

Horsell Matters

The image shows the interior of a church, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The central aisle is paved with reddish-brown tiles. On either side of the aisle are rows of dark wooden pews. Several large, decorative floral arrangements in black pots are placed along the aisle. At the far end of the church, the altar area is visible, featuring a large, ornate stained glass window with blue and white designs. The church has a high, vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams.

**The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
October/November 2021**

HORSELL DIRECTORY

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The world around us is changing so fast!

As I am writing at the end of August – the restrictions have been relaxed giving rise to so called ‘pingdemic’; school holidays are keeping parents busy; most families opting for staycations; some venturous people +going abroad closely monitoring the list of countries for green/amber/red changes.

By the time you are reading this in October, we will be living in a different world (again!) - the children would have returned to school, holidays long gone and almost forgotten; more progress on vaccinations; and, of course, high hopes for our garden bins being collected by now.

I wonder what changes we will be facing in the months to come. Each year the world seems to be spinning faster and each new challenge is more demanding than the last.

What brings me comfort as a believer and a follower of Jesus, is my faith in our unchanging God. Circumstances may change but God never will. God's love keeps me anchored in the truth that no matter what is happening, God is in control.

The book of Hebrews 13v8 says: ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’. No matter what this earthly life throws at us we have hope and reassurance that our God is always with us through the presence of his Spirit. He will never leave or forsake us and will always carry us through the difficult times that we are facing.

Our God is our Emmanuel, meaning God is with us!

How amazing is to know that we have such a solid assurance! And it's here for You in the same way as for me.

You are welcome to join our 10am service every Sunday, then stay for a chat and cuppa after the service.

We will be running a 10-

week Alpha Course starting end of September for those who would like to explore questions about life and faith in an informal and friendly setting

Yours faithfully,

Rev'd Dmitry Lutsenko

The Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Horsell



ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

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

John Fowles, Anna Jones, Sandra Kirk, Ken Leat, Lois Michaels

Memorial Service: Frank Johnson

Baptisms & Thanksgivings: We welcome into the family of the church: Amelie & Maxwell Cowley

Weddings: We offer congratulations to George Wilson & Elizabeth Hiscock

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2021

OCTOBER

Fri 1 st	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 3 rd	10.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism
	7pm-8.30pm	Home Group meet in St. Andrew's Room
Mon 4 th	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at the Vicarage
Tues 5 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	11am-12.30pm	Home Group meets at Cornerways
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 6 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 7 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
	9.30am	Junior School Harvest Festival Service
	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at 29 Old Malt Way
Fri 8 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 10 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues 12 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 13 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 14 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 15 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 17 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7pm-8.30pm	Home Group meet in St. Andrew's Room
Mon 18 th	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at the Vicarage
Tues 19 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	11am-12.30pm	Home Group meets at Cornerways
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 20 th	11am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 21 st	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at 29 Old Malt Way
Fri 22 nd	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 24 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Prayer & Peaceful Praise
Tues 26 th	9.30am-11.30am	NO Baby & Toddler Group (Half Term)
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 27 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 28 th	9.30am-11am	NO Twinkle Tots (Half Term)
Fri 29 th	10am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 31 st	10.00am	Parish Communion

All St Mary's Church Diary correct at time of going to press

For further details please look at our website: www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk

NOVEMBER

Mon 1 st	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at the Vicarage
Tues 2 nd	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	11am-12.30pm	Home Group meets at Cornerways
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 3 rd	11am-4pm	Private Prayer
	6.30pm	Annual Memorial Service
Thurs 4 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at 29 Old Malt Way
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 5 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 7 th	10.00am	Morning Worship
	7pm-8.30pm	Home Group meet in St. Andrew's Room
Tues 9 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 10 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 11 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 12 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 14 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Mon 15 th	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at the Vicarage
Tues 16 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	11am-12.30pm	Home Group meets at Cornerways
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 17 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 18 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at 29 Old Malt Way
Fri 19 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 21 st	10.00am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church
	7pm-8.30pm	Home Group meet in St. Andrew's Room
Tues 23 rd	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room
Wed 24 th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 25 th	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
Fri 26 th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 28 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Prayer & Peaceful Praise
	6.30pm	Confirmation at Christ Church, Woking
Mon 29 th	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at the Vicarage
Tues 30 th	9.30am-11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	11am-12.30pm	Home Group meets at Cornerways
	11.00am	St. Andrew's School Service
	4.00pm	Prayer at 4pm – at home
	7pm-8.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Andrew's Room

DECEMBER

Wed 1 st	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 2 nd	9.30am-11am	Twinkle Tots
	7.30pm-9pm	Home Group meets at 29 Old Malt Way

Churchyard Cat



It seems to me that they've become an unlikely luxury, something people took for granted, but which are now a source of envy. I'm talking about garden sheds, those useful little wooden buildings for tools, or garden sports equipment, or cats caught out in the rain without a handy catflap. They were put up in a morning, no big deal, painted with that disgusting creosote stuff, and there they stood in the garden.

But now- well now there's a waiting list for sheds, I hear, and a long wait too, so that a simple shed ordered a couple of months ago won't be delivered until February next year. There's a shortage of wood; there's a shortage of transport to bring the wood to the shed makers; for all I know there's a shortage of shed makers too, because lots of people have been adding to their garden buildings

over the last eighteen months.

And some of those buildings are truly magnificent. Offices in the garden, pavilions fit for parties, large storage spaces have all been going up. (If you build a big enough shed before you improve the inside of your house, you can store all your things on site.) There are playhouses for children, there are chicken houses, there are kennels for dogs. But there's nothing for cats, that I've heard of. We're neglected, as so often. Though, to be fair, our family grandmother did tell me about a stray cat who used to visit her family in her childhood. A wooden shelter was constructed for him in the garden. And it was lined with red velvet, the remnants, our Granny said, of her mother's old evening dress. That was a cat shed worth visiting.

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Alpha Course 2021

Are you interested in the matters of the meaning of life, and a chance to explore your faith?

Why don't you join us in the Alpha Course we are planning to have this Autumn.

Read on and learn more about this opportunity.

The Alpha course is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is described by its organisers as

"an opportunity to explore the meaning of life". There are many times when life becomes a challenge, problems suddenly seem unsolvable and especially at this difficult time with the Covid experience.

We are doing Alpha – we'd love for you to join us. Find out how the Bible and all its wonderful content is presented in a set of ten weekly sessions, on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm in St Andrew's Room, starting on 28th September.

The aim is to reassure you when you first meet other people who may be searchers, agnostics, folk who would like to continue their Christian journey and explore. The mix of people makes the whole series more interesting and each week you will find yourself taking small or large steps.



The format follows a similar pattern in each session – welcome with refreshments, watching a short video, small group discussions (just listen if you feel anxious, join in to stimulate more conversation if you can). You can share your thoughts and questions.

Don't be put off by what sometimes seems to be 'just for those who are already Christians'. You will not be alone wherever you are on your journey.

If at any point you decide Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There is no pressure, no follow up and no charge!

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Heritage and Flower Festival Weekend

Thank you, Thank you



How amazing to see the church open and looking so beautiful. The flower arrangers were out in force to transform the church with vibrant, glossy arrangements that showed their creativity and skill. Vegetables, tropical flowers, wood foraged from the common and even a picnic basket were all on display.

Craft work from JaM and the Brownies highlighted the fragility of the eco system by crafting insects in a dazzling display of multi-coloured paper. Those caterpillars were endearing and the spiders very scary!

The wonderful history of the church was displayed in the maps of Horsell, the various vicarages through time, the

stained-glass windows and the various artifacts around the church. There were excellent trails for all ages to spur on the discovery of the wonders of the church, not forgetting the tower climbs and the magnificent views from the top.

None of this would have been possible without the hours of hard work from the volunteers, especially the wonderful flower ladies' team organised by June Locke, the decorated trees by Ros O'Connor and the trails through the church and graveyard by Marcus Brookfield.

Thank you once again and how fortunate we are to have the church open and welcoming once again!



Grave Matters

The grave of Evelyn Louisa Sheppard and Gerald Harrison Sheppard appears prominently on the cover of April/May 'Horsell Matters', so we thought that we might find out more about them. Gerald was born in Greenwich on 11 February 1874 and started a career in merchant shipping in 1888, qualifying successively as second mate, first mate, and master mariner by 1901. He sailed square-rigged ships around the ports of Europe, being master of the 'Shrewsbury' and the 'Eton', and serving during World War One, where he was awarded the Merchant Marine Medal in 1919, at which time he probably retired. He married Evelyn Louise Morphett at Emmanuel Church, Forest Gate, Ilford in 1900. In 1911 they were both at sea and Evelyn's mother and their

three children, Hilda, Kenneth and Olga, were at their home in Eltham, where they remained until 1934, then moving to Peckham.

Hilda married John Peppercorn in 1938 and the couple came to live in Horsell, where they were joined at the start of World War Two by Evelyn, while Gerald remained at Peckham, where he is described as a license victualler, before joining his wife and married daughter in Horsell. By 1947 Gerald and Evelyn had their own house in Orchard Drive but in 1949 moved to Wych Hill, where they remained until Evelyn's death on 25 January 1954, when Gerald lived his final years with Hilda and John who had moved to Kettlewell Close, dying on 12 March 1956.

Rosemary & Richard Christophers

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In the twelve months up to June 2021, the Woking foodbank gave out 2455 food parcels.

We operate under the umbrella of the Trussell Trust and are based at The Lighthouse in the High Street. There are satellite hubs in Sheerwater, Sythwood and Byfleet.

We rely on donations from the public and other organizations such as schools, churches, local supermarkets and other businesses. Our volunteers



collect donations from the public at Tesco Brooklands, Asda Sheerwater, Sainsburys in the town centre and Waitrose in Goldsworth Park and West Byfleet.

Finally, a very big thank you to everyone who supports us, not only through donations of food, but also financially. Big or small, every gift helps transform lives.

Peter Saunbury. Foodbank volunteer.

The following quotes from clients sum up why the work of the Foodbank is so important:

Client: *Just received all our food, it's amazing, there is so much. It's made me cry, thank you so very much. It's overwhelming, the children were so excited.*

Client: *Thank you so much for arranging the food delivery. It is very much appreciated. It wasn't till we saw the food I realised how hungry we all actually were!*

Client: *Just wanted to say a massive thank you for organising the food bank delivery, it was amazing. I do get very embarrassed but I don't want to keep asking my mum. I'm literally so grateful for the delivery! Times are very hard.*

Woking Community Forum

The Woking Community Forum is a new online centre for residents of Woking to communicate with the council that serves them, to get involved in the decisions it makes and to have their say on what the future looks like.

It has been set up in response to a broad feeling within the community that Woking Borough Council has not done enough to listen to its residents during the past few years and that a new approach was needed to put resident's front and centre when it comes to decision-making.



engagement events, the results of which will also be stored on the Community Forum.

Woking Borough Council is taking a leap forward in talking to residents so make sure you are part of the conversation. Why not visit and register now at:

communityforum.woking.gov.uk

Cllr Colin Kemp

The Community Forum is a place where residents can feed back on consultations and other decisions and policy changes that may be being considered. If residents are a member of the Woking Residents' Panel, they can access a specific area of the site where all of the activity of the panel is recorded and stored.

Anyone who is not a member of the panel, which is now 700-strong and in the middle of its consultation programme on the Town Centre Masterplan, can sign up at residentspanel@woking.gov.uk.

In time, further features will be added to the Forum site to make it an online democratic centre for Woking, including a general discussion area where residents can engage with each and the council on issues of their choosing. Later this year, the council will be undertaking a series of



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St Mary Rocks

The limestone stones in front of the church are probably some of the oldest in the graveyard, but are mainly badly eroded. A few sandstone stones have dates still visible on the side away from the road, dating from 1831, 1840, 1842. One sandstone has visible ripple marks on the back, showing its origin from a river or beach environment. Another has bedding planes, the stone dated 1857. The brick vaults have worn limestone tops, although one has a visible date of 1797. There is one polished white granite stone.

In the corner to the right of the tower is an iron-stained sandstone stone. Nearby an unpolished rough granite cross and plaque. A small plaque on the church wall commemorates a bell ringer!

Another cross of white stone, possibly marble, stands on limestone blocks, dated 1915. A limestone cross with fossils visible stands on a granite block. The red granite cross from 1904 stands near a weathered sandstone dated 1844.

Against the church wall, sheltered from the weather, are two limestone stones date 1820 and 1827. Further on are several unpolished white granite stones from 1930s through to 1990s. Most of the children's graves in the central area have limestone headers. A marble stone is visible dated 1919 with a later inscription from 2018. Here too are other stones of fine white granite, marble with slate floor, a slate plaque (2015) and a red granite stone.

On the right hand side as you walk away from the church are small commemorative plaques. There are greeny granites, slates, marbles, red and white granites and an unusual gabbroic (possibly blue pearl) plaque from 1977. Further down is a red granite tomb with a nearby gabbro plaque (2001)

Over on the left hand side of the graveyard between the gates is an unusual pinkish granite stone with dates of 1941 and a later 1948 addition. There are a few War Graves and those of people who served in the wars. These are all fashioned from traditional Portland Limestone and carved by the Albion Stone Company who make the majority of War Gravestones. This limestone is very pure with few chemical inclusions which cause discoloration.

Denise Balmer

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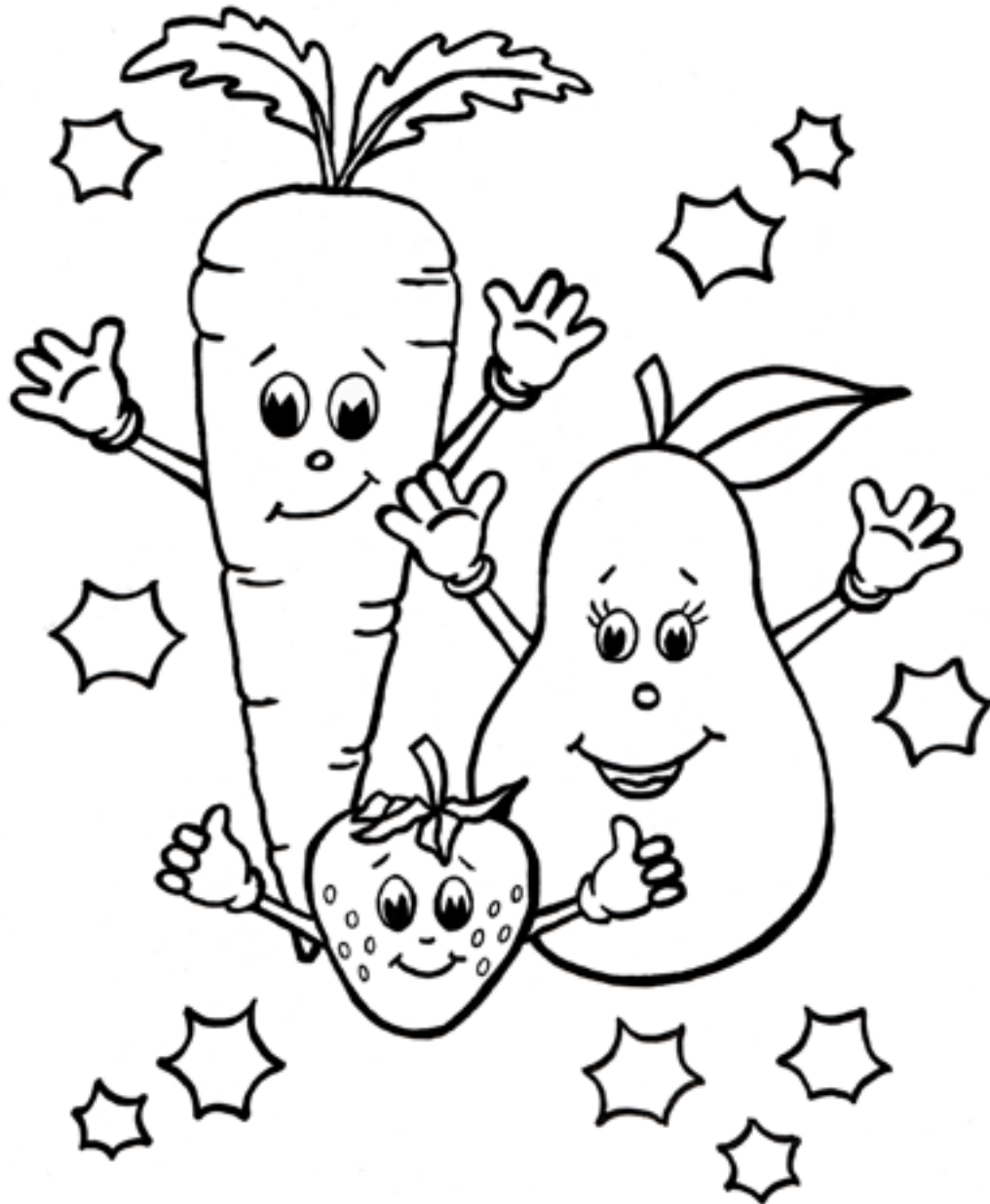
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Children's Corner



Lightbox – Lines of Beauty: Master Drawings from Chatsworth



A major exhibition of Old Master Drawings on loan from one of the UK's most significant collections will go on display at The Lightbox gallery and museum this autumn. Developed in partnership with Chatsworth House and Sheffield Museums it is the largest display of drawings from the collection in over twenty years and will feature works by renowned artists Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Dürer, Rembrandt, Rubens and more.

This major exhibition takes us back to one of the most primary, yet fundamental, forms of art: drawing, offering a celebration of the elegance and wonder that both Renaissance and Baroque artists achieved with the simplest of tools.

Lines of Beauty has been developed in partnership with *Chatsworth House* and *Museum of Sheffield* and features over 60 highlights from the Devonshire Collection

of Old Master Drawings - classed as one of the finest private drawings collections in the world. Many of the works included in the exhibition have rarely been shown outside Chatsworth making The Lightbox presentation the largest public display of drawings in over twenty years. The Old Master Drawings Collection were amassed by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Dukes of Devonshire during the 17th and 18th centuries and includes examples by some of the most important European artists of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. The exhibition will also contain a series of specially commissioned films including a film featuring Charles Noble, Curator, Fine Art at Chatsworth House discussing the history of the collection and highlighting key works.

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Kitchen Secrets

Cranberry Chutney

This recipe can be made with either fresh or frozen cranberries and once made should be stored, before using, for six weeks. Add a decorative top and label and it makes a perfect present.



Makes about 2½ kg (5lb)

- 1½ kg cooking apples
- 450g cranberries
- 1kg onions
- 450g mixed dried fruits
- 1.2 litre malt vinegar
- 675g Dark Brown Soft Cane Sugar
- 1 tbls Black Treacle
- 3 tsp salt
- 2 tsp each of ground ginger, cinnamon and mixed spice
- 1½ tbls mixed pickling spice tied in a small piece of thin cloth

Peel, core and slice apples. Put into a large saucepan with cranberries. Peel onions and chop or coarsely mince. Add to pan with the dried fruit. Add half the vinegar and simmer covered until fruit is tender (approx. 30 mins). Mix in remaining ingredients and simmer until sugar has completely dissolved. Leave uncovered and cook until chutney becomes jam-like in consistency, stirring frequently until no excess liquid remains. Remove bag of spices, leave chutney to cool slightly and then pot in sterilised jars and cover with a lid. Store in a cool place for six weeks.



Ratatouille

This freezes well, divided into portions, and can be used as the base for a vegetable lasagne or as an accompaniment to many dishes, especially fish.

- 2 medium aubergines
- 3 medium courgettes
- 1 large leek
- 2 red peppers
- 400g tin Italian chopped tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 tbls olive oil
- 1 tbl fresh basil
- Salt and freshly milled black pepper

Cut the aubergines into 2.5cm slices then cut each slice into four quarters. Cut courgettes into 2cm slices. Place aubergine and courgette into a large colander, sprinkle with salt, press down with a weighted plate and let it stand for about an hour. This will remove any excess moisture.

Meanwhile chop up the leek, roughly and de-seed core and chop the peppers.

To cook the ratatouille: fry the leek and garlic gently in the olive oil in a large saucepan for about 10 mins, then add the peppers. Rinse the courgette and aubergine to remove the salt and pat dry with kitchen paper. Add them to the saucepan along with the basil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir once, then cover and simmer gently for 30mins. After that time add the tinned tomatoes, stir and cook, uncovered, for a further 15 mins



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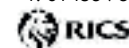
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A guest goes missing from a five star country hotel sparking an investigation which leads DI Sarah Hunter and DS Ted Selitto of the Kent Police to the discovery that young girls are being trafficked from Eastern Europe.

Due to the nature of the crimes committed along the way the details of them are at times gruesome and yes,

on occasion intimate. But, all are in context and it would be a less credible story without such forensic attention to detail. Reader beware.

To write a fictional novel that is enjoyable to read first a great idea needed, then an interesting outline is created followed by a strong storyline. Characters are introduced, their identities develop, a plot is woven to create intrigue and the ending should not be rushed.



I admire the ability and imagination of any writer able to achieve this and Robin Nye at his first attempt (in my opinion) has by all accounts more than succeeded. Danger was published by the second publisher he approached and this 669 page paperback is addictive to read whilst captivating and tantalising reader to turn to the next page.

I hope that you enjoy reading this novel as much as I did, hopefully we will not have to wait too long before a follow up Hunter and Selitto novel is published. Danger written by Robin Nye is available on Amazon.

Nick Duncan-Brown

PS. I should also add that I have known Robin Nye for a long time and we are still in close contact. We worked together on several occasions during the early and mid 2000's on international recruitment projects for the Oil & Gas industry. Robin told me that his motivation for writing Danger was more from a personal achievement perspective as opposed to any possible commercial gains.

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