

**BROMLEY & SHEPPARDS COLLEGES**



# *Herald*

April/May 2024



# Welcome

Dear Collegians and Friends,

The Herald is a little late this month, as Jo was on a well-deserved Easter holiday. March was a busy month, with Lent meditations, a great Red Nose event, which raised about £250, our usual charity coffee mornings and, of course, our Holy Week and Easter liturgy

Our cover pictures, front and back, is of the post box in College Road, celebrating Easter, which followed on from a celebration for St Patrick's topped (photos by Angela King).

As ever, thanks to Jo, for printing and delivering the Herald each month (and I hope you had a wonderful holiday!)

The next Herald will be for June, and the deadline is Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send contributions to me, preferably by email to: [therevvedbee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:therevvedbee@hotmail.co.uk)

*Brandy Pearson*



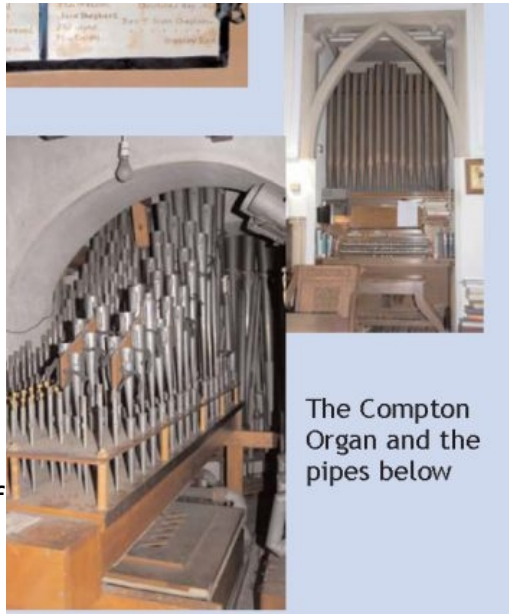
## A Coming Event

You are warmly invited to an organ recital in the College Chapel on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

It will be followed by refreshments in the common room and donations will be in aid of the chapel fund.

The Reverend Michael Keen who has served the Colleges as organist for many years is giving the recital to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the organ and to commemorate former organists Jack Coxwell FRCO, 1934-93, who played for us for 60 years, and for Duncan James.

*David Darling*



## **Red Nose Day Doing Something for Money for Comic Relief**



I believe it was over coffee after Keep Fit one Tuesday, that Janet Heatley shared her idea to put on an event for Red Nose Day, to raise money for Comic Relief, on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Common Room.

Over the next couple of weeks, people signed up to “do a turn”, and Paul Allton put in a lot of work finding popular items online. This programme was put together:

- 10.30            Coffee
- 10.40            Lenny Henry & David Tennant  
                    Dad’s Army – Floral Dance
- 11.00            Collegians perform
- 11.15            Hancock’s Half Hour – The Radio Ham
- 11.45            Beckham in Peckham  
                    The Two Ronnies – Cricket Comm.  
                    Downton Abbey – Upstairs Downstairs  
                    French & Saunders - The Repair Shop  
                    Ronnie Corbett – My Blackberry

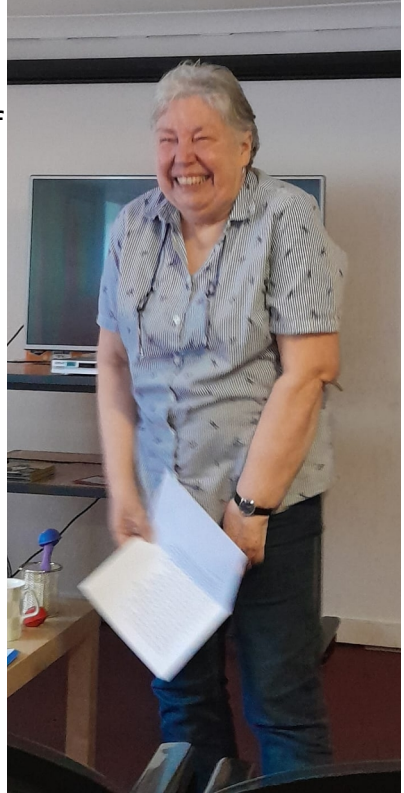


- 12.30 Lunch – bring your own sandwiches  
12.45 Dave Allen – Teaching kids the time  
13.00 Collegians perform  
13.15 Laurel & Hardy  
13.45 Simon Cowell’s Wedding Day  
14.15 Close

Here are some photos of the day. My particular favourite is of Janet Woodger, reading her favourite comic poem by Pam Ayres and giving in to a fit of giggles!

There is also Cecil Heatley in a suitable jesters hat, Paul Jenkins giving a spirited version of an Alan Bennett sketch, Brandy reading a comic poem and Roy singing a funny song.

About £250 was raised for Comic Relief, plus £40 for the purchase of Red Noses, so it was a very worthwhile event, as well as providing some wonderful laughs!



*Brandy Pearson*



## A Thank You from Christine



Thank you for everyone who worked so hard for a great Red Nose Day. I was sad to miss some of it.

My favourite clip was the "Teaching a child to read the time." There are three hands. The first hand is the

hour hand. The second hand is the minute hand and the third hand is the second hand.

There are some great natural jokers here too. It was pouring down. I was on my way to the shop dressed for the weather. Peter to me, "Don't shrink." Later Roy to me, "You look as if you're going to rescue someone in a life boat."

*Christine Latham*





# Magnolias

One of the signs of spring in our grounds are the blossoms on the magnolia trees. Here is a beautiful picture by Yvonne Fairlamb.

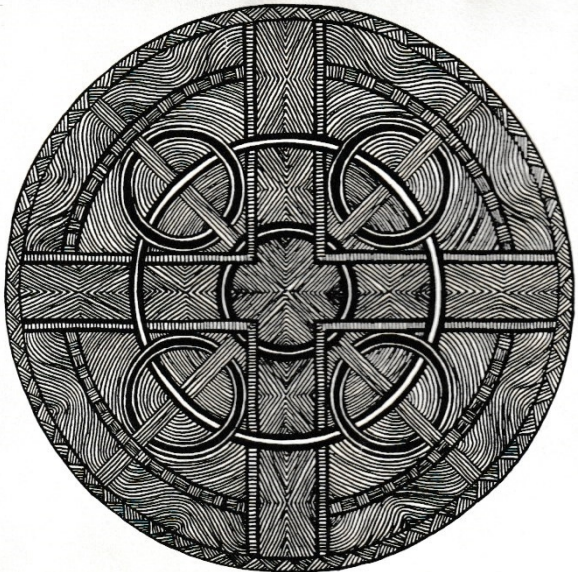
Did you know that magnolias are very ancient trees, that developed before the evolution of bees, so they are pollinated by particular beetles?



## Lent Meditations

This year, it was decided that our Lent course would take the form of meditations on the coming Sunday's gospel by various members of the college. Sadly Michael Riley had signed up for one of them, but was no longer with us when the time came.

The cross mandala below, was part of my meditation on *"take up your cross and follow me"* and Paul Allton gave a beautiful stone, that Ruth had polished, to each person that came, as a response to *"Like living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."* Angela showed an extract from the 1977



Television series "Jesus of Nazareth" for Palm Sunday.

It was an interesting idea, that I, personally, hope might be repeated another year.

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# Easter at Bromley & Sheppard's Colleges



The Lighting of the Easter Fire



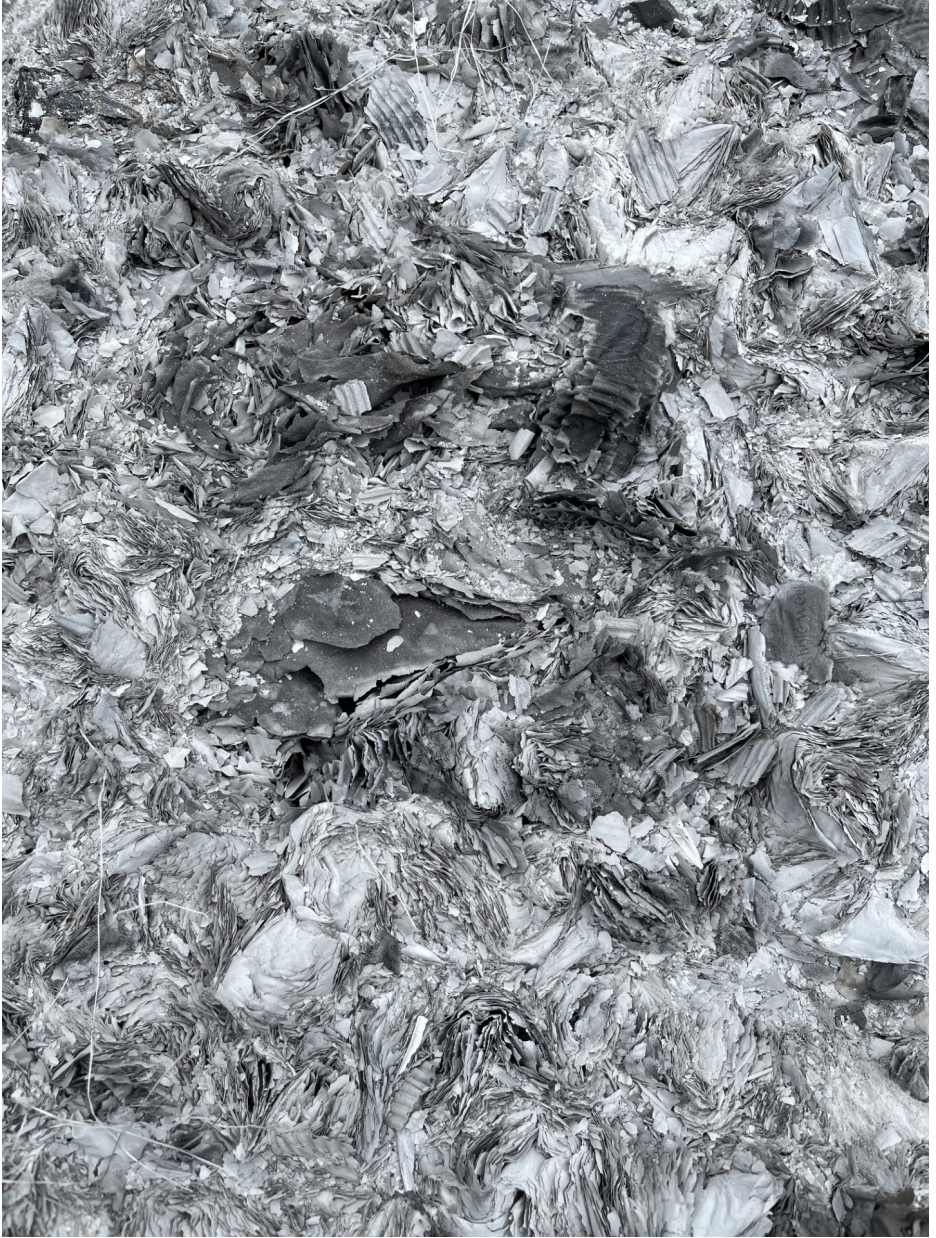


## Lighting the Paschal Candle

Despite the calm weather, the breeze was whirling around the quad, making lighting the fire and the Paschal Candle a complex procedure!

*Photos by Janet Heatley*





## **Easter Ashes**

Yvonne Fairlamb took this rather wonderful photo of the ashes of the Easter Fire.

Afterwards, she was concerned about the symbolism of ashes in a world where so much is being destroyed in Gaza, Ukraine and other parts of the world.

So I found this poem, a hopeful poem about ashes, which seemed appropriate to the Easter Season.

## **The Seed-Shop**

Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,  
Faded as crumbled stone or shifting sand,  
Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled, scentless, dry -  
Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams;  
A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust  
That will drink deeply of a century's streams;  
These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death,  
Sealed in their shells, a million roses leap;  
Here I can blow a garden with my breath,  
And in my hand a forest lies asleep.

*Muriel Stuart*

## Easter Day Sherry and Nibbles

After our Eucharist for Easter Day, we met together for sherry and nibbles in the Board Room, organised by David Darling

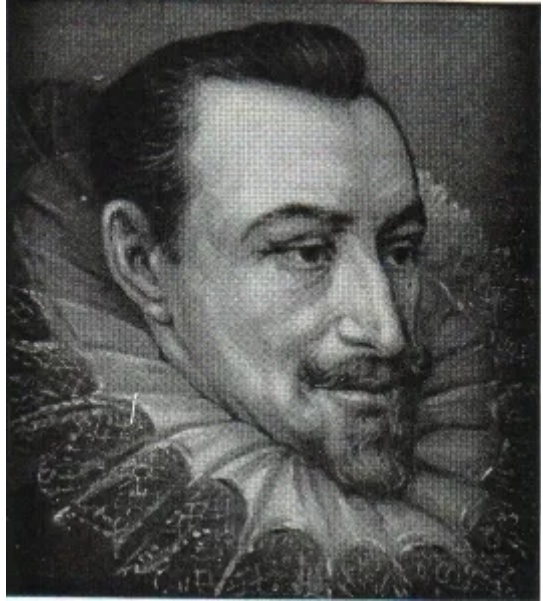




# Easter

by

Edmund Spenser



Most glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;  
And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away  
Captivity thence captive, us to win:  
This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;  
And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye,  
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity!

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;  
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy,  
With love may one another entertayne!  
So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought,  
—Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.



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