locals and guests at the bar. Ordering a pint of Surrey Hills Shere Drop and a flute of Italian prosecco we chose to eat al fresco. However, the attractive relaxed restaurant would be perfect on a cooler day.

There is a fine selection of wines starting at £18.00 a bottle and many sold by the glass. If you are driving or just not a drinker then there are interesting mocktails to choose from too.

Head Chef, Tom Ebbon, grew up around good food and has put together a very enticing summer menu. I started with the warm crispy camembert, tomato chutney and rocket. The camembert was delicious but in truth is large enough for two. My partner chose the salt and pepper squid with garlic mayonnaise which he was reluctant to share as it was beautifully crispy and cooked to perfection. Other diners were tucking into the Brixham crab, potato blini and sour cream with spring onion which looked good too.

Not in a hurry we requested a bit of a rest before
our mains and happily watched the world go by. My partner believes you can judge a restaurant by how they cook their steaks. To this end he chose the 28 day dry-aged 280g rib eye steak served with peppercorn sauce, watercress and chips. He requested medium rare and it arrived cooked perfectly to order. All steaks are supplied by award winning butcher Aubrey Allen. I couldn’t decide between the pan-fried sea bass fillets, coconut and curry leaf sauce with pilau rice and flat breads or the free range flat iron chicken, confit garlic, butter and lemon with skinny chips. I went with the sea bass and what a good choice that was. The two flavours in the aromatic sauce complemented each other nicely without ever overpowering the fish. Lovely.

If you are not a pudding person there is a good selection of cheeses which change according to the season and are properly aged to be served ripe and ready.

We are pudding people so again sticking to what he likes my partner jumped at the Tiramisu and Valrhona chocolate sauce while I chose the summer pudding and clotted cream. Both hideously calorific but we were of course on holiday. I was glad we didn’t have far to travel as we were both nicely full before turning in.

After a good night’s sleep we eased into the day with fresh coffee and one of the many newspapers around. Breakfast is available until the very civilised time of 11.30 am. I opted for fashionable avocado on sourdough with scrambled eggs, spring onion and chilli with my partner choosing a traditional full English which did look excellent. Along with freshly squeezed orange juice we both felt set up for the day.

It is always a balancing act to provide a place that locals are happy to call their own, a top quality restaurant and relaxing weekend hideaway for visitors to the area. I can happily say it is an act Colin, the manager, and his team are performing well. We will be back rain or shine.

**Date for your diary!!** ONSLOW MASTERCHEF

Thursday 14th September 2017

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September 29, 30 and October 1 at 7:30PM

Life is complicated at the Lyceum Theatre in 1890s London. Actor-Manager Henry Irving is doing everything he can to keep his theatre up and running and to keep his star actress, the famous Ellen Terry, happy. Rehearsals are underway. Henry needs a success. Ellen watches impatiently. When it’s her turn with the great man himself on stage there’s a subtext of longing and desire. They have a history. But they’re both married to other people and are now merely professional colleagues. Aren’t they? Tired of the classics, will Ellen be lured by that upstart George Bernard Shaw to seek new and challenging roles elsewhere?

As local history buffs will tell you, Ellen (barely aged 16) was briefly married to, and modelled for, G.F. Watts. His paintings are the sumptuous backdrop for the play. Taster scenes from the play will be performed at Watts Gallery by the actors to whet your appetite during the September Heritage Open Days.

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Preparation Time: 20-30 minutes
Cooking time: 2 hours thirty minutes
Makes 6 baked apples

Ingredients
6 apples
90g / 3.5 oz Butter – chopped into cubes
35g / 1.5oz slivered almonds
35g / 1.5oz chopped walnuts
½ tsp Ground cinnamon
225g / 8oz Light brown sugar
180ml / 6fl oz single cream
125ml / 4.5 fl oz apple juice

Method
Core the unpeeled apples but only go ¾ of the way through. Make the hole about 4cm / 1.5inches across. Then score the skin around the centre of the apple (to allow for expansion in the cooker).
Mix 30g of the butter with the nuts and, cinnamon and 60g of the sugar. Press the mixture into the apple cavities.
Into the slow cooker pour the cream, apple juice and remaining butter and sugar. Stand the apples in the sauce, cover and cook on the ‘high’ setting for about 2 hours 30 minutes, until the apples are tender.
Remove the apples from the cooker and keep warm. Drain the sauce into a small saucepan, bring to the boil then simmer for about 5 minutes, stirring continuously until it thickens. Pour the sauce over the apples and serve.
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Hands up if you own a T-shirt. I’m guessing nearly all of us do. Our favourite garment is an American import, first issued by the U.S. Navy in the late 19th century around the time of the Spanish American War. The crew-necked, short sleeved top was meant to be worn as underwear beneath the uniform. It got its iconic name from its shape when laid flat, resembling the letter “T”. The lightweight fabric quickly made it popular with dockworkers, farmers, miners, and men in the construction trade, who began to adopt the T-shirt, preferring its lightweight fabric in hot weather.

Cotton was at the time inexpensive, and the fact it was easy to clean meant it also became the garment of choice for mothers to buy as outerwear for their boys. By the 1920’s “T-shirt” had become an official American-English word in the Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary.

It’s thought the first T-shirts printed with logos were actually made for the film The Wizard of Oz! They were green T-shirts with ‘OZ’ printed on them in white, and were worn by workers in the Emerald City. I admit I’d never noticed the T-shirts prior to my research and I’ve watched the film dozens of times!

The credit for the first printed T-shirt in a photograph is attributed to the Air Corps Gunnery School T-shirt featured on the July 13th, 1942 cover of LIFE magazine. Mickey Mouse was the first ‘celebrity’ to be featured a few years later. Marlon Brando played his part in making the T-shirt a seriously cool fashion item when he wore a tight white one in the film, A Streetcar Named Desire.

In the late 1960’s, the printed T-shirt gradually became a means of self expression, advertising, wearable art, and political protest. At some point in our lives most of us have owned an iconic one. Think of the yellow ‘happy face’ T-shirt, the Rolling Stones ‘tongue and lips’ logo, or the CHOOSE LIFE T-shirts of the eighties.

The garment has a long history as an object of protest and political point-scoring. Green MP Caroline Lucas wore a T-shirt displaying the slogan ‘No More Page Three’ in large lettering during a Commons debate on sexism in the media. Harriet Harman sat in parliament wearing one bearing the message ‘This is what a feminist looks like.’ In some parts of the world such messages can have serious consequences for the wearer. Last year an LGBT protester and entrepreneur in Burma printed T-shirts with “Gay is OK” on them (in a country where it is still most decidedly not) and a 20-year-old Egyptian man marked his second year in detention, without charge or trial, for wearing a T-shirt which bore a ‘Nation without torture’ message.

The humble T-shirt may not be so humble after all. The next time you grab one from the wash basket you might want to consider what your tee says about you!
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Groomers are not actually required to hold any qualifications, but the BDGA and RSPCA recommend that you only use those that do; the most recognised qualification route for dog groomers in the UK is the City and Guilds qualifications. Ask to see any certificates.

Finding a groomer that belongs to a trade organisation provides extra peace of mind. Groomers can join the British Dog Groomers Association (BDGA), through which they can keep up with trends on safety, health and other issues related to grooming through continued education, training and support.

Meet the groomer with your dog before employing them. You need to like and trust them and be confident that they will look after your pet. Ask questions. Do they use reward-based training methods to make the experience positive for the dog? Are the facilities clean and secure? Above all it should be a place where you feel comfortable leaving your pet.

A good groomer will ask for proof of vaccination before using their services, to stop the spread of contagious diseases between dogs. If it is a large establishment there should be sufficient staff to look after the needs of the animals in their care. A single groomer running on an appointment-only basis should leave enough time for each grooming session. Be sure to discuss any special needs your pet has, such as sensitive skin, or a nervous disposition, and then ensure that you are happy that the groomer will cater for them. Many dogs don’t like having their paws touched. Ask the groomer how they would handle this.

Check all references and ask to see a copy of their police check or CRB certificate, to check that they do not have a criminal background. Ask to see evidence they have insurance to cover your pet in case of an emergency.

Finally be realistic about price. A bargain price may not be such a bargain if the job is shoddy or worse, leads to an expensive visit to the vet.

By Louise Addison
Steel Magnolias is the bittersweet story of six women who gather under the dryers at Truvy’s Beauty Salon to share gossip, laughter, recipes and beauty secrets on four significant days across three years of their lives in a small US Southern town. When tragedy strikes, they face it with spirit and strength, supporting each other through thick and thin.

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The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom

One day a phone rings, then another one, and another. Now a small church in a small town in Michigan needs to deal with the question of what really happened. And it is only a matter of time before the country, and the world, is asking the question too.

All the calls have one thing in common: the callers are deceased and want to tell their loved ones about heaven; to tell them that death is not the end. The town becomes a place of pilgrimage for people who are desperate to hear from their own friends and family.

Of course, some are sceptical. Single father Sully – still grieving for his wife – is concerned when his young son starts asking why his mum hasn’t phoned him. So he sets out to unearth the true source of the phone calls.

This touching novel is beautifully written and builds to a page turning climax. Will Sully find out where the calls are coming from? Or are they really coming from heaven?

Ultimately, the novel isn’t about where they came from. In fact it doesn’t really matter. Albom draws on our natural fear, not of our own deaths but of losing a loved one. What he offers is a story of a group of people who draw hope and comfort from these seemingly miraculous events. And that is the inspiring message from this book. Maybe heaven exists, and maybe it doesn’t, but whether you believe or not, you can still take something from this thought provoking novel.

Tom’s Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

When you are born you occupy a small slot within history and for that period of time you live your life in your own way. But how much thought do you give to those people who came before you? Your house or your school now may have been someone else’s house or school; a place where someone else grew up and had hopes for the future.

Tom is getting ready to enjoy his summer holiday when his older brother comes down with measles. To ensure that he doesn’t catch it, Tom is sent to stay with an aunt and uncle who live in a small flat at the top of a large old house. This is not how he imagined spending the summer. One night he is lying in bed, unable to sleep, when he hears the old grandfather clock in the house chiming. He counts the chimes. 9 ... 10 ... 11 ... 12 ... 13. And so the most amazing and magical summer of Tom’s life begins as he meets Hatty, a young girl who wears strange clothes.

This 1958 novel is a children’s classic and is frequently rated as one of the best children’s novels published since the war. It is inspiring with its message that life is to be lived to the full and reminds children that even their grandparents were young once.
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SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER - 7PM
As the summer starts to slip away it’s time to get busy in the garden again. If you grow your own fruit and veg you will be busy harvesting brassicas, roots and potatoes as well as salad crops, apples and pears. Leaves will be starting to colour and drop soon so be ready with bin bags to store them for conversion into your own mulch. Try to resist tidying the garden too much as birds and other wildlife will appreciate seedheads and a ‘natural’ corner. Birds will be returning to feeders and water containers soon – remember to clean them out to prevent potentially deadly parasites and toxic bacteria. Otherwise, make the most of what will hopefully be an Indian summer.

Here are 10 jobs to do in your garden during September:

- Your lawn is probably not looking its best at the moment but don’t worry, it should recover well with a bit of TLC and some autumn rainfall. Reduce mowing frequency and, ideally, scarify (raking out the dead grass and moss) and spike to improve drainage. Top dress with a soil/sand/compost mix and apply lawn feed. Its important to use autumn lawn feed as this is designed to strengthen grass to see it through the winter as opposed to spring feed which encourages grass to grow leaving it susceptible to cold weather.

- Squash should be ripening now. In order to prepare them for storage its important to cure the fruits by cutting them with the stalk intact and standing them in a sunny spot. Then move them to a warm room to harden their skins before removing to a dry, airy place for storage over the coming months.
• Divide and replant any congested perennials and make a note of any gaps in the borders that will need filling next year. Now is also a good time to plant perennials, evergreen trees and shrubs so they get established while the soil is still warm.

• It’s time to start the great tidying process. Clear out annuals as they go over adding them to your compost area. If you can sow hardy annuals now then do so as you will be rewarded with bigger, stronger plants which flower several weeks earlier than spring sown. Try Papaver varieties (oriental poppies), scabious and calendula (marigolds).

• Tis the season to plant your spring bulbs. If you have a large empty pot then try planting a ‘bulb lasagne’ for an extended flowering period next year. Larger, later flowering bulbs, eg tulips go at the bottom with smaller, earlier flowering bulbs on top (eg. crocus or grape hyacinth). Make the surface look smart with a layer of grit.

• Sow autumn-winter picking salad leaves including a row of rocket seeds. Space seeds 2” apart which makes thinning out to form a second row easier. Salad rocket will survive any potentially cold, wet autumnal weather.

• Existing strawberry plants will have sent out runners which you can now pot up to make new plants for next summer.

• Clean out your greenhouse in readiness for bringing in anything tender for the winter. A good cleanse will reduce the risk of pest and disease.

• Cut back the canes of summer fruiting raspberries to ground level after harvesting; do not leave old stubs. Select the strongest young canes, around six to eight per plant, and tie them in 8 –10cm (3–4in) apart along the wire supports. Remove the remaining young stems to ground level.

• Clip a conifer hedge too late and the immature new shoots will be damaged by frost. This is one of the major causes of browning of conifer hedges. So, if not done already, get hedges in shape in early September.
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For more information look on our website www.godalmingflowerclub.com
Contact; Linda on T: 0148349572 or email Lindatompkins42@gmail.com.

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