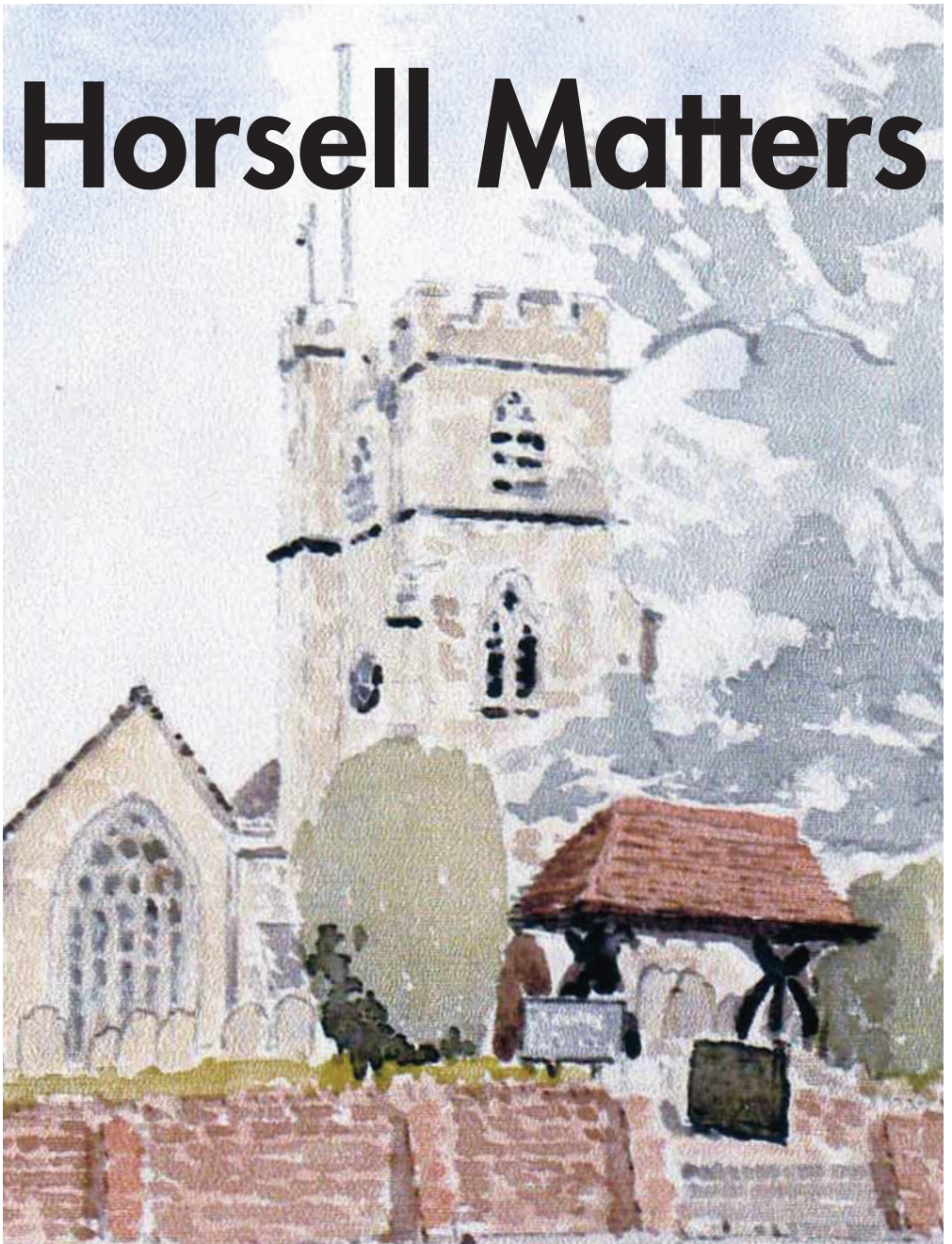


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July/August 2018

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Community Building

One of the things I have found in the five years that I have been Vicar here in Horsell (gosh, doesn't time fly by!) is that Horsell does "community" well. In fact it does it with a big C. It does seem to be one of the very distinctive marks of Horsell and a great blessing for all of us who live here. Something to give real thanks for.

And what a plethora of community events we have in summertime. You may have just been on the Garden Safari and now have the Picnic on the Green, Village Show and ongoing Flowerpot festival to look forward to.

But I wonder what it is that draws us into community together. Is it the distinctive geographical boundaries of the Basingstoke Canal and Horsell Common? Is it the enthusiasm of small groups of people like Horsell Care or the Horsell Residents and Second Thursday Club who act as a catalyst to so many events or who so self-sacrificially pick the litter from our streets or plan what to do in an emergency?

Whatever it is, God has said that it isn't good for individuals to be alone, so community is undoubtedly a good thing. And indeed an opportunity for us all to demonstrate the second of those two great commandments the Bible teaches us: "love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself". Being lonely and 'going it alone' aren't good things, are they? Having companionship and a community to belong to is so very often important to our sense of identity and our wellbeing and indeed has been shown even to affect our longevity and personal happiness scores.

The wonderful thing is that God is also drawing a community together. His great plan is to build a community for himself – indeed a family of brothers and sisters in Christ. God says of this community that it is his treasured possession. I feel very privileged to be part of the community here in Horsell but I feel even more privileged to be part of God's family and his treasured possession. I wonder if you are a member of both too?

Wishing you every blessing in Christ,

Sarah Hayes

Wood Turning - an old craft in modern hands

After making one bowl at the age of fifteen, Horsell's Mike Tozer showed no interest in producing wooden objects until, when visiting the Lost Gardens of Heligan six years ago, he saw a wood turner at work. Mike was intrigued, fascinated – and wanted to do that too.

He had just retired and had time to spend learning a new hobby. He spent two days in intensive learning with a professional wood turner and then, as he puts it, he was ready to play. He began to see what he could do in his workshop garage at home. He bought a lathe, and, two years later, a much better lathe.

His first pieces were tentative, such as a little Christmas tree he made one October. By Christmas, he'd had requests for 90, and he makes them still, sometimes as a little warming up exercise at the start of a day's work.

'The thing with wood,' Mike says, 'is that you never stop learning.' He regularly gets together with other members of the Surrey Association of Woodturners, to hear and watch professionals, and he has a respected mentor to whom he can turn. There are also two other wood turners in Horsell, and the three support each other, swapping experiences and advice. Then there is the frank criticism offered by his family, always quick to assess new work!



In wood turning, every piece provides a new experience. No two bits of wood are the same, and each kind of tree also has its distinct characteristics. They can keep their secrets – knots, imperfections – until they are on the lathe. 'After all,' says Mike, 'you never see inside a tree.'

Mike may pursue his hobby every day at times during the winter, rather less often in summer, when his other interests, tall ship sailing and walking, compete for his time, but a whole working day may pass without his noticing, while he is in his workshop.



Mike's lathe is electric powered and capable of many variations.

He uses it, and a gouge, to shape a piece; then the lathe and several grades of sandpaper smooth the wood; then the piece is sealed and waxed and occasionally coloured.

Most of Mike's work is left uncoloured, as he feels that the natural beauty of the various woods cannot be bettered.

And even faults in the wood can be incorporated into his designs.

It's a hobby that is sometimes remunerative. Other people admire, and then buy, the bowls, boxes, candle holders and other things that Mike loves to make. Some he gives away to charities. And he's never at loss for something to do; there's always a new bit of wood to explore; a unique turned object to be discovered with lathe and gouge.

It all goes to prove that you are never too old to learn something new!

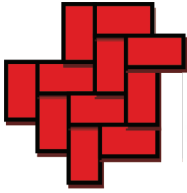
EXERCISE IN THE OPEN AIR IN THE CENTRE OF HORSELL

We are always being encouraged to get more exercise – it's good for our hearts, our health and our waistlines. If you haven't yet found the right activity for you then why not join the team of volunteer gardeners in St Mary's churchyard? All are welcome and you certainly don't need to be Chelsea Flower Show standard to join in – it's all enjoyable and worthwhile.

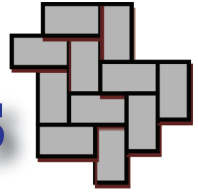
You can come along as often as you wish or join in our scheduled work parties, which are frequently accompanied by tea and cake and so a good opportunity to get to know other people as well. If you prefer you could be allocated your own patch and gain a real sense of achievement by keeping it in good order. A little competitive spirit is always a good thing!

We have the tools if you have the time, contact the church office on 01483 772134 and one of the volunteers will be in contact.

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A New Wildflower Garden in Horsell

St. Mary's Churchyard Team and the Woodlanders have trialled a wild flower garden this year on the rough ground at the end of the Churchyard nearest the footpaths. The new garden was on display as part of the Horsell Garden Safari but it is constantly changing as new flowers come out so do drop by and take a look – it has involved a lot of creativity and hard work!

There are three areas of planting towards the end of the Churchyard nearest the public footpaths: below the sycamore tree; the area in front of this; and the large area parallel to the wall, which is in partial shade.



A "before" photo: Brian Hughes and Geoff Hughes (not related!) hard at work moving earth from the mound before levelling,

The mound underneath the sycamore, a sunny spot, was planted with foxgloves, marguerite, red campion, forget me nots and others either grown from seed or dug up from a local vegetable patch and planted from March onwards.

In front of that was a rough, grassy area: it was rotovated, weeded and hoed and then planted with annuals grown from seed in the greenhouse (sown March/April), which grow wild in some parts of the world. They include marigolds (calendula and French) cerinthe, rudbeckia, cornflower, cosmos, love in a mist (nigella) and others. They were planted out on 10th May.

Some of this planting amazingly started to flower in late May and early June and looks very natural and pretty but the wild garden is likely to look its best in July.



Early Growth on its way as the seeds and new planting gets underway



Here you can see a host of cornflowers, marguerites and red campion surrounding an early poppy

The area parallel to the wall was sown with rows of “wild” flowers, Victoria Cross poppies and phacelia on April 11th. The wild flower seed was supplied by Kew last year and there are many species, which may or may not grow! The following are listed: betony, corncockle, garlic mustard, foxglove, greater stitchwort, hedge bedstraw, nettle leaved bell flower, perforate St John’s wort, ragged robin, red campion, selfheal, upright hedge parsley, wood sage and that is just in the packet labelled “Urban Woodland”! Another packet purports to have: common knapweed, cornflower, corn chamomile, corn cockle, corn marigold, corn poppy, hedge bedstraw, meadow buttercup, oxeye daisy, ribwort plantain, viper’s bugloss, yarrow. So why not see what you can spot.

We are not sure how this will all grow because it was dry and hot so germination was poor. It will make an interesting experiment to compare the three areas and see how each area does this year and how the plants subsequently selfseed or come again next year.



Love in a mist and an intrepid slug

Sporting Success

Horsell Junior School's netball team is magnificent! They are District Netball Champions for 2018 and can be seen here holding their well-deserved trophy.

The matches were all hard fought but the massive amounts of practice and training that the squad had put in paid off and they won the day, even though Horsell felt that their competition in the final was the hardest team Horsell had ever played. The team were particularly appreciative of their coaches Mr Coles and Miss Freed.

All the tournament matches were a very good standard but the final was particularly exciting as it was on a knife edge, with both teams having equal numbers of goals scored, until almost the last few seconds. As the whistle blew the team Captain Sadie

scored what the umpires described as a 'golden goal' and so won the championship. The team were really happy to have won their trophy back for another year.

Since then the team has also reached the final of the Copper Box Netball Tournament, one of the biggest netball tournaments in Surrey. It is a remarkable achievement to do so well consistently.



Horsell Junior School's District Netball Champions 2018

Horsell's year 5 and 6 girl's cricket team has also had outstanding success at the Kwik Cricket Tournament they played on 22nd May. This was their first competitive game so they weren't expecting to win.

However, with great determination, they played a series of much more confident teams and to their surprise won the Tournament. They too were very appreciative of all Mr Coles's help and coaching and of all the parent supporters who cheered them on.

Woking High School – replacement minibus fundraising appeal

The Friends of Woking High School have taken on a new challenge to support Woking High School. The Governors and the Friends will be working together to help the school to source a newer model 17 seater school bus. Our target is to raise £10,000 towards the bus and the appeal will run to December 2018.

Every one of the twelve hundred children in the school has been, or is likely to be, transported in one of the buses for at least one activity during their time at school. The school mini buses are used by almost every part of the school for PE activities, Duke of Edinburgh Award outings, music, off site learning, competitions and visits. Without the buses, the school would have to ask for additional contributions to cover external transport hire. The school minibuses are an integral part of the school daily life as well as also being used by the local community.

So how important are our minibuses?



- They were used 183/195 days of the school year
- This equated to an average of 396 journeys, an average of 2.2 uses per day
- Plus additional instances of Community Use

WHS has created a Just Giving website to make it easier for you to donate, so please use the following link

www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/schoolbus

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If you run or are part of a local business would you like to support the school by sponsoring the bus? Or do you know of any local businesses that might? Please ask them to get in touch via fowhs@wokinghigh.surrey.sch.uk

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A charm: that's the term for a group of these small finches. They have finch beaks, short and broad for dealing with seeds, but this finch's beak is adapted to delicate things like thistles and teasels. It's a goldfinch, though considering the striking red feathers on its face, it might well have been called a redfinch.

There are plenty of goldfinches about in Horsell. Several finch species are declining in number, but goldfinches are doing well. In summer they live in pairs and small family groups. Last winter they were here in flocks of ten or more. They sing a voluble twittering song from trees.



Until recently, bird books listed goldfinches as 'not bird table feeders'. But the birds have adapted. They still like delicate food of course, but in gardens they gorge on sunflower hearts from bird feeders, and they greatly enjoy fat balls. Finches are hearty feeders, perching on their food source until they have had enough.

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Horsell CofE Junior School, Meadway Drive, Horsell

1.30pm - 5.00pm, Adults £2, Under 15s free

The Horsell Village Show is fast approaching, and we hope that those of you who enter items in the classes are getting busy planting, sewing, painting, taking photos or planning your baking and floral art. We are pleased to say that Horsell's keen competitors are always scrupulous with their entries – a report from The Daily Telegraph about Produce Shows said that cheating is rife in some parts of the country – with the unscrupulous even sticking two beans together in an attempt to win the longest beans competition, using cake mix to win cake prizes and dodgy competitors sabotaging exhibits amongst other mean tricks. That would, of course, never happen in Horsell! Entry forms can be available at the village shops or online on www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk.



We will have the Chobham Morris Men (do you remember their stoical performances at last year's wet show?), Maypole dancing, Punch & Judy, Greg the Juggler, bouncing ponies and a bouncy castle, face painting, crazy golf, craft stalls, an art show, fun games for all ages, and much more. St Mary's will once again be providing delicious cream teas (you can also enjoy ice creams, Pimms and burgers) and

are organising the barn dance after the show.

The prizes will be presented by long-term Horsell resident Ann Harington, who writes her local blog in Woking News & Mail under the name of Ann Tilbury.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the tombola or raffle please contact the Chairman of the Show, Carol Cheesman, by calling her on 07836 274801.

We are also appealing for help on the day of the show and also the day before erecting and taking down the marquees.

Marion Piper

Summer Holiday Fun

Food Glorious Food is the theme for the arts and crafts activities that the Surrey History Centre is offering young visitors during the school holidays this summer. This free event, devised to help participants discover food through the ages, happens every day that the Centre, at 130 Goldsworth Road, GU21 6NN, is open, from Tuesday 31 July till Saturday 1 September.

Normal opening hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 5.00; Wednesday 10.15 – 5.00; Saturday 9.30 – 4.00; but please note that the centre is closed all day on Saturday August 25. More info: 01483 518737; shs@surreycc.gov.uk



All the local National Trust properties are running events for children this summer too, though at the cost of admission plus an extra fee.

Among them Dapdune Wharf on the River Wey in Guildford is holding Robin Hood Thursdays on August 2, 9, 16 (01483 561389 for River Wey Navigations and Dapdune Wharf). You can also take a boat trip, hourly. At Shalford Mill there will be *Mill Cat and Mouse* activities on Wednesdays August 1, 8, 22 and 29 (01483 561389). Polesden Lacey promises Summer Family Fun around its extensive grounds from July 21 to August 31 (01372 452048).



The Lightbox in Chobham Road, Woking, has a range of free drop-in Family Workshops 1.30 – 4pm:

Friday 27 July **Bubble Fun** workshop; Wednesday 15 August climb aboard the **Paper Trains** workshop and make your very own choo choo trains out of paper and recycled materials; Friday 17th August **Superhero Pop-Up Cards**; Wednesday 29th August **Colourful Paper Pinwheels**; Friday 31st August **Flying Spaceships**



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Horsell Community Choir Summer Concert

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The choir, directed by Anna Tabbush, will perform a varied repertoire of songs to appeal to all ages, including some traditional folk music and some pop, all sung 'a capella'. Anna has been leading the Horsell Community Choir for five years and she continues to inspire choir and audiences alike with her beautiful arrangements. This time she will be collaborating with Paul to arrange some songs for brass and choir together.

Octavian Singers
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Stop Press! Twice weekly walks in and around Horsell.

In July and August there will be a Thursday evening walk, every Thursday, meeting at 7.20 outside the Beijing Restaurant, Horsell High Street. We will set off at 7.30 and arrive back in the High Street by 9 or 9.30 at the latest.

This is in addition to the weekly Wednesday walks, every Wednesday, meeting at 9.50.

All walks follow footpaths in and around Horsell, Horsell Common and the Basingstoke canal. Walks last 1.5 to 2 hours and once back in Horsell High Street there is a chance to have a drink and chat. Suitable for all levels of fitness. Everyone is welcome free of charge. If you would like to lead a walk, please let me know and for further information, please contact Caroline, 01483 767980 or c.e.hughes@ntlworld.com

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		10.00am	All Age Worship
		12noon-4pm	Village Picnic on the Green
		6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion
Tues	3rd	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	4th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
		7.00pm	St. Andrew's School Summer Soiree
Thurs	5th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	6th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	7th	9.30-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Messy Church
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Mon	9th	3.00-4.30pm	Monday Afternoon Discussion Group (1)
Tues	10th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	11th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	12th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	13th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee with Traidcraft Goods on Sale
Sat	14th	7.00pm	Octavian Singers Concert
Sun	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
Tues	17th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	18th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs	19th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	20th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		7.30pm	Horsell Community Choir
Sat	21st	1.30-5.00pm	Horsell Village Show Teas
		7.00pm	Village Show Barn Dance
Sun	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion and Baptism
Mon	23rd	3.00-4.30pm	Monday Afternoon Discussion Group (2)
Tues	24th	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	25th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	26th	9.30-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	27th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		10.30am	Throwleigh Lodge Service
Sat	28th	3.30pm	Not on Your Own Tea at the Vicarage
Sun	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
Tues	31st	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group

AUGUST

Wed	1st	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	2nd	9.30-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	3rd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	5th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion
Mon	6th	3.00-4.30pm	Monday Afternoon Discussion Group (3)
Tues	7th	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	8th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	9th	9.30am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	10th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	12th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Family Communion followed by Brunch
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues	14th	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	15th	10.30am	Mid-Wek Communion
Thurs	16th	9.30-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
		11.00-1.00pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Fri	17th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	18th	5.00-6.30pm	Families Barbeque in the Vicarage Garden
Sun	19th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon	20th	3.00-4.30pm	Monday Afternoon Discussion Group (4)
Tues	21st	10.00-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	22nd	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs	23rd	9.30-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	24th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	26th	8.00am	Holy Communion
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Tues	28th	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	29th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	30th	9.30-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	31st	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

SEPTEMBER

Sun	2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship & Baptism
		6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion
Tues	4th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	5th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	6th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	7th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		10.00am-6.00pm	Heritage Open Day and Flower Festival



Don't forget that it's not too late to make your very own flowerpot creation for Horsell's Flowerpot festival this summer.



You may have a competitive spirit and want to out do your neighbours! We have even heard that a giraffe is planned in the Village. You can get more information at <https://hra.interests.me/> and the Village notice boards and gently stroll around the village seeing what you can spot. The festival runs until 17th August.



There are even some flowerpot creations in the churchyard. Many of these have been made by St. Mary's 9-13s group. See if you can spot the fox, badger, snake, snail, ladybirds mushrooms and churchyard cat. There are also flower designs, a host of poppies and some flowerpot people.





September 7th- 9th 2018

This year we at St. Mary's are celebrating the nationwide Heritage Weekend with a full programme of events. On both Friday 7th and Saturday 8th September the church will be open from 10am to 6pm. On Sunday 9th September from 2pm to 5pm.

As usual, there will be a display of photographs, maps and other items linked to the history of our beautiful and ancient building. We have recently unearthed a first edition of the 1871 Census, which shows how much an agricultural village we were then – lots of farms and nursery land. There is a self-guided trail around the church as well.

The tower will be open on all three days, as long as you are over the age of 8 and healthy enough to climb our steep stairs (64 in total!). You can see the changing landscape of Woking with very different views from the top now with the huge rebuilding in the centre of Woking, but when you turn around you can still see acres of beautiful, green countryside!

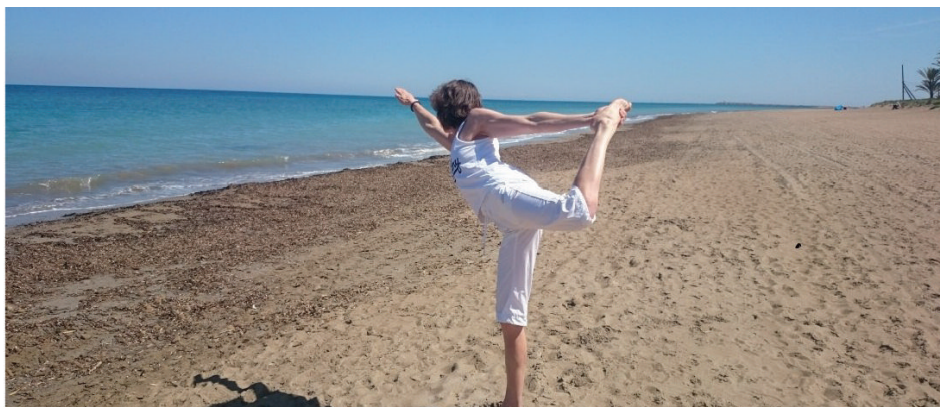
This year a major attraction will also be a Festival of Flowers, using the theme of Hymns and Music in Worship. Offers have been received from many local shops as well as groups of flower arrangers in the area. It will look beautiful.

Another new idea is to have the opportunity to have a closer look at the organ. Alan Rapley, our Organist and Choirmaster, will be available from 11am on the Saturday to show you just how the organ works.

There will also of course be lots of yummy refreshments all laid on for you in St Andrew's Room.

So do come along and celebrate this important part of Horsell's heritage.

You can also visit lots of other places which will be open this same weekend. Have a look at www.heritageopendays.org.uk to see what else appeals to you. They are all free to go to on this weekend.



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Churchyard Cat

I was overseeing my human family altering their garden fence the other day.

They were making a hole in it, right at the bottom, using a saw, and frankly, they were making a bit of a mess of the job. Surely a shallow tunnel under the fence would have been an easier option?

But, "There!" said our bigger girl, straightening up, "now hedgehogs have somewhere to go! They won't be trapped in our garden, they can get in and out."

Hedgehogs, those prickly little creatures that are such bad news for slugs, are certainly not as common as they were when I was a kitten. Too many garden walls and fences stop them from moving around, meeting other



hedgehogs, and, subsequently, producing more hedgehogs. They can't jump, or climb, or burrow, you see.

My people were making a hedgehog highway. And the girls rushed off to encourage our neighbours to make highways too.

I'll be watching out for little spiny incomers, of course, even though I won't be trying to catch them – they're too prickly for me.

St Mary's Church Registers

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends on those who have died:

Arthur Bennett Jann Corke Margaret Eatough Salome Sacchi

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the church:

April Reggie Griffiths

May Arlo Pinson and Bella West

Parish in the Past

Rev Norman Pares on gambling - July 1928

I should like to think that it concerned nobody, but it is not likely that the parish in which we live should have escaped the infection of the betting mania (or shall I call it a curse?).

Owing to the fact that outsiders have a way from time to time of winning races, and no one knows when they are going to do so, it is certain that betting is not only a risky, but in the end a losing game. I do not think that [the motivation of] those who bet for the sake of a little excitement is a good thing. But when the lost bets come from a weekly wage which in many cases ought to go to the support of a family, then betting becomes something worse than folly. It is a deadly evil, often, as is proved by the record of the police courts, leading to dishonesty and moral ruin. That is why it is a subject which the Vicar of a parish cannot regard as of no importance. To be at the mercy of bookmakers is bad enough, it is worse to fall into the hands of money lenders.



The current Vicar, Rev'd Sarah Hayes commented on seeing her predecessor's article that sadly little has changed with the dangers of gambling frequently hitting our national news. The Gambling Commission has recently identified that more than 2 million people in the UK are either problem gamblers or at risk of addiction. If you feel that is you or someone you know then do seek help. There is a National Gambling Helpline open 8am – midnight 7 days a week 0808 8020 133.

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Building a more Resilient Community

Horsell is building a more resilient community, by creating a community-led co-ordinated network to help the village at times of need.

This network is called “Horsell Prepared” and it officially started operation in May. St. Mary’s is an important part of this resilience network.

What’s it all about? It’s about us being more prepared, collectively as a village, for emergencies, incidents and problems which affect more than one household – for instance, major power outages, flooding incidents, wildfires on the Common, adverse weather and even the possibility of pandemic flu outbreaks.

Because during major incidents the emergency services and authorities might be severely stretched, and their resources may be focused elsewhere, the village may benefit from having a co-ordinated capability to help itself.



Nigel Longley, one of the Horsell Prepared Volunteer Co-ordinators

How does it work? Horsell Prepared (which is part of Horsell Residents’ Association)

has a team of 8 volunteer co-ordinators, and a group of 80 local volunteers who could be alerted and called out by text message if they are needed. It’s not essential for volunteers to be available all the time in order to be useful. If there is a large enough list of volunteers, it doesn’t matter that some will be working or have other commitments. It will always be possible to activate a sub-set of these volunteers in order to co-ordinate a response.

Beyond these 80 volunteers, Horsell Prepared is also able to call upon other local groups and organisations – Snow Angels and St. Mary’s Church

being two of these.

Rev. Sarah Hayes and the team at St. Mary’s have been incredibly supportive of this idea. They have attended our volunteer training, and offered the St. Andrew’s Room as a meeting place for our training and meetings. Their welcome team, pastoral team and experience looking after children, are resources that can be called upon by Horsell Prepared if needed. Since the Church has so many DBS-checked volunteers and its own telephone cascade to call out volunteers, it is an incredibly useful part of the resilience network.

Horsell Prepared can be called upon by Woking Borough Council in the case of any incident, or by other organisations (like St. Mary's) which may identify a local need at a particular time.

The intention is not to replace, or get in the way of, the emergency services, utilities, or authorities, but to provide them with back-up, and support, so that local residents can be even more secure in the knowledge that the community will look after those who are vulnerable, or those affected by major problems or incidents.

We hope to add Neighbourhood Watch, Horsell Care and other groups to our network, so that we can all co-ordinate efforts when required. Local schools and traders may also be involved in the future. If you run an organisation that could be part of the resilience network, please get in touch at horsellprepared@gmail.com. We are always looking for new Horsell Prepared volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more resilient the village will be.

We value all skills that can be offered, such as qualified trades, mass catering, first aid and childcare skills. But even if you don't feel you have any of these skills, we'd still love you to join our list. There may be circumstances when we just need volunteers to carry out basic tasks such as knocking on doors or letting local people know what is going on. To sign up, see our form on our website at horsellprepared.interests.me.



We've set up a recorded answerphone message which will always have the latest incident information. Do take a note of the number now – it's 01483 380025 (the same as for Snow Angels). You can call this number to find out about any live incident.

Want to find out more? We'll be at the Village Show on the HRA stand, and until September we'll be meeting in the St. Andrew's Room at St. Mary's Church on the 2nd Monday of every month, at 8pm. Please do come along to find out more and join in with the planning. Check event details at horsellprepared.interests.me.

Helen Cammack

Lemon and Blueberry Tart

This superfood recipe is delicious and you can even use a bought pastry case to make it a very quick and easy but beautiful dessert.

One short crust pastry case.
3 eggs
75 grams of plain flour
230 grams of caster sugar
150 ml of lemon juice
300 ml of single cream

125 grams of melted unsalted butter
Zest of 2 unwaxed lemons
400 grams of blueberries
1 tablespoon of cornflour
Some runny honey (optional)
A greased 26 cm fluted tart tin

Method

Pre heat the oven to 180C /Gas mark 4

Whisk the eggs and then gradually whisk in the flour.

Add the caster sugar, butter, lemon zest and juice, cream and a pinch of sea salt and then whisk well.

Pour this mixture into the pastry case and bake for 40 -45 minutes until slightly brown.

Leave to cool in the tin for at least 20 mins.

Whilst the tart is cooking put the blueberries into a pan and cook gently for 5 - 7 mins until they pop. Mix the cornflour with a tablespoon of water and stir through the blueberries to thicken.

Set aside to cool.

Add a tablespoon or so of runny honey if needed. Spoon the fruit onto the top of the cooled tart.

Serve with creme fraiche.

To make this desert even quicker to make you can substitute fresh raspberries for the blueberries.





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Book review

Dark Star Safari - Paul Theroux - 2003 Penguin Books

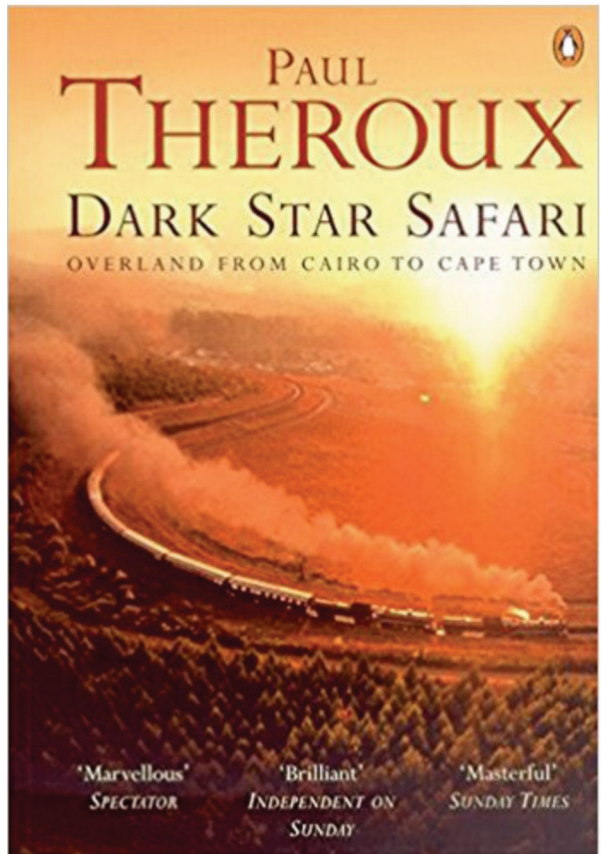
This is the story of a journey by road, bus mainly, train and boat from Cairo to Capetown. It can be read as an exciting and informative travelogue, but the author also brings deep social and economic insights into the state of modern Africa.

Paul had taught for several years at a secondary school in Malawi as a young man under the American Peace Corps and went on to teach at Makerere University in Uganda. Informing his travels is a deep understanding of Africa in the immediate post-colonial era, forty years earlier.

The journey is full of interesting glimpses into history as he travels through Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. Then he takes the long road south through the bandit infested desert land that border Somalia and Kenya, finally arriving in Nairobi where he meets what he terms, 'the white landrover brigade', the well-meaning and well-resourced charity workers delivering food and other essentials. At the same time, he is horrified at the extent of the slums, the squalor, hopelessness, and the failure of government to get involved.

Then he travels on to Uganda to visit the University, sadly dilapidated but still functioning, where he has conversations with the president, a former student. From Entebbe he sails across

Lake Victoria to Tanzania, then by train to Dar es Salam, a three-day journey that takes five. It is in Dar that he is initiated into African bureaucracy: a whole day to get travel documents.



The next stage is by the TanZam railway built by the Chinese to allow for Zambian copper to be exported. He travels as far as Mbeya where he diverts south to Malawi. He takes buses the length of the country to Zomba, the old colonial capital, where he visits his old school, sadly run down. At a dinner given by his host, his former headmaster, now Vice Chancellor of the University of Malawi, attended by several senior ministers, the conversation highlighted the absence of any retail services in the rural areas, since the Indians had all left after a hostile speech from Hastings Banda, and when the stores were given to Malawians they all went bust. The comment was 'all this adding up' is not the African way! Such details as stocktaking were considered demeaning.

The onward journey was even more unconventional. Paul travelled down the Shire river by dugout canoe following the route of the Ill-fated expedition led by David Livingstone in 1848 in the search for a river route into the interior. From the Zambesi it was bus to Beira then local taxi into Zimbabwe, where he met an ex-farmer whose land had been taken by the government.

Then he went down to South Africa when he indulged in a visit to a game reserve and the luxury of the Blue Train to Cape Town. He returned to the hotel in Johannesburg to prepare for the journey home only to find that the suitcase left for safekeeping in the hotel secure room was not to be found. After all those miles of rough travelling to be robbed in a 'civilised' four star hotel was the ultimate irony. Definitely recommended as a good and informative read.

Theroux is writing a sequel, Zona Verde, a journey from the townships surrounding Cape Town to Angola, reputedly the most corrupt African state.

Tony Noel



Traidcraft stall

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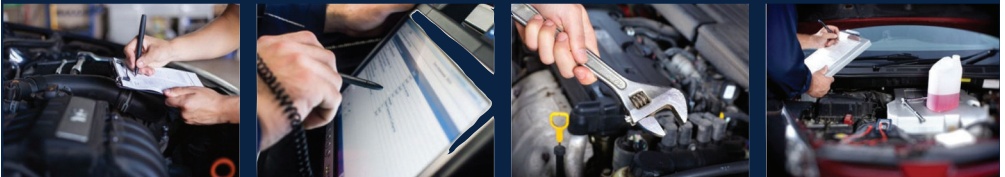


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