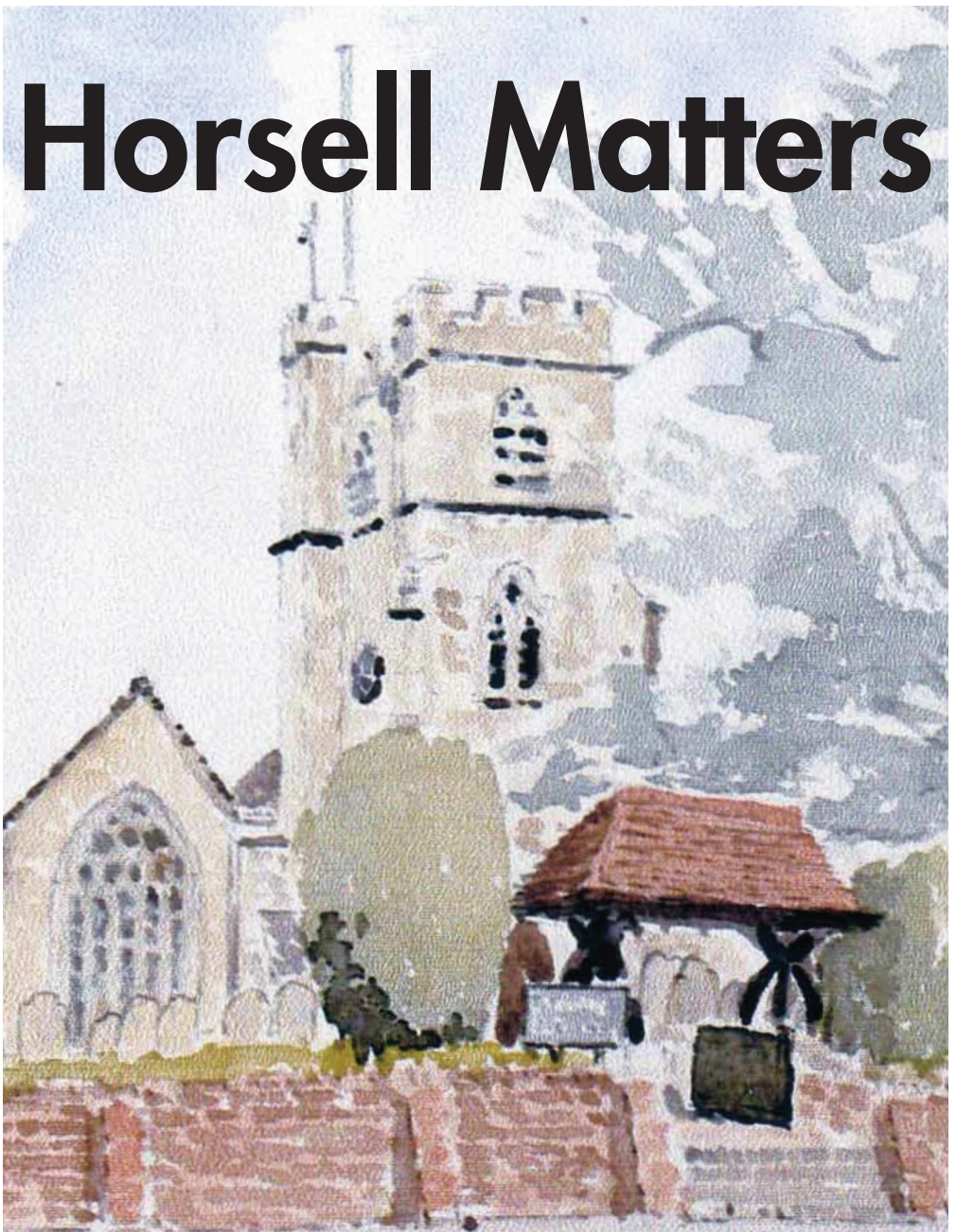


Horsell Matters



The Village magazine from your parish church

May/June 2017

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'Thy Kingdom Come'

When you look around the world today do you ever wish it could be different? I certainly do!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were no wars, no poverty, no gratuitous violence, no loneliness, no addiction, no broken hurting families, no hatred, no pain, no suffering and no economic disasters – if the world were a place where everyone could flourish and live a fulfilled life, be valued and loved; a place where each of us reaches out to and supports the others.



No wonder Jesus taught us to pray "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven".

And this year we in Horsell are being called to join with Christians across the world in praying that prayer with fervency. We are being called to play our part in 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global prayer movement, which invites all Christians to pray for more of God's kingdom to come into our world today.

A specific focus of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative is to call us to pray, and indeed to pledge ourselves to pray, between Ascension Day (25th May) and Pentecost (4th June).

We at St. Mary's will be joining in with that, but also are looking forward to a summer of prayer, praying for our nation, our community and our friends and work colleagues.

We hope that many residents of Horsell will join in a Horsell Prayer Safari for the whole family, which can be walked at any time during this period, and will also come together to pray for our nation and community on the evening of Wednesday 31st May. Why not put that in your diary now.

At the end of the day though I have no doubt that for the world to be that bit more like God intends it to be that more people need to know the Creator themselves. So will you, like me, also commit to pray for your friends and family, neighbours and work colleagues that they may know God's love and ways. Why not start today!

Wishing you every blessing of the kingdom.

Sarah Hayes

Top of the World



Horsell has a world champion in its midst! John East, who lives in Kettlewell Close, recently competed in the Real Tennis World Masters Amateur Championships in Melbourne, Australia and came back a World Champion.

John was a member of a very successful Great Britain Team and beat Richard Tanfield, from the United States 6/1, 6/2 in the hard fought finals of the Over 70's Singles Championships.



John East (pictured second from right) with his partner Robin Barlow (first on left) at the British Championships

Since then John, together with his tennis partner Robin Barlow, has also won the British Over 70's Amateur Doubles Championship, which was held at Wellington College's real tennis court in April.

John is a member of the Royal Tennis Court Club at Hampton Court. This club has a long history, with the court originally being built for Cardinal Wolsey between 1526 and 1529. Henry VIII himself was a very keen and talented player who spent hours on court and the game has changed very little since his days.

Real tennis is the forerunner of all racquet sports and looks a bit like a strange mixture of tennis and squash but has some very complex rules and requires a very strategic mind to win. The court includes a number of hazards including sloping roofs and galleries, all of which need to be worked around and used to maximum advantage. Both sides and each end of the court also differ as well.

Keep your Eye on the Sky



The sky over Woking is graced these days with magnificent birds of prey, big birds, over the very centre of town. They are peregrine falcons, and forty years ago they had almost died out in Britain.

But now, town centres, with their high buildings that provide remote nesting places and lookout spots have become the breeding grounds of choice of peregrine falcons.

And what they look out for is urban pigeons, which is what Woking's young falcons had for dinner every day they were growing up last year.

The peregrines leave in the winter; but they're back now, nesting at the top of the town's tallest tower block.

Look up, as you walk through the town square, and you may be able to see one on guard up there. Or you may hear a shrill cry above the sound of traffic, and see one, or both birds swooping over the town. They have thick set bodies, broad pointed wings, and they move fast.

You're not very likely to see one low down – though a friend of mine, coming out of Toys 'R Us one day last year, met a peregrine standing on the pavement.

But it's easy to keep an eye on our peregrine family via a computer, for there are live pictures of the nest day and night. Type 'Woking peregrines' into your search engine to view our beautiful falcons.

Horsell Garden Safari Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th June

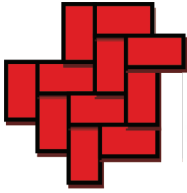
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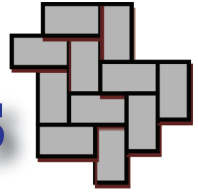
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A sixty second interview with . . . **Jessica Steele**

Head Teacher at Horsell Junior School

Mrs Jessica Steele is the Head Teacher at Horsell Church of England Junior School. Sarah Hayes recently asked Mrs Steele for a sixty second interview.

How long have you been a teacher at Horsell Junior School?

I joined the school as deputy head over thirteen years ago and became Head Teacher five years later. Gosh! How time really does fly!

What makes you think ‘Today has been a good day’?

I love it when the children spontaneously come up to me and tell me they have particularly enjoyed doing something, or learning something new. Even better when we get to holiday time and they tell me they will miss school! That really makes my day.

I know that you are always working on developing new initiatives at school. Can you tell me a little bit about any recent ones?

We have started to introduce a simple form of mindfulness meditation to the

children. On average we have thousands of thoughts racing through our minds at any one time, and we need a moment just to calm our minds in order to allow us to concentrate on the tasks ahead.

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

When I was younger I used to play judo. One day when I was about seventeen Neil Adams, the first British World Judo Champion and Olympic silver medallist, came to our club and I got to fight him. Now that was exciting; although I don’t recollect that I won!

I have heard that you are a great fan of the words ‘not yet’? Why is that?

We want to encourage our children to have a growth mindset and to be positive about their learning, and not to be discouraged if something is

hard. If a child is heard saying, 'I cannot do it!' we want to change it to, 'I cannot do it yet'!



I know that being a Head Teacher can involve some long days and sometimes a little bit of stress. What do you do to unwind when you finally get home?

I like to listen to audio books and to crochet. I recently crocheted a soft and woolly yellow tractor for my grandson as he wanted to take his toys to bed.

What is your favourite food?

I love pasta and my favourite pasta sauce is carbonara.

Where are you looking forward to going on holiday next?

I like to holiday in the UK and I hope to go to the New Forest or to the Cotswolds next.

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Taizé Service at St. Mary's

5.00pm Sunday 28th May

A time for contemplation, stillness and peace



Memorable Music in our Schools

During March there were two opportunities for me to enjoy the wonderful musical talent that there is in our local schools.

Firstly, on Wednesday 15th March I was invited, with two others, to act as judge at the Woking High School Ensemble, Solo Instrumental and Vocal Competition 2017. I had never done anything like this before and so arrived rather nervously to meet my two colleagues. One was Rachel Brazendale, in charge of Music at Gordon's School at West End, the other was Captain Paul Goodwin. There were 23 candidates and seven categories on the programme.

There were entrants in the Ensemble, Percussion and Brass Categories. The Woodwind Category, with 7 entrants, was extremely varied with 3 flutes, 3 clarinets and 1 alto saxophone. Three candidates also provided us with completely different styles of song in the Vocal Category. After a short break we were entertained by 5 entrants in the Pianoforte Category, then 3 in the String Category.

Not only were Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates awarded, but there was a Winner in each section. The overall winner was Hollie Tibbotts, playing a Sonatina for Flute and Piano by Burton, who performed without a

score, and gave a mature and confident performance. At the end she also produced a wonderful smile which lit up the whole room.

I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, mainly because of the huge amount of talent and expertise that all the students showed in their performances. Without exception, they all put on a wonderful evening of different styles of music. The High School is very blessed with such a selection of excellent musicians. It is wonderful that there is still room in such a rigid system of academia for the performing arts.

On the next evening, I had the pleasure of conducting the Handbell Group at the Junior School's Performing Arts Evening. Members of St Mary's Church set this up and we are now in our second year. The numbers have risen to 40 children from all four age groups. They are very keen, enthusiastic and really enjoy putting some quite complicated pieces together. The lower school performed *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and *Ode to Joy* (Beethoven), whilst the Upper School played *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* (Bach). The audience seemed very impressed and the adult team who had taught them were thrilled.

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Wednesday
31st May**



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An opportunity for us to give to help others

Christian Aid was set up by British Churches in 1945 to support the hundreds of thousands of refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. In 1957 Christian Aid week was launched, so for sixty years volunteers have gathered in May to raise funds, helping those most in need throughout the world, of all faiths and none. The money is used for emergency relief and long-term projects.

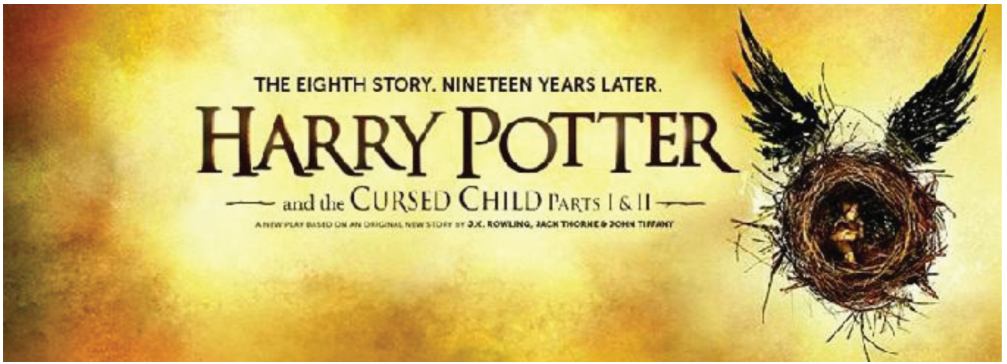
This year's focus is on the displaced. An estimated 65 million people across the world have fled their homes through war or disaster. Christian

Aid's publicity highlights one family who fled Afghanistan after threats against them were followed by the brutal torture and murder of an extended family member. They arrived in Greece with only a tent. They have no idea what the future holds for them and their five children.

Horsell will, as usual, be participating in Christian Aid Week. St Mary's and Trinity Methodist Church are organizing a house-to-house collection during the week, and a plant sale will be held at Trinity Church on 13th May. Last year Horsell raised £3242. The need is still great; your support more vital than ever.



Nejebbar and her family are some of the people Christian Aid is helping. They fled terrible conflict in Afghanistan and are now living in a refugee camp in Greece. They thought they would be in the camp for 10 days, but it's already been six months and there's no end in sight.



A Good Day Out with Harry Potter

I took my 19-year-old son to see the award winning play *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, at the Palace Theatre in London. He was brought up on the Potter stories from Hogwarts. The novels by J K Rowling gave him a thirst for reading, as it has done for children worldwide. The enthusiasm for all things Potter continues. This was evident from the predominant age of those in the audience - mostly late teens and early twenty year olds. But the play was just as satisfying for the older ones amongst us.

I'd love to review the whole story but that would involve spoilers. I prefer to *#keepthesecrets* as all audience members are asked to do before exiting the theatre.

For those unaware of the eighth story, it is about Harry's world as an adult (now aged 37) who is married to Ginny, and Ron, married to Hermione, now parents with their children attending Hogwarts School, just as

they did. Old favourites are present such as Hagrid, the Sorting Hat and Professor McGonagall, the Ministry of Magic, a time-turner and the terrifying dementors. The story's depth lies in adult Harry dealing with life as a parent and the emotional well-being of his son James. It includes Harry's old adversary, Malfoy who is father to Scorpius, who is the same age as James and the two become friends.

The Cursed Child was written for the stage but is now also available in print and eBook. It reminds us of the importance of early childhood experiences. It is a theatrical masterpiece. J K Rowling worked with Jack Thorne and John Tiffany to bring it in two parts to the stage. We watched both parts in one day (matinee and evening Saturday performances) and we're glad we did so.

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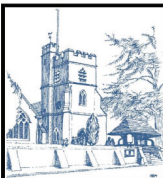


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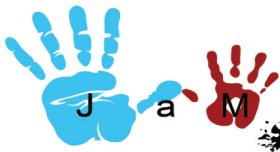
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MAY

Tues	2nd	10am – 12noon 2.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Kettlewell House Service
Wed	3rd	10.30am 8.00pm	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	4th	9.30am-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	5th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee with plant sale in aid of Church Flower Funds
Sat	6th	9.30am-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	7th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship & Baptism Informal Communion
Tues	9th	2.30pm	Horsell Lodge Service
Wed	10th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	11th	9.30am-11.00am 8.00pm	Twinkle Tots PCC Meeting
Fri	12th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	13th	7.00pm	Quiz Night
Sun	14th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues	16th	10am – 12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	17th	9.30am 10.30am 7.45pm	Junior School Communion Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer Deanery Synod
Thurs	18th	9.30am-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	19th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	20th	5.00pm	9-13's Group
Sun	21st	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Tea Time Service
Tues	23rd	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	24th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	25th	9.30am 8.00pm	Twinkle Tots Ascension Day Holy Communion
Fri	26th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	27th	12 noon	Thanksgiving Service
Sun	28th	8.00am 10.00am 12.30pm 5.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion On Your Own Lunch Taize' Service
Wed	31st	10.30am	Holy Communion & Healing Prayer

JUNE

Fri	2nd	10am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	3rd	9.30am-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	4th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Thy Kingdom Come All Age Service & Big Brunch Informal Communion
Tues	6th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group

Wed	7th	2.30pm 10.30am 8.00pm	Kettlewell House Service Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	8th	9.30am-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	9th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee with the sale of Traidcraft Goods
Sun	11th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues	13th	10am-12noon 2.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Horsell Lodge Service
Wed	14th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	15th	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	16th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	18th	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Tea Time Service
Tues	20th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	21st	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
Thurs	22nd	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	23rd	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	25th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Acorn Healing & Wholeness Service
Tues	27th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	28th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	29th	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	30th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
JULY			
Sat	1st	5.00pm-6.30pm	9-13's Summer BBQ
Sun	2nd	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship & Baptism Informal Communion
Tues	4th	10am-12noon 2.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Kettlewell House Service
Wed	5th	10.30am 7.00pm	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) St. Andrew's School Summer Concert
Thurs	6th	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	7th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	8th	12noon	Wedding

Stop press! A weekly opportunity for Healing Prayer

From May the mid-week communion service at St. Mary's will be a little earlier, at 10.30am on Wednesday mornings and will be followed by tea and coffee. We are also introducing healing prayer as a key part of this service. Do come along to this oasis of quiet and contemplation in the middle of a busy week - and do come if you, or someone you love, needs healing prayer.



Horsell's oldest resident

Ada Green

6th May 1910 – 4th April 2017

Ada Green, Horsell's oldest resident, died at Kettlewell House on 4th April aged 106, just six weeks short of her 107th birthday. A very long life that is certainly worth celebrating!

Ada lived in Woking all her life. Her father moved from Somerset as a young man, taking advantage of the opportunities the rapidly growing town offered to a qualified wheelwright. Presently he married a girl from his home county. They found a house in Church Street, the road where Ada lived until the area was redeveloped in the 1970s, when she moved to South Road in Horsell.

Ada went to Maybury School, with one afternoon off when, aged 13, she was one of the pages who attended Woking's Carnival Queen in a procession through the town.

The school leaving age was 14, and Ada went to work at the big shop, Gammons, along the road from her

home. Gammons, a branch of the shop in Guildford, sold clothing and accessories, household linen, and haberdashery. It was on the corner of Chertsey Road and Commercial Way.

Ada loved her work and stayed at Gammons until she retired. She progressed to managing parts of the store, and during the Second World War was in sole charge of the Woking branch – but she went back to her old job when the men returned from the forces. She felt that it would not be right to keep a man with family from his pre-war job.

She had always been close to her parents and from the mid-1940s they valued her more than ever, because her only, and much loved sibling, had died in an accident while in the forces. He never saw his son, but young Colin had his aunt to love and encourage him from the moment he was born. Colin's mother and his stepfather were there for Ada when she, finally, grew



old and in need of tactful support herself.

But first, there were years of helping other people. She taught a Sunday School class at Christ Church, Woking for over 40 years, and, in her twenties, with a friend, set up a weekly club for 'her' boys, teaching herself fretwork so that she could include that in the evening's amusements. In her later years she was always telling her visitors about the antics of all those boys!

She was a tolerant and kindly neighbour and made many new friends once she had moved to Horsell village and became one of the congregation at St Mary's Church. Animals were her delight (except, she confessed, for cows) and during her

long life she cared for many a dog and cat. She was also a very keen pianist and loved music.

Ada celebrated her 90th birthday at home in South Road in some style, but as her nineties passed she grew frailer in body, though definitely not in mind, and about ten years ago, she moved into Kettlewell House, accepting that by doing so she would be saving her relatives any anxiety.

To the end of her life, Ada was a caring, bright person, characterised by her joyful Christian faith, unassuming, and always grateful for all the experiences of her long life. And what a good story teller she was! Ada's reminiscences brought the past vividly to mind, evoking places and times now long gone.

St Mary's Register

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

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

Ada Green Mike Lipscomb Barbara Ross

The ashes of these people have been interred in the churchyard:

Judith Cadey David Smithers Elizabeth Tiller Sylvia Beverley
Audrey Lonsdale Alice Pelham

BAPTISMS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome into the family of the church:

March Stephanie Leach

Coming this month at the Lightbox

In Their Own Words: Artists' Voices from The Ingram Collection

A new exhibition, opening 20th May, presents work by 22 British artists paired with archival audio recordings that capture their earliest memories of childhood, friends, family, places and events. The oral recordings are excerpts taken from the British Library's extensive National Life Stories archival project.

unique opportunity to hear these artists in their own words, illuminating their practice and revealing their personal history.

In addition, the exhibition forms an overview of a particular period in British history as artists came to terms with the aftermath of two world wars, and the political, social and cultural changes that followed. Ultimately, *In Their Own Words* aims to open up the works to visitors by drawing connections between art and everyday life.



Odalisque - Seat Sculpture 1983
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The 43 works in the exhibition are on loan from The Ingram Collection, one of the UK's most comprehensive and significant collections of Modern British Art.

The artists selected are some of the best known within the Collection from Eileen Agar to Elisabeth Frink.

Each artist's life is represented by their work and is accompanied by excerpts from their audio interviews. This is a



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100 Years of War Graves

During the WW1 Centenary Commemorations many people have travelled to France and Belgium to see the Commonwealth war cemeteries. Row upon row of identical gravestones, seemingly never-ending, they present a poignant sight, reminding us of the 1.7 million young Commonwealth servicemen's lives lost in both World Wars.

The war graves were the vision of Sir Fabian Ware. Too old to fight, he commanded a mobile British Red Cross unit, treating many casualties. To ensure that the soldiers' final resting places were recorded his unit started listing and tending all the graves they could find.

The War Office officially recognized this work in 1915 and



incorporated it into the British Army as the Graves Registration Commission. Keen to reflect imperial cooperation Ware, encouraged by the Prince of Wales, submitted a memorandum to the Imperial War conference, and a hundred years ago this May the Imperial War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter.

After the Armistice of 1918 the tremendous task of erecting memorials to all the dead began, finishing in 1938, only to restart after WW2. The Kenyon report of 1918 proposed uniform gravestones, making no distinction for rank. Three eminent architects, Edwin Lutyens, Herbert Baker and Reginald Blomfield, were suggested as designers. The first



cemeteries were constructed in 1921, Getrude Jekyll advising on garden layout. Rudyard Kipling advising on inscriptions.

Each grave is marked with a headstone showing a national emblem or regimental badge, rank, name, unit, date of death and age, together with an appropriate religious symbol and personal dedication chosen by relatives. Headstones for unidentified casualties are inscribed with Kipling's words "A Soldier of the Great War known unto God". The Commission looks after all these graves, in 23,000 locations in 154 countries.

What is not commonly known is that many of these graves are actually in the UK. Here in Woking most people know about Brookwood military cemetery, but there are actually war graves in many local churchyards. St Mary's has 13: 5 from WW1 and 8 from WW2. Injured personnel were sent home for hospital treatment, but many did not recover from their wounds. Two of the WW1 servicemen buried in Horsell died some time after the war ended, a sailor in 1921 and a soldier in 1923. Have a look next time you walk through the churchyard.

For more information see
www.cwgc.org

Parish in the Past

In St Mary's Church Parish Magazine for June 1927 the Rev. Norman Pares reminded readers that he had been vicar of Horsell for thirty years.

In celebrating the Holy Communion at 8.00am on 2nd June, I hope to make an act of heart-felt thanksgiving to God for thirty happy years that have passed since [my wife and I] came to Horsell in 1897, and that we have been spared to each other.

On that day I was inducted to the living by the Archdeacon of Surrey, and I shall think also of those (many of them now at rest) to whom I owe more than I can say for the help they have given in God's work in this place.

If I were to dwell on the changes which have passed over Horsell since we came here, there would be more to say than there is space for. I remember putting up a brace of partridges in what is now the Ridgeway, and seeing the Horsell Beagles in full cry over the fields behind the Brewery [in Brewery Road]. A number of houses (still increasing) cover what was farm land in those days.

On seeing this article our current Vicar, Rev'd Sarah Hayes, in post for just three and a half years, commented that she has clearly only just started!





Churchyard Cat

I see a lot as I sit quietly in my lair in the churchyard, watching the world go by.

Things change: what people wear changes; what they carry changes. And sometimes I ask myself, "Why?" When the weather improves, and people appear in clothes that show more of their skin, I've noticed that quite a few of them are decorated nowadays. Tattoos – that's what they're wearing. And I ask myself, "Why tattoos?"

Why do so many people decide to alter their appearance for ever? It's not something we cats do – though you'd be right if you pointed out that some of us have permanent patterns on our fur from the moment we're born. Would someone like to tell me?



On a recent, glorious sunny Saturday morning eighteen volunteers from the Horsell Residents' Second Thursday Club turned up to work hard in St. Mary's Churchyard. They spent the time raking, strimming, collecting leaves, filling in sunken graves, removing ivy and generally tidying up. It's great to have such community minded volunteers helping out to make the parish churchyard, in which so many of those we love rest, such a pleasant and peaceful place.

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Picnic on the Green



A Picnic for Horsell Residents will be taking place on the green common land outside the Cricketers public house on

Sunday 2nd July from 11am – 4pm

This follows last year's very successful event held in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. Horsell Community Choir will be performing as will other local musical acts. A great opportunity for all Horsell residents to meet, eat, drink and sing and generally have fun!

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Mothers' Union Helping at Plant Sale 5th May

There will be no MU meeting in May. Instead the members will be helping with the plant sale in aid of church flower funds, to be held in the St Andrews room at St. Mary's Church from 10.00am on Friday May 5th. Come and stock your garden up for the summer.



If you have had great success with your seed sowing and cuttings, any spares would be gratefully received for the sale. By supporting this sale you will be helping the church look beautiful all year.

Getting ready for the Horsell Village Show Saturday 22nd July

St. Mary's Church are gearing themselves up to serve teas once again at the Village Show. Last year was great fun as we served scrumptious cakes and scones, jam and cream, all assisted by the Mayor, Councillor Anne Murray, who spent most of her time on washing up duty! This year St. Mary's is running the evening barn dance as well.

If you can help bake cakes or serve teas, or would like a ticket to the barn dance then do please contact Mike Couper (770920) or leave a message with the parish office (772134)

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