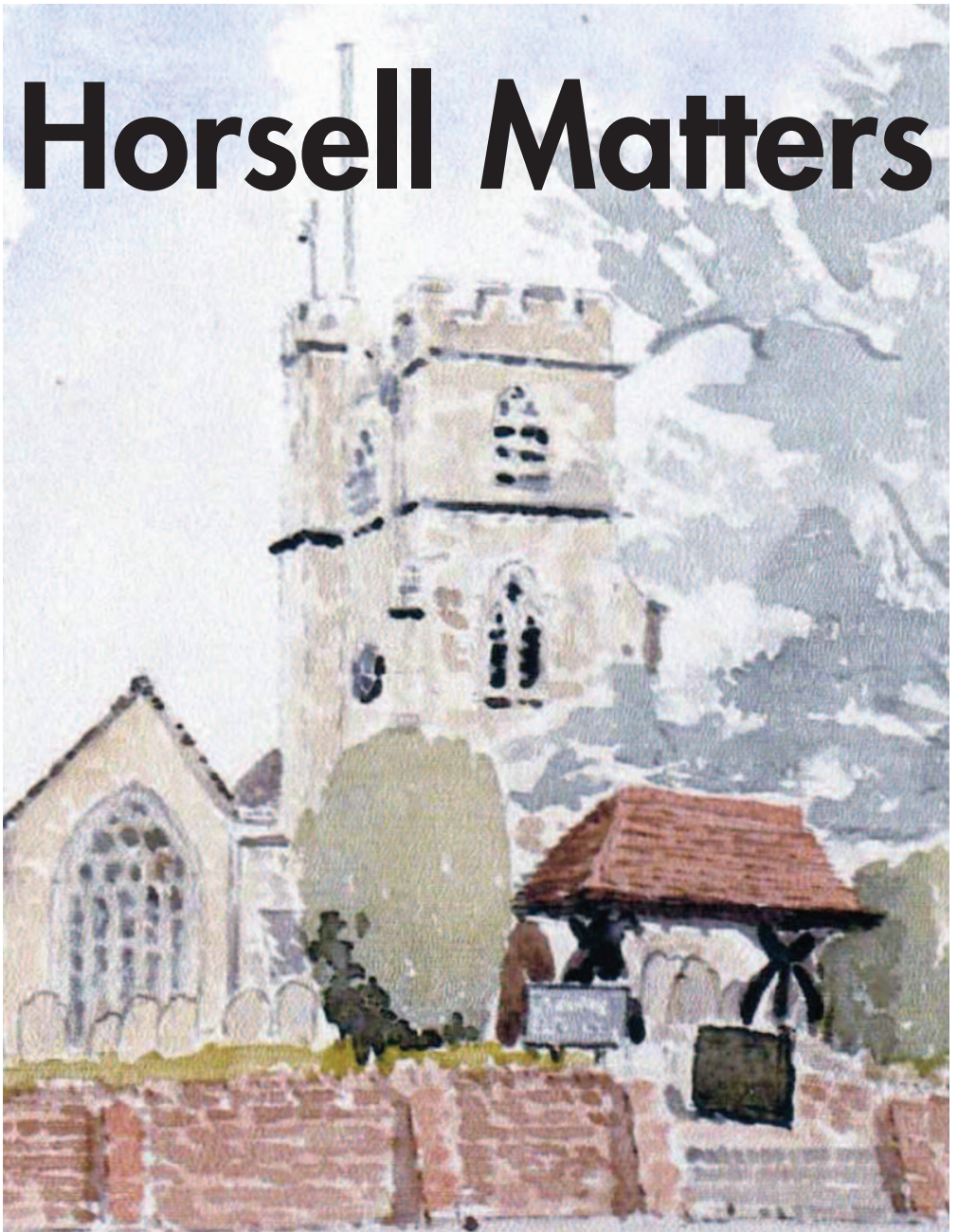


# Horsell Matters



The Village magazine from your parish church

**September/October 2017**

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# A covetous society?

I wonder how content you are and how content you think we are as a nation?

At St. Mary's we have begun to look in some detail at the relevance of the Ten Commandments in 21st Century Britain. The tenth commandment is very clear: 'You shall not covet'. But how many of us actually manage to live that way? How many of us are as content as God intended us to be?

Thinking about this commandment recently I have been particularly struck by how our whole society is geared around us wanting more and more. We seem to live in a world where the precursor to our whole economic wellbeing is increased consumer spending.

And not just that but also in a society which is so materialistically focused that we cannot cope without instant gratification, whether it's purchasing on our credit card or a PCP loan for our new car. And even the government is encouraged to spend its way out of recession.

I don't think that God intended for us to live this way. His commandment is clear: 'You shall not covet'. And yet the advertising that bombards us as we surf the web, facebook our friends, drive down the road or watch our TVs, all seeks to manipulate our desires. The world and its goods make very forthright pleas for space in our hearts. And I am as susceptible as everyone else to its call!

When the apostle Paul wrote to his young friend Timothy he advised that 'godliness with contentment is much gain' (*1 Timothy 6:6*). Perhaps now is the time for Christians to think through what we actually need rather than what we want and how grateful we are for what we actually have. Something I am sure that I need to do myself as well.

Wishing you the great blessing of contentment.

*Sarah Hayes*

# Young Gymnasts of the Year

Two young gymnasts from Horsell have triumphed recently . . .

Both Laura Kersley and Toby Spencer were recently awarded the accolade of 'Young Gymnast of the Year' at Woking Gymnastics Club. Many congratulations to them both for all their hard work, determination to improve and dedication throughout the year.



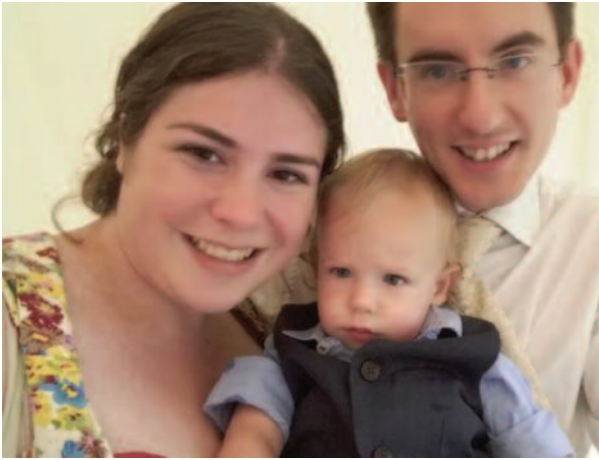
*Laura Kersley with her 'General Gymnast of the Year Trophy'*



*Toby Spencer with his 'Boys Floor and Vault gymnast of the Year Trophy'*

If you, or anyone you know in Horsell has achieved something special recently, whether it's a big anniversary, a sporting achievement or some other accolade do let Horsell Matters know so that others can celebrate this too . . .

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# We are so sorry you are leaving

**G**eoff and Fiona Banks and little Thomas are very sadly leaving Horsell.

And we are wondering what the village will do without them as they are involved in so many things. We wanted to say a big thank you to them before they go.

Geoff has lived in Horsell since 2002 and Fiona since 2007. Since 2008 they have both lived in Pine Close. Geoff and Fiona were married at St. Mary's Church and little Thomas was also baptised there earlier this year.

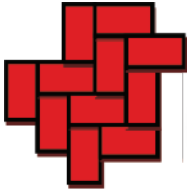
Every Monday morning during term time Fiona can be found leading the very happy and tuneful Mamacapella singing group at St. Mary's and from time to time also performing as a member of the Horsell Community Choir

But they are involved in so much more! We think the Banks must have worked out how to stop the clocks! Both are very active members of the Horsell

Residents Association, with Geoff having edited The Resident since 2014, and also founder members of the Second Thursday club, whose activities Fiona has co-ordinated from 2014 as well. Much of the organisation for so many of the great community events like the Horsell Jubilation, Village Christmas Fairs, the Queen's Birthday Picnic, and this year's Picnic on the Green, is a result of Fiona's enthusiasm and brilliant organisational skills. Fiona describes Geoff as a fantastic support and general dogsbody helper for anything she is involved in and that is a lot so he must be exhausted most of the time!

And for Fiona there has also been time to help out with the Village Show committee and to be a Tawny Owl, a Brown Owl and from July 2007 to 2012 Girlguiding District Commissioner for Chobham & Horsell.

Geoff and Fiona have told us that they are going to miss Horsell hugely and we have no doubt that the feeling will be mutual. We wish them all the best and every blessing for the future.



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# Have you spotted one of these down by the Basingstoke Canal?

A stroll by the Basingstoke canal is sure to include views of moorhens and mallard ducks, on the banks or on the water, but occasionally there's a flash of brightest blue low over the water – and it's a kingfisher, racing into the distance. It's a sight to lift your heart.

And even better is the moment when the flash of blue dives from a tree branch into the water, and you realise you're looking at a kingfisher living up to its name. Sighting one of these makes for a very special day.

Kingfishers do indeed catch and eat minnows, sticklebacks, any tiny fish; and they also eat aquatic insects.

Improved water quality in Britain is helping kingfishers to thrive.

They need a hole in a bank above water level in which to make a nest, but for the rest of the year, something overhanging the water, on which to perch and watch for suitable prey below, is what a kingfisher requires.

You might see a kingfisher at any time of year, by our canal, at one of Woking's ponds, or even in a garden – or you may overlook it. For when it is perched in the shade this little bird is often inconspicuous. Its plumage is actually brown. It's the effect of light that brings out the orange and blues in the feathers, and gets the involuntary response: "Ooh! There's a kingfisher!"

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## ***A sixty second interview with . . .***

# **Ali**

*Since its opening in March 2015 Boz's has rapidly become a Horsell institution. Sarah Hayes recently caught up with Ali to find out a bit more about the key man behind the shop*

### **Tell me Ali, what time do you get up every morning?**

I get up at 2.30am six days a week. Sunday is a lie in day! We need to get to the Western International Market near Heathrow by about 3am to make sure that we can get all the fresh fruit and veg that we need. A lot of it has just been flown in to Heathrow and is as fresh as it possibly can be.

### **Can you tell me a bit about what is behind the name Boz's?**

It comes from the fact that when my three brothers and I first came to

England in 1994 we were known at school as the Bozi boys because we all came from Bosnia. One of my brothers is also known as Boz of course as well for a similar reason. Four years ago we all set up Boz's as a family firm.

### **Does that mean that you left Bosnia when all the troubles were on?**

Yes, my parents and family all came here as refugees during the Bosnian War. My proper name is Muhamed Ahmic and we were Bosniak muslims living on a farm a few miles outside

Srebrenica. One night we were warned that trouble was on the way and we left in a hurry at midnight. By later that day our farm had been burned down and my 74-year-old grandfather who had stayed behind was dead. I was 12 at the time.

**What do you most like about working here in Horsell?**

Well it has just been such an easy place to run a business. It has a great community feel and the people are so very, very friendly. It's just a really nice place to be.

**I gather that things didn't go quite so well when you tried to open up in Knaphill recently?**

Ah no! That was really short and not so sweet! We were open for just seven days. The lease we were promised wasn't all it was cracked up to be and so we pulled the plug very fast. It was a great shame.

**I know that you love being a dad, what do you most enjoy and do you think it has changed you?**

Yes I love being a dad. My little Zamira was born eighteen months ago and she is the light of my life. I feel that she has made me much calmer and more relaxed and I really try hard to have lots of good quality family time at home now rather than just working all the time. Playing with her is such fun.

**I recollect that when your daughter was born that things were quite hard and we all did a**

**lot of praying. Can you tell me a bit about that?**

Yes, it was a father's worst nightmare. Little Zamira was born with a hole in her heart. It was all very touch and go and she spent twenty one days in intensive care. That was really hard and work was my only distraction from all the worry. But she is now so very well that it's just wonderful.

**And finally what is your favourite food and where do you most like to go on holiday?**

My favourite food is a home cooked Sunday roast shared with all the family. And of course sun drenched Bosnia has to be my favourite holiday destination, especially now that my parents are back living there and they love to see little Zamira.



*The teenage Boz and Ali on their first fruit and veg stall in Wimbledon Market*

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# Scoutabout Fun

1st Horsell Somers, 1st Horsell Gladstone and a Shearwater troop all recently went to Scoutabout as one group to camp together in three mess tents. Scoutabout is an extraordinary event that only happens once every three years - 5,000 Scouts and Guides aged between 10 and 14 from all over Surrey all camping at the South East of England Showground, at Ardingly in West Sussex - the only local place big enough to take us all!

As a scout, Scoutabout is one of the best camps you will ever have. And with 200 activities, plus a tuck shop and scout shop, it is one of the best weekends you will have in your life.

From canoeing to inflatable assault courses, from potholing to lock picking this camp had it all for all the years in scouts. They also had things you wouldn't believe exist like laser clay pigeon shooting. They also had a rifle range that could fit 50 people shooting at once!

The fun activities went on all weekend and in the evening a massive concert was put on and we had the Britain's Got

Talent contender Ruben Grey playing on the first night including his song he wrote for his girlfriend and performed on BGT. At the end of each night's performance there was a firework display which was very good.

I think the leaders also had fun in the bar just next to the concert ground or just enjoying the peace and quiet and the sun whilst we all went round the ground doing the activities (much better).



The closing ceremony was amazing and it was mind-blowing how many Scouts and Guides there are just in Surrey

alone and the amount of flags was eye boggling. There were also some scouts all the way from Dubai! They came all that way just for Scoutabout that I thought was wonderful. The song for Scoutabout was Came Here For Love by Sigala.

This was by far one of the best camps I had ever gone on or will ever go on and I'm sure it will be the same for most of all the other Scouts and Guides who went or have been before.

*Toby Spencer*

# St. Andrew's School Then and Now

Church Hill House (now St. Andrew's School) was built in 1883 for the then vicar of Horsell John Bach. Unfortunately he never lived there as he died in 1887. During the war the Performing Rights Society bought Church Hill House to house actors during the blitz and it is reported that Noel Coward played the piano in what is now the Headmaster's study.



St. Andrew's School itself was founded in 1937 by Mr Walsham Maynard, and was originally located in Mount Hermon Road in Woking. When the school moved into Church Hill House in 1947 one of the first teachers recruited was the late astronomer and broadcaster Sir Patrick Moore. Despite already being a keen astronomer, Sir Patrick was recruited as a Junior Maths and French teacher! Nevertheless one of our alumni, Mr Hutchings, fondly recalls 'the evening viewing of the moon with the late Sir Patrick Moore.' St. Andrew's was a boarding school until 1993 and became co-educational in the same year.





Since that time school numbers have steadily grown and it is now a thriving independent day school for over 310 children aged 3-13 years. With individual attention and specialist teachers in all areas of the curriculum, the children are encouraged to reach their full potential in a happy, caring and supportive environment.

Educating the whole child is central to St. Andrew's ethos and, whilst academic standards are high, there are also real opportunities to develop their skills in art, drama, music and sport together with a fantastic programme of after school activities. At St. Andrew's children feel secure and confident

and are highly motivated to perform to the best of their ability in all aspects of school life. They are competitive without losing sight of their responsibility to share and they are justifiably proud of their school and their own personal achievements. Set in 11 acres in the heart of Horsell, the excellent on site facilities include an all-weather sports surface, netball courts, cricket nets, athletics track and swimming pool. Main school games are football, hockey, cricket, netball and rounders. Other activities include swimming, tennis and athletics.



Following their latest inspection (January 2016), St. Andrew's were extremely proud that the Independent Schools Inspectorate rated the school as 'excellent' in all areas. The ISI described that 'the achievement of pupils is excellent. Pupils attain highly and make excellent progress, including in the EYFS. They demonstrate mature and extremely positive attitudes towards learning. Excellent teaching offers pupils, including the most able, a considerable level of challenge and displays strong subject knowledge through clear explanations and precise questioning.'

To find out more about the school why not hear it from their pupils themselves on a personal guided tour of the school at their next open morning on Saturday 30th September between 10.00am and 12noon. No appointment is necessary.

For further information call **01483 760943** or visit their website:  
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*St. Andrew's looks forward to welcoming you.*



# New state-of-the-art hospice now open

Have you spotted that the new Woking & Sam Beare Hospice is now open?

The Woking Hospice is passionate about providing specialist palliative care, and has been operating in Woking since 1996. Many, many local families have benefited from their amazing care and support. You may well know one of them! The new building definitely takes the hospice's ability to do this into a new twenty first century era with 20 purpose built private rooms, all with en-suite bathrooms, and superb facilities for patients' families and visitors.

And did you know that the hospice doesn't just treat the complex palliative care and medical needs of adult patients with life-limiting and terminal illnesses but they also provide free of charge holistic care and support services for all patients, and their families.

Day care services are also important. The new Bradbury Wellbeing Centre, within the Hospice, ensures that much practical, emotional, spiritual and social support can be provided for many others. The whole approach is holistic, seeking to meet the needs of everyone as a whole person. There are even arts and crafts and cooking classes.

Very shortly everyone will also be able to drop in to a new café, as well, which will ensure that we can all support our new Hospice and learn more about its work.

What you may not have realised though is that about 70% of the Hospice's work is carried out in patients' own homes so that people really do get a real choice about their end of life and palliative care. Every year more than 1400 local people in the North West Surrey area are helped by the Hospice teams.



# Swinging in Salzburg

This year between 14th and 21st July, Woking High School's Wind Band and Choir enjoyed a truly musical tour to Austria and Germany. Located in the beautiful and historic city of Salzburg, we were surrounded by elegant buildings of Baroque and Classical architecture as well as the stunning scenery of the adjacent mountains and their lush green landscapes.

Austria and Salzburg in particular have many references to famous musicians and none more so than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. On arrival, our first excursion was to attend a classical concert in Mozart's New Residence, where we enjoyed the intimate atmosphere and fine acoustics of a small hall in which just 12 musicians provided the exquisite sounds of an 18th century chamber orchestra.

Whilst walking through Salzburg, it was clear that the 'Sound of Music' was everywhere, and we were fortunate to see many of the locations where scenes

were filmed. Spotlessly clean, Salzburg appeared to look exactly the same as it did on the big screen.

Our 45 students gave three wonderful concerts: at the beautiful church of Hallein; in an outdoor pavilion by the lake at picturesque St. Gilgen; and finally, in the K1 Concert hall in Bavaria, hosted by the Music School of Traunwalchen. Highlights included all the vocal solos within the choir, and especially the solo sung by Emily Russell.

Notable band solos featured the Alto saxophone solo of Hannah Crook and the piano of Max Pemberton, who brilliantly performed his own composition 'Revolution' on a specially ordered grand piano.

The Windband and Choir tour is always a highlight of the year for students, and a deserved reward for much hard work during the year.

*S Goodwin,  
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# Singing their hearts out

**D**id you know that a small group from St. Mary's Church lead a monthly church service at all three care homes in Horsell? Over the last three years a merry band from St. Mary's have gone to Kettlewell House on the first Tuesday and to Horsell Lodge on the second Tuesday afternoon of every month. More recently we have started going on a regular basis to Throwleigh Lodge as well.

It has been an amazing experience as staff, visitors and residents join us for a short half hour service of hymns, prayers and Bible readings.

What I have found particularly moving is how those with quite advanced dementia can suddenly join in with every single word of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and tap along in perfect time to many of the well-known hymns that we sing together. The chorus of 'Amen' also

comes in with perfect precision at the end of every Lord's Prayer!

Horsell Lodge is closing this September for two years whilst a major redevelopment project is carried out, but we continue to visit both Kettlewell House and Throwleigh Lodge. If you would like to join in with this very special ministry then you would be very welcome. Choir standard singing is not required! Simply a desire to share the joy of worship with those who are no longer able to make it into a church building.

We visit Kettlewell House at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month and Throwleigh Lodge at 10.30am on the last Friday of the month. More information is available from St. Mary's parish office 01483 772134.

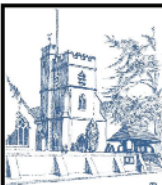
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## SEPTEMBER

Fri	1st	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	2nd	9.30am	Quiet Morning in church – 'Christ in Art and Music'
		9.30-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship & Baptism
		6.30pm	Informal Communion
Tues	5th	2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
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	12noon -5.00pm	Church Open for Heritage Weekend
		9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	9th	10.00am-6.00pm	Church Open for Heritage Weekend
Sun	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		2.00-5.00pm	Church Open for Heritage Weekend
		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
Fri	15th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.30pm	Tea Time Service
Tues	19th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	20th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
Thurs	21st	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	22nd	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
Tues	26th	10.00am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	27th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	28th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	29th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	30th	5.00-6.30pm	St. Mary's 9-13s Young People's Group

## OCTOBER

Sun	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Harvest Service
		11.00am	Harvest Brunch
		6.30pm	Informal Communion
Mon	2nd	3.00-4.30pm	Just 10 Discussion Group
Tues	3rd	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	4th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP)
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer

Thurs	5th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	6th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	7th	9.30-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues	10th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	11th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	12th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	13th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
		9.15am	Junior School Harvest Service for parents
		10.00am	Junior School Harvest Service for school
Sat	14th	7.00pm	Barn Dance
Sun	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		4.30pm	Tea Time Service
Mon	16th	3-4.30pm	Just 10 Discussion Group
Tues	17th	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
Wed	18th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	19th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	20th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Parish Communion
Tues	24th		No Baby & Toddler Group (Half Term)
Wed	25th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
Thurs	26th		No Twinkle Tots (Half Term)
Fri	27th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	28th	5.00-6.30pm	St. Mary's 9-13s Young People's Group
Sun	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Annual Thanksgiving Memorial Service
Mon	30th	3.00-4.30pm	Just 10 Discussion Group
Tues	31st	10am-12noon	Baby & Toddler Group
		6.00-7.30pm	Space Themed Light Party (Alternative to Halloween)

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## NOVEMBER

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Wed	1st	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion & Healing Prayer
		8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs	2nd	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	3rd	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat	4th	9.30-11.00am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sun	5th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Informal Communion
Tues	7th	2.30pm	Kettlewell House Service
Wed	8th	10.30am	Mid-Week Communion (BCP) & Healing Prayer
		7.00pm	Woking High School Remembrance Concert
Thurs	9th	9.30-11.00am	Twinkle Tots
Fri	10th	9.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

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## BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

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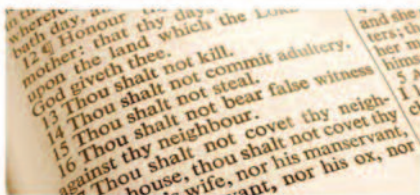
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# Parish in the Past . . .

In the St. Mary's parish magazine for September 1927 the vicar, Norman Pares marked the death of a distinguished parishioner.

I feel it is right for me to say something of the old parishioner, Mr. George Charles Champion, who passed to his rest just as he reached home on returning from a visit to Devonshire, and to express the sympathy which all who knew him must feel for those who mourn his loss.

And how little do most of us know of the loss which his death means to the world of Science! For he had given his whole life to the study of entomology, the science which treats of insect life. In

pursuit of this study, and on behalf of the British Museum, where his work was highly valued, he had written and travelled much.

To us, at least, the memory remains of one, who, in spite of increasing infirmity, was seldom absent from his place in church, sitting with his wife, close to the memorial of the son they had lost in the War.

Such a life of useful service and quiet faith should not pass without notice.



**George Charles Champion (1851-1927), his wife Adelaide, and their sons Harry, Frederick and Reginald, moved to Horsell in 1893**

George travelled extensively, and during four years in Guatemala and Panama collected 17,500 species of beetle, many previously unrecorded. He then edited and co-wrote several volumes of the monumental 58-volume 'Biologia Centrali-Americana'. His collections in the Natural History Museum are still being worked on today.

# Churchyard Cat



Nearly every time the creature is mentioned, one of my people will say "There's one only three metres away, you know!"

That's rats they're talking about, and I can tell you that there definitely isn't one within three metres of me, most of the time, or I'd get it.

I have had a few young rats in my time, and they are very tasty, but adult rats are fearsome fighters, giving nasty wounds with their teeth, so that on the whole I agree with my people, who think that they should not rely entirely on me to control the pests. "Unhygienic", "potential disease spreaders", "invasive" are among the terms used in anti-rat arguments.



But not everyone feels like that about all rats. A colleague of mine in the village tells me that her people have rats as indoor pets. Intelligent, with fine fur, domestic rats can be likeable animals, and there are apparently many other households where fancy rats provide rewarding company.

Not for my colleague, however. She's never allowed to explore a relationship with the rats. Their cage is always on the wrong side of a door!

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# What's on locally . . .

**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. Doors open at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. This autumn's programme includes:

**Monday September 4.** *Pillboxes in Surrey* (the military kind, not the containers for medicaments) by Conor Bakhuizen.

**Monday October 2.** *Rowley Bristow Hospital* by Robin Hollingsworth.

**Monday November 6.** *The Little Ice Age of the Seventeenth Century* by Catherine Ferguson.

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**St Mary's, Horsell - Mothers' Union** - The MU will meet on **Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm** in the St Andrew's room to hear a talk about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, going into the churchyard, weather permitting, to look at some of the war graves there. All welcome – you don't have to be a member to turn up.

## Heritage Weekend September 2017 St. Mary's Church

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12pm-5pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-6pm
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-5pm



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Children and families can drop into a free 'Butterflies and Bugs' craft workshop from 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

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# Ringling Methods

You will probably have heard the bells at St Mary's ringing. But have you ever wondered what it is we are ringing?

At St Mary's we have 6 bells ranging in weight from the lightest bell, or treble which weighs 4cwt (200kg) to the heaviest bell, or tenor, which weighs 11cwt (560kg). The simplest way in which to ring the bells is called rounds, where the bells are rung in order one after the other. To add interest to this, we ring 'called changes' where one member of the band will call changes to the other ringers to alter the order in which the bells are rung.

The 'methods' learnt by bell ringers all have different names and differ in levels of complexity. Plain Hunt is the simplest of change ringing methods. It is an important stepping stone to the more complex methods. In lots of other

methods the treble 'plain hunts'. In some of the simpler methods like Plain Bob or Grandsire, the working bells 'hunt' when they are not dodging.

'Hunting' refers to the movement of a bell's place in the order of 1 to 6 one place at a time. So, for example, when the treble (bell number 1) plain hunts, it starts by being the first bell to be heard. Each time the bells are rung, it changes its position in this order by one, becoming the second then the third, fourth and fifth bell to sound. There it stops because in Plain Hunt the tenor is always the sixth

bell to sound, keeping a steady beat and 'final' note and acting as a signpost to all ringers when they come to be the bell who leads in first place.

Once fifth place has been reached the treble then 'turns round' and becomes the fourth, third, second and first bell to sound once again where upon 'rounds'



*Young bellringer Rachel Allen leaning her methods*

is reached once more. Each of the other bells does the same pattern of work but starting at different places along the pattern. By changing the order one place at a time the bells complete a series of changes together without anyone having to direct the ringing as in 'called changes'. Each bell ringer must know the pattern that their bell will ring and must ring at the same speed as everyone else in order for it to work!

Bell ringers learn different methods by looking at the 'Blue Line' – this is how methods are recorded. A 'Blue Line' in ringing can be likened to a child's 'Dot-to-dot' puzzle picture book and it works in much the same way to produce a picture of what we ring. Only now we are joining figures, not dots. If you understand a blue line you can learn a method from it, without the need for a lot of words.

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# World War 2 Memories

Earlier this year, in the March/April edition of *Horsell Matters*, with the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of WW2 approaching we appealed for memories of those from Horsell who gave their lives in that conflict.

We gave as an example brief details about Flying Officer David Fitzhardinge Kingscote, for whom we already had some notes. This has prompted a flurry of communications and a reunion of his surviving relatives and the owner of his family home in The Ridgeway. We have also been lent some valuable photographs of David and an account of how he met his death from the lady to whom he would have been uncle.

David attended Wellington College from 1939 to 1943 and went on to read English at Trinity College, Oxford. On 24 January 1943 the 'Surrey Advertiser' reports that David, with John Lowe, both sons of a Davis Cup player from Horsell, gave a display of mystery and magic to a Woking YMCA social hour. After only a short time at Oxford he joined the RAF and went to Canada to learn to fly in safety under the Empire Training Scheme. On returning to England at the end of 1944 he flew many sorties over

Europe, bringing back resistance leaders and wounded men.

After the end of the war in the Far East he continued this work in Burma, returning prisoners and wounded to India; but on 5 September 1945 returning to Chittagong with 26 patients and other passengers on board in heavy cloud and monsoon conditions his plane disintegrated and it and the remains of its passengers and crew were spread over a wide area. The leader of the search team from the Air





Westminster Abbey and those executed for Rolls-Royce, and in St Paulinus Church, Crayford, where the archangels closely resemble those in Horsell . . . see [www.yarnstormpress.co.uk/glazed\\_expressions/hugh-easton](http://www.yarnstormpress.co.uk/glazed_expressions/hugh-easton)

Before David's death the Kingscote family had already had its share of loss. Algernon Kingscote, David's father, married Marjorie Paul on 9 September 1919. She had been born Marjorie Hindley and in 1908, aged 20, had married Percival Paul, a widower, with five sons aged between 11 and 3. Percival, alas, died in 1910 after only 21 months of marriage leaving Marjorie comfortably off, but a widow with five step-sons, the eldest not much younger than herself.

The second son, Charles, having served in the Air Force in World War 1 was to die in Somaliland as a Lieutenant in the Pioneer Corps towards the end of World War 2. Very shortly after their marriage Algernon and Marjorie adopted Marjorie Dawn le Fleming Shepherd (known as Dawn). Her father had been killed, fighting in Northern Russia with the Royal Fusiliers on 10 August 1919. In 1940 Dawn married John Baines, whose father, Eyton, a captain in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, had died of endocarditis in France on 7 August 1918 - making four men in the family circle who all died soon before or soon after the ends of world wars.

If you have memories of those who gave their lives in Horsell in World War 2 please email [office@stmarys-horsell.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarys-horsell.org.uk)

*Richard and Rosemary Christophers*

Jungle Rescue Co-ordination Centre reported that, as local villagers had removed most clothing and signs of identification from the bodies, he had buried them marked by crosses. David's grave was moved first to Mandalay War Cemetery and then, in 1953, to the more accessible Taukkyan War Cemetery at Rangoon (now Yangon, Myanmar).

A faculty for the stained glass window commemorating David Kingscote in St. Mary's chancel was applied for in 1952 and Hugh Easton completed the work in 1954 – his name and date are in the bottom right corner of the right-hand light. Easton's work, besides the windows noted in our last article, is also in the Battle of Britain windows in

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