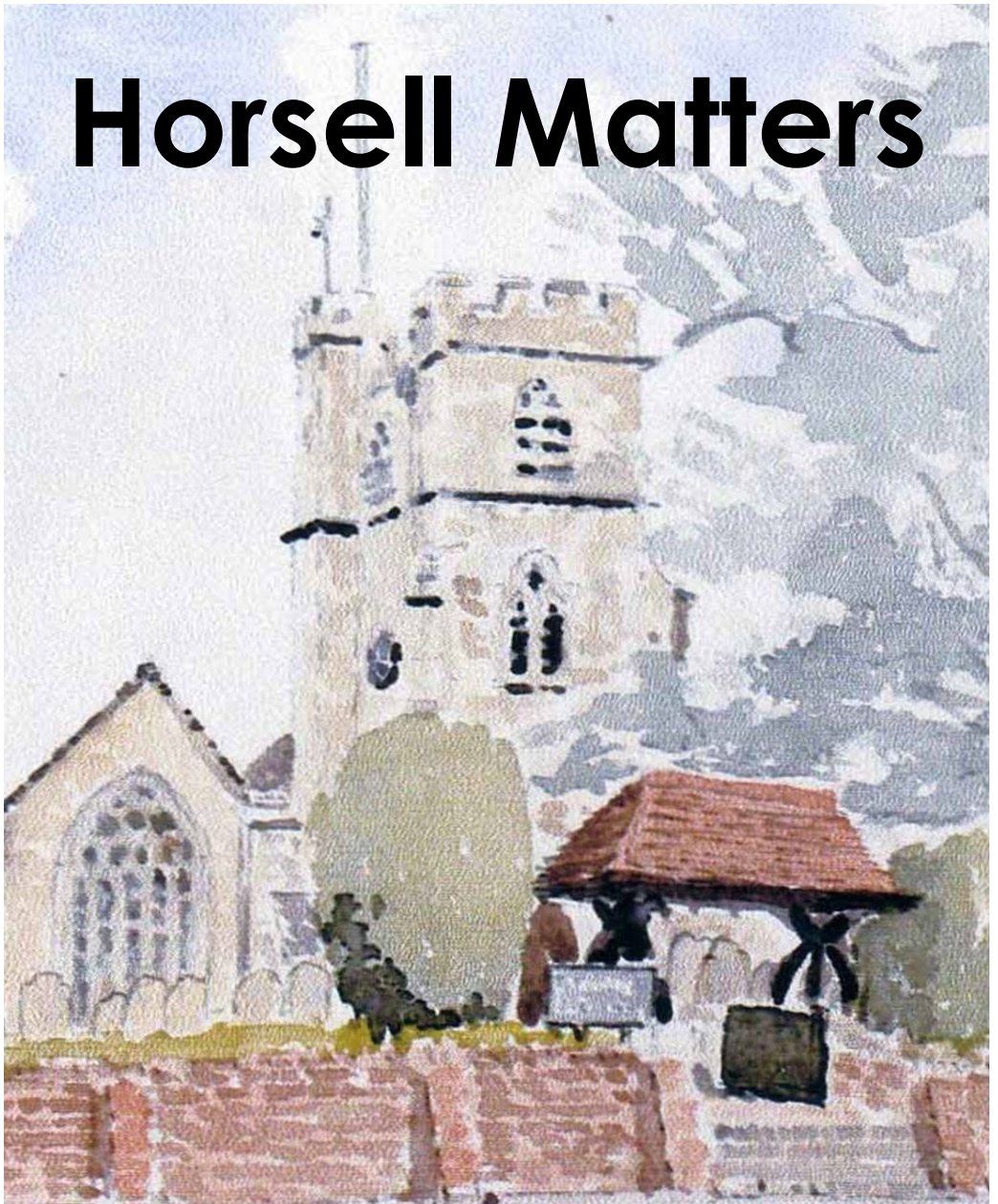


# Horsell Matters



The Village magazine from your parish church

**April/ May 2019**

# Horsell Directory

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	Meets on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall	
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# Hope from Despair, Life from Death

You may have noticed that Horsell Matters has been strangely absent since the November/December edition. Huge apologies for that but we had problems with our third party printer and advertising co-ordinator going into administration and hence the hiatus in getting ourselves back into print. Hope has triumphed and rather as

in the Easter story, Horsell Matters is resurrected from the dead.

The Christian story is all about hope coming out of despair; about life coming from the sadness and grief of death. As Jesus' disciples and friends watched him die on the first Good Friday they were devastated and their hopes and dreams were well and truly shattered. Grief set in - grief of the kind that so many of us know when a greatly loved family member, friend or colleague dies. Grief that is deep inside and which leaves us bewildered and lost and filled with a deep sadness within.

And yet, and yet, the Christian story, the Christian hope is that death is not, and never will be, the end for Jesus has shown us that God's life in all its fulness is not something that death can ever destroy. So many people saw Jesus come alive that first Easter, quite literally hundreds and hundreds of them. They talked with Jesus, ate with him, touched him and walked beside him. They saw a man who was self-evidently alive - they realised that death was not the end for him.

The wonderful promise that Jesus makes to us is that nothing can separate us from his love and that if we want to follow him we can do so along the path he took from death to resurrection life. Now that is some promise! Definitely worthy of serious consideration.

*Wishing you every Easter Blessing,  
Sarah Hayes*

# LEGO FOR GROWNUPS!

*The Vicar found another Horsell Resident with a rather interesting model making hobby recently. Definitely something much more sophisticated than simply 'toys for boys'!*

A couple of years ago, my wife gave me two Lego Kits for Christmas. Not having had Lego for many years more than I could remember, I decided she was acting on the comment that I frequently receive from her, “are you ever going to grow up” to which my answer is always no. I was not only pleasantly surprised but the inner child in me was quite excited to receive them.

The kits in question were the Lego Technic models which I soon found out were not for the faint hearted. They cover various types of vehicles (cars, lorries, cranes, aircraft etc), the number of parts and bricks can range from around 300 to 4000 with the sizes of the finished models ranging from small to quite large, the largest being nearly 60cm high. Some models are radio controlled and they all come with building instructions which resemble a large book, the largest being approx. 550 pages.



I always go for the larger kits as I find building them a challenge as well as very relaxing and when finished with everything working, a sense of achievement. Finishing them can take a while, sometimes several months depending on how much time you put towards building them.



The larger models also have various working parts, this means building a hydraulic and gear system and adding electric motors. These could even give an experienced engineer a headache as they can be tricky to get to work.



Many a time I have finished a model only to find that some working parts will not work, this usually means taking the model apart to find the fault or in some cases, starting again from scratch. A degree of patience is a good thing to have when building these kits.

In the end, I find this a very rewarding and relaxing hobby. The only problem is finding room for all of the completed models. My wife luckily hadn't thought of that little problem!

*Paul Rowe*

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# 60 second interview with Elaine Cooper, Headteacher at Horsell Village School



**How long have you been a teacher at the Village School?**

I have been here for 15 years, 3 as Deputy Head and the last 12 as Headteacher. Time flies by.

**What makes you think 'Today has been a good day'?**

I have a saying fixed to my door 'Find the wonderful in today', given to me by a Teaching Assistant with whom I worked closely. I try to do that.

I make sure that each day I look around the school, ensuring that the children are focussed and busy with their work.

**What priorities/aspirations do you have for the young children with whom you are involved?**

I want them to be successful in their life-long journey. I hope that they are happy under my leadership and they learn from my dedicated members of staff.

**What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you?**

I love to travel with my husband. On one of our journeys to America, we hired Harley Davidson motorbikes and so enjoyed riding at speed along many miles of motorways (sorry – no pictures!)

**Being a Head Teacher can involve some long and sometimes quite stressful days. How do you unwind?**

Reading a good book, teamed with a large gin and tonic!

I am a National Trust member and we are so fortunate to have so many beautiful properties in the local area. I never tire of revisiting them. That is very relaxing.

**What is your favourite food?**

Can I have more than one? My first favourite is avocado with salmon, as well as mussels and prawns. I also enjoy nuts and cheese. I like food better still prepared for me, perhaps by my husband.

**Do you enjoy holidays? Where is your favourite place that you have visited?**

I **LOVE** holidays – all teachers do! As a favourite place I would choose Egypt, which I have visited six or seven times. I am overwhelmed by the magnitude of the history, the events that took place there, the essence and feel of times long ago. I had the privilege of entering one of the pyramids – it was surreal! The size was quite breathtaking and awesome.

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# **Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre Bank Holiday Monday 6th May**

11.45am - 4.30pm

Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground, Chobham Road

This year's event will be flying high with the impressive Ridgeside Falconry Display team. The birds will have a great view of the more energetic on the ever-popular Soft play, inflatables, face painting, Dog Agility and climbing wall, joined this year by an exciting caving experience. Another new item for this year is the craft tent with local stalls where you will be sure to find that special something. You can enjoy a wide variety of refreshments and watch the talented Summercales Dancers and listen to live music from the Music Marquee, filled with local singers and musicians to entertain you. Do come along and enjoy the fun.



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4pm Messy Church

*Hosanna!*



## Maundy Thursday

8pm Thursday 18th April

Share the Lord's Supper

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## Good Friday

9.30am Family Service

followed by hot cross  
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2pm-3pm

A contemplative hour  
at the Cross

## Saturday 8pm Longing for Light



A short candlelit Easter Vigil Service with the  
opportunity to renew our baptismal promises



## Easter Day

8am Traditional communion with hymns

10am Celebratory Family Communion

"He is Risen!"



Saint Mary the Virgin

— Horsell —

# Bold, big, and beautiful

They are unmistakable, these large black and white birds, with their confident, even cocky steps, their swooping flight, their cackling call – they are magpies.

Black and white? A second look at their wings and long tails reveals iridescent shades of green and blue. Cackling? Yes, but they utter a number of other cries, squeaky or almost growling. They are of the crow family, so they are cautious as well as brash, very inquisitive, and intelligent.



There are plenty about. A pair of adult magpies oversees a territory of up to 20 hectares around their big, domed nests in trees in spring, and for much of the year younger magpies roam about in gangs, chatting a lot.

Magpies eat grubs and berries, carrion and scraps: anything that comes their way. And that leads sometimes to incidents distressing to watch, when a magpie extracts a young bird from a nest and devours it. But that's what magpies do, and allegations that their eating habits reduce the number of small birds in an area, overall, have not stood up to scientific investigation.

Magpies have intrigued people for centuries. 'One for sorrow, two for joy' and so on, as the fictional verse goes. Their reputation has varied across the world, from being harbingers of witchcraft in parts of Scandinavia, to bringers of good fortune in areas of China. Like them or dislike them, magpies are birds to be noticed.

# Random Acts of Kindness

Chobham and Horsell Girlguiding have been very busy! All the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and Leaders made 101 Acts of Kindness to celebrate World Thinking Day and the 101st Anniversary of 1st Horsell Brownies. We potted primroses and then shared them with special people in the village.

This was all made possible thanks to Seymours sponsoring our Acts of Kindness, Squires Garden Centre Woking who supplied our Primroses and Horsell Framing who gave us our cards.

All of our girls took the plant as their Act of Kindness and were given instructions to share it – it could be with an elderly neighbour, someone who has been ill, school teacher, music teacher, sports coach or dancing teacher. These were shared throughout Horsell and the reaction from recipients was overwhelming!

It was a rewarding initiative for everyone involved in Girlguiding and we are delighted that our efforts brought so much joy to Horsell Residents! It was a wonderful way to celebrate World Thinking Day and the 101st Anniversary of Horsell Brownies.



# Forest School

All of the children at the Horsell Junior School are fortunate to be able to experience Forest School in years 3, 4 and 5. Each child is able to learn and explore outdoors for a whole afternoon in a small group.

The aim of the five week Forest School programme is to boost the child's self-esteem; their ability to work independently and collaboratively; and to take responsibility for their own actions and understand risks.

The year 3s use the fantastic designated area at the edge of the school field. The year 4s and 5s usually walk up to Horsell Common, where we often encounter the delightful Belted Galloway cattle that are grazing there. The cattle are very curious and have come quite close to us. Some children had never seen cattle before.

The children are set challenges – sometimes individually and sometimes



in teams – such as building a den, creating a miniature village, mud art, nature scavenger hunt, etc. We also share facts about the environment and even manage to sneak in some maths, English and science, often without the children realising! And we play outdoor games, too.

For one session, we aim to have a camp fire to cook hotdogs and to toast marshmallows. The children love the marshmallows and also the weekly hot chocolate! Maybe you might be lucky enough to see us out exploring on Horsell Common!

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# New Faces in the High Street



‘Thrilled’ is how Christine Morrison described her feeling on bringing her family business to Horsell, a few days after Apples and Pears opened in the High Street. Christine, her husband John and their daughter Kate have arrived in the village fresh from running a shop in West Byfleet for the past 15 years.

Now they have secured a place with plenty of space for their merchandise, in a street where, to their delight, there are other independent businesses. When I dropped in, they were still busy arranging their cards – which they hope will extend the range available in Horsell, rather than compete with existing outlets – and laying out their displays of gifts. They are specialising in things for babies and children, and they offer some selected women’s clothing too.

How long is it since I was able to buy a new cuddly toy, or a new scarf in the village?



Kate Doughty and Christine Morrison, happy to be here.

## ST MARY’S CHURCH REGISTERS BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

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

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Marco Sredanovic   Edward Wilkin

### WEDDINGS

*We offer congratulations to*

Stephen Danks & Leila Dyer   Michael Calfe & Emily Jones

***Both couples married in November 2018***

# A weekend retreat



An opportunity arose recently to join a group from St Mary's Church who were going on a weekend retreat based in Salisbury. This was a new experience for me - devoting a whole weekend to getting closer to God.

Upon arrival at 5pm on Friday I switched off my mobile phone (not just putting it to silent) and in so doing I cut off communication with my spouse, son and elderly mother (I had warned them in advance), my social network (primarily via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and any temptation to review work emails that came in over the weekend.

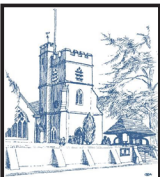
I was ready and willing to draw closer to God, just to "be" and not "do".  
[Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. *James 4:8*].

What did I learn? The art of contemplation - silencing the mind, letting go of thoughts. In prayer, rather than going through my list of needs for myself and those dear to me, I meditated on a bit of scripture, re-reading it, waiting, listening and being open to what the Lord might have for me. I came to a better understanding of how the Holy Spirit works - it's not about me and my agenda, but about how God can use me and others, through the Holy Spirit, uniquely, for His purpose. And it's ok that that purpose may not be obvious.

What did I think/feel about the experience? It was humbling, especially the shared giving to each other of bread and wine. I saw the grace of God in others and felt a new level of peace and acceptance of self.

What did I gain from God to enable me to grow? A challenge - to set aside time to develop my ability to meditate in prayer and in the silence, to allow contemplative listening.

*Vanessa McMurtrie*

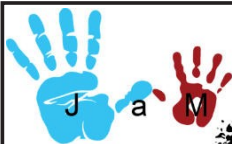


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**twinkle**  
**Tots**

**Baby and Toddler Group**  
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## ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY April-May 2019

### APRIL

Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am-3pm	Easter Experience for Junior School
		10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
		9.30am	Village School Easter Service
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		9.15am	Junior School Easter Service for parents
		10am	Junior School Easter Service for school
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	3pm-4.30pm	Bible Course (5) in St. Andrew's Room
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
		7.30pm-9pm	Bible Course (5) in St. Andrew's Room
Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Messy Church
Tues	16 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11am	NO Twinkle Tots
		8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Good Friday Family Service followed by crafts and hot cross buns
		2pm-3pm	A Contemplative hour at the cross
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	An Easter Vigil and renewal of baptism promises
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Easter Day Communion (BCP) with hymns
		10.00am	Easter Day Celebratory Family Service
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		10.30am	Throwleigh Lodge Service
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
		6.30pm	Taize Service
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group

## MAY

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship & Baptism
		6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion
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		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Messy Church
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	PCC Meeting in St. Andrew's Room
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
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
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		10.30am	Service at Throwleigh Lodge
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion & Baptism
		6.30pm	Taize Service
Tues	28 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

## JUNE

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Service at Kettlewell House
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)

# TULIPS

In the autumn, Squires Garden Centre very kindly and generously donated 2,500 “Tarda” tulip bulbs, a small, yellow and white multi headed tulip, which naturalises easily and flowers in April. This created a bit of a brain teaser: how do you plant 2,500 bulbs? The men who work in St Mary’s Churchyard every Saturday morning helped us to solve the problem. They were able to dig a trench in front of the woodland of Pares Woodland garden and then a group of us planted 2,000 bulbs. The remaining 500 bulbs were planted in St Mary’s churchyard, where flowers spelling out “ Peace” had been removed from the garden at the far end which the Woodlanders had nurtured during the summer. The tulips should be in flower in April, as long as the squirrels haven’t been feasting on the bulbs. We put netting over most of the area.



The churchyard is truly lovely in spring with snowdrops, wild daffodils and primroses. The Woodlanders will again plant wild flowers and annuals to attract the eye and insects alike. This year, we will plant “ Hope” with white alyssum. A plea: the Woodlanders will be helping to keep the churchyard tidy on the second Saturday of each month in summer. We need your help and the churchyard needs some “ churchyard angels” to care for allocated areas: keeping down the grass and tidying a few graves. The more help the easier the work.

# Fish stew - an ordinary name for a delicious dish

## Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 onions, chopped
- 1 large bulb of fennel, chopped
- a pinch of chilli flakes
- 400 grams tin chopped tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons fennel seeds
- 2 bay leaves
- 750 ml dry white wine
- 500 grams new potatoes, unpeeled & thickly sliced
- 1 kg mixed white fish cut into bite sized chunks
- 300 grams large prawns



## Method

Heat the olive oil in a large pan.

Gently sweat the onions and fennel for 20 minutes.

Add the garlic and allow it also to sweat with the onion and fennel for a few minutes.

Then add the chilli flakes, tomatoes, fennel seeds, bay leaves, fish stock and wine. Bring to the boil, add the potatoes, turn the heat down and simmer for 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

Add the fish and prawns, season well and simmer for 5 minutes until the fish is cooked but not long enough for fish to disintegrate. At this stage you can add chopped fennel fronds for decoration as well. Enjoy!

# CHURCHYARD CAT



I observe them coming and going as I sit in one of my lairs in the churchyard on Sundays. I mean the people going into church.

Some of them look thoughtful as they walk along, some of them are chatting quietly to each other, some of them look a little bit reluctant.

Recently, however, I've noticed a change. Some of the children go running along the path, can't get to church quick enough; parents with babies in buggies move briskly; there's quite a buzz.

And when they come out again, they're loaded with stuff: parcels of iced biscuits (the thought of all that stickiness makes my fur creep); drawings and primitive model objects; painted stones (these are sometimes concealed around the churchyard as they go); and I don't know what else. They're cheerful too. And they all smell of food.

What *have* they been doing in church on those afternoons when the sign at the gate advertises 'Messy Church'?



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'At Messy Church I like the crafts and I like that you can eat tea with your friends. I liked making junk models and it was fun making a clay pot. They have yummy food and drink too.' - Thomas age 6

'I really like Messy Church because they have awesome and fun crafts to do that remind you of Jesus and the miracles he made. You get to take home your crafts and you can make friends there too.' Amy age 10

Messy Church is such fun! I can't wait for to come!



The best fun I have ever had in church! Such joy!



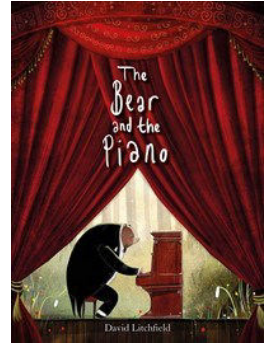
# Easter Holiday amusements

As ever there are a number of events designed for families during the school holidays this April.

**The Lightbox** has some special family events as part of the Woking Literary Festival which runs from 18th - 29th April: children and adults alike will be charmed by the tale of *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield. Enjoy this moving story of exploration and belonging from a prize-winning author-illustrator complete with real piano sounds played by the bear!

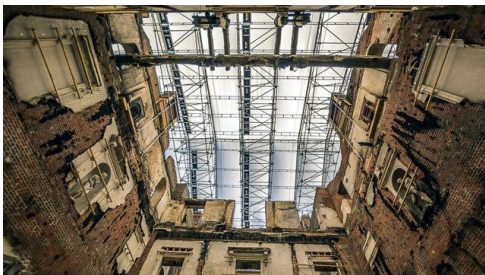
Thurs 18 April, 2.00pm £9.50 Adult and One Child | £5

Add-on Ticket [www.thelightbox.org.uk](http://www.thelightbox.org.uk)



Further afield local National Trust properties have egg hunts. At **Hatchlands Park**, the egg trail is open from 6 to 23 April – and the bluebells in the park may be open too.

**Dapdune Wharf** has an egg hunt as well as a Wind in the Willows trail, so that you can explore the Wharf with Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger. To check open hours and prices of these and other properties go to [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southeast](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southeast)



**Clandon Park** is a place for older children and adults who, issued with hard hats, can explore the ruined interior of the mansion that was gutted by fire three years ago. From the first sight of the giant

plastic encased scaffolding shell across the gardens, it's an enthralling tour through the bones of the house, with a chance also to see the plans for its restoration.

### **Basingstoke Canal trips aboard Kitty**

will be running from Woking Town Wharf (approx 1¼ hours) on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Bank Holidays at 11am, 1pm and 2.45pm <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/jp/kitty/>



**Brooklands Museum** are running special Easter Holiday Family Fun Days every from 8th to 12th and 15th - 18th April.



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## **Woking History Society**

Woking History Society has a new meeting place in Hall 2, Maybury Centre, Board School Road, Woking, GU21 5HD. There is free parking at the Centre and in Maybury School car park behind it.

On Monday April 1 Dan Allen will talk about 'Women and the Victorian army'. The next meeting after that is on June 3, when Cherrill Sands's topic will be 'Painshill: the restoration'.

Doors open at 7.30 pm for refreshments before an 8.00 pm start. Visitors are very welcome and are charged £3.00 per meeting. For further details email: [historywoking@gmail.com](mailto:historywoking@gmail.com) or consult the Society's website: [www.wokinghs.org.uk](http://www.wokinghs.org.uk)

# The closure of St Mary's Churchyard

## What does this mean?

As we anticipated a year or so ago in Horsell Matters, St Mary's Churchyard no longer has the space available to accommodate new grave burials. We wanted to explain to Horsell residents what will now happen and what this will mean for the churchyard and future burials and interments.

Because the churchyard is now full the Parochial Church Council are applying to the Ministry of Justice for an Order in Council to discontinue burials in the churchyard under Section 1 of the Burial Act 1853. If this approved, then in accordance with the provisions of Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972, Woking Borough Council (WBC) will take over the regular maintenance of the Churchyard.

### **Q: What does closing the Churchyard mean?**

A: There will no longer be space left for new graves, except for the very few reserved grave spaces from many years ago. Interment of ashes will however still be allowed.

### **Q: Will I still be able to visit the churchyard?**

A: Yes, you can. The free access to the churchyard will not change. You can visit existing graves or walk through the graveyard at any time.

### **Q: Can someone be buried in an existing grave?**

A: Yes if the original grave was dug double depth to allow another family burial to take place above the original burial. The double depth ensures that the minimum depth requirements for graves can still be complied with.

### **Q: Will I still be able to leave flowers on graves and plant ?**

A: Yes, the placing of flowers will continue along with other floral tributes as long as they conform to the existing Churchyard regulations (as displayed on the noticeboards throughout the Churchyard).

### **Q: Can I still have my ashes interred within the Churchyard?**

A: Yes, you can. There is existing space in the Churchyard dedicated to ashes interment for the next few years and also within a new Memorial Garden that is

to be planted very soon.

**Q: I can still see space within the Churchyard. Why can't that be used?**

A: There is a requirement to allow foot access around the Churchyard and to a degree, vehicle access for waste maintenance removal. Also, areas of the churchyard have been reserved for expansion of the ashes memorial garden and for possible future expansion of the Church building coming off the existing vestry and St Andrews room.

**Q: Will fallen gravestones/monuments be resurrected?**

A: No, because unstable and hence unsafe stones need to be laid flat on the ground with the inscription facing upwards. It is the responsibility of the burial family to ensure that if a headstone/monument is laid flat for safety purposes, to re-erect it and ensure that it is safe.

**Q: Will the Church continue to look after the Churchyard as well?**

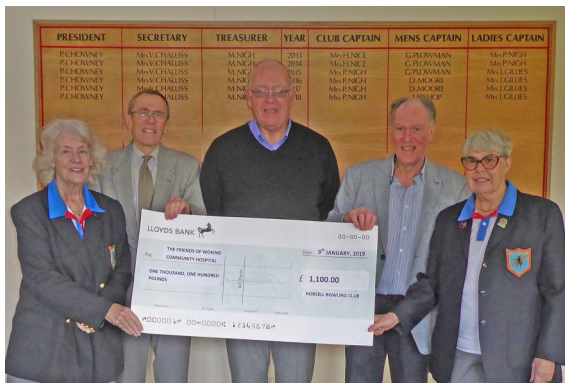
A: Yes, we will endeavour to keep the Churchyard looking at its best and will augment the maintenance work carried out by Woking Borough Council if necessary, hopefully with the help of other residents, just as now.

We will keep you informed about the closure of the churchyard in the coming months.



# Supporting Others

Earlier this year Horsell Bowling Club presented a cheque for a wonderful £1100 to the Friends of Woking Community Hospital, their Captain's Charity for 2018, which helps and supports so many members of our own local community.



The gift will be used to fund items for staff and patients on the Friends' 'Wish List' of items which can't be provided by the NHS.

If you would like to know about the Bowling Club, they have an Open Day on Saturday 13th April between 9.45 - 12noon. For more information contact Tricia on 01483 760170 or [tricia.horsell.bowls@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.horsell.bowls@gmail.com)



In February Woking Lions showed their support for the armed forces by presenting cheques for £250 each to the Royal British Legion and SSAFA, the charity for retired service men and women and their families. The presentation was very appropriately made at the Horsell War Memorial. The donations came from the proceeds of a very successful evening the Lions held at Woking United Reformed Church with the Bourne Concert Band. Woking Lions President Bob Hills (pictured left) said 'We are pleased to donate to these important charities which support the many men and women who protect our shores, and to families which are particularly in need of extra help when their loved ones have passed on'.

# Parish in the Past

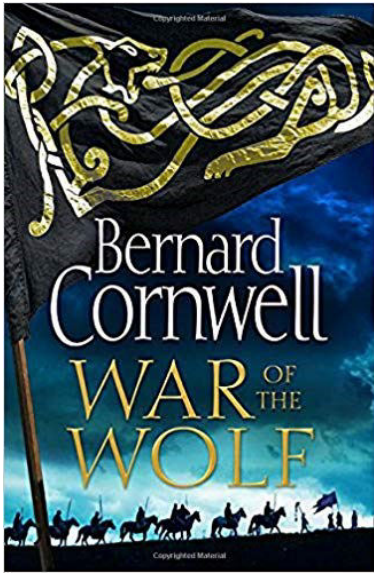
*The 1929 General Election was the first in which everyone over 21, including women, could vote. It is known as the Flapper Election because of the huge turnout of women aged 21-29 voting for the first time.*

In the May issue of the parish magazine the Vicar of Horsell, Norman Pares, urged everyone to use a prayer designed 'For use at the time of an Election'. He quoted advice from the Bishop of Winchester:

Though you cannot make Saints by Act of Parliament...you can so order the framework of the community's life that it encourages and does not discourage, that true development of personality which after all is the highest interest of any nation. The supreme wealth of the country is good men and women... It follows that in choosing men and women to represent us in Parliament we must have regard not only to the policies they support, but to their whole character and outlook.

*The current Vicar feels that this advice has withstood the test of time and might, if heeded, result in an interesting change to the political make-up in Parliament.*





# War of the Wolf

## by Bernard Cornwell

This book is the fifteenth in Bernard Cornwell's Last Kingdom series. The story opens with Uhtred, now in his sixties, comfortably settled back in Bebbanburgh (modern day Bamburgh) with his daughter married to a Danish king who rules

Northumbria from York. The book is set after the death of King Alfred and shortly after the death of his daughter Aethelflaed. (Unlike Uhtred she was a real person and quite remarkable for her time.)

Uhtred receives a plea to ride to the rescue of Athelstan who was being besieged in Chester only to find on arrival that Athelstan was managing perfectly well on his own and did not need rescuing. Who has lured Uhtred out of Bebbanburgh? What has happened in Northumbria in his absence? Who will Uhtred have to deal with next?

Uhtred has over the course of the series become a person with real depth, unlike some of those around him. Bernard Cornwell is a great story teller and moves the plot along at a fast pace. It is possible to follow Uhtred's adventures and exploits without necessarily following all the twists and turns of the complex political and religious background. Bebbanburgh is threatened by Picts to the north, by Danes, and by an expansionist Wessex, to the south. It is the last non-Christian kingdom in what was to become England.

The depiction of the Roman church in the period is not particularly flattering. At a time when there was no distinction between church and

state many of the senior clergy are shown as more political than religious figures. By our standards at least they appear as corrupt, intolerant, and not above using underhand methods to achieve their ends. There are instances of forced and top down conversion, that is of rulers being made to convert and submit to baptism, the assumption being that the ruled would have no option but to follow suit.

Uhtred himself remains resolutely pagan. The background to Uhtred's adventures shows that both the adoption of Christianity by the population as a whole and the creation of a unified England were gradual, and at time violent, processes spread over many years.

I found the book an enjoyable read. It does help to have read the previous books in the series and to have done so in order. I look forward to the next instalment which is due out next year. *Roger King*

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## Garden Safari - Call for gardens!

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If you would be happy to open – or perhaps know a garden that you can recommend for us to get in touch with - please contact Gail on [bromleysglad@talktalk.net](mailto:bromleysglad@talktalk.net).



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