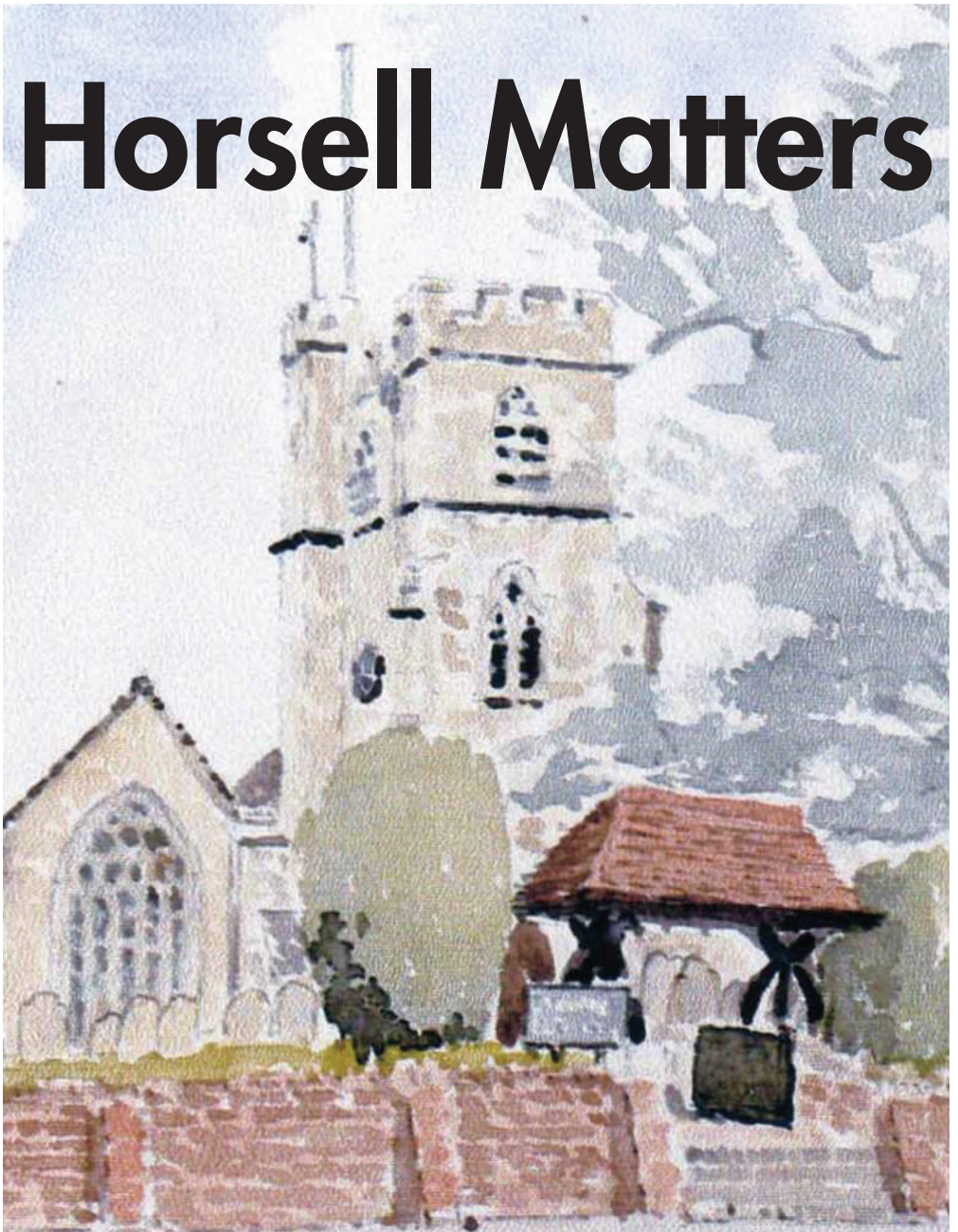


Horsell Matters



The Village magazine from your parish church

November/December 2017

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St Mary's Church	www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk	
Parish Office open	Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00am-1.00pm	☎ 772134
Vicar	Revd Sarah Hayes, The Vicarage, Wilson Way	☎ 721901
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	Hilary Mills	☎ 772952
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Horsell Afternoon	Sheila Sargeant	☎ 599799
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	Meets on 4th Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall	
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Have you stopped recently?

By the time this edition of Horsell Matters is published we will really be noticing the change in the seasons. The clocks will have gone back, the sun moved further south and the short days will ensure that many of us will be doing much of our travelling around in the darkness. The leaves have fallen and winter has come.

There is an inbuilt seasonality and rhythm to creation, isn't there? There are times for preparation and getting ready for things; times for great spurts of growth and activity; and times for just resting and waiting.

And there is a seasonality to when creation produces all the fruits and vegetables that we can grow. A seasonality that isn't reflected much in our lives anymore in a world where produce can be flown in on a daily basis from across the world and our online shops are open 24/7. We expect everything to be available all the time.

And that expectation has worked its way into our lives as well, hasn't it? The marvels of the technological age in which we live have also created the expectation that we can always be contacted and that we are always on the go. So few of us really seem to have adequate time to rest and recuperate. We burn the candle at both ends and lead hectic lives in which we so often just rush from one thing to the other.

One of the rhythms of life that has got lost in our frenetic society is the space to take time off and rest. And if you find that hard and spend life a little exhausted and chasing your tail then God says to you 'Stop'. 'Stop and rest and be refreshed'. God has even made stopping for one day in seven to rest one of his Ten Commandments to try and get people to listen to his advice for life.

Jesus said to his disciples, exhausted from travelling far and wide on a particularly busy ministry trip: 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while'. Does he need to say that to you too?

Sarah Hayes

SMALLS FOR ALL

An “Undercover” Story for Ladies!

I first became involved with Smalls for All (www.smallsforall.org) when my girlfriend was lamenting the fact that she had some almost new bras which she no longer wore, were far too good to throw away, but for which she could find no home. After some research, she came across Smalls for All, a registered charity in Scotland founded by Maria Macnamara MBE.

Having taken part in several volunteer overseas trips working in orphanages, Maria learned about the problems which not having underwear can cause, especially to the young girls and women in the poorer parts of Africa. Can you believe that many women and girls there have only one pair of pants or none at all, which can mean young girls miss days off school each month?

Smalls For All has been collecting and distributing underwear to those most in need in orphanages, slums, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps and schools in Africa since 2010. Donating pants and bras may seem a small thing, but it can certainly make a huge difference.

Learning about this charity and all that it was doing, started me thinking and I decided to ask some of my closest “bosom” pals to donate any barely worn or new bras, and any new pairs of knickers, which they may have tucked away at the back of their “drawers”. The response was, in a word, “pantastic”!

The ‘bottom” line is that, I have now collected 482 bras and 263 pairs of



knickers! And the friends who gathered together have also enjoyed a rather appropriately themed tea party as you can see from the cakes we made.

The experience of collecting these rather unusual items has been truly "uplifting"; so much so, that I am continuing to collect. So, ladies, if you have any underwear which you can donate, please let me know. Bras must be new or gently worn and can be any size, including teen, sports and nursing bras. Pants for Ladies (size 8-16) or children's (size 3-15) need to be in their original packaging or with their labels attached. I will happily collect from you if you contact me by email at jenniferrichards1@yahoo.co.uk.

Jennifer Richards



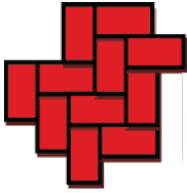
Small Steps for the Hospice

Several members of St. Mary's and Soother Woking Churches joined together on Sunday 8th October for a sponsored walk around Goldsworth Park lake to raise funds for the new Woking & Sam Beare Hospice.

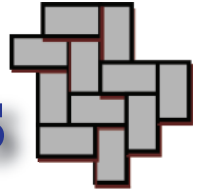
One of the youngest participants was Stephanie Leach, who at one year old was just learning to walk. She valiantly made it across the start and finish lines on her own two feet (although the editor didn't enquire about the means of



transport in between when sponsoring her!). Here she is crossing the finish line. Congratulations Stephanie and well done!



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A Sixty second interview with . . .

Anna Tabbush

Conductor of Horsell's Community Choir

You come from a musical family, don't you Anna?

Yes, my mum's a professional folk singer and trained as an opera singer at the Royal Academy of Music. My sisters are both fiddle players, singers and choir conductors like me, and my dad, Paul [ed. whom many of you have heard play fiddle, Northumbrian pipes and melodeon at the barn dances] is a retired forester who now makes Northumbrian pipes.

How did you become involved with musical activities?

Coming from a musical family my sisters and I were all making music before we could talk. We all loved singing in harmony on car journeys a bit like the family Von Trapp! At the age of five I started violin lessons. My mum was the music teacher in all of the primary schools I went to and I always sang in school choirs (a few of them as we moved around due to my dad's work). When I was 11 we moved to Surrey where I became a member of the Farnham Youth Choir. We won the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year in the year that I joined, and the National Festival

three years running. We also performed in the Czech Republic, Basque Country and Germany.

How did you get into choir conducting?

In the University choirs I sang with we sight-read scores. Although the standard of singing was high I sometimes felt that the spirit of the songs was lost. So, while studying for my degree in Music & Technology at Kingston University, I started a new choir which sang music from around the world, mostly taught by ear, with an emphasis on communicating the essence of the songs. After I graduated, the university employed me to continue the choir, which started me off on the career path I'm still on.

The Horsell Community Choir love having you as their conductor – tell us about your journey with them

The choir was formed by the Second Thursday Club, set up after the Queen's Diamond Jubilee festivities in the village. I was contacted by Geoff Hughes via Woking Borough Council and I actually

gave up another choir to be able to come here. The choir started with loads of members and we now have a waiting list. Musically, the choir has come on massively in the last 4 years. They're a real joy to work with; lighthearted, uninhibited and so dedicated.

You obviously enjoy conducting – can you explain what it feels like?

It feels like playing a very large, unwieldy and occasionally unruly musical instrument! Hearing the choir sing is like being hugged from the inside as the harmonies resonate right through me. It gives me an immense amount of joy, satisfaction and fulfilment.

What kind of music interests you?

All of it! Music is a basic form of communication, and every culture in the world has its own musical tradition. I am fascinated by the rhythms and

harmonies of different cultures and musical genres and always try to put together a varied repertoire for my choirs.

With how many different musical activities are you involved?

I conduct five choirs; three in the Guildford/Woking area and two nearer home in Midhurst. I play in a band called 'MoltenAmba' as a fiddle player and singer. The other members play French pipes and saxophone, keyboard and accordion, drums, double bass and guitars. The music we perform is traditional European Dance, the majority French. We play for workshops as well as 'Bals' (dances) and concerts.

How do you motivate your singers?

A lot of love - I learnt early on that to get the best sound out of a choir they need to be happy!
Mike Couper



Anna with the Horsell Community Choir in St. Mary's

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A bird to cheer up winter

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Watch the tree, and presently an elegant bird will move to an outer branch – and then another, and another. The redwings are back.

These small thrushes (considerably smaller than blackbirds) build their nests and raise their chicks in the far north of the world and move south for the winter.

Our south of England redwings come from Scandinavia and Russia. They are

with us in the village until March some years, usually feeding and moving about in small flocks. When all the holly berries

have been eaten, redwings may turn to local lawns, especially if there are any leftover apples to be found. Some winters they fly on to more productive hedgerows, fields and gardens away from Horsell.

They are attractive birds, with their soft gaze, their creamy eyestripes, and the rusty patch just beside their wings that gives them their name.

So – winter's almost here. But so are the redwings.



Christmas Concert

On Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm in the HG Wells Centre Woking Choral Society under the direction of its conductor Ben Palmer will perform Beethoven's *Missa solemnis*, accompanied by soloists from the acclaimed London ensemble the Covent Garden Sinfonia.

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Churchyard Cat



To hear Vicarage Bella talk, you would think that no service in the church in the middle of my church yard was complete without her.

But, although I hear that her picture is displayed on a parish Who's Who board (captioned 'Bella, Vicar's cat'), and I have seen her in attendance at a funeral in the church yard (she told me she had been personally invited but I doubt that somewhat), she is not in fact usually permitted to join worshippers.



Some people, I understand, are allergic to cats; and any way prancing up and down the aisles and mewing loudly does seem to me to be showing off.

However, I understand that there is a devout dog among the congregation. Queenie is a quiet and unobtrusive presence at mid-week services. Small, white, and fluffy, she is – but canine. Life is often surprising....

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Parish in the Past

In the St. Mary's parish magazine for November 1927 the vicar, Norman Pares, told his readers about a benefit resulting from new technology.

On Sunday, 13th November, commencing at 8.00pm, a Service of great interest will be broadcast from St. Martin-in-the-Fields. It will mark the first occasion in history that the men who man the 57 lightships and the 41 "rock" lighthouses join with each other and us in public worship.

This they are able to do, thanks to the wireless sets installed by The Missions to Seamen and by the "Daily News" and "Star".

Hitherto, the majority of these lightmen have been completely cut off for eight months in twelve from sharing in public worship. The gift of wireless has cancelled this silence.



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Residents to the Rescue

Horsell Residents Association have very generously made a donation towards the Woking District Scout campsite at Birchmere. This campsite, which isn't too far from Wisley, is regularly used by 1st Horsell Scout Group and Woking East Division Girlguiding.

Speaking at a local committee meeting the HRA Chairman, Robin Hoyle, offered the cheque to the campsite in support of the re-equipping of their newly donated activity halls. The generous amount of £1200 will pay for

the installation of new roof insulation material in the buildings to allow for warmer winters and cooler summers.

Liz Pocknell, Woking Scouts District Commissioner, thanked the Horsell Residents Association for their very generous support for more than 1200 scouts in Woking. She mentioned that, together with 1st Horsell Scout Group, Horsell had proved once again that they are keen to play a full part in the Woking community.

*Richard Mackie.
Chairman, Birchmere campsite.*



Note the different times for the **THREE** **Christmas Eve** **Nativity and** **Christingle Services** **this year**



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Sunday 17th December

- 6.30pm Candlelit service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday 18th December

- 6.30pm Horsell Schools' Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December

- 11am Toddlers' Christmas Celebration
2.30pm Carol Service at Kettlewell House

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

- 10am Nativity and Christingle Service
4.00pm Nativity and Christingle service
6pm Candlelit Nativity and Christingle service
11.30pm Christmas Midnight Communion



Christmas Day Monday 25th December

- 8am Holy Communion (a Traditional Prayer Book
Service with carols)
10.00am Celebratory Christmas Family Communion

Other services are shown in *Horsell Matters*

Saint Mary the Virgin

— Horsell —

St MARY'S CHURCH DIARY

NOVEMBER

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Thurs	2nd	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	3rd	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	4th	9.30am-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	5th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm 7.15pm	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship Informal Communion Alpha Course
Mon	6th	3.00pm-4.30pm	Just 10 Discussion
Tues	7th	10am-12noon 2.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Kettlewell House Service
Wed	8th	10.30am 7.00pm	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer Woking High School Remembrance Service
Thurs	9th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	10th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	11th	1.00pm	Wedding
Sun	12th	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm 7.15pm	Holy Communion Remembrance Day Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation Alpha Course
Mon	13th	3.00-4.30pm	Just 10 Discussion
Tues	14th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	15th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
Thurs	16th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	17th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	19th	8.00am 10.00am 4.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Tea Time Service Alpha Course
Tues	21st	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	22nd	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	23rd	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	24th	9.00am-12noon 2.30pm	Pop In Coffee Throwleigh Lodge Service
Sat	25th	5.30pm	9-13's Group
Sun	26th	8.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Alpha Course
Tues	28th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	29th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	30th	9.30am 11.00am	Twinkle Tots St. Andrew's School Service

DECEMBER

Fri	1st	9.00am-12noon 6.00pm	Pop in Coffee Christmas Tree Festival
Sat	2nd	10.00am-5.00pm 7.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival Mosaic Concert
Sun	3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)

		10.00am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Informal Communion
Tues	5th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	6th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	7th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	8th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues	12th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	13th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	14th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
		6.00pm	St. Andrew's School Nine Lessons & Carols
Fri	15th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.30pm	NO Tea Time Service
		6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Mon	8th	6.30pm	Horsell Schools' Carol Service
Tues	19th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Service
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Carol Service
Wed	20th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
		6.30pm	Horsell Junior School Nativity
Thurs	21st	9.30am	NO Twinkle Tots
		9.30am	Horsell Junior School Nativity
Fri	22nd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		2.30pm	Throwleigh Lodge Carol Service
Sat	23rd	9.00am-12noon	Making of Christingles in St. Andrew's Room
Sun	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Nativity & Christingle Service
		4.00pm	Nativity & Christingle Service
		6.00pm	Nativity & Christingle Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Mon	25th	8.00am	Christmas Communion (BCP) & Carols
		10.00am	Christmas Family Communion
Tues	26th	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	27th	10.30am	NO Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	28th	9.30am	NO Twinkle Tots
		11.00am	Wedding
Sun	31st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion

JANUARY 2018

Tues	2nd	10.00am-12noon	NO Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	3rd	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	4th	9.30am-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	5th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	6th	9.30-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Service for New Year
		6.30pm	Informal Communion

ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

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

Richard Carter Joan Hart Hazel Jordan Carolyn Kitcat
 Wendy Penny Belinda Symes

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

Raymond Carey Mary Warburton-Hall

BAPTISMS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome into the family of the church:

September – Benjamim Blackham Daniel Mills

WEDDINGS

We offer congratulations to

Jonathan Pilbeam & Joanne Anokwuru
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 Married in August 2017



The Ten Commandments

The Autumn Sermon Series
 Continues looking at
 God's timeless values for life today
 at St. Mary's at 8am and 10am

29th October Manage your anger <i>You shall not murder</i>	5th November Keep peace with your parents <i>Honour your parents</i>
19th November Catch your breath <i>Remember God's day of rest</i>	26th November Take God seriously <i>Don't misuse God's name</i>
3rd December Know who is God <i>You shall not make idols</i>	10th December God always first <i>You shall have no other gods</i>

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 9th
 December





The Hand Bell Group visit the Tower

One wet and soggy Friday, early in September, 4 youngsters from Horsell Junior School set off on foot to make their way to St Mary's Church. The children were from the St Mary's handbell group and were allowed to miss some of their afternoon lessons to explore the tower as part of the annual Heritage Weekend held at St Mary's Church. We were met by the Tower Captain – Helen Fox – who was very generous with her time and knowledge and gave the children a tremendous taste of what it is like to ring the huge bells.

Firstly, we went up some winding steps to the ringing chamber, where Helen shared some amazing facts with us.

We found out that there are 6 bells – the smallest is called the treble and weighs about as much as a fridge and the largest is the tenor and weighs as much as a mini.

One of the most exciting parts was that each of us had a go at ringing one of the bells. Some of the smaller ones had to stand on a special box to reach! And one of them was lifted off the floor!

Helen answered lots of questions from the children and showed them how to tie the rope when it is not in use.

We then walked up some more steps to see the bells themselves. We were amazed at how large they are – especially compared to the hand bells we are used to using! We also wondered how they had got there originally as they were much bigger than the doorway that we came through.

We then went up the remaining steps and stood out on the roof – and it had stopped raining! We had an excellent view of Horsell, Woking and beyond. Some of us tried to spot our own homes and one of the children commented, "Look at all the countryside!"

Then it was back to school, but we had enjoyed a super afternoon and are very grateful to Helen for her time and expertise.

*Roz Haynes,
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Woking History Society's monthly talks are open to non-members at £3.00 each. Meetings take place at The Gallery, Christ Church, Woking GU21 6YG. 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The talk at the next meeting, on Monday November 6, is 'The Little Ice Age of the Seventeenth Century' by Catherine Ferguson.

Mayford Lacemakers meet every second Monday of the month from September to July at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Brewery Road, Horsell. Meetings begin at 7.30 pm for 2 hours. We meet to enjoy making lace and related crafts, also for occasional talks by visiting speakers. New Members are always welcome

A Jewel in our Crown

I first became aware of Horsell Common, after moving to Ottershaw 40 years ago, as a lovely place to go for a walk. Especially during the heather blaze of purple flowers in August.

Horsell Common is owned by the Horsell Common Preservation Society, having been previously part of the Waste of the Manor of the

estates of the Earl of Onslow. It is a vital remnant of the once extensive areas of heathland that stretched along the north of Kent and Surrey into Hampshire.

The clearance of the original woodland for crops had a short life due to the impoverished sandy soil, resulting in the wide expanses of heathland, with its resulting development of a specialised flora and fauna. So much of the original heathland has disappeared that it is vital to retain the little that is left.

Having learned about the importance of this habitat, I joined the winter monthly work parties in 1992, clearing the invading pine and birch trees that would shade out the heather. The heaths would



have been kept open by grazing livestock from local inhabitants, but with the coming of motorised vehicles on the roads, such grazing without controls is no longer possible, hence the human work parties.

By 2001 I had been approached to stand as a Trustee of the Society. I soon found that running a Common is far more

complicated than just the nature conservation aspect.

The original remit of the Society, now over 100 years old, is to maintain the Common for Open Space and recreation for the local residents. It is a Registered Common, which gives it a very strong presumption against development and also governs how it is cared for. Over the years many other areas around the actual Common have been acquired by the Society to add to and protect the original land, so there are now 916 acres.

Although there is a loyal band of volunteers, we are not enough to maintain a large area of heathland

within the overall diversity of the Common. Therefore other specialists and contractors are used.

All of this is masterminded by two members of staff, under the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Raising finance, maintaining the tracks to the residences on the Common, dealing with antisocial behaviour and with the dumping of litter (a major problem and expensive), yearly

inspection of trees on the 30 kilometres of roadside verges, and the maintenance of the beautifully restored Muslim Burial Ground are other examples of what they do.

All of this and more, so that all may enjoy what I think is one of the jewels in the crown of Woking.

*Hannah Lane,
Trustee of Horsell Common
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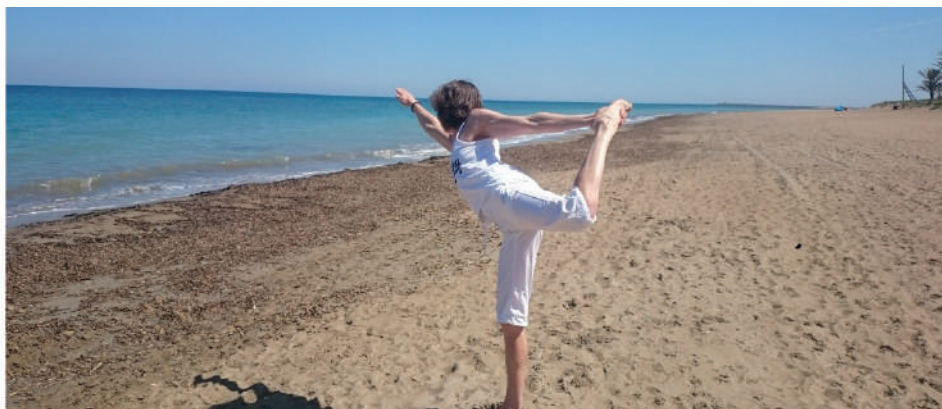


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Lamb Moussaka

Perfect for home cooking -
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Ingredients:

2 Aubergines, cut lengthwise into 1 cm
(1/2 inch) wide slices,

4 tbsp olive oil,

1 onion, finely chopped,

500gm (1lb 2oz) lean lamb mince

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

100 ml (3 1/2 fl oz) white wine

2x 400g tinned chopped tomatoes

300 ml (1/2 pint) chicken stock

Small handful of fresh parsley,
chopped

200 g (7 oz) Greek yogurt

1 large egg beaten

25g (1 oz) Parmesan, grated

Preheat the grill to medium. Arrange the aubergine slices on 2 large baking sheets, brush with half the oil. Sprinkle over a little salt. Grill each tray separately for 12 minutes or until tender, turning the slices halfway through. Set aside.

Meanwhile heat the remaining oil in a large frying pan and gently fry the onions for 8 minutes, until softened. Add the lamb mince and fry until browned. Stir in the cinnamon and add the wine and fry for 1 minute more. Add the tomatoes and chicken stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes until thick. Stir in the parsley and season to taste.

Preheat the oven to 220° C (400° F) Mark 7. Stir together the yogurt, egg and cheese. Spoon half the mince mixture into a 1.8 litre (3 1/4 pint) oven proof dish and cover with half the aubergine slices. Spoon the remaining mince over and top with the rest of the aubergine. Pour over the yogurt mixture and spread evenly to cover. Cook in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes until bubbling and golden. Serve with a salad if you like or crusty bread.

If you have a favourite recipe which you would like to share with others do let us have it in the Parish Office, email office@stmarys-horsell.org.uk.

Twinkle's Teddy Bears' Picnic didn't quite go to plan!

In the lazy, hazy days of summer, just before the schools went back, Twinkle the Bear invited all the babies and toddlers who come to St. Mary's Tuesday morning Baby and Toddler Group and Thursday morning Twinkle Tots to a picnic which he hosted at the Parish Institute in the High Street, accompanied by their teddy bears. You might want to sing the report of their morning. We have given you the first line to start you off.



Twinkle the Bear all dressed up for his picnic, together with Marcus Brookfield, St. Mary's Children and Families' Worker



If you'd gone out in the street that day, you should've gone in your coat!
If you'd gone out in the street that day, you might have preferred a boat!
But every bear that ever there was, was down at the Institute because
It was the day the teddy bears had their picnic.
Rain or shine, they crowded in,
Bringing their boys and girls and all their kin;
Joining in games and singing, and playing about,
Feasting till home time came - when there's no doubt
They were tired little teddy bears.

Do drop in to Tuesday's Baby and Toddler Group 10.00am - 12 noon or Thursday's Twinkle Tots 9.30-11.00am and give them a try. Both run every week during school term time in St. Andrew's room at St. Mary's.

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A Horsell Link with Lewis Carroll

While walking through St Mary's churchyard we noticed, just to the north of the memorial cross, the gravestone of James Hume Dodgson, who is buried with his wife Elizabeth Ada Mary.

James was the first cousin of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll, and was born in Putney on 12th January 1845 to his mother Caroline Hume. His father was Hassard Hume Dodgson, Lewis Carroll's uncle and Caroline's first cousin. James was one of ten children and was baptised at Putney on 17 July 1845: he assumed the role of head of the household after his father died and his two elder brothers emigrated to Australia.

He was educated at Twyford School (near Winchester) which he attended between 1856 and 1859, with the few distinctions of a gardening prize in 1858 and 4th place in a month's examination.

After this he went to Rugby School, like his famous cousin, and then to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his BA in 1867 and MA in 1873. He was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1866 and called to the Bar in 1870, but was disbarred at his own request on 2nd April 1875. He stayed with the law, and was admitted solicitor in 1893, by which time he had married Elizabeth in Dublin in 1885. In the 1901 census he is described as a solicitor, age 56, living with his wife, 43, and four servants in Paddington, and in the next year is a

partner in the firm of solicitors Bompas, Bischoff, Dodgson, solicitors to the Federal Government of Canada.

By 1911 he had moved to Dial Cottage, Chobham, but on 19 October 1911 he purchased Danesfield in Grange Road (in Horsell parish until 1955), which had been built about 1900, and by then occupied three plots as well as lawns stretching back to Kettlewell Hill; he renamed it Danes Field Cottage – some



cottage! However, he died there on 4 September 1912, leaving £36540 9s 11d (at least £3 million today) and his widow stayed there until she re-married, to Clement Locke Smiles in 1919.



James Hume Dodgson at Twyford School

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Their home, Glen Noe, Maybury Hill, was bequeathed to the sisters of St Peter's Convent and became the Smiles Home for Invalid Ladies, opened in 1923, and now continues on the site as the Bernard Sunley Care Home. The name of the house reverted to

Danesfield. Over the years parts of the grounds were redeveloped as Grange Close, Allison Close and Channings, and a smaller Danesfield Cottage was built in the grounds. Readers may remember the house as the headquarters of Woking Fire Service during WW2, then offices of the Forestry Commission, and finally an adult education centre, until after a period when it lay derelict it was demolished in 2008 to make way for five houses.

Remembrance Sunday

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