

# Horsell Matters

A photograph of a brick building with a white window and a church tower in the background, framed by purple cherry blossom branches. The church tower is made of stone and has a crenellated top. The sky is blue and the overall scene is bright and sunny.

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church  
June/July 2020

# Horsell Directory

<b>St Mary's Church</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk">www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk</a> Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals	772134
<b>Parish Office open:</b> (Currently closed)	Tuesday 9am-4pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am-1.00pm <a href="mailto:stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com">stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com</a>	772134
<b>Vicar</b>	<i>currently post vacant</i>	
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Revd Peter Brown	765308
<b>Church Wardens</b>	Pamela Rowe Michael Couper	761625 770920
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<b>Treasurer</b>	David Leach	823439
<b>Cathedral Link</b>	Gill Saville	773799
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Margaret Johnson Hilary Mills Coral Colclough	762481 772952 747481
<b>JAM (Jesus and Me)</b>	Marcus Brookfield (3+) 10am most Sundays	772134
<b>Babies and Toddlers</b>	Angela Murphy St Andrew's Room, Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	832943
<b>Twinkle Tots</b>	Marcus Brookfield, St. Andrew's Room Thursdays 9.30 to 11.30, term time	772134
<b>Bellringers</b>	Avril Blagbrough Tuesday evening practice— occasional. Please check	767421
<b>Trinity Methodist Church</b>	<a href="mailto:office@trinitywoking.org.uk">office@trinitywoking.org.uk</a>	730754
<b>Horsell Evangelical Church</b>	Revd Andrew Bents	822259
<b>To Book: Village Hall</b>	Paul Bower	764047
<b>Parish Institute</b>	<a href="http://www.horsell-parish-institute.org.uk">www.horsell-parish-institute.org.uk</a>	772134
<b>Horsell Village School</b>	Infants Head Teacher - Mrs Reeve	714804
<b>Horsell C of E School</b>	Junior Head Teacher—Mrs C Wand	761531

<b>Woking High School</b>	Head Teacher - Mrs M Walter	888447
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<b>WI Horsell Evening</b>	Mrs Sheila Tickner     Meets on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall	760783
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**A**s I write this for Horsell Matters the magazine's very name suggests a question which may well have passed through most minds in the situation in which the world now lives.

What really matters in life? Everyone's physical life has been threatened. Now the economic foundation of civilisation is being shattered. Perhaps the deeper character of our society in due course. We are in an Apocalyptic setting in the true sense of the word, which means "revelation". The fragility from a knock-on effect in our way of life is becoming apparent. At the same time people's capacity for adaptation is shown in the community care and co-operation which has sprung up every where. It is very evident in Horsell. There is hope that the individualism which usually dominates humankind, often among nations, could be turned around.

Jesus said only one thing matters - ( Luke 10 verses 38-42) - being close to him, his life and teaching. This is centred on love which comes from what he called the Kingdom - the spiritual dimension.

Most religions say the same following their own spiritual leaders in their own cultural expression. Simpler societies around the world still keep the spiritual at the centre.

In the Christian Calendar we will soon recall the followers of Jesus experiencing the essence of God as Spirit at Pentecost after Jesus left the Earth. May many more people, who now have questions and time, now open themselves in prayer to the presence of the Spirit. May we realise what really matters and have peace and power to act it out in our own lives.

*Peter Brown*

# Prayerfulness

Resources and Services to help prayer can be found at

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) also [www.cofeguildford.org.uk](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk)

and indeed St Mary's own website.

There is also a free telephone number called Daily Hope on which you can hear prayer and music --0800 804 8044

## Vacancy update

Following a conversation with the Archdeacon of Dorking (Martin Breadmore) there is more information about the process of the Vacancy.

During March, when the church was closed until further notice, the advertisement for a new Vicar was removed from the Church Times after two weeks. The Diocese decided that there would be no further recruitments because of the lockdown.

It has been decided that once things resume a 'new normal', the vacancy will be re-advertised (hopefully for four weeks, as planned before).

Thereafter we should be able to continue with the shortlisting and interviews as planned.

As you will understand, there is no idea of any dates yet. As soon as we hear more, there will be another update.

**Mike Couper**

**Pam Rowe**

(Churchwardens)

# St Mary's Church Diary July-August 2020

(subject to Government and Diocesan advice)

## JULY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am 8.00pm	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship Informal Holy Communion
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.30am 2.30pm 4.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Kettlewell House Service Vacancy Prayers in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 8.00pm	Mid-Week Communion Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Wedding
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm-5.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Messy Church
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.30am 4.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Vacancy Prayers in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Wedding
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 10.00am 12.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion On Your Own Lunch Contemplative Meditation

Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am-11.30am 4.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Vacancy Prayers in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee with Traidcraft goods on sale
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Praise & Peaceful Prayer
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.30am 4.30pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Vacancy Prayers in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion Service
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am-12noon 10.30am	Pop in Coffee Throwleigh Lodge Service

## ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

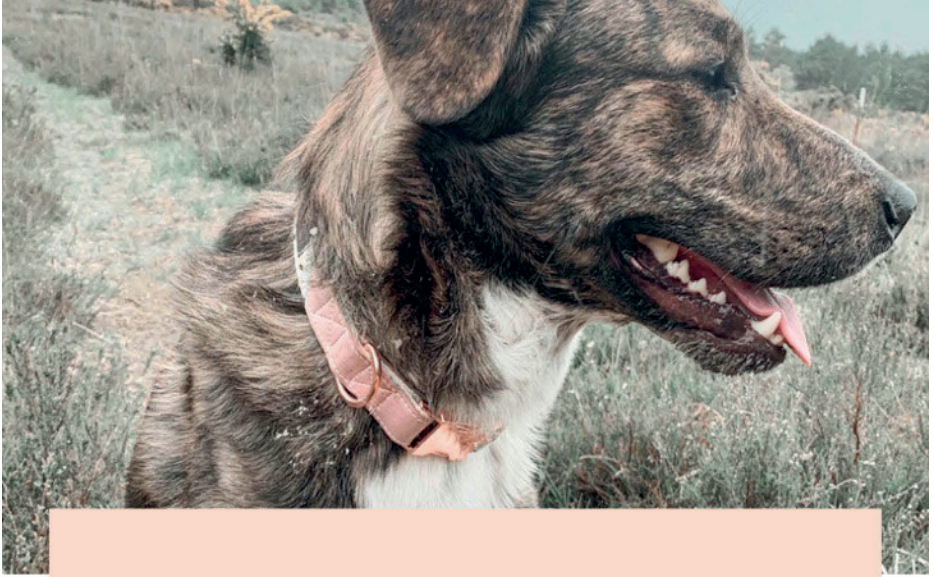
*We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those  
who have died:*

**Brian Ashley, Sheila Cooke, Christopher Eatough,  
Denise Franchetti, Sandra Golding,  
Laura Marsden, Betty Ross**

### BAPTISMS

*We welcome into the family of the church:*

**Isla & Evelyn Kitson**



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# ‘Horsell Seduced me’

In March, Paul, our chemist at Horsell Pharmacy retired after 21 years’ service to the village. It is a fascinating story how a boy from Madagascar acquired a professional qualification then moved to Horsell.

**Paul Andrianantenaina**, to give him his full name, was born and educated in Madagascar. He achieved his Baccalaureate at eighteen and was offered a scholarship in France to read Pharmacy. He moved to Bordeaux to start the five-year course. During the summer vacations he worked picking grapes, earning money but also extending his knowledge of fine wines! It was during his studies he met and married Tina, a fellow student. Inevitably, babies followed, interrupting Tina’s studies; she qualified as a dispenser rather than a Pharmacist.



Paul had taken English as part of his Bac and retained an interest in the history of the British Empire as well as a desire to work in England, but opportunities were rare. Then in 1999 England changed from a four-year Pharmacy course to five and suddenly vacancies were advertised. Paul applied, was accepted by Moss the Chemists and was offered a job in London, Stepney, or in Surrey at an unknown place called Horsell. He had visited Stepney, on a visit to London, so accepted, but then asked if he could visit this unknown village in Surrey. This he did

one weekend in 1999 and in his words ‘Horsell seduced me’’. The rest is history; he has been here ever since.

Now retirement has come and they can plan for the future. One daughter lives in Paris but most of his family are in Madagascar, so he hopes to divide his time. He would like to take up some voluntary work of a humanitarian nature: doubtless his skills will be in demand.

As many will have noticed Paul has been actively supporting a charity raising funds for schools in Madagascar: the collection box is on the counter in the chemist. If, like me, you would like to recognise Paul’s work here in the village, why not put in a contribution. The charity is registered in the UK: for more details go to [www.moneyformadagascar.org](http://www.moneyformadagascar.org), Paul retires at the end of March, but the collection box will remain.

Horsell has been fortunate in having the benefit of Paul’s professional services. He is widely respected in the locality and we will miss his courtesy and cheerful smile when we visit to collect our pills.

We wish him and Tina well for their retirement, and thank them both for their service to the village.

## 60 second interview with Maiken Walter – the new Headteacher at Woking High School



### **Have you always wanted to teach?**

I was born in Denmark, and my parents still live there (my father was a teacher at a Technical College) and as a teenager I think I was quite a rebel, flitting from one career idea to another – hairdresser, Formula 1 driver and doctor. In the end I took a gap year as an au pair in St. Albans, where I met my future husband. At the end of my gap year, we returned to Denmark so I could start my university studies. My husband found it very difficult to learn the Danish language, so we decided to move to England, and we have stayed ever since. I finished my English degree at Reading University and, having seen an advertisement for teaching, I spent a year doing my PGCE certificate, and really hated it! I had a toddler and an infant at home and was doing my teaching placement in Swindon, complicating matters considerably. Nevertheless, I found my first teaching job and it was during this time that I had the most amazing mentor, Sue Freeman, who ignited my love of teaching and remained my close friend until she passed away. I think my passion for education has rubbed off on our two sons, aged 19 and 21, as one is a Teaching Assistant here (no favouritism!) and the other one is in his third year at Southampton University studying psychology, criminology and Japanese, hoping to move to Japan to teach English.

### **Tell us about your teaching career.**

Once I started teaching, I have always enjoyed the challenge of teaching English in an interesting and innovative way. When I came to Woking High School in 2013, the then Headteacher (Jane Abbott) was impressed enough to create a job title for me – be warned, quite a mouthful – Associate Assistant Principal! Now as Headteacher, I still make time to teach wherever possible.

A focus on the curriculum is vital, ensuring that all students achieve academic success in what they study. I hope that students are well-rounded, kind and tolerant. We try to ensure that all students have the opportunity to try out different things beyond the traditional classroom learning and we have recently had a Comic Con for an afternoon, with a huge range of comics brought to school, for sale, and fascinating conversations about their content and popularity. We have also had a CAT Gala (Creative Arts and Technology) for two nights. Both were a resounding success, enjoyed by all.

We also enjoy strong partnerships with both the Gordon's School and Woking Sixth Form College, allowing students to have A-Level taster sessions at Woking College and taking part in a range of activities and competitions within the Arete Partnership with Gordon's School.

### **What hobbies/interests do you have?**

I love films and reading. My journey from Yateley to school can be very slow, so I love audio books as a way of relaxing when in a queue on the M3. My current book is Rebel Ideas by Matthew Syed, very relevant to life.

### **How do you relax after a busy day at school?**

Being at home with my family, with my favourite food - pizza (pepperoni) - and a glass of chilled rose wine!

### **Do you have a special place that you really love?**

Unfortunately, I am terrified of flying, so Denmark is still very much my favourite place to revisit.

## **OFSTED News**

### **A good school**

We were really pleased with the Ofsted report we received after their visit in December as they congratulated us on being a school where “Pupils say that the school feels like a family” and delivering a curriculum which is “ambitious and well designed, with strong academic and vocational elements”.

Woking High School is delighted to have been awarded official Computing Hub status by the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE), in order to provide support for primary and secondary computing teachers in schools in the area.

## **Covid News**

The school has managed to stay open for vulnerable students, or those students whose parents are key workers, due to the incredible commitment of all our amazing staff.

Every day onsite we have Mr Wooldridge, Site Supervisor, opening up and ensuring the site is kept clean and fit for purpose. This is supported by the catering team, run by Mrs Edwards of Twelve15, providing breakfast and lunch for all onsite students and staff. Mr Vasslack and Ms Kocheff are supervising the learning of the students, and Mrs Strong is running daily PE activities.

“I cannot thank you enough for the support you are offering. Whilst I think initially the children weren't overjoyed about being amongst the minority going to school, they have found the routine and support brilliant. They are focused, love the break for PE and can come home at the end of the day and relax. It has been a huge weight off my mind as we literally cannot be at home with them.” Key-worker parent.

In addition, every day behind the scenes our office team prints out learning packages which are being delivered to those who can't access

the materials electronically. “The work the teachers send home has been fantastic”, home-learning parent.

Our teachers are doing an excellent job preparing lessons for students to access from home, some of which are virtual classrooms with video or voice over. A parent commented “I'd just like to thank you for all the hard work you and the teachers have completed and are still wading through with regards to this unusual situation. I'm expect that your workloads have quadrupled.

Both of my children have both sat day in and day out completing their schoolwork without complaint. I'm sure that this is due to the huge efforts that the teachers are making to try and ensure that the lessons translate to a remote learning environment.”



## Junior school news

Inspection result confirms GOOD status.

I have been a Parent Governor at Horsell Church of England Junior School for the past five years, alongside my day job as a HR Director at Capgemini. My three daughters all attend the Horsell Schools.

*So, what happened and what did the Ofsted inspection involve?*

The School were informed on Monday 13th January that they would be inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday.

During the two days the Inspector visited all year groups and talked to pupils about their work. This included comprehensive reviews of reading, mathematics and science. He also scrutinised the School's approach to safeguarding, holding structured meetings with the School Leadership Team, the Governing Body, a representative of the Diocese of Guildford and parents.

Additionally, the Inspector analysed the responses to Ofsted's online Parent questionnaire, a pupil survey and a staff survey.

*So, the critical question, what was the outcome?*

The School continues to be a good school. As the School was previously rated as good, this is the best outcome that could be achieved as the purpose of the inspection was to confirm that the School remains good and safeguarding is effective. The key message for me as parent and a governor, is the following quote from the Inspection report “The school lives up to its vision of a ‘rich and inclusive education for every member of our school family’”.

This is a great achievement for Mrs Wand having only led the School since June 2019. This outcome is a brilliant endorsement of the journey that the School has embarked on. It also provides a strong foundation for continuous improvement.

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved with the School community: pupils, staff, parents and volunteers.

**Alun Soper**

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# Have fun cycling in a group

(Lockdown permitting)

If you're haven't been out on your bicycle for a while why not think about joining us for a Saturday Social ride with Woking Cycling Club. Riding in a group is good fun, you get the health benefits of being active, and you get to know other people.



We stay on quiet roads and lanes to avoid busy traffic as much as possible. No one gets left behind and you can't get lost. We always have a coffee and cake break halfway. Our motto is 'Velo et Gateaux' so we have to stop for cake!

Ten miles might sound like a long way at first but the miles quickly go by when you're able to ride with others and have a chat. Two five-mile rides with a break in the middle is easier than you think if you're just starting out. We only cycle on nice days! If it's wet or windy we don't ride.

It doesn't matter what sort of bike you have. All bikes are acceptable from mountain bikes and shopping bikes to road bikes. Please do make sure though that your bike is fit to ride. We do insist that helmets are always worn. We want to make sure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride.

We meet outside The Cricketers at the north end of Horsell High Street on a Saturday morning at 09:30. Do introduce yourself so that we know who you are. You'll be able to say you've 'earned your cake'. Find more about us at [www.WokingCC.org](http://www.WokingCC.org).



# Gardening



Summer is in the air, a time for enjoying all your hard work, in the garden, all the promise of new growth and beautiful things in bloom. Traditionally this is the time of year for a good old-fashioned rest but only if you followed a spring-clean.

## **Spring Clean - what you should have done!**

Remove fallen leaves from the lawn, paths and borders. Dig over your borders, to break up the soil and allow the air in, and add some organic matter such as garden compost or well-rotted manure. This will help replace some of the nutrients washed out by the extraordinary winter rains we have experienced. A mulch, perhaps some bark chippings, will help suppress weeds (thus reducing your need to weed later on) and assist in keeping moisture in.

## **Banish the boards**

Most gardens have a fence or wall separating it from its neighbour but wooden panels can look a bit boring. This is your chance to grow something really beautiful which cannot stand up for itself. Consider climbing roses, jasmine and honeysuckle all of which will give you beautiful blooms and glorious scent or, in the case of a less sunny aspect, a climbing hydrangea. For something to deter unwanted visitors (burglars) but welcome wildlife, look for prickly plants that sport berries such as Holly or Pyracanthus.

Bedding plants are now available in the re-opened garden centres. Adding splashes of colour for an 'instant' effect many plants will flower into the autumn. Growing vegetables is also fun especially for children.

### **Love that lawn**

Whether your lawn is at the front or the back give it a treat this spring with a good feed, weed and moss treatment. This will help to keep your sward beautifully green and assist it to weather periods of drought.

### **Advice**

Don't forget to water but remember a good soak every other day is the most beneficial way.

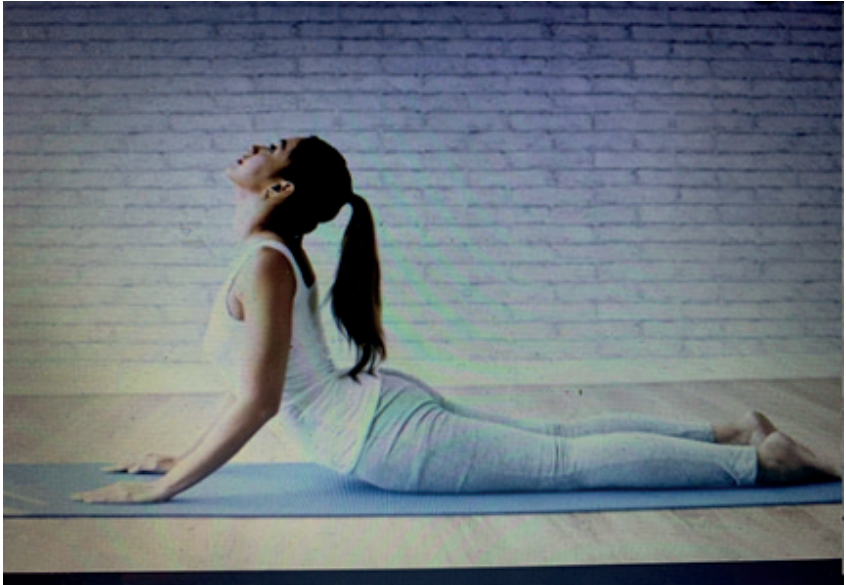
### **Welcome Home**

Don't forget your doorstep. A pot or hanging basket planted with seasonal favourites (bulbs, pansies and primroses in spring or bright petunias and geraniums in summer) is guaranteed to lift your spirits and you can ring the changes with different colour schemes each season.



# It's all about you!

If you love cardio and anything else that raises your heart rate, you could also try yoga! Well, there's a challenge for you! Whether you are hyperactive or not, yoga is just what you need. Even if you think cardio calms you down it is usually a temporary feeling. Many of my yogi friends came from a cardio background, they just lived for those endorphins and knowing they burned a gazillion calories in just one hour. Many are also die-hard yogis. They rarely participate in cardiovascular activities, and opt for yoga instead.



Yoga has a physical and mental component to the practice. According to studies yoga does not provide any cardiovascular benefit, but I beg to disagree as it depends on what type of yoga class you walk into. Cardio does not promote flexibility and mobility and can be harsh on the joints. Yoga has cardiovascular

benefits but you would need to seek out an advanced class. Try a gentle vinyasa flow or hatha yoga for beginners first. Yoga is the ideal exercise for you if you are looking to strengthen your body and correct alignment. However, the rate of burning off calories is slow and you will need to watch your food intake. This is great for mobility and flexibility, and could also be rotated into a gym regime, in order to maximize results and prevent injury. Yoga promotes flexibility throughout the entire body, and has been proven to decrease cortisol, which are stress hormones, in the body. It also can help reduce back pain and arthritis, so it is great for grandma and grandpa! The verdict: Yoga is interesting and fun and better than any other form of exercise alone but can be combined with weight training and cardio for a better shape, strength, confidence and structural alignment. So never say no to yoga. You can do yoga anywhere.

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# A "VIRTUAL" HORSELL VILLAGE SHOW FOR 2020

**This year's planned show has been  
cancelled due to Covid-19**

**We would like to invite Horsell residents to enter a selection  
of classes in a "virtual" village show**

**You can check the class you can enter  
each week in several different ways:**

**Check out Horsell Wire or  
[www.facebook.com/horsellvillageshow](https://www.facebook.com/horsellvillageshow)  
and interests.me for Horsell**

**Look at the show website on [www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk](http://www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk)**

**There will be a different class to enter every week  
from May 3rd up until the 25<sup>th</sup> July.  
(hint: plant your sunflowers soon!)**

**The prize for each class will be £10.  
The winner of each class will be entered  
in the "Best in Show" competition  
which will be judged on the 26<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The "Best in Show" winner  
will be awarded the  
SESQUICENTENNIAL BOWL to keep  
until next year**

**NEXT YEAR'S SHOW WILL BE HELD  
ON SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**[www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk](http://www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk)**



# Flowerpot Festival

The Flowerpot Festival will start the last week in July and go on until the end of August - 5 weeks. There will be no workshop on how to make the creations but Nancy will put some hints and tips on the Wire / Interests.me nearer the time - and possibly do a Zoom. It will be less formal this year with no published trail but we will ask people to send photos to the Wire - with the address of their creation if they wish - so people can informally visit the flowerpot creations. The skeleton of the flowerpot



Martian is built and Gerry and John will consult on how many and what size flowerpots are needed for the legs. It remains to be decided how to anchor it to the ground. The eyes will light up from Christmas lights on a timer.

# VE Day



There was dancing in the street outside Woking Station, seventy-five years ago this May. There were big bonfires in profusion all over the Woking area, including several in Horsell.

It was VE Day – victory in Europe, the end, in this part of the world, of the hostilities in the Second World War.

The country was in a sad state – 350,000 people had died, in forces and in bombing raids at home; three and a quarter million buildings had been destroyed in the raids; food, clothing and petrol were strictly rationed. Almost everything else was in short supply or virtually unobtainable – soap, paint, furniture, torch batteries, lipstick, children’s toys, and so on and so forth. Conditions in

parts of mainland Europe were far, far worse. And the war was not over in Asia and the Pacific.

But, for one day, a lot of people in Britain allowed themselves a brief period of rejoicing, and had a bit of fun after nearly six years of wartime. There was another public holiday next day – a chance to recover from the first one, or, for lots of people, a chance to arrange children’s parties in the open air.

“We formed a ring round the fire,” wrote a Horsell man of the evening of May 8, “and sang some well-known National Songs. Then, quite naturally and spontaneously, we sang some National Hymns. I shall always remember the scene round the bonfire with a thankful heart.”

For some homes in Horsell that week there was extra-special joy as men who had been prisoners of war came home. In at least two cases they had been completely out of touch, reported ‘missing’ years before.

I do remember VE Day, but it was rather dull. I was recovering from whooping cough (a common disease at the time) and only allowed to lie on a camp bed in our garden to enjoy the spring sunshine. My family's rejoicing couldn't have been wholehearted anyway, because my uncle was a prisoner of war somewhere in Asia, and who could tell when the war there would end?

2020 Celebrations, perhaps not the street party we all had planned but nonetheless the village people came out to sing and raise a glass to celebrate the occasion.



# Cheese Straws

These cheese straws are extremely moreish and make a great addition to lunchboxes. The pastry mix can be cut into any shape but keep them reasonably small.



## Ingredients

- 190g [plain flour](#)
- pinch [salt](#)
- 115g [butter](#), diced
- 75g mature [cheddar](#) cheese
- 25g freshly grated [parmesan](#) cheese (or a similar vegetarian hard cheese)
- small pinch [English mustard](#) powder
- small pinch [cayenne pepper](#)
- 1 free-range [egg](#), yolk only

## Method

1. Sift the flour and a pinch of salt into a bowl. Using your fingertips, rub in the butter until all the lumps are gone and the texture is like fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the cheese, mustard powder, cayenne, and egg yolk. Add approx. two tablespoons of cold water and mix to a firm dough. Wrap in cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment. Roll out the dough to a square, roughly the thickness of a £2 coin. Cut out the straws approx. 10cm x 1cm in size or use a cutter to make cheese biscuits, if preferred. Transfer carefully onto the lined baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, until crisp, then leave to cool on the tray.
3. Store in an airtight tin once completely cold.

# Crunchy Topped Chicken Pie

This makes a tasty family supper and children will enjoy helping prepare the topping.

## Ingredients

1 large carrot, peeled  
About 600g potatoes peeled  
2 tbsp. olive oil  
75g pancetta or bacon lardons  
6 – 8 boneless chicken thighs  
4 tbsp. frozen peas  
5 tbsp. double cream  
Seasoning



## Method

Heat oven to 190C.

Boil the peeled potatoes and carrot whole for five minutes, and then put them in a bowl of cold water to cool down.

Grate the carrot and potato coarsely, add olive oil and some black pepper and mix together.

Cut the chicken into small chunks and put in a dish with the pancetta, peas, cream and seasoning (parsley, black pepper). Stir to mix it all together.

Spoon the topping evenly onto the pie and put in pre-heated oven for 50 minutes or until the chicken and topping are cooked through.

# German Apple Cake

Makes one 20.5 cm (8") round cake

## For the apple mixture

455g (1lb) cooking apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped

60g (2oz) sultanas

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

60g (2oz) demerara sugar

## For the cake batter

110g (4oz) caster sugar

140g (5oz) self-raising flour

110g (4oz) butter, melted

1 large egg, beaten



Set the oven at 180 degrees C.

Grease and line the cake tin.

Mix all the ingredients for the apple mixture together in a large bowl. In another bowl, thoroughly combine all the ingredients for the cake batter and beat well.

Using a palette knife spread two-thirds of the cake batter over the base of the prepared cake tin. Place the apple mixture on top. Spoon the remaining cake batter on top to almost cover the apple filling. Bake for about 50 to 60 minutes, or until well-risen and springy to touch. Serve the apple cake warm with custard or lightly whipped cream.



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# Parish in the Past

**N**inety years ago, Horsell's vicar, the Reverend Norman Pares, told the readers of the parish magazine about a new venture for children.

'The Sunday School teachers ... unanimously decided to try the experiment of a Children's Church... A start was made at the beginning of June...The children have elected their own Church Council, five boys and five girls... and two of these have been appointed as Churchwardens.

'The Church Council choose the hymns and take it in turn to read the lesson. They are also responsible for the seating of the congregation, the giving out and putting away of hymn books and service cards.

'The service begins at 2.45 and ends at 3.30. The numbers have already increased, but we should be glad to welcome more.'



# Signs of life in Horsell

Ingenious ideas of activities around Horsell. Not forgetting all the rainbows, too many to show, which the children have coloured and put up.



# Horsell Village WI

## keeping busy during lockdown

During these challenging times so many of our WI ladies fall into the 'vulnerable category' and are unable to go out. So our less vulnerable ladies have pulled together to help out with shopping, visits to the pharmacy and being a friendly voice on the end of the phone.

Joan Cox, our President, has kept us entertained with her weekly emails of anecdotes, amusing stories and even a photo of the ladies with legs and bottoms in the air, taken during one of our monthly meetings. (Photo not included, it is definitely not for public eyes!). We have included photos of Joan's beautiful bench she has painted and her splendid garden



where she usually holds her annual cream tea for the WI, something we shall miss this year.



As you would expect from the WI, the ladies have been doing plenty of arts and crafts, baking, gardening and charity work with a few of us members of the Horsell Scrubbers.

Lynne Mullin, Secretary, has taken the bull by the horns, after shopping for several of the ladies and making scrubs for the NHS, when she finally comes up for air she has been reinstating her grandfather's old cattle water trough.



Nagihan Seymour spends her time with brush in hand creating her artwork in readiness for the Village Christmas Fayre. She has also used her artistic flair to colour her hair!



Anne Hook has rediscovered unfinished knitting and is trying to complete a lace scarf which we hope she will proudly show off during the winter.

The lockdown has given us ladies some time to bake some of the delicious recipes from The Horsell Bakes book, the ginger Yorkshire Parkin went down well with my neighbours.

Many of us have taken advantage of the sunshine, relaxing in our gardens, enjoying walks (social distancing) and a couple of us are halfway through achieving the couch to 10k run.

Finally, Susan Rowlatt deserves a big thank you for preparing the Horsell Matters magazine, we certainly have ladies of many talents in our WI.

We are looking forward to welcoming new members to our WI Tuesday evening monthly meetings when the lockdown ends.





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# Book review

Enchanted April

Elizabeth von Arnim



Elizabeth von Arnim was born in Australia in 1866 but moved to London, with her family, when she was 3 years old. In 1891 she married a member of the Prussian aristocracy, was widowed in 1910 and remarried in 1914. Elizabeth died in South Carolina in 1941.

The Enchanted April, written in a castello in Portofino, Italy in 1921, is a story about the transformative powers of travel.

On impulse, two unhappily married English women respond to an advertisement in The Times and rent a small mediaeval

Italian castle on the shores of the Mediterranean for the month of April. Since their financial situation is perilous, they advertise for two other ladies to join them and then embark on the adventure.

At first it all goes badly. The author has an eye for small human failings and is perceptive about the way people misread one another's good intentions making the early chapters read like a comedy of miscommunication. There are some particularly humorous moments involving visitors to the castle. However, the Italian landscape, the fragrance, the light and the sea all eventually conspire to change everything and everyone.

Setting the tale on the exquisite and, at the time, largely undiscovered Italian Riviera helps the story along. Elizabeth von Arnim had a genius

for description and the castle's gardens are full of wisteria, lilacs, roses, daphnes, peach trees and a Judas tree.

The book is a most charming novel and would appeal to anyone who enjoys travel, adventure and beauty. It is an uplifting read, especially after a dark and wet Winter, in a sense it is inspiring and shows how a good holiday can change perceptions.

**Anne Smith**



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# Churchyard Cat



I t's been remarkably busy at home these last months, with everybody there all the time.

That's fine when I feel like sitting in a lap, being told I'm beautiful, and offering a purr in exchange, but one doesn't always wish to do that, and I have found that my long periods of meditation, so important to a cat, have been whittled away. There is almost always someone around, whether I seek out my downstairs nooks or my upstairs ones. Once a day they all burst out of the house, putting on their trainers, seizing their bikes, and there's peace for an hour. But they're back all too soon.

One can have enough even of tender, loving care. 'Would Samuel like this?' my people cry. 'Would Samuel like that? Where is his catnip mouse; where is his brush?' What Samuel would like is being left alone. I am more than ever pleased that I have my cat flap, my path to independent living, my escape route to my churchyard, where I am bothered by no one.

It's odd there have been so few people about there, these last months.