

Horsell Matters



**The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
August – September 2024**

Horsell Directory

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	Meets on 4th Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Village Hall	
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Homily

Give us today our daily bread ...

I like to make my own bread from time to time. I find preparing the dough a relaxing job and freshly baked bread, tastes every bit as good as it smells!



Bread in its various forms is a staple food for much of the world. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, He taught them a model prayer, known in the trade as the Lord's Prayer; it includes a line asking God to provide us with daily bread.

There is food enough available to feed the world, but its distribution is patchy. As Gandhi noted, there is food enough to satisfy everyone's need but not enough to satisfy everyone's greed. In the poorest countries of the world feeding the population is a major problem for governments and aid agencies. Even in affluent Britain some must rely on food banks and other assistance to feed themselves. We need to remember the needs of others in our own prayers and in our personal giving.

August is a favourite holiday time for many. Schools and colleges are out until early September, and many will be taking time out to refresh and relax. One of the

nice things about going away is coming back afterwards - and seeing home with fresh eyes!

September brings with it our Heritage Day on 14th September when, between 10am and 4 pm, we hope you will be able to take time to come and visit our wonderful church building. You will be able to explore the church and its surroundings and enjoy the

displays of informative guides and notes telling you about its history which dates from the 12th century. The tower will be open; the climb up it is challenging but the view from the top is spectacular. Can you manage to spot where you live?

Afterwards come and relax over a cuppa and enjoy delicious cakes and snacks.

Maybe pause before you leave to thank God for all the many blessings in your life, as people have come here to do for centuries. Bring before God all that is on your heart. Pray for your own needs and for the needs of your family and friends, our village community and the wider world. If you wish, we will be pleased to pray for you or with you, just ask.

Roy Wernham
Licensed Lay Minister

SERVICES CARRIED OUT BY THE VICAR OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Funerals, Burials and Cremations

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:
Andrew Jameson & Phoebe Whithouse

Baptism and Thanksgiving

We welcome into the family of the church:
Charlotte Chimes & Penelope Trantas

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **AUGUST 2024**

Thurs 1st	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 2nd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 4th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship & Baptism
Tues 6th	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 7th	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 8th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 7th	10.00am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 11th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues 13th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 15th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 16th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 18th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion NO Messy Church
Tues 20th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 22nd	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 23rd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 25th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 27th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 29th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 30th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from **9.30am** to **3pm**



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

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **SEPTEMBER 2024**

Sun 1st	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Service (CW) All Age Morning Worship
Tues 3rd	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 4th	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 5th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 6th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 8th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues 10th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 12th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 13th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat 14th	10.00am-4.00pm	Heritage Open Day
Sun 15th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
Mon 16th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 17th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 19th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 20th	08.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 22nd	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 24th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 26th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Twinkle Tots
Fri 27th	8.45am-12noon 9.30am	Pop In Coffee Junior School Holy Communion Service
Sun 29th	8.00am 10.00am 12.15pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion On Your Own Lunch

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **OCTOBER 2024**

Tues 1st	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 2nd	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Fri 4th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 6th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship

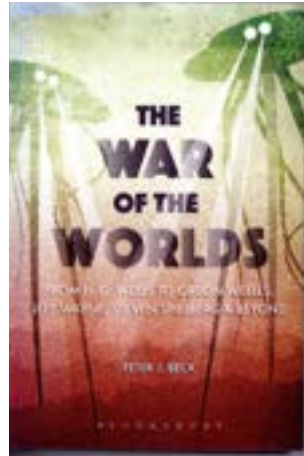
The View from the Church Tower

Professor Peter J. Beck explains why he recently climbed the towers 64 steps.

Enjoying the view towards Horsell Common from the top of Horsell's church tower one day in mid-June, it seemed strange to think that one century ago this green and pleasant area, the Martians' landing place, was a battlefield, or rather the virtual battlefield imagined by H.G. Wells while resident in nearby Maybury Road, Woking. Indeed, *The War of the Worlds*, one of his most influential and successful books, was not only written in Woking but also set principally in Woking and Horsell – when Wells lived in Woking (1895-1896) Horsell was part of Chertsey Rural District, not Woking - based upon research gathered on foot and by bicycle.

Published as a book on both sides of the Atlantic in 1898, *The War of the Worlds* was soon translated into French (1900), German (1901), among other languages. For many, the book supports claims that Wells was the founder of sci-fi fiction, a reputation reinforced by the way in which *The Time Machine* (1895) inspired time travellers, like TV's Dr. Who. Over time, *The War of the Worlds* has been adapted for film, radio, tv, music, and so forth. Indeed, today, the story is accessed chiefly through adaptations, most notably, the 2005 Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise film resetting events in the USA and Jeff Wayne's rock opera, which includes a song called Horsell Common and the Heat Ray and remains true to the story's original geography. Wayne's spectacular arena show returns in 2025.

Against this background, why was I, a longtime Horsell resident, standing at the top of St. Mary's church tower with two French filmmakers and Brian Sheriff, Churchwarden? In 2016 I published *The War of the Worlds: from H.G. Wells to Orson Welles, Jeff Wayne, Steven Spielberg and beyond* (Bloomsbury, 2016), a biography of Wells' book, while collaborating with the late Tony Kremer, Ann Tilbury, Riette Thomas, and the Wells' Society organising Woking's 2016 celebrations of Wells' life and writings. Subsequently, I have guided many people, including BBC TV's 'Flog It' team, headed by Paul Martin, and the above-mentioned French filmmakers around the Wells' trail, locations mentioned in the story and featured in my book.



Cyril Leuthy, a French film director, is producing a TV documentary on *The War of the Worlds* for the European Arte Channel which is targeted mainly at France and Germany. Horsell's church is not only mentioned in Wells' book as a vantage point for troops aiming to contain the Martians' advance from Horsell Common but also remains an excellent viewpoint for filmmakers.



Cyril Leuthy

Hence our climb up the tower, and yet another occasion highlighting the manner in which Wells' writing took, and still takes, Horsell - the village, the common and the church - to Britain, the world, and beyond, beyond since Wells' *The War of the Worlds* was included on a multimedia DVD taken to Mars in 2008 by NASA's Phoenix lander (<https://www.planetary.org/outreach/visions-of-mars>).

Professor Peter J. Beck

Churchyard Cat

I do quite like the warmer weather of summer but need more water to drink; I recently emptied four bowls, a new 'lap' record. I know that my humans like to quench their thirst as well, as quite a number of them walk through my churchyard on a Friday morning, on their way to 'Friday Morning Coffee', which I've heard, also includes tea and cakes, both homemade and those kindly given by Woking Funeral Services. There is no charge but donations are appreciated, which appeals to me as I am rather 'paw'.



Next month, on 14th September, we have our Historic Open Day so there will be lots more people in my churchyard. Some will go up the tower for an excellent view. A bit too high for me. We recently hosted a French TV crew filming from the top - looking for Martians I understand, but I haven't seen any. If you do, please let me know on my email address stmaryschurchyardcat@gmail.com

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Climb the Tower

On Saturday 14th September between 10am-4pm we offer the chance to climb to the top of the Tower to experience breathtaking views of the village and surrounding area.



Book your slot to climb up the Tower by using the QR code below or by going to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/926573505297>

There are 64 steps to climb* to reach the top. The twisting staircase is aged and narrow in places. For safety reasons, those aged between 8-18 must have an adult with them (no under 8s are allowed up the Tower).

We want you to have the best experience climbing to the top of the Tower and admiring the views, so we are limiting the number of visitors to 6 at any one time at the top of the Tower. There will be a volunteer at the top of the Tower throughout. Please arrive 5 minutes before your booked time for a safety brief. Any donations will be used to maintain the Grade II listed Church building and the Tower. A suggested donation is £5 per person please. If you are unable to make your slot, do let us know by contacting the office on 01483 772134 or via stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com before 12pm Friday 13th September.

You will have the opportunity to go around the Church and enjoy the displays of informative guides and notes telling you about the history of the Church dating back to the 12th century. Refreshments and craft activities will be available.

Please note that the Church will only be open for the Heritage Weekend on Saturday (10am-4pm).

* the climb is physically challenging and not recommended to anyone unsteady on their feet or who might feel claustrophobic.



St Mary's Church Heritage Day 14th September 2024

Saturday 14th between 10am - 4pm

Climb the Tower (no under 8s)

Booking to climb the tower is essential

Crafts and Trails for children

Refreshments available

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Grave Matters

We have the modest grave of a bishop in our Churchyard.

Basil Batty, first Bishop of Fulham, who lived in his retirement in Elm Road, is buried at St Mary's. He was born in Fulham on 12 May 1873, his father being Vicar of St John's Walham Green. He was educated at St Paul's School, then in Hammersmith, and Selwyn College Cambridge, before being ordained deacon in 1896 to a parish in York, and after ordination as a priest the next year served as vicar or rector in six parishes, mostly in London, but also in Derbyshire and Buckinghamshire.

In 1903 he married Emily Sutton at Henley-on-Thames, while serving as Vicar of Medmenham, and they had four children. During World War I he was a member of the Church Army Military Committee, visiting the French and Italian fronts on special missions, being awarded the OBE in 1918 and Italian and Danish honours for his work. This work led to his being appointed the first Bishop of Fulham in 1926 a post he held until retiring in 1947. The post was intended firstly to assist the Bishop of London generally and later to have care of the Anglican parishes and chaplaincies in north and central Europe. He did not live in his native Fulham (Fulham palace is the home of the bishops of London), but in Reigate and later at Chobham Grange. There were six more bishops of Fulham with this care until the last became the first Bishop of Gibraltar in the new

diocese of Europe in 1980. The seat fell into abeyance for a couple of years until revived in 1982, first to assist the Bishop of London locally and later to minister to the more traditional parishes of the diocese.

Bishop Batty died on 19 March 1952, aged 78 and his funeral at St Mary's was conducted by the Bishop of London. He summarised his career as 'hard work but very pleasant'.

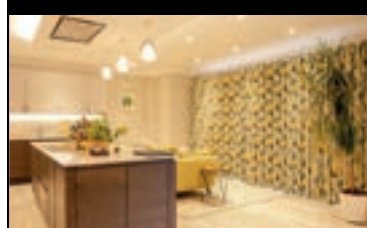
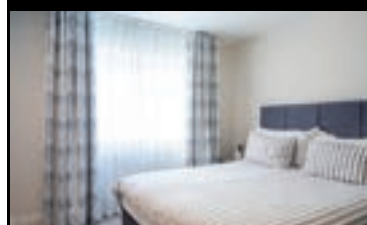
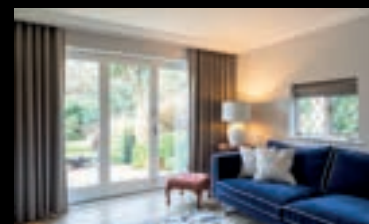
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The Batty Grave

Sophie Sews

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Five Talents was founded at the 1998 Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops as a practical means of combating poverty. In sub-Saharan Africa, the church is often the primary, or indeed only, trusted organisation in many marginalised communities which have been neglected by other organisations. The name Five Talents comes from Jesus' parable recorded in the book of Matthew, chapter 25.

Five Talents works with the Anglican Church in rural areas of eastern Africa to enable those who have little to no access to financial services to begin Savings Groups where they receive training and support to set-up and grow small businesses.

On 9 June, we were delighted to welcome Richard Jones from Five Talents to speak about their work and how Jesus' parable remains relevant today.

One example given was a lady who joined a savings group and learnt skills



A lady who joined a savings group and now owns a bicycle business

in literacy, numeracy and business management. This lady then borrowed from the group to buy a bicycle. She now owns 22 bicycles and rents these out. Her business has enabled her children to go to school, created jobs for the community and provides opportunities for people to travel further than previously possible.

Richard then returned to Jesus' parable, explained that we have all been given many talents and that there will come a time when we need to account for how we have used them.

For more information about Five Talents, please visit www.fivetalents.org.uk

Could you spare about an hour every other month to deliver a round of Horsell Matters to 63 houses? The roads are The Ridgeway, Ridgeway Close and Gardens, Lyndhurst Close and The Limes. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help: stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com Thank you.



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What's in a Name?

“Here I am, Lord”.

If you own a dog, you most likely will teach it basic skills and give commands or instructions, expecting certain behaviour. Using a dog's name is one way to get their attention. It's the same for us. Our name is our personal identity, and it's important to us. Our name allows us to hear someone calling us.

The focus for a summer All-Age Worship service was the Old Testament story of the young boy Samuel. God calls Samuel's name, but Samuel mistakenly thought Eli (in whose house Samuel served) was calling. After three attempts, Eli realized that it was the Lord calling Samuel. He told Samuel how to respond: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” And so, Samuel did, and the Lord spoke to him.

How do we respond when someone calls our name? Does it depend on who is calling, the tone of voice, the person, the present context? But what if it is God who calls?

One of my favourite hymns ‘I, the Lord of sea and sky’, has Samuel's response – ‘Here I am Lord’, followed by a question, ‘Is it I?’ That questioning probably comes for most of us before we can confidently say ‘yes’ to God,

turning the question into a confident statement ‘It is I!’ Understanding our calling may be a long process, with periods of doubt and testing. We reflect on things, we warm to ideas and then get cold feet, we chat to trusted friends and family. Once we take the plunge, we often think ‘I should have done this ages ago’?

The point is, if called by God, we must be open to that call. God's call may not lead us where we expect, and it may take us out of our comfort zone but that may be exactly what we need to do. If called, we can be assured that God knows each of us by name.

Vanessa McMurtrie, Editor,
Horsell Matters.



Vanessa McMurtrie

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Every Sunday except the first Sunday
of the month when we have All Age
Worship

There will be no 'JaM' over the
summer but there will be activities
for children during the 10am service

Term starts: 8th September, 2024

Saint Mary the Virgin

TINY TREASURES

Baby and Toddler Group
Every Tuesday (term time)
9.30am to 11.00am

Term starts
10th September, 2024

In the St Andrew's Room
St Mary's Church, Horsell

Come and make friends,
enjoy play, craft,
and songs

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HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

10am Sunday 13th October
All welcome



Donations of non-perishable items
will be collected during the service
and distributed within the community
and at the York Road Project

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4.00pm to 5.30pm

No Messy Church in August
15th September

Explore a Bible theme through
craft, food, games or nature.
There will be a short celebration
with a story, songs and prayers.

For all ages!
Picnic tea provided!

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship
(BRF), a Registered Charity.
brf.org.uk

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FRIDAY POP-IN COFFEE

8.45am until noon
(term time)



10am to 12 noon
(school holidays)

Why not drop in for a
cuppa, a piece of cake and
a chat once you have done
the school drop-off?

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COLOUR AND COUNT

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Count the fruit and vegetables. How many of each?

First one has been done for you.

Can you spot an odd vegetable?

How many all together?



carrot	10	pear	-----	tomato	-----	onion	-----
apple	-----	corn	-----	beetroot	-----	courgette	-----



Did you know? God made fruit and vegetables and everything that grows on the third day of Creation. You can read about it in the Bible in the book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 11. Genesis is the first book of the Bible.

Horsell Hosts a Super Garden Safari

Thanks to determined visitors and resolute owners, the ever-popular Horsell Garden Safari, over the weekend of 15th and 16th June, was a great success, reports David Bromley.

Despite the torrential downpours that bookended the Saturday openings, in between, the brighter periods enabled some gardens to receive over 300 visitors who followed the trail to make certain of visiting those gardens only open on the Saturday. The Sunday sunshine brought more visitors to the Safari to revisit those open on both days and to catch the Sunday openings. The village was bustling with walkers and cyclists.



Charlotte & Eden Bromley & Sadie McGarry with their maternal granny – enjoyment for all ages

A wonderful variety of gardens and attractions were on offer, from those making use of every last inch of space, manicured lawns and beds, wispy cottage gardens, tranquil spaces, to hidden spaces, wildflowers and natural spaces for fish and fowl. Carol Cheeseman and Caroline and Geoff Hughes opened their gardens and provided teas on both days raising £1000 in doing so. On Sunday Debbie and Andrew Goulter Stubbington served teas in their inventively laid-out small garden and Sue Gaastra, with help from her colleagues in the Woking Amateur Operatic Society served teas in costume, a practice for *Evita* later in the year.



Presentation of cheques

Pauline and David Burch provided a concert by the Woking Flute Orchestra, Jon and Vivienne Allan held their regular plant sale on behalf of the Friends of Woking Community Hospital, Tony and Lynn Wellbelove had their woodworker's workshop and Judy and Tony Hsu presented a Koi Carp extravaganza.

The chance for visitors to peek over the wall and experience the pleasure of other people's gardens was too much to resist and over 400 schedules were sold through Premier Stores Horsell, Seymours, Lisa Jones and the Horsell Framers, plus the participating gardens. The proceeds are donated to local charities and this year £5250 will be distributed to Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, Horsell Care and the Horsell Village Hall.

Garden Matters

At this time of year, many plants produce dry seed pods and seeds which can be collected for future sowing.

Examples of collectable seeds are Calendula, Nigella, Phlomis russeliana, Poppy, Sunflower, Astrantia and Cosmos. Holding the seed heads over a brown paper bag or envelope and gently shaking the heads releases the seeds if they are ready to disperse. I then store these in labelled and dated envelopes, in a tin, to keep them dry until I sow them. Tomatoes, peppers, beans and peas all have self-pollinating blooms and easy-to-store seeds.



Flower head of *Daucus carota* 'Purple Kisses'

Others, such as sweetcorn and squashes, can cross-pollinate and hybridize and the fruits from their seeds are not always true to form (hence the disappointing round, green 'butternut squash' that I grew a couple of years ago). My go-to sites for seed-saving information are

<http://www.soilassociation.org/take-action/growing-at-home/ben-raskins-guide-to-seed-saving>

<http://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to-grow-plants/how-to-collect-and-save-seeds>

In my experience, the plants from September sowings of many perennial, biennial and hardy annual seeds grow stronger and taller than those of the same varieties sown in spring. *Daucus carota* (wild carrot) (one of my favourite umbellifers), *Phlomis*, *Verbascum* and *Foxglove* were recent examples and their seedlings coped well through last winter in my mini greenhouse. The resulting plants cost me very little and have been invaluable gap fillers between existing perennials. Pricking out seedlings takes time, but the end result is extremely rewarding. It never ceases to amaze me how a tiny seed can grow into a beautiful plant - isn't nature incredible?

Elna Broe



Sunny summer flowers

The answers from page 18 are: carrot 10, apple 6, pear 7, corn 4, tomato 5, beetroot 4, onion 3, courgette 5. The odd vegetable is a pepper and all together there are 45.

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Review: A Taste of Mumbai in Horsell

Rather than a recipe, in this edition of Horsell Matters we review the recently opened Versova, found in the middle of the High Street, where you can enjoy 'real' Indian food as prepared and enjoyed in the homes and streets of Mumbai.



Owned by husband and wife, Shabs and Rehana, we were welcomed to our table and as first-time visitors Shabs invited us to experience rest and relaxation, while eating dishes that reflect the vibrant flavours of Mumbai featuring traditional street foods and exquisite regional dishes. We were promised an explosion of flavour and an attack on the senses, which we found in the complimentary appetiser, Puchka – crispy semolina balls containing potato and chickpea, with a tamarind sauce poured inside – placed in the mouth all at once. For starters we chose Versova's take on kale and onion bhajis and lollypop chicken – dishes we were familiar with but that were anything but ordinary - a real treat in the mouth with perfectly melded flavours, particularly the yoghurt with pomegranate sauce to accompany the bhajis.

For our main courses, Shabs recommended Head Chef Rana's lamb Dhaba Curry and the Old Deli Butter Chicken, both of which were delicious. The smoothness of the creamy tomato gravy with the chicken was sublime. As side dishes we thoroughly enjoyed the Tandoori broccoli and the green beans and cashew Poriyal.

We could see many other delicious looking dishes and attractive cocktails



Team Versova

coming out to other diners. It's fair to say no one looked disappointed with their choices.

The attentiveness of the staff was subtle and well-mannered. We particularly enjoyed the polite disposition of waiter, Pharam and that Head Chef Rana came out to speak to diners, shaking hands with us and others, before leaving.

Possible downsides for those unused to a busy, small restaurant are the increasing noise level of chat as the evening progresses and the close proximity of tables. This however was not a problem for us as it enhanced the atmosphere, and it was a pleasure to be able to enjoy this culinary experience knowing others were too. A great addition to Horsell village.

Vanessa McMurtrie

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McLaren Technology Centre Celebrates 20th Birthday

This summer the McLaren Technology Centre home of McLaren Racing and Automotive, one of Woking's largest employers, marked the 20th anniversary of its official opening by Queen Elizabeth II.

The building which is located on the edge of Horsell Common was designed by renowned international architect Sir Norman Foster and Partners who also created Wembley Stadium, London's Gherkin and Hong Kong airport. After HG Well's War of the Worlds, McLaren is probably Horsell's second most well known point of interest. The land for the McLaren site was originally owned by the Horsell Common Preservation Society but a land swap deal was agreed leading to the creation of the Heather Farm wetlands, recreation site and cafe. The technology centre took 2 million hours of labour to construct and contains 43,000 square metres of glass.

The McLaren center is surrounded by an attractive lake, containing over 30 million litres of water to cool the buildings and dissipate the heat produced by one of the UK's largest wind tunnels. This impressive building is large enough to house nine Boeing 747 aircrafts nose to tail and has been used as a set for multiple award winning film and TV productions. The McLaren Production Centre

was added to the campus in 2011 to produce McLaren's high-performance supercars.

You can enjoy walking around McLaren Park which sits behind the technology centre and appreciate the 100,000 trees and shrubs that have been planted on the 50-hectre site. On a sunny summer day, you can expect to see 350 individual butterflies, with more than 25 different species spotted annually. The rivers and lakes provide habitat to 11 species of dragonfly and damselfly, plus McLaren bred carp. Picnic tables are available to rest-up before walking back to Horsell Village via the Common.



McLaren Technology Centre



Good to see the local McLaren team back on F1 Grand Prix podiums



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