

# Horsell Matters

The image shows the interior of a church, focusing on the altar area. A large, ornate stained glass window with a Gothic design is the central feature, set within a wooden archway. Below the window is a wooden crucifix. The altar is covered with a blue and gold patterned cloth. To the right, a wooden pulpit and a cross are visible. The ceiling is made of dark wood.

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church  
April – May 2024

# Horsell Directory

St Mary's Church	<a href="http://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk">www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk</a>	
	Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals	772134
Parish Office open	Helen Gravette Tues 9am-4pm, Wed & Fri 9am-1.00pm	772134
	<a href="mailto:stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com">stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com</a>	
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Church Wardens	Brian Sheriff Mark McMurtrie	474975 07815 635609
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Pastoral Assistants	Margaret Johnson Hilary Mitchell Coral Colclough	762481 715459 747481
JAM (Jesus and Me)	Rebecca Connolly (3+) 10am most Sundays	772134
Tiny Treasures	Rebecca Connolly, St Andrew's Room Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	832943
Twinkle Tots	Rebecca Connolly, St Andrew's Room Thurs 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	772134
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Horsell Evangelical Church	Revd Andrew Bents	822259
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Guides & Brownies	<a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents">www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents</a>	
WI Horsell Afternoon	Alison Evans-Wyatt <a href="mailto:amevans705@gmail.com">amevans705@gmail.com</a>	765570
	Meets on 1st Thursday at 1.45pm in the Village Hall	
WI Horsell Evening	Mrs Joan Cox	760783
	Meets on 4th Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Village Hall	
Woking Police Station	dial 101 from mobile or landline	

# Pentecost

Give thanks in all circumstances.

Suddenly the days are lighter and getting warmer. Nature is waking up to spring after the dark days of winter. There are things to look forward to, maybe including holidays for some. There is much to thank God for in our lovely church and village.



Today we give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit and that God still speaks to his church through the Spirit. Pentecost is also sometimes called Whitsun, white Sunday; a time when newly baptised Christians give thanks and wear white to show the change in their lives after becoming followers of Jesus.

This is also the time when the church celebrates Pentecost. There are three major thanksgiving celebrations within the church year. Christmas and Easter are well-known to everyone. But **Pentecost, the birthday of the church**, is less so (this year, on **Sunday 19th May**).

Jesus promised his followers they would receive the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, as described in the Bible book, the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles of Jesus after his last resurrection appearances.

In our prayers we need to remember to give thanks in all circumstances. Even on our not so good days, and we all get those, there is much to be thankful for. As the hymn puts it: 'count your blessings, name them one by one, it will surprise you what the Lord has done'.

Roy Wernham  
Licensed Lay Minister

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

## ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

### Deaths, Funerals, Burials and Cremations

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

**Beryl Cherrett James Donovan Doreen Hughes**

### Baptism and Thanksgiving

We welcome into the family of the church:

**Arthur Kirby**

## ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **APRIL 2024**

<b>Tues 2nd</b>	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	No Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	9.30am-4.00pm 11.00am 8.00pm	NO Private Prayer Mid-Week Communion Service Engine Room House of Prayer
<b>Thurs 4th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-4.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group NO Private Prayer
<b>Fri 5th</b>	10.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
<b>Sun 7th</b>	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship
<b>Tues 9th</b>	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Thurs 11th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 12th</b>	10.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
<b>Sun 14th</b>	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
<b>Mon 15th</b>	7.30pm-8.45pm	Parenting Course Session 1
<b>Tues 16th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm 2.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Service at Horsell Lodge
<b>Wed 17th</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 18th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 19th</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
<b>Sun 21st</b>	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	7.30pm-8.45pm	Parenting Course Session 2
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Wed 24th</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 25th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 26th</b>	8.45am-12noon 1.00pm	Pop In Coffee Wedding
<b>Sun 28th</b>	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Peaceful Prayer & Praise
<b>Mon 29th</b>	7.30pm-8.45pm	Parenting Course Session 3
<b>Tues 30th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer

### THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

<b>Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays</b>	from <b>9am</b> to <b>3pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	from <b>12 noon</b> to <b>3pm</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	from <b>8am</b> to <b>3pm</b>



St Mary's Church, Horsell: @StMarysChurchHorsell

**CW** means Common Worship. **BCP** means Book of Common Prayer.  
All correct at the time of going to print.

For further details please look at our website: [www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk)

## ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **MAY 2024**

<b>Wed 1st</b>	9.30am-3.00pm 11.00am 8.00pm	Private Prayer Mid-Week Holy Communion Engine Room House of Prayer
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	9.30am-11.00am	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
<b>Sun 5th</b>	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Service (CW) All Age Morning Worship
<b>Tues 7th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm 2.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Service at Kettlewell House
<b>Wed 8th</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm 7.30pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Ascension Day Communion Service
<b>Fri 10th</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
<b>Sun 12th</b>	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
<b>Tues 14th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Wed 15th</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 16th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 17th</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
<b>Sun 19th</b>	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
<b>Mon 20th</b>	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
<b>Tues 21st</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 24th</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
<b>Sun 26th</b>	8.00am 10.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion On Your Own Lunch Peaceful Prayer & Praise
<b>Tues 28th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Wed 29th</b>	9.30am-3.00pm	Private Prayer
<b>Thurs 30th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-3.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 31st</b>	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

## ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **JUNE 2024**

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	7.30pm-8.45pm	Parenting Course Session 4
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.30am-4.00pm 11.00am 8.00pm	Private Prayer Mid-Week Communion Service Engine Room House of Prayer
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	9.30am-11.00am 9.30am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
<b>Fri 7th</b>	8.45am-12noon	Pop in Coffee

# Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

**Sadly, extreme poverty still exists in many parts of our world. Christian Aid works to eradicate it by tackling the root causes.**

**C**hristian Aid looks for practical ways to alleviate poverty by challenging and working to change systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised. It is committed to helping people access healthcare and education, fight discrimination, cope with natural disasters and sell their produce for a fair price.

For over 75 years *Christian Aid* [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) has worked worldwide, with people of all faiths and none, through partners and governments, standing for dignity, equality and justice. This year, to illustrate their efforts,

*Christian Aid* highlights the small central African country of Burundi where 70 per cent of the population is affected by malnourishment and poverty. *Christian Aid* has helped many, such as Aline, a mother who became homeless and struggled to rebuild a stable life and income. Read her story here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/alines-story>

**How to help:** *Christian Aid* depends on continuous donations to keep doing its wonderful work. Funds raised throughout the year and during *Christian Aid Week* will be used wherever there is the need.



**Donate here:** use our QR code or visit <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-mary-horsell>

*Christian Aid* paper envelopes will be available in St Mary's Church throughout *Christian Aid Week*. There will not be a house-to-house collection.

**Let's help fight poverty, Together we can make a difference.**

## Plants for Sale and the Repair Shop Charity

Trinity Methodist Church in Brewery Road will be holding their annual plant sale for *Christian Aid* on **Saturday 11th May from 10am – 12noon, plus coffee, tea and home-made cakes.**

**O**n sale will be a range of quality plants, including vegetables, such as runner beans and tomatoes, annual and perennial flowers, also indoor and conservatory plants such as Christmas cactus. Volunteers are on hand with advice, if needed.

Payments can be made by cash or card machine. On display will be a model railway which was a popular sight last year. The plant sale has been running for many years and **last year we made over £1000 for Christian Aid.**

This year the focus is on helping people all over the world as they deal with the cost-of-living crisis and to help bring lasting change to some of the poorest communities.

*The Repair Shop Charity* will also be at Trinity that morning so a great opportunity to get some help for those treasured items which could do with a little TLC. For more information about the *Repair shop* please visit their website [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org)

*Volunteers at the plant sale are happy to assist with planting and gardening advice*



## Bible Verse of the Year 2024

**Every year the vicar of St Mary's chooses a Bible verse to offer the church focus and direction for the forthcoming year.**

**I**n a world that glorifies self-reliance and independence, it's easy to fall into the trap of relying solely on our own resources, strengths and understanding. We may believe that our own intellect and reasoning are all we need to navigate life's complexities, challenges, and to figure out the answers to all our questions.

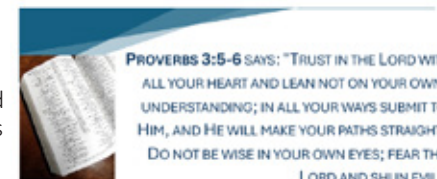
**Proverbs 3:5-6** challenges this notion and reminds us that true wisdom comes from

aligning ourselves with God's will.

Trusting God is not about being perfect. It is about knowing that God is perfect, and that He will never let you down. As we navigate the ups and downs, twists and turns of our life journeys, may we find comfort and confidence in the promise that He will make our paths straight.

Rev'd Dmitry Lutsenko

Let us take to heart the wise words of Proverbs 3:5-6 and live each day with the assurance that we are not alone, that our heavenly Father is leading us, the Holy Spirit is empowering us, and our paths are guided by divine wisdom. May this truth resonate in our hearts and shape every aspect of our lives. Amen.



For a longer exposition of Proverbs 3:5-6, please watch and listen to the sermon preached on 3rd March 2024 on the church YouTube channel 'St Mary's Church, Horsell'.

# Cedar Canvas

It is two years since the cedar in front of St. Mary's Church was felled in April 2022. One local artist has used off-cuts to paint images of the church as keepsakes.

Some villagers have acquired the limited-edition paintings of St Mary's, the canvases being off-cuts of the felled cedar tree (some are still available for sale from Apples and Pears).

The artist, Debs Brown, is always on the lookout for suitable off-cuts of wood and prides herself in creating unique items at affordable prices, enabling children to use their pocket money to buy gifts for special occasions.

Debs (aka [@the\\_cosy\\_woodshed](#) on Instagram) is a familiar face in the village, as she regularly sells her smaller pieces of artwork at the Village Summer Show (pictured) and Christmas Fayre.

One member of the St Mary's congregation, who is often housebound due to health issues, has a framed cedar wood painting of the entrance to the church (pictured), which she uses as a focal point for prayer when she is unable to attend church in person.

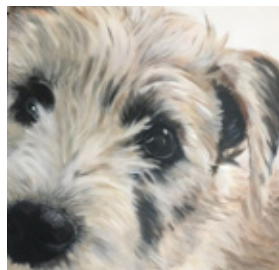
Debs also takes commissions and can boast having painted for two former PMs, one the infamous Boris Johnson, painting (on canvass) his dog, Dilyn (pictured).



Debs Brown



Cedar artwork



Dilyn



Art is not what you see, but what you make others see. (Edgar Degas).

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## Grave Matters

The second of two articles which tells the history of the Rowland family and the St Andrew's Room.



The old St Andrew's Church, when sited in Russell Road

We promised more on Gertrude Rowland in our last article. In 1906 she had proposed a new church in the Deep Lane (South Road) area of Horsell, especially after selling some of the estate for the South Road development, whose residents, she felt, might not mix with the older parishioners. From 1917 she began intercession meetings in her house, helped by Mr Godfrey, a Woking lay reader, and from this came her vision of a small church as a memorial both to her father and a thanksgiving for those who returned from the Great War.

In 1927 Gertrude again proposed to Canon Pares, the Vicar, that a small brick church to be built in Russell Road. She was prepared to give the land and meet some of the building costs: Canon Pares was not enthusiastic and suggested that she might pay for the removal of the iron church of St Thomas', Littlewick, to the new site. However, this did not meet with her approval and after considerable discussion

the proposal for a church was agreed and work started in 1930, with dedication in March 1931. The architect, Mr J C Pocock, also carved the four name boards and headboard which list those from Horsell who served in and returned from the War – these have been placed in the St Andrew's Room.

By the time of her death in 1936 Gertrude came to realise that the locals did not come to the church so lovingly erected: services were reduced to a monthly Communion service and a weekly evensong. By the 1980s the local congregation had dwindled while Goldsworth Park was growing, and, not without some controversy, the decision was taken to sell the church and its site with much of the proceeds going to build the new church of St Andrew's Goldsworth Park and the new room at St Mary's Church – both named St Andrew's, not only after the Apostle, but also after Gertrude's father and brother.

Richard and Rosemary Christophers

## Churchyard Cat

I am not fond of getting wet, and there has been rather a lot of rain this year. I know that my humans have a strange habit of soaking their fur in water on a regular basis, and even immersing their young ones nearly every day - quite shocking to us cats, but their young do seem to enjoy it!

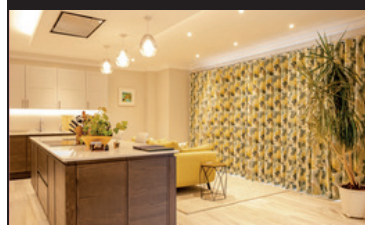
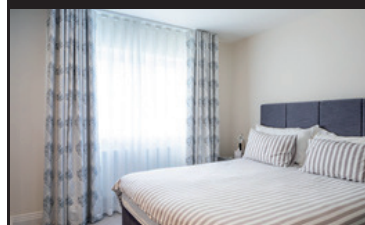
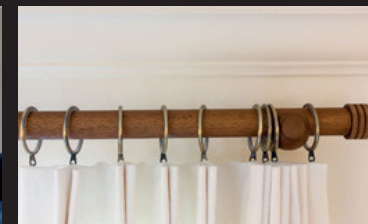
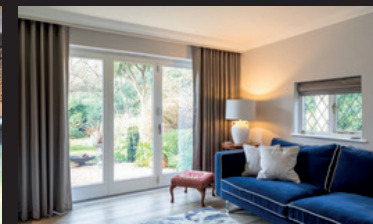
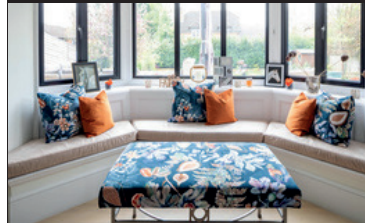
Something else their young seem to enjoy, is coming to Church on the third Sunday afternoon of the month. I have observed

them eagerly skipping through my churchyard - they can't get into Church fast enough. As you know, us felines can be curious, so I followed them into church to see what enjoyment was exciting them – apparently, it is something called Messy Church, with games, crafts, talks, films, music, and lots of food (now food is something that excites me, too)!



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# The Village War Memorial

With the announcement that Woking Borough Council was officially bankrupt, we all knew that public services would be affected.

When I noticed the Memorial to those servicemen, who gave their lives for us in the First and Second World Wars, looking neglected and generally untidy, I felt it was the right time to react.

I contacted the Council and the Horsell Residents Association to volunteer to upkeep this area.

The Council said there were no funds available for plants to replenish the planters for the Remembrance week, and also in the immediate future. After a consultation with Roger Chamberlain, he kindly said he would organise a donation from the HRA and the Scout movement.

Over a six-week period I carried out the cleaning of the paved area and the memorial, being very mindful of the names on the plaques, so as not to damage the inscriptions.

I have received such positive feedback from many residents regarding the whole area, which gives me a great sense of pride and satisfaction. I will continue with the upkeep of this



Richard Ewans

area, regularly cleaning, sweeping and replenishing the planters with spring, summer and autumn plants.

As the stone adjacent says "PASS NOT THIS STONE IN SORROW BUT IN PRIDE AND STRIVE TO LIVE AS NOBLY AS THEY DIED".

Further cutbacks will affect the Queen Elizabeth Gardens, the public toilets

and the planters outside the Beijing restaurant. If these and other areas are neglected, the identity and appearance of our wonderful village will suffer.

Richard Ewans



Memorial flower planter



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# The WI – A Force for Good in the Community

Horsell Village members were upset when they heard that Woking Borough Council were cutting all non-essential services.

This means the council will no longer maintain the flower beds in Horsell. This includes the two large tubs outside the shops, around the War Memorial and other flower beds in the Queen Elizabeth Gardens.

Our members decided we would want our village to look bright and cheerful all year around, so we agreed to take over the weeding, planting and watering of one of the large tubs outside the shops.

As it was too late to plant Spring bulbs, some of our members started weeding and planting 50 pansies to take us through until we can put in summer bedding plants

Joan Cox – President Horsell Village W.I.



Some WI members during the planting of the pansies.

Father God, we pray for all people in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and in every other war-torn country of the world.

We pray for Muslims, Jews, and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination, so that everyone may be free to live in safety.



Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## YOGA CLASSES IN HORSELL VILLAGE



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4 week introduction course  
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### Intermediate

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Horsell Scouts and Guides HQ, Horsell High Street.

Contact: Sara Jane directly on 07771816177 or Direct Message on Instagram @SJyoga2023



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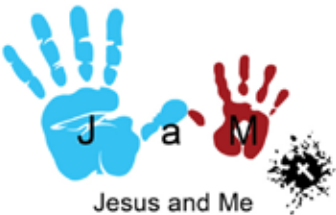


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Enjoy colouring this spring doodle and have lots of fun this springtime!

## Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre

It's May bank holiday, therefore, it must be the Horsell Scouts and Guides **May Fayre** on **Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground** off Chobham Road, **Monday 6th May**, between **11.45am - 4.30pm**.



The exciting Dog and Duck Show, showcasing the incredible bond between dogs and ducks, will lead the entertainment which continues with Summerscales dancers, Vintage cars to browse, Scout and Guide challenges, and a Kids Fitness session run by Pure Gym. Sustenance will be available from the Refreshments Tent, or the Real Ale Marquee serving award winning Thurston's ales and Pimms and the two BBQ stalls with local Prince & Sons burgers and sausages. This annual fundraising event for the



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with fun, laughter, and adorable animals. Be entertained by the Arena events, enjoy delicious food, explore the various stalls, and create memories. Don't miss out on this fantastic event!

For more information, please contact Dick Mackie [dick.mackie49@gmail.com](mailto:dick.mackie49@gmail.com)

## Roles We'll (Probably) Never Play

WAOS Musical Theatre are in rehearsal for their next show at the Rhoda McGaw.

Horsell resident Sonia Huntley-Robertson, a teaching assistant at Horsell Village School, has been a member of the theatre group for some ten years. Those who saw Sonia perform *A Spoonful of Sugar* in the NHS charity fundraiser at Horsell Village Hall last year, dressed as a nurse giving hapless patients injections, will know how good her singing and characterisations are. She is taking part in *Roles We'll (Probably) Never Play*.



WAOS From the front: Ellie Morrow, Philippa Wilding and Kelly Brewer, rehearsing.

The show is a selection of songs from the West End and other productions. Sonia says the choreography is very impressive, with one song demanding 21 dancers plus singers on stage. *Roles We'll (Probably) Never Play*, runs from **1st – 4th May**, tickets from Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking, or ATG Tickets.

Brian J Higgs, WAOS Musical Theatre

# Gardening Matters

With warmer weather approaching I can start to cut back the dead growth on my perennials.

Although the untidiness of the brown stems and leaves can be frustrating, these provided cover for wildlife during cold spells and seed heads for birds to feast on. The ground around plants, and consequently the plants, have benefitted from the 'no dig' regime. Weed seeds buried in the ground were not brought to the surface and so fewer than previously at this time of year have germinated. Also, the soil structure stayed healthier through being undisturbed.

As far as the lawn is concerned, for the last three years I have devoted an area to 'no mow May'. It was fascinating to see what appeared; white clover, adored by bees; various grasses including Yorkshire fog with pretty seedheads, a good butterfly larval foodplant; vetch with cerise flowers and meadow buttercups to name a few (none of which I had sown). Insects were far more prominent here. 'No mow May'



The romping squash



White clover

turned into 'no mow May to September', I didn't have the heart to cut the patch when so many little creatures were enjoying it. It's important to leave some long grass for caterpillars to shelter over the winter so the long grass near the wildlife pond remains throughout.

On the productive front, two compost bins will be put to greater use from May onwards. Last year I grew a butternut squash plant near the top of a bin by adding a planting layer of fully composted matter over an almost full bin of only partially rotted down compost matter.

The nutrients in the compost, combined with regular watering, suited the plant; it quickly grew over the top of the bin and proceeded to romp down the garden between the perennials. It produced a few large, tasty squashes. This year I will try growing a courgette plant in the second bin.

Elna Broe



The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul. (Alfred Austin).



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The monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai houses one of the largest collections of icons in the world, as well as a large and important collection of Byzantine manuscripts and inscribed materials. This lecture identifies and examines the key works and explains why they are important. It also gives a chance to see some of the hidden sacred places on Mt Sinai itself.

Calling all women who love to sing! Join **Corra Sound** for an inspiring day of singing and harmonizing in Horsell Village Hall on **Sunday 28th April**, from **10am-4pm**.



Surrey's finest upper voice ensemble offers this unique and fun opportunity to learn some fantastic, interesting and diverse repertoire by female composers. This open workshop is suitable for women who love to sing. Singers of all levels are welcome. Refreshments and music will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. The day will culminate in a free song sharing event at 3.30pm for friends and family.

Tickets: £15-25 (over 18s only) Find out more about our workshops and performances on our website <http://www.corrasound.co.uk>

**Horsell Village Show on Saturday 27th July at Horsell C of E Junior School in Meadway Drive.**

Now that spring is finally here, we can remind ourselves that summer is not far away with many enjoyable events– including the annual village show. Now is the time to plan your entries, be it classes for vegetables and flowers, cookery, a range of handicraft classes to choose from such as art, photography and more, plus many classes for children. The day will include entertainment and refreshments.

To book a craft stall please email Sheonagh Friend at [horsellvillageshow@yahoo.com](mailto:horsellvillageshow@yahoo.com) or use the booking form at [www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk](http://www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk)



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The detail in the six tapestries, each measuring 2m x 4m, is phenomenal, making you stop, stare, observe and reflect on the small things that people crave. A social commentary in tapestry form; a very clever, subtle yet unobtrusive way of making one reflect upon how we judge ourselves and others by class. Within each painting are nods to pieces of sacred art but without obvious offence to the observer (watch the video that accompanies the artwork for more info).

As a local, it is good to support this Arts Council Collection touring exhibition, on until 2 June 2024. Entry is £9.50 for a day pass, Lightbox Members and Under 18s go free; there is a Pay What You Wish on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am–12.30pm. [www.thelightbox.org.uk/the-vanity-of-small-differences-by-grayson-perry](http://www.thelightbox.org.uk/the-vanity-of-small-differences-by-grayson-perry)

Vanessa McMurtrie

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# Ten Thousand Reasons to Pick Litter in Horsell

When was the last time you admired the spring bulbs or budding leaves, only to also spot the twinkle of a bottle or wrapper within the verges and bushes too?

Litter is the blight that battles for space with nature the whole year round, only to be better noticed as the weather improves and we spend more time outdoors at this time of year.

With around ten thousand residents in the official ward of Horsell, it's easy to see how even the occasional accidental dropping of litter could build up (let alone adding the effect of our fox population on bin day). But ten thousand people could be ten thousand residents – of all ages and walks of life – able to pick up litter too. We all can. It might start just with taking home one piece of plastic from the verge today. So why not give it a go? You won't be alone.

Community spirit is especially strong in Horsell this spring. Various organisations have begun to take on responsibility for green spaces where official bodies are no longer able to expend the resources. In Horsell High Street, flowers are added to nature's



On a litter pick.

spring offerings with the work of the Community Garden Project. This enthusiasm shows that every single community driven action can make our village a better place.

Health-wise, it's a win-win too. Gentle walking, occasional reaching... litter picking is like a mini workout and could

be anything from a five-minute stroll to a whole afternoon out, suiting all ages and fitness levels; plus, fresh air and a dose of vitamin D from the sun.

If you'd like to join an organised litter pick, the Horsell Residents Association ([www.horsellresidents.com](http://www.horsellresidents.com)) provide equipment, bags and companionship – usually meeting in Elizabeth Gardens on the High Street on the second Saturday of each month.

Next time you see a wrapper as you pass by, why not start with one easy step, and give those spring bulbs more room to grow and shine?

Adam Kirby



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