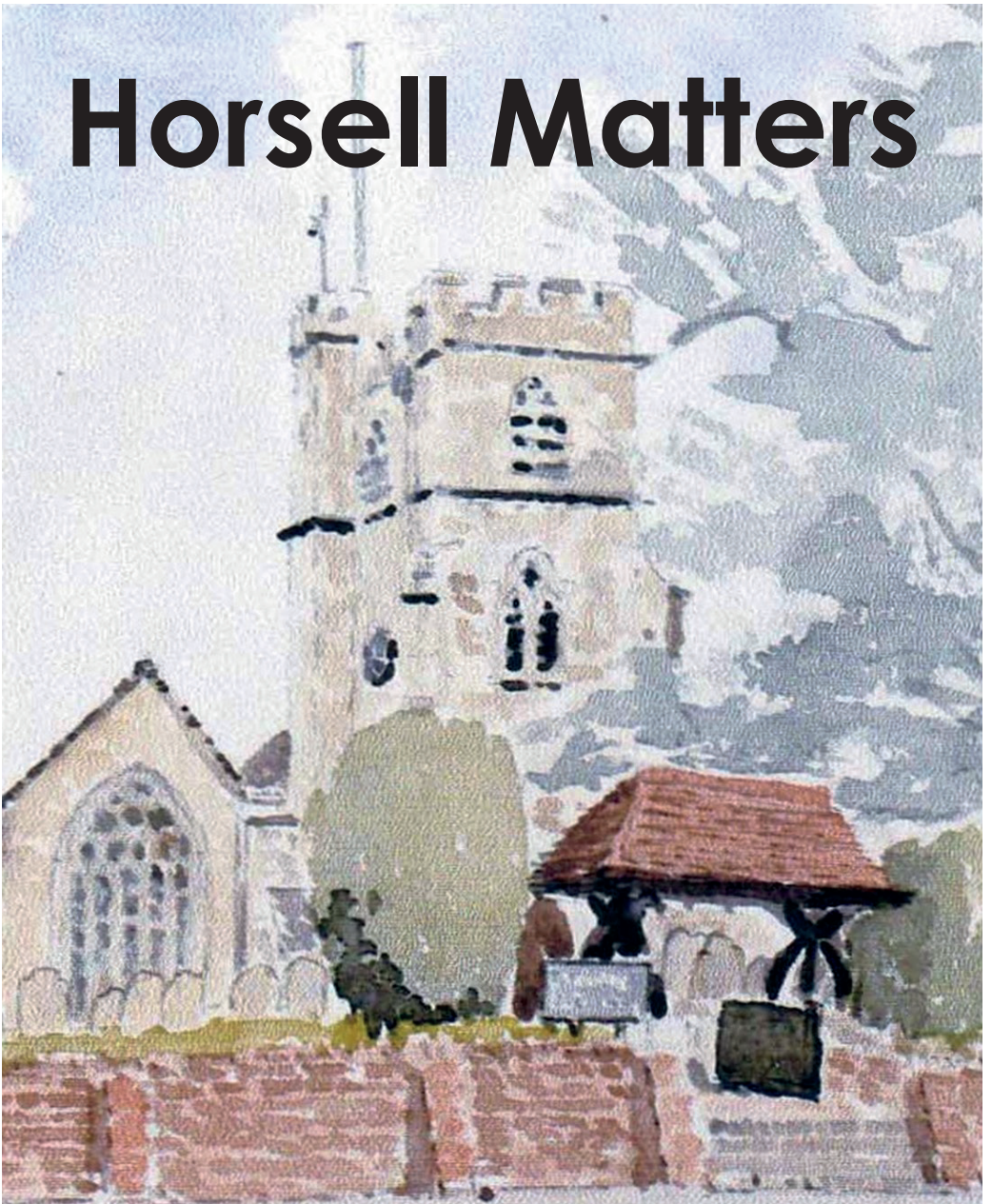


Horsell Matters



The Village magazine from your parish church

October / November 2019

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How content are you?

I wonder if you have bought something new this week? Apparently we spend on average about £1000 per annum on clothes and shoes. I was surprised to find that men are some of the biggest spenders on their appearance! And many of us rush to buy the mobile phone with the latest technology, the newest model of car and the 'must have' video game or toy.

It's hard to be content nowadays isn't it? Our whole society seems to be premised on discontent: advertising continually shows us the benefit of the latest and the newest, the benefits of more advanced technology and sleeker looks. We are encouraged to upgrade and to throw out the old.

Yet few of us can have missed the news stories in recent months highlighting the adverse environmental impact that fast fashion and fast technology has on our world. The impact is devastating.

So I wonder if you have joined up to the 'no-buy' movement which encourages us to look in our wardrobes and use what we already have; that encourages us to look around our houses and see how well supplied we already are with the necessities of life.

When St. Paul wrote to his young protegee Timothy he gave some good advice for Christians seeking to lead an alternative lifestyle which expressed their trust in a loving heavenly Father who provides all we need day by day. Paul said 'godliness with contentment is great gain' (1 Tim. 6:6) and having noted that we arrive in the world in just our birthday suits and go out of it without taking any of our possessions with us he explains that if we have the necessities of life we should be satisfied.

That seems like good advice to me. The challenge to me and the challenge to all who follow Jesus is to have the courage to put it into practice!

Sarah Hayes

60 second interview with Caroline Hughes

Early memories and arriving in Horsell

Despite living in Horsell for exactly 42 years, I still cherish and value my Lancashire heritage as a “sand grown ‘un” in Morecambe and my education in the Red Rose capital of Lancaster at the Girls’ Grammar School. Geoff and I moved here after 3 years in Woking

when we wanted more room for our little boy and a bigger garden, full of the ideals of “Self Sufficiency”. Be careful what you wish for! I was working at Horsell Secondary school and had realised what a good place Horsell was to live in with its vibrant High Street.

What family do you have- grandchildren included?

We have been married for 48 years and have three children and 5 grandchildren. We love seeing them all and being a grandparent is a real joy and a privilege. I am always so sad to say “Goodbye”.

Tell us about your teaching career

A French degree enabled me to live a year in Chambéry and learn to ski (which was my primary objective!) and then a job with the British Council teaching English and sport in Lyngseidet, a Norwegian village by a beautiful fjord in the Arctic Circle. Another chance to ski but also enjoy the nightly spectacle of the Northern lights. For the rest of my career, I taught French and Latin from Junior to A level.

Any funny moments? Where do I start? A propos of nothing, I was asked “Were you a hippy, Miss?” Another day, it was the final flight of



Concorde. I could hear the distinctive sound of its engine and I asked the class to go to the windows so we could watch it fly over the school. They watched and then sat down in a total hush then one boy said, "Miss, that was a historic moment". I taught a group of boys GCSE Latin and we were studying the Trojan war. They asked if we could have a "fun" lesson before the end of term. So the deal was they did a presentation and I would make some Roman food. They all trouped in wearing togas of white sheets and tablecloths and solemnly sat down and like 12 serious senators they discussed and we ate Roman food! I could go on for ever!

Do you have special" likes" amongst all the things you do? STC "Woodlanders" have been restoring and maintaining Pares Woodland Garden, the inspiration of Tony Noel, for 6 years. It is a very magical moment when we have our coffee and cake break, sitting on the logs beneath the canopy of old oaks, with the blackbirds singing and the easy chat and laughter of friends.

You obviously love gardening-why? I love growing things from seed and nurturing them, then the pleasure of harvesting vegetables for supper and fresh flowers for the house. Nothing beats picking the first bunch of fragrant delicate sweet peas. I far prefer being outside in the fresh air than house work so what better excuse could there be than "I have to water the tomatoes!"? When Geoff asked if I would like a ring to celebrate our 40th anniversary, I said, if he didn't mind, that I would really love a green house! So that's what he gave me and built it too!

How do you relax? We love walking, especially in the mountains. I love the first cuppa of the day when the garden is still and fragrant. I enjoy painting, dancing, a good read and doing the codeword!

My wish list? To paint a half decent painting, to dance a smouldering Argentine tango and a gracefully elegant waltz, visit lots of Europe and swim in the Aegean sea.

Christmas in Harmony at St. Mary's

A concert with Corra Sound and The Rivers

Join two newly established and highly accomplished vocal ensembles
for an evening of glorious singing

Sunday 8th December

7pm (Doors 6.45pm)

St Mary's Church, Church Hill, Horsell GU21 4QQ

£12 (free entry for under 15s with accompanying adults)

Tickets will be available to buy on the door

Corra Sound is a new and eclectic vocal ensemble drawing highly-skilled female singers together from the South of England including local legends Amy Bebbington and Anna Tabbush. They sing a broad variety of music, from classical to contemporary, folk to pop and anything in between with a focus on works written by women for women.



The Rivers are a brand new Oxford-based vocal group performing stunning arrangements of contemporary artists from Joni Mitchell and Massive Attack to Imogen Heap

Corra Sound and The Rivers are thrilled to be collaborating for the first time and hope you enjoy the performance which aims to offer something for everyone

Seabirds no more

They congregate on Woking High School's playing field, they stand about on local roofs, they glide gracefully past on the way to Goldsworth Park lake. They are raucous; they eat, it seems, anything they can lay beak to; they work in flocks. Some stay with us all the year round. They are gulls.

Horsell is favoured chiefly by black-headed gulls – and that's a misleading name. For the elegant pale grey and white birds, with red legs and feet and red beaks, that are with us in winter, do not have black heads. They have a single dark patch near each eye. They look very different from late February or so, when their head feathers all darken, and their summer plumage shows them to be indeed black-headed (though even then the feathers are really very dark brown).

Some other gulls sometimes join the groups here in winter, particularly common gulls. That's another misleading name. The species is very common in eastern Scotland, say, but it isn't in these parts. There is more likely to be just one common gull among the black-headed than a whole party of them. The common gulls are a bit bigger. Their legs, feet and beaks are pale greenish. Their wings are a deeper grey. Their heads in winter are streaked brownish grey.



And they really can't any of them be called 'sea gulls'. Gulls are gulls and anyway the ones in Woking are making their living without a sniff of salt water.

Jan Mihell

Any Old Iron?

My late father-in-law was a keen amateur carpenter and joiner. When he died, his son kept all his hand tools, his screws, nails and so on. They were going to come in useful. They are still awaiting their moment, almost 60 years later!

Then there are Auntie Dorrie's garden tools, that languish in the shed – a set of useful implements, but now with a role only as spares.

And there's my mother's sewing machine, in its case in the loft for the last quarter century. She was a competent needlewoman. I have never been one and am unlikely to become one now. Unwanted knitting machines, old electric drills – I don't have any of those, but I know there are people who do.

Halfway round the world, however, there are men and women endeavouring to support themselves and improve life for their families who would welcome such equipment and put it to practical use.

The charity Workaid exists to unite unwanted tools with enthusiastic new owners, mainly in East Africa. Its workers in Britain clean and refurbish where necessary, sort, pack and dispatch by container load; and they ensure that everything reaches the craftspersons and artisans who need it (rather than being sidetracked into the second hand trade in Mombasa, for instance).

Locally, Woking Rotary Club collects the donations of tools and equipment. The people to contact are Keith Tatlock, on 01932 349803, or Graham Fagence, on 01483 762621. You can check out Workaid on www.workaid.org





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Coping with Cancer

– a Personal Perspective

As Vicar, Rev'd Sarah Hayes meets with and supports many parishioners who have been diagnosed with life changing illnesses. Sarah has found the bravery of many an inspiration and asked one such person if they would give a really personal perspective on what it felt like to receive a 'diagnosis' and how they have coped.

In January I was diagnosed with breast cancer following a routine mammogram the month before. It was completely unexpected and I felt totally overwhelmed but was more concerned what this would mean for my husband and two daughters, one of whom had a wedding planned for August and the other who lives in Melbourne.

The surgeon was quite reassuring. The tumour was small and following surgery I expected radiotherapy, with all treatment finished by April. The oncologist, however, had more serious news. Analysis of the tumour showed the cancer to be at high risk of returning so he advised six months of chemotherapy and then radiotherapy. To be handed a piece of paper with 'High Risk' printed in large bold letters was not only a shock but also devastating for my husband and me. We felt totally unprepared and unable to make a decision so just went home. All of the time I was thinking 'I am going to miss my daughter's wedding' but also what if the cancer returns and I die. In the end we made the decision overnight and I was given a week to prepare for the chemotherapy. My husband and daughter spurred me into action and



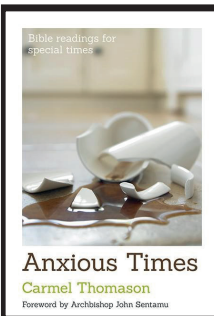
encouraged me to get organised. I ordered a wig, stocked up on food and essentials and my daughter re-arranged her marriage to a date in May so I could be there between chemo dates.

The chemotherapy started in March and was quite challenging, especially some of the side effects. My husband and daughter took it in turns to come with me and their day-to-day care and support made all the difference. Coping with the treatment was helped enormously by friends visiting and cups of tea with our Vicar, Sarah. The knowledge that people were praying for us was a great comfort.

My daughter's wedding was a very happy occasion. Her sister travelled from Melbourne with her partner and they stayed for a month, helping out and giving us much needed emotional support. We quickly learnt to accept offers of help, as on some days even mundane tasks seemed daunting.

From the beginning I was determined to try and stay positive and focus on getting better. I drew deeply on my spirituality to help me through the treatment and I feel optimistic about life. I have benefitted from periods of complete relaxation, have read lots of books and have managed *The Times* crossword and Sudoku every day.

2019 has been a life-changing year for my family and me. A cancer diagnosis can change everything and it isn't always just about one individual. I was told that it is natural to feel anxiety when coping with cancer and I have needed plenty of encouragement to face my fear of needles and anything medical. My family, friends and faith have all given me the courage needed to undergo the treatment and start down the road to recovery. I feel lucky to be surrounded by such supportive people.



One book Sarah recommends is by Carmel Thomason. It is a series of short reflections on bible passages which offer hope and encouragement in anxious times. It costs £4.99 and is published by BRF. www.brfonline.org.uk/products/anxious-times

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Return of the Sesquialtera to St. Mary's

A non-organist might well be rather bemused by the title of the next of St. Mary's biannual organ concerts: *Return of the Sesquialtera*, and learning that, etymologically, the definition of "sesquialtera" is "1½" probably does nothing to clarify matters.

In fact, it's the name of one of the stops on the St Mary's organ which, quite deliberately and for perfectly good reasons, was partially disabled some time ago. Now, though, taking into account the evolution over the years of liturgical music and the fact that the organ is no longer just used for church services but for concerts, too, the time has come for it to speak once more. It will be at this recital that its voice will be heard again after such a long time.

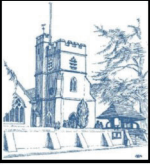
You can find out more and witness the unveiling by coming along to the concert at St Mary's at **7.30 on 26th October**. There will be a variety of styles of music from the 17th to the 21st centuries, some (not all!) of which will feature our newly restored sesquialtera.

There's no charge for admission, though any donations will be gratefully received and put towards the cost of the regular maintenance of the organ and its first overhaul since installation nearly half a century ago.

The concert after this one will be at **7.30 on 7th March, 2020** when the soloist will be Tim Muggeridge. That Tim was awarded the organ scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford, only two years after taking up the organ is an indication of his talent. He played at St Mary's on a number of occasions as a student, and went on to receive some excellent reviews for the recordings he made as organist and choral conductor, so we are really looking forward to welcoming him back.

Please make a note of both these dates in your diary: 26th October, 2019 – 7.30pm and 7th March, 2020 – 7.30pm

Alan Rapley



'What's on'

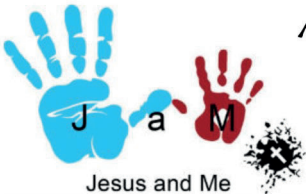
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St Mary's Church Diary Oct-Nov

OCTOBER

Tues 1st	9.30am-11.30am 2.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group Kettlewell House Service
Wed 2nd	10.30am 8.00pm	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 3rd	9.15am & 10.15am 9.30am-11am	Junior School Harvest Festival Twinkle Tots
Fri 4th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 6th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship & Harvest Festival Informal Holy Communion
Mon 7th	3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study & Discussion Group
Tue 8th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 9th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs 10th	9.30am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 11th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 13th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Messy Church
Mon 14th	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Tue 15th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 16th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs 17th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 18th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sat 19th	1.00pm	Wedding
Sun 20th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Mon 21st	3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study & Discussion Group
Tues 22nd	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 23rd	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs 24th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 25th	9am-12noon 10.30am	Pop in Coffee Service at Throwleigh Lodge
Sat 26th	7.30pm	Organ Recital
Sun 27th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Service of Praise & Peaceful Prayer
Wed 30th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion

NOVEMBER

Fri 1st	10am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	All Age Worship & Baptism
	6.30pm	Annual Memorial Service
Mon 4th	3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study & Discussion Group
Tue 5th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed 6th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 7th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 8th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tue 12th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 13th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
	6.30pm	Woking High School Concert
Thurs 14th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 15th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion & Thanksgiving
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Mon 18th	3.00pm-4.30pm	Bible Study & Discussion Group
Tue 19th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 20th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
Thurs 21st	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 22nd	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee + Traidcraft sale
Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	12.30pm	On Your Own Lunch
	6.30pm	Service of Praise & Peaceful Prayer
Tue 26th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 27th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion
Thurs 28th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 29th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
	10.30am	Throwleigh Lodge Service
	11.00am	St. Andrew's School Service

DECEMBER

Sun 1st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Informal Holy Communion

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Coffee Time!

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Churchyard maintenance
volunteers
has a well deserved
coffee break!

*Picture taken by
Caroline Hughes , another
Churchyard volunteer*

CHURCHYARD CAT



As a cat, I'm deeply interested in birds, and humans are too, though occasionally our views on them differ quite strongly.

Sometimes, however, you can have too much of a good thing, can't you?

A friend of mine lives in a picturesque market town in the Midlands – there are pretty, old fashioned shops and houses and a parish church with a lofty steeple. She tells me that a few months ago a peregrine falcon appeared, perched on the church building, brought its prey back there, made itself at home. People in Horsell are used to peregrine falcons, which nest every summer in the building site that the centre of Woking has become, but the bird was new to my friend's area.

Almost before you could say, 'That's an unusual bird, isn't it?' my friend's church yard and the streets around it filled with strangers in camouflage gear, carrying telescopes and wielding cameras with enormous lenses, all intent on seeing the peregrine. Children with difficulty made their way to school, shoppers to the shops, and anyone wishing to pop into church for a quiet prayer had to push through the crowd of birders. It was winter, so not weather for my friend to bask in her church yard, but she would not have been able to find a quiet space for basking had she wished to do so. She met with some unpleasant suspicious looks, as she patrolled her patch, though peregrines are too big for a cat even to think of tackling.

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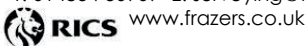
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Parish in the Past

Ninety years ago, Horsell school, opposite the church, provided education for every child in the village from 5-year-old infant to 14-year-old school leaver.

In October 1929 the vicar, Norman Pares, presided at the children's Harvest Festival in church for the first time.

'A new departure was made,' he wrote. 'This year 214 children and the Staff of Teachers came to Church for a short half-hour service at 9.15 a.m. Some mothers availed themselves of the invitation to join in the Service so that the Church was almost full.

'The offerings of the children (fruit, vegetables and eggs) amounting in bulk to 10 ¼ cwt*, were sent to the Home for Incurable Children, kept by the Sisters of the Poor in Shoreditch.

'I rejoice to think that our children are being taught in such a practical way to care for the wants of others.'

**over 500 kg*

Our schools continue to support local charities to this day, including the York Road Project. Modern day harvest gifts remain very practical and nowadays are more likely to be tins and packets, toothbrushes and shampoo, washing powder and marmite.



Helping out, close to home

Volunteering makes the world go round, so enthusiastic charity organisers suggest.

Certainly in and around Horsell there are plenty of places where unpaid helpers make a difference in a lot of ways. We've put together a list of just some of these. New volunteers are welcomed at all of them.

Our voluntary neighbourhood care scheme aims to fill the gaps in existing services, for instance by doing occasional or weekly shopping, collecting prescriptions, providing transport to medical appointments. Horsell Care volunteers do all this; 01483 730740 is the number to call, for offers of help, as well as for help itself.

HORSELL CARE



Three shops in the High Street have volunteers administering retail therapy – that's shop work in real life. Wendy Hardwick, who manages The Salvation Army's shop, can be reached on 01483 721833 or on [Woking@salvationarmy.org.uk/Woking](mailto:Woking@salvationarmy.org.uk). At the RSPCA

shop the manager is Susan Jordan, phone 07957 779140 or email susanjsurrey@yahoo.co.uk.

Apart from working in the shop, RSPCA volunteers' jobs can include fostering dogs and cats.



Hospice volunteers work in the shop and also fill many roles, connected with helping at fund raising events and with work in the hospice at Goldsworth Park itself. The volunteer services operations manager for Woking and Sam Beare Hospices is Gary Wood, phone 01483 742775.



Assisting 7 to 11-year-olds with reading, spelling and learning times tables are things that volunteers at Horsell C of E Junior School take part in. The school office, on 01483 761531, is the place to contact.



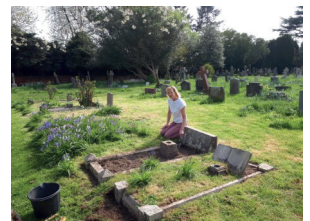
Caring for our rare lowland heath that is Horsell Common involves volunteers in removing scrub and undertaking other tasks in work parties with Horsell Common Preservation Society. Contact the HCPS ranger, Rachel, who coordinates the volunteering, by email: rachel@horsellcommon.org.uk or by calling 01483 766189 and leave your details.



Horsell is also very fortunate to have so many green spaces and grass verges around the village and it is a shame to see this spoiled by so much litter around. So on the third Saturday morning of every month, the local residents' Second Thursday Club have organised a regular litter pick.

All equipment is provided. If you would like to join this activity please contact Robin Hoyle at robin.hoyle@hotmail.com

There are Snow Angels and Street Angels so why not "Churchyard Angels"? Could you adopt a grave and bring new life to St Mary's churchyard. For more details contact: Caroline Hughes; 767980 or c.e.hughes@ntlworld.com



Beyond the village there are innumerable opportunities to help out, and to learn and have fun while doing so. For a start, volunteering opportunities across the borough can be explored by visiting Woking Civic Offices, via the Volunteer Plus website or by calling 01483 755855.



Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival 2019

What is Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival?

Schools, families, individuals, community groups and local businesses are once again getting creative to make an exhibition of Christmas trees. Whether big, small, traditional, modern, edible, recycled, colourful or illuminated, ALL trees are welcome, whatever their story. Alongside the display of trees, there will be

Christmas music, crafts and refreshments including mulled wine. Visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite trees and there will be prizes for the most popular trees.

How much is it to enter?

It is FREE to enter a tree. There is no entry fee but any donations would be welcomed. The money raised will be put into the church and mission.

How do I get involved?

Think of a fun name for your tree, for use in the programme, and plan your tree design. Fill in the entry form on this leaflet as soon as possible, or pick up the form at either school.

*Please return completed entry forms to: Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival, c/o The Horsell Village School, Church Hill, Horsell, Woking GU21 4QQ or c/o Horsell Junior School, Meadway Drive, Horsell, Woking GU21 4TA or Parish Office, The Vicarage, Wilson Way, Horsell, Woking GU21 4QJ by: **Wednesday 13th November 2019.***

When do I take my tree to the church?

Trees should be delivered to St Mary's Church, Church Hill, Horsell on Thursday 5th December either between **12noon-3pm** or **between 5pm-8pm**. Trees should be free standing and can be constructed on site. Where possible please use LED battery operated lights.

What happens to my tree after the Festival?

Please collect your tree from the church on Sunday 8th December between **12noon and 4pm**. If you do not collect your tree it will be disposed of. The festival cannot be held responsible for any damage to your tree whilst it is part of the exhibition.

For further queries about the Festival please contact mscouper@btinternet.com



Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival 2019 Entry Form



Festival Dates: Friday 6th December 2.30pm – 6pm
Saturday 7th December 10am-5pm

Venue: St Mary's Church, Horsell

Organised by St Mary's Church

Please fill in the form below and return it by **Wednesday 13th NOVEMBER** to: Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival, c/o The Horsell Village School or Horsell Junior School or to the Parish Office, St. Mary's Church *stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com*

Title of Tree (for Festival Programme):

Entered by (included in Festival programme):

Contact name:

Address of Contact:

Postcode:

Contact Telephone No:

Email address:

Approximate Tree size: Please circle one size below

Up to 1metre

1-2 metre

over 2 metres

If you are using lights on your tree, please circle your choice below:

Battery operated

Plug in

Thank you for taking part in the Horsell Christmas Tree Festival 2019. We look forward to seeing you and your tree!

Thank you to all who supported the
Big Brew Macmillan Coffee Morning
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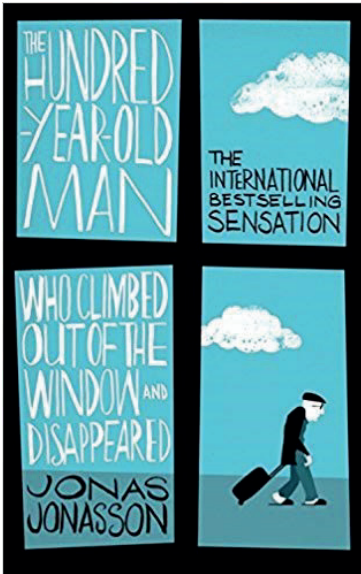
At Woking History Society's November meeting Helen Gristwood continues a fascinating study of Woking's people and their environment in 'The 1911 Census'. On Monday November 4 doors open at 7.40 for a start at 8.00 pm in Hall 2 at the Maybury Centre, Board School Road, Woking, GU21 5HD. Visitors £3.00. For further details email: historywoking@gmail.com or consult www.wokinghs.org.uk

Tracing the ancestors

Those interested in tracing their family history (and the quest can become addictive) will find advice, fellow researchers, and perhaps inspiration at Surrey Family History Fair on Saturday November 2. This is being held at Woking Leisure Centre from 10am to 4.30pm. Free entry. Information at: www.wsfhs.org

Family History Online

A Saturday morning workshop at Surrey History Centre on November 16 is devoted to tips and techniques for exploring family history using the many and varied sources available online. 10am-12.30pm; tickets £15 including refreshments – www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents or in person at Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, GU21 6ND.



The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out Of The Window and Disappeared

by Jonas Jonasson

This is a remarkable book. Allan Karlsson, the 100 year old man of the title, is living quietly in a retirement home in provincial Sweden when the day of his hundredth birthday arrives and he decides on impulse that he does not want to attend the festivities which

have been arranged in his honour and climbs out of his bedroom window and, so far as the authorities are concerned, disappears. The book then follows Allan as he travels south, almost by accident acquires a large sum of money, escapes from various gangsters, becomes firm friends with Julius, a mere stripling in his 70s, teams up with Sonya the elephant and her owner, and heads out of the country.

Alongside Allan's exploits in the present are flashbacks to Allan's earlier life. Allan is a person to whom and around whom things happen. We hear how Allan became an explosives expert and how, without much calculation on his part, Allan came to be present at all the most important events of the twentieth century, from the Spanish Civil War where he accidentally saves Franco's life, through to China at the time of the struggle between the communists led by Mao and the Nationalists. From there he plays a part in the development of the atomic bomb, is in Korea during the war, and is in Paris in the 1960s where he meets the then President Charles De Gaulle.

The author is a witty and acute narrator of events with amusing, if somewhat jaundiced, insights into the foibles of the protagonists in the numerous conflicts of the last century. The book is both charming and unique. I recommend it.

Roger King

Chicken Herby Pie

Ingredients

1 tablespoon of sunflower oil

350g , (12 ounces) chicken thigh fillets, cut into bite size pieces

1 leek, trimmed and roughly sliced

2 tablespoons of plain flour

1 teaspoon of mustard powder

400 ml, (14 fluid ounces) of
chicken stock

1 teaspoon of dried thyme

300g (11 ounces) of frozen peas

100g (3 1/2 ounces) of shredded
ham hock or ham

100ml (3 1/2 fluid ounces) of
double cream

85 g (3 1/4 ounces) of stuffing mix



Method

Preheat the oven to 180 C , gas mark 4.

In a large pan, heat oil and fry the chicken until turning golden, about 5 to 8 minutes Add the leek and fry for a further 3 minutes.

Stir in flour and mustard powder, cook for 1 minute. Add stock and thyme. Bring to the boil and simmer until thickened.

Add peas, ham and cream. Check the seasoning and then transfer to an oven proof serving dish.

Mix the stuffing mixture with 100 ml (3 1/2 fluid ounces) of water to make a crumbly topping. Scatter over chicken filling. Cook in the oven for 20 min, until golden & bubbling. Serve with new potatoes.

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