

Horsell Matters

A photograph of a stone church tower, likely the Horsell Church tower, featuring a clock face and Gothic windows. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter.

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
October/November 2020

Horsell Directory

St Mary's Church	Website: www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk	
Parish Office open:	Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals	772134
	Tuesday 9am-4pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am-1.00pm	
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JAM (Jesus and Me)	Marcus Brookfield (3+) 10am most Sundays	772134
Babies and Toddlers	Angela Murphy	832943
	St Andrew's Room, Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	
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Horsell Village School	Infants Head Teacher - Mrs Reeve	714804
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	Meets on 1 st Thursday at 1.45pm in the Village Hall	
WI Horsell Evening	Mrs Sheila Tickner	760783
	Meets on 4 th Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall	
Woking Police Station	dial 101 from mobile or landline	

We Are All One Body



At the end of August we said a sad 'goodbye' to our assistant minister Rev Peter Brown and his wife Elaine who left us to move to their retirement home in Hampshire. We are most grateful to them for their hard work and service in their four years with us and wish them every blessing for the future.

In March this year we suddenly found ourselves living in 'interesting' – and rather strange- times. Our world has been a different place for the last six months but, at the time of writing, we are taking gradual, tentative steps towards a return to some kind of normality. Children are returning to school and many of those who have found themselves working from home are making a partial return to their usual places of work.

There are many though who have continued throughout this time in their normal jobs and who we came to value as 'key workers'. NHS workers have given outstanding service to those in need. There have been many, many others who have worked long and hard to keep our essential services running.

There have been those who have kept the shelves in our supermarkets and other shops well supplied with food and other essentials. They successfully overcame shortages of some items in the first days of the period of lockdown.

We have come to appreciate, as never before, just how much we rely on the efforts of other people in all parts of society and how many people play a vital part in the smooth running of our community even, at times, at some risk to themselves.

We have been profoundly grateful to them all.

The apostle Paul, writing in his letter to the early Christians in the Greek city of Corinth, reminded them that they were all the members of the body of Christ in Corinth (1 Corinthians ch 12). Paul compared the body of the church, the earthly body of Jesus Christ, with the human body. He pointed out that the human body has many different parts – eyes, ears, legs, hands, etc, etc. These limbs and organs all perform many, very different, functions. But for the body to work well and be healthy, they all have to work in harmony together.

In much the same way our community has many different members, each with their own different functions. God has given each one of us different gifts. His gifts equip us to do the jobs that only we can do. The body can only function well if all of its members, from the greatest to the least, play their full part within it. So too, the church, and the community we serve, works at its best when all the different parts combine in harmony with one another.

Wishing you and your families every blessing

Roy Wernham

Licensed Lay Minister

Farewell presentation to Peter and Elaine Brown



Bye Bye and thank you.
We all wish you the best of luck
in your retirement.

Vacancy Update

It has been a long time since we brought you up to date.

The Diocese has waited until now so that they can advertise nationally and there is a greater chance of having face to face interviews.

The timetable is as follows:-

Patron	The Bishop
Lead Bishop	Bishop Andrew
Advertise post from	Monday 28 th September
Church Times Fridays	Friday 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th & possibly 23 rd October
Closing date for applications	Sunday 25 th October
Shortlisting	Tuesday 27 th October
Interviews – meet the PCC and others	Tuesday 10 th November
Interviews with the panel	Wednesday 11 th November

All the dates and times are subject to the Covid-19 restrictions.

We are pleased to being able to have weekly Worship sessions on Sundays at 10am, and still offer Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 11am to 4pm.

Please continue to pray for the PCC and Parish Representatives at this important time.

Mike Couper & Pam Rowe (Churchwardens)

Mike Couper & Jennifer Richards

(Parish Representatives)



St Mary's Church Diary Oct-Nov 2020

All the services listed below are subject to Government Advice and may have to be cancelled.

OCTOBER		
Sun 4 th	10.00am	Harvest Service
Tues 6 th	4.30pm	Vacancy Prayer
Wed 7 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Sun 11 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Baptism
Tues 13 th	4.30pm	Vacancy Prayer
Wed 14 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 18 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	11.15am	APCM
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues 20 th	4.30pm	Vacancy Prayer
Wed 21 st	11am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 25 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Praise & Peaceful Prayer
Tues 27 th	4.30pm	Vacancy Prayer
Wed 28 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
NOVEMBER		
Sun 1 st	10.00am	Family Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Memorial Service
Tues 3 rd	4.30pm	Vacancy Prayer
Wed 4 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 8 th	10.00am	Remembrance Service in church
Wed 11 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Fri 13 th	2.00pm	Wedding
Sun 15 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Baptism
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Wed 18 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 22 nd	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Praise & Peaceful Prayer
Wed 25 th	11.00-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 29 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
DECEMBER		
Wed 2 nd	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Sun 6 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer

New Post Office

I took over the Costcutter shop with the Post Office on 10th of July. We ran the shop for only for 2 weeks, until, unfortunately, late on the night of Friday 24th of July the shop had a fire caused by the chilled food fridge. When I closed the shop around 9:30pm I hadn't felt anything was wrong, however, I had only been in the house for 20 minutes when I got a phone call from the alarm company saying that the alarm had gone off. I went back straight away. When I reached there, there were 6 fire engines. I hadn't known there was a fire before I arrived! The fire department told me that there was a fire and they had broken the door and shutter to go and stop it. They fortunately saved the residents living above the shop. So we are very thankful for the fire brigade for coming at the right time and stopping everything before it became uncontrollable. They stayed there, monitoring everything until the morning to wait for the temperature to go down. It was not a good start to our business!



In the 2 weeks we had run the shop, the Horsell Community welcomed us in a friendly manner. They were very supportive, helpful and gave us many good wishes. Everyone around us was also very supportive and helpful. Mr Chander Parkash, even though he is retired, is helping us greatly in this crucial time and I would like to say thank you to him. We have cleaned the whole shop, and hopefully from next week the refitting of the shop will commence, which should last around 4 weeks. We are trying to open the shop and Post Office as soon as possible. Once again I would to thank the Horsell Community greatly. Thank you

Selvakumar Sanmugam

Salvation Army Charity Shop

Many of us will recall with fondness the Salvation Army presence in the High street. The bright banner across the front of the shop was, as it said, a welcome. In current times. There have been many casualties in the retail sector and while we have been lucky in many respects in Horsell, it is inevitable that not all would flourish. Wendy has been an enthusiastic manageress and has written this statement of thanks to everyone.



“Owing to the Covid19 pandemic, you will know the Woking Salvation Army Charity Shop has been closed for some time.

It is with sadness I have to report it has been decided the reopening of the said shop will not be viable.

I would like to thank you for the support you have given the Salvation Army over the years it has been represented in Horsell.

On a personal note, I would like to thank so many of you for your friendship during the five years I have been the Manageress.”

Wendy Hardwick

Parish in the Past

Before the National Health Service was set up in 1948 individuals paid an annual subscription if they wished to be on their local District Nurse’s visiting list of patients and treated by her. Nurse Hipwell, who lived in Elm Bank in the village, was Horsell’s Parish Nurse. In St Mary’s parish magazine for November 1930, Mrs Pares, the vicar’s wife, spread the news of the semi-retirement of the community’s most accessible health professional.

‘Our kind Parish Nurse feels she ought to resign after 13 years of good work, cheerfully and efficiently done.’ However, she was ‘willing to keep going as long as she is able and asked for’, ‘at a rather higher rate than before, but there will be no subscriptions.’

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When Grace Fraser's job as Head of Marketing with a restaurant group vanished early in lockdown, she soon found an alternative. She found a catering van on ebay, redesigned and refitted it, sorted out suppliers, and in early July opened it for business on the canal bank. A Horsell resident, she had often passed the site by the WWF centre while walking her dog and now she (and Duke, a spaniel with an engaging curly topknot) were to be there most days, offering refreshments by the water to walkers, buggy pushers, cyclists and people on their way to work from 8.00 am to 2.00pm.



Grace Fraser and the coffee van

Grace is already widening the impact of her stylish coffee van, taking it to local business parks on two days a week, and driving to wherever she's asked to cater for private parties. However, even in winter she intends to be open on the towpath from Tuesdays to Sundays.

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Grace and Duke the dog



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Churchyard Cat



“I really don’t like them, Cat,” said the chief of my humans, running her fingers through my luxuriant fur. “I know it’s for the good of us all, and of course I’ll go on wearing them, but I do NOT enjoy them. They’re hot, and they’re smelly, and I can’t hear properly when I’m wearing one, and I can’t see!”

She was getting really worked up. I offered a soothing purr.

She was talking about face coverings, those masks which everyone on two legs seems to be using these days. And really, she needed to think about what she was saying. Hot? Well, I suppose it is warming to wear cloth over your mouth and nose – but she’ll probably be pleased about that as the weather gets colder. Smelly? Perhaps she should re-think the skin products she uses – I could have told her how pungent that face cream of hers really is. She can’t hear? That sounds absolute rubbish, even by human standards – she isn’t covering her ears. Perhaps in the past she’s instinctively lip-read, and now, of course, she can’t see the lips of the person speaking to her.

And she can’t see. Well, yes, she wears glasses and the lenses do steam over. Which must be annoying. Even more annoying, I think, must be the way people say to her, “Oh, your glasses are steamed up!” As if she wouldn’t have noticed already.

I purred some more, and, affectionately, sank my claws into her trouser leg.

“Ouch!” she said.

Misunderstood, again, that’s me.



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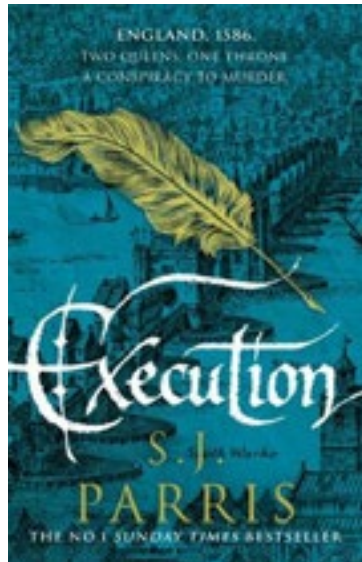
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Execution by S J Parris



This is the sixth outing for S J Parris's hero Giordano Bruno, an Italian former monk still wanted in his homeland for heresy. Like the historical Giordano Bruno, the Bruno of the books is a seeker after truth and a writer of philosophical works which run counter to orthodox Catholic dogma of the time. Unlike his historical counterpart, Bruno is also a spy.

The book opens with Bruno hurrying to England from the court of the French king to inform Walsingham, Elizabeth I's spymaster, that a group of English nobles is plotting to assassinate Elizabeth and to put Mary Queen of Scots on the throne of England. On his arrival Bruno is astonished to find that Walsingham is already aware of the plot and has agents in place monitoring it. Bruno is instructed to impersonate a Jesuit priest, newly arrived from the continent who has been seized by Walsingham's officers. His brief is to become friendly with the plotters and to assist Walsingham in getting his hands on a letter written by Mary approving the assassination of Elizabeth. Walsingham is determined to protect Elizabeth from the succession of plots against her with some connection to Mary Queen of Scots. He needs incontrovertible evidence that Mary has approved the assassination of Elizabeth if he is to persuade Elizabeth to have Mary put on trial and ultimately executed.

In addition to his commission from Walsingham, Bruno is also asked by Walsingham's daughter Frances, now married to Bruno's sometime patron Sir Philip Sidney, to track down the murderer of her best friend who may be linked to the Babington plotters.

The book follows the evolution and unravelling of the Babington plot and tracks Bruno's investigation of a violent death, that investigation bringing Bruno back repeatedly to the plotters and those around them. The book gives what reads like an accurate, if not wholly attractive, description of Elizabethan London. For example, Bruno is forced to make several visits to Southwark where normal laws did not apply, and anything could be had for a price.

Despite its title, descriptions of actual violence in the book are few and far between. The book is more of a psychological thriller. Bruno is a complex character, aware of the dubious morality of befriending a group only to betray them later. He is a thinker and at the same time a hunter excited by the prospect of taking part in a chase. Parris subscribes to the idea that the Babington plot was to a large extent a 'put up' job orchestrated by Walsingham for whom the good of the state and the protection of his Queen justified evil acts. The plotters themselves are depicted as idealistic, naïve, and, apart from the priest Ballard, hopelessly out of their depth when up against an adversary as devious as Walsingham.

I felt when reading the book that the reintroduction of Sophia Underhill, Bruno's love interest from earlier books in the series, was unnecessary and added little to the book. Subject to that minor quibble, I found the book to be well written and both interesting and enjoyable to read.

Roger King

Recipes

Cinnamon and Pear Loaf

Makes one 900g/2lb loaf

- 175g light brown soft sugar
- 50g butter
- 1 medium egg, beaten
- 150ml milk
- 225g plain white flour
- 1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 large pear or 2 small pears, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 40g chopped walnuts



Method

1. Line the base and sides of the loaf tin. Preheat oven to 180C.
2. In a small pan, melt the sugar and butter over a low heat. Set aside to cool.
3. Pour the melted butter and sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in the beaten egg and milk.
4. Sift the flour, bicarb. and cinnamon into the mixture, and stir in, then beat well. Lastly add the chopped pear and walnuts and combine.
5. Transfer the mixture into the tin and bake for about 1½ hours, or until the loaf starts to shrink from the sides of the tin. Allow to firm up in the tin, then remove, peel off the lining paper and cool on a wire rack.

Recipes

Slow-cooked Duck legs with Red Wine

Serves two

- 2 duck legs
- 2 carrots, roughly chopped/sliced
- 1 small onion, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp. plain flour
- 1 bay leaf
- Few sage leaves, chopped
- Few sprigs of thyme
- 150ml red wine
- 500ml chicken stock
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Optional: 1 dessertspoon (10ml) balsamic vinegar

and 1 dessertspoon brown sugar – these add an extra richness to the dish.



Method

1. Heat oven to 150C. Put the duck legs in a flameproof casserole set over a medium heat. Brown all over, then remove from the casserole and set aside. Pour off all but 1 tbsp. of the fat, add the carrots and onion and cook for about 5 mins. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 min more. Return the duck along with the remaining ingredients, including balsamic vinegar and sugar, if using. Bring to a simmer, then cover with a lid and put in the oven for 2 hrs.
2. Remove from oven and place duck legs on a heated plate in a warm place. Bring sauce back to the boil and reduce until thickened and glossy.
3. Place duck legs on serving plate and cover with sauce. This dish is good served with mustard mash and a green vegetable.

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PRESS RELEASE

LOCAL LION RECEIVES TWO INTERNATIONAL AWARDS ON THE SAME EVENING.

Having endured 6 months of Zoom Meetings, because of the COVID pandemic, it was decided that Woking Lions Club's Board Meeting in August be held suitably socially distanced 2m between members in mid-August, in our new President's garden. After outgoing President Jackie Taylor handed over the Presidency to Paul Robinson, Jackie totally surprised Roger Chamberlain by presenting him firstly with The International President's 'Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International', and secondly to present him with 'The Melvin Jones Fellow Shield for dedicated Humanitarian Services to Lions Clubs International' named after our founding member 103 years ago in Chicago. Lions Clubs International now has local Clubs in virtually every country World-wide, with some 1.4 million Members. Further details about Woking Lions Club can be found by visiting their web site on www.wokinglions.org.uk to see what they do to help local people.

It is understood that Roger, who moved to Woking from Camberley with his family in 1979, is the first Woking Member to receive the President's Certificate, and the second in the Club's 46-year history to receive the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Roger was President for 2 years from 2013 to 2015, and again in 2017/18, and currently is chairman of Community Welfare Services..

Roger thanked Jackie, saying for once he was almost speechless, but "would like to thank all involved, and particularly his Woking and wider Zone colleagues in Lions Clubs in West Surrey, and how humbled he was to receive these 2 International Awards".



Roger with both awards

Remembrance

The autumn is a time of mists and mellow fruitfulness according to Keats. It is harvest time; preserving, bottling and jam making. It doesn't matter what it means to each of us in particular but there are many things we all associate with November and some of those are bonfires, wet leaves, and the children's activities: pumpkin lamps, conkers and fireworks, and the Halloween customs of ducking for apples, trick or treat.

The latter has become more popular in recent times, indeed it has superseded many of the simpler customs which were based on the apples, nuts and harvest produce which are plentiful at this time. Trick or treat is a popular custom in America and Canada which has crossed the Atlantic but as my neighbour told me, the origins are Irish. Here is the story of its origins she has passed on to explain.

It was once believed that at Samhain, the Celtic New Year, the veil between our world and the spirit world was very thin. The festival of Samhain (sow-en), celebrated on November 1st, was a gateway to the otherworld, when spirits wandered the earth in search of new bodies to possess. People made their homes as inhospitable as possible, so the spirits would be less likely to enter them. All fires- candles, fireplace, etc. - were extinguished to make the house dark and uninviting. The tradition of dressing in Halloween costumes and painting faces in an ugly way also came about because people wanted to make themselves unappealing to these wandering spirits. Even loud noises were encouraged to frighten the spirits away! The holiday is very much about avoiding wandering spirits, whatever you may have heard about Samhain rituals to honour the dead.

The origin of All Hallows Eve lies in the 8th century A.D. when the Catholic Church began to commemorate All Saints Day and All Souls Day at this time of year. The Church realized it could not wipe out the popular pagan feast of Samhain, so it was "christianized" instead. The notion of a close connection to the dead was attached to a newer holiday called The Eve of the Feast of All Hallows, or Halloween.

Many Americans don't realize that Halloween was never celebrated in America until the arrival of the famine-era Irish. The U.S. was a Protestant country with a Puritan leaning. When the Irish came in the 1840's, they brought their own brand of Catholicism with them. This included the Halloween rite, with its eccentric mix of Christian and pre-Christian customs.

Nevertheless there is far more to All Saints Day. While the popular emphasis is on the Halloween activities, the significance of this time is paramount to us all. We all remember those of our friends and families who have died.

All Saints is a red letter day in the lectionary, i.e. a Principal Feast which we normally try to honour, up there with Christmas Day, Easter, Good Friday and the other red letter days. Look at a copy of the Common Worship lectionary and you will see why they are called red letter days! To confuse you even more there is All Souls as well on 2 Nov but not so important and not red letter. The all saints refers really to all believers/ disciples of Jesus in this and every age- past, present and future, the great company of all believers or heavenly host! At this difficult time, we are more conscious than ever of those who have, but no longer suffer, are no longer with us. Perhaps we may all find a few moments to remember those who were personally known to us.



Almighty God,
You have joined together in the body of your Son
all those who trust in you to form the great heavenly host of all believers.
Give us grace so to follow these your saints in godly living
that we may come to share with them in the joys that you have prepared
for all who truly love you.
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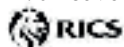
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Lightbox

Think the World of You: People and Dogs Drawn Together by David Remfry
10 October 2020 – 3 January 2021

In an era when dogs are more likely to have Instagram accounts than appear in exhibitions by Royal Academicians, David Remfry (b.1942) has spent the past fifteen years creating a series of portraits that reveal the personalities of, and relationships between, dogs and their owners.. "It's not for all of us," he admits-but Remfry is working in a tradition that goes back centuries. In Venice during the height of the Renaissance, canine companions not only began to feature more prominently in 16th century paintings but also became the principal subject matter. Tintoretto (c.1518–1594), placed a dog in his huge painting of Christ Washing the Disciples' Feet. In the following centuries, illustrious artists such as Francis Bacon, Gustave Courbet, Salvador Dali, Lucien Freud, Thomas Gainsborough, Edouard Manet and Andy Warhol have famously put dogs in their artworks, demonstrating in many ways that dogs are indeed, 'the artist's best friend'. David Remfry is very much continuing this tradition.

In this fascinating new exhibition at The Lightbox in Woking, art and dog lovers alike will be able to enjoy eighteen drawings and preliminary sketches of English Bull Terriers, Pugs, Poodles, French Bulldogs and more, along with some very familiar faces.

The exhibition features a cast of A-listers: such as Academy Award winner Susan Sarandon, with her pups, Penny and Rigby; fellow actors Alan Cumming and his dog Honey, plus a rather relaxed-looking Ethan Hawke with his somewhat startled pooch, Nina. Remfry's evocative large-scale pencil and watercolour portraits in The Lightbox exhibition superbly capture the mutual understanding and companionship between owner and pet. We thank David for bringing his star-studded canine exhibition to The Lightbox for our visitors to enjoy. "For more information about the exhibition and tickets, visit **The Lightbox.org.u**



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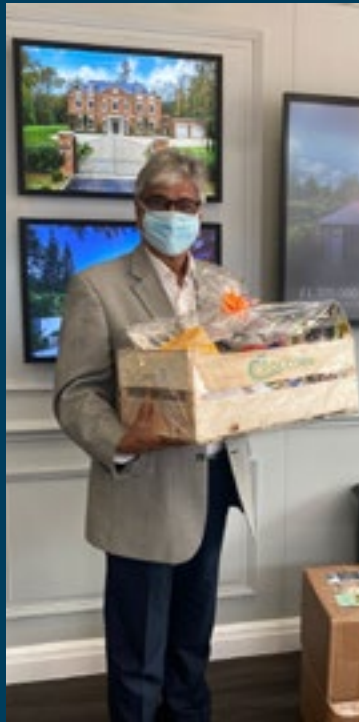


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