

Horsell Matters



**The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
April – May 2026**

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New Beginnings

When we think of Easter, we often think of new beginnings. For Christians, this hope is rooted in the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He promises that those who place their trust in Him "will not perish but have eternal life," a truth found in John 3:1-17.

In the bible passage we meet Nicodemus, a respected Jewish leader who came to Jesus quietly, at night, because he was curious about what a different kind of life might look like. Jesus spoke to him about starting again, not by changing jobs or moving house, but by placing his trust in Him. But Nicodemus



struggled. Following Jesus would put at risk his position, reputation, and sense of safety. Unable to take that step, he left with his hands and heart still empty. Yet as the years passed, the words of Jesus began to unfold before Nicodemus. He saw the frailty and corruption of humanity, and in contrast, the unflinching love of God revealed in Jesus. Slowly, he found the courage to leave behind what held him back and started following Jesus. His story became one of a quiet but profound transformation. Perhaps this Easter, like Nicodemus, we too can leave behind the things that

hold us back - our unbelief, our fears and worries - and turn toward the Light. It may be the beginning of a new adventure of following Jesus, who promises that those who trust in Him "will never be put to shame." What do we really have to lose? Step out of the shadows and begin walking in the Light, who is Jesus.

At St Mary's, we're spending the next few months exploring some of the important questions that may help us on our walk with Jesus: Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? What about the Bible, Prayer, Serving, Giving, the Church, and Sharing Our Faith?

You are warmly welcome to join us on Sundays at 10am.

Wishing you every blessing as you continue your journey of discovering Jesus.

Happy Easter!

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

SERVICES CARRIED OUT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

FUNERALS, BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:
Eric Norman-Walker & Chris Wardle

BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of the church: Blair Mackenzie-Harvey

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **APRIL 2026**

Wed 1st	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 2nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 3rd	9.30am	Good Friday Family Service
	10.30am	Pop In Coffee
Sun 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Easter Day Family Service
Tues 7th	2.00pm	Service at Kettlewell House
Fri 10th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 12th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Fri 17th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Informal Service
	4.00-6.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Fri 24th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 26th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	APCM

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **MAY 2026**

Fri 1st	8.45am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
	10.00am	Engine Room House of Prayer
Sun 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion Service (BCP)
	10.00am	First Sunday Service
	6.30pm	Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 5th	2.00pm	Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 6th	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Fri 8th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 10th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Fri 15th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Informal Service
	4.00pm-6.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Mon 18th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 22nd	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 24th	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Midday	On Your Own Lunch
Fri 29th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 31st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Breakfast Church

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **JUNE 2026**

Tues 2nd	2.00pm	Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 3rd	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Fri 5th	10.00am	Engine Room House of Prayer
	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	First Sunday Worship

**To keep everyone safe while the church is being extended,
please follow the signs and diversion through the churchyard.**

St Mary's Church, Horsell: @StMarysChurchHorsell
All correct at the time of going to print.

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

Building work has started

We are excited to share the news that the redevelopment of the St Andrew's Room, the meeting space at St Mary's, has now commenced.

The St Andrew's Room has always been a place of welcome — where toddler groups play, meals are shared, and community events bring people together. Now, we can extend this space so it can serve even more people, with facilities designed to be inclusive, accessible, and sustainable.

This project will deliver multiple benefits for the Horsell community including much needed additional toilets (one of which will be fully accessible), enhanced refreshment and catering facilities and extra meeting space for use by community and church groups. The current meeting room, which was erected in the 1980s, no longer meets today's needs and requires significant refurbishment. The improved facilities will be welcomed by all those attending major celebrations and events including weddings, funerals, community concerts and church services. As an eco-church it was important that the new building be environmentally sustainable and so



amongst other design considerations, solar panels will be included. The project is being financed by donations from St Mary's faithful congregation, a generous legacy and a fundraising campaign.

Following receipt of full planning permission from the local council and the various church and heritage authorities, a local builder (and Horsell resident) was appointed as prime contractor to carry out the work with 'official ground-breaking' taking place in the middle of February. By the time you read this article the foundations and walls will have been completed, and the builders will be busy on the new roof. To keep everyone safe, a temporary path has been created across the churchyard and around the south side of the church and fencing has also been erected around the building site.



As the church dates to the middle of the 12th century, one thousand years of history must be considered with any building project. In addition to our experienced church architects, we appointed an expert archaeologist who has been overseeing each step of the ground excavation to prevent graves being disturbed and ensure any historical artifacts found are preserved. The County Council archaeologist has also been closely involved and ensures all the correct regulatory guidelines and best practices are being followed. Unsurprisingly, when digging in such an old churchyard various finds have been discovered including an ancient brick pathway, pieces of pottery, metalwork and ancient graves likely dating from the medieval period. Further analysis will be undertaken to date the findings, and they will be offered to the Woking Lightbox who are the nominated receiving museum. Thanks to the careful architectural design for this single-story extension, deep foundations are not

required, and cross beams are being used to bridge across a couple of the discovered graves preventing any disturbance. No whole human remains have required relocating as they are deep enough and so remain in situ, safely underneath the new building flooring. Sensitivity is always applied, as this is sacred ground.

During the building works all church services and celebrations will continue as normal. Activities that usually take place in the St. Andrew's Room are being relocated into the main church building or to the Parish Institute.

This project is about more than facilities — it's about creating a space where everyone feels they belong, where accessibility is a priority, and where community life can flourish. With your support, the St Andrew's Room will continue to be a place of hospitality, care, and joy for generations to come.

Churchyard Cat

British Summer time and Easter are upon us, warmer weather, more hours of daylight, maybe even drier weather. The rain, building works and temporary path have rather churned up my churchyard, but at least all the new facilities in the church hall will be worth the disruption. I wonder if the door will have a cat flap? I believe every home should have one.

Then on 23 April we have St George's Day, the patron saint of England (and did you know, Ukraine, too)? Will my humans remember to change the flags? I can't get up the tower myself but patrolling my churchyard provides enough exercise for me. I stay well outside of the fenced

building area — there are too many hazards for my nine lives.

A month later on 24 May we have Whit Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus. Whitsuntide, along with Yuletide and Easter were the three traditional holiday periods in medieval times.

And on 29 May we celebrate Oak Apple Day, when King Charles hid from the roundheads in an oak tree after the battle of Worcester in 1651; he escaped, unlike a local cat burglar who tried hiding in a tree but was caught by the police, the purrpetrator remains in custody.



Local Lectures

Welcome Church, 1-5 Church Street West, Woking, GU21 6DJ
Thursday 9th April and Thursday 14th May, both at 10.30 am

APRIL LECTURE: 'Peder Severin Krøyer – Painter of the Northern Lights'
Speaker: Kathy McLaughlin

Looking back on his work towards the end of his life, Peder Severin Krøyer recalled his work at Skagen, the Danish artists' colony at the northernmost tip of Denmark, and expressed his particular love for that time "when the sun is going down, when the moon is rising over the sea, hanging there, crystal clear, and the water, smooth as glass, reflects its light...." Krøyer was referring to the 'blue hour' of northern Scandinavian summer nights, when sea and sky appear to merge into a single luminous whole.

MAY LECTURE: 'Smoke and mirrors – Velazquez and Las Meninas'
Speaker: Ronnie Ireland

Often called "The Prince of Painters", Diego Velazquez was the leading artist in the court of King Philip IV of Spain and Portugal. Las Meninas (Spanish for 'The Ladies-in-waiting') is a 1656 painting. It has become one of the most widely analysed works in Western painting for the way its complex and enigmatic composition raises questions about reality and illusion, and for the uncertain relationship it creates between the viewer and the figures depicted.



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 **WED 24 JUNE 2026 - 7.30PM**
THE WOMEN WHO SHAPED MATISSE
The real stories of the women behind Matisse, told through art, love and betrayal with Sophie Haydock - Author and Journalist.

 **WED 15 JULY 2026 - 7.30PM**
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Gospel Matters

The New Testament of the Bible opens with four Gospels – the word means ‘good news’. These are biographical records of the things that Jesus did and said. Our New Testament starts with Matthew’s Gospel.

The author was a Greek speaking Jew. He was writing to show his fellow Jews how Jesus fulfilled God’s will as it is set out in the Old Testament. The Gospel was probably written in the town of Antioch, in modern Syria, somewhere around 80 AD/ CE. The writer was not the Matthew who was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus although the work may include some of Matthew’s recollections.

Matthew drew heavily on Mark’s Gospel to describe the events of Jesus’s life. He also relied on another work which has not survived but is known as ‘Q’ (from the German word Quelle meaning ‘source’). Q was a record of much of the teaching and sayings of Jesus along with some of his parables. In addition to Mark’s Gospel and Q, Matthew recorded other material that only appears in his account. For example, the coming of Wise Men from the East with gifts for the baby Jesus (chs 1, 2).

Matthew shows how Old Testament prophecies pointing to God’s Messiah are fulfilled in Jesus, for example ch 2 v 17. He set out the teaching of Jesus which he has drawn together and placed in a clear and orderly structure. See particularly the section known as ‘the Sermon on the Mount’ in chs 5-7.



This has always been a very helpful introduction for people who are new to Christian belief and to enquirers.

Matthew demonstrates the impact Jesus had on the people as he toured his home district of Galilee in northern Palestine, preaching, teaching and healing the sick. This leads on to his account of Jesus’s crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Finally, Matthew tells how Jesus commissioned his disciples, and all his followers, to ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...’ and (ch 28 v 19 – 20), assured them – and us – ‘Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age’.

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Christian Aid Week 10 to 16 May



Imagine you live with your family in a small, corrugated metal hut, with little space and no running water, and you struggle to find work, not knowing how you will afford your next meal.

Christian Aid aims to alleviate lives such as this. It is a partnership of people, churches and local organisations, www.christianaid.org.uk dependent on donations. It operates in 29 countries, with people of all faiths and none, helping the most vulnerable and excluded people, providing the survival essentials they need to flourish.

Each year Christian Aid highlights a different way in which it helps communities. **This year the focus is on a poor urban area in Nairobi, Kenya, where many families struggle to cope.** Here, Fridah, the sole provider for her family, lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter, with little space and no running water.

Fridah's life changed when she joined an **urban farming project** run by Christian Aid's partner, **Beacon of Hope**. Through training, tools and seeds, she learned how to grow food in small spaces. She learned how to use cone gardens (an economical use of space), make compost and conserve water.

At the end of a narrow alley near her home, Fridah now tends her own urban farm, growing kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables. Some feed her family. Some she sells.

How to help: Christian Aid depends on donations to keep offering support to communities in crisis. Funds raised throughout the year and during **Christian Aid Week** will be used wherever there is the need.

Donate: use our QR code or visit <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/horsell-st-mary-virgin> or use paper envelopes in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week.

Friday 15th May at St Mary's **Pop-in-Coffee:** 9am-12noon, enjoy coffee and cake, and buy craft items and books. See church website for details.

Let's help provide hope and a brighter future for struggling communities.



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Grave Matters

This time we look at the grave of Hylton Tidy the headmaster of Horsell Village School from 1893-1922.

Hylton Tidy was born in Oxted and baptised there in December 1859, the second of nine children of Henry Tidy, a butler living in a large house in Oxted, and later a florist, and his wife Jane. By 1871, aged only 11 Hylton was a pupil teacher, still living at home and ten years later was a teacher, but unemployed. Tidy married Emma Annie Jane Haynes in April 1885, by which time he had a teaching post and was living in Westminster. He came to Horsell Church School on Church Hill as headmaster in 1893, succeeding Thomas King, who had come in 1874 and left the school in good general shape but continuing problems of numbers and accommodation.

Hylton lived in Waldens Park Road and by the 1911 census was described as an elementary schoolmaster. There he lived with his wife, son and daughter. His wife and daughter were also teachers while his son was a shipping clerk. Hylton was a man of high principles, trying to counter the lack of knowledge and the discipline of the pupils but the school was overcrowded and it was difficult to keep staff because of conditions in the school.

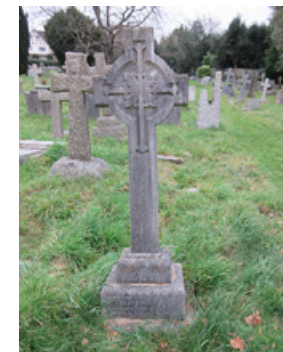


Horsell Infants 1910

Hylton was the village schoolmaster for 28 years and, because of the high rate of sick leave among staff, often found himself teaching two classes at once. By 1898 the school had 223 pupils and in 1899 a separate infants' block was built with its own headmistress, followed by a new building for the infants in Bury Lane in 1913. Towards the outbreak of the war the school was less crowded and showed improvement but Hylton Tidy, who had given much of his life to the school,

resigned in 1922 and had a complete breakdown dying in Holloway Sanatorium, a private mental hospital in Virginia Water on 27th January 1924.

A sad ending to a teacher with high standards overwhelmed by circumstances.



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Our town centre location, The Lighthouse is due for demolition but we are delighted to announce the opening of a new Lighthouse, in Church Path this week. We are really delighted to be given space in the new building and look forward to continuing to serve our visitors in this new and welcoming space.

Please get in touch if you support people in need and would like to make referrals to our Foodbank, if you need our help, or would like to donate food, money or your time.

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3rd and 17th May

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JESUS AND ME



Jesus and Me

A time for children aged 3+ to learn
and worship together during our
10am Holy Communion
Sunday Services

J A M
2nd and 4th Sundays

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FRIDAY POP-IN COFFEE

8.45am until noon
(term time)



10am to 12 noon
(school holidays)

Why not drop in for a
cuppa, a piece of cake and
a chat once you have done
the school drop-off?

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2ND & 4TH SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION



A formal
service of Parish
Holy Communion
at 10am
All welcome



Young children can enjoy their own time
at 'Jesus and Me' during the service
before returning as we take communion.

12th and 26th April
10th and 24th May



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4.00pm to 5.30pm

19th April
17th May

Explore a Bible theme through
craft, food, games or nature.
There will be a short celebration
with a story, songs and prayers.

For all ages! Picnic tea provided

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a
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HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 8AM

A formal service of
Holy Communion
on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays



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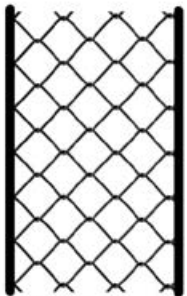
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COLOUR AND LEARN ABOUT ST MARY'S BUILDING WORKS

Exciting news!

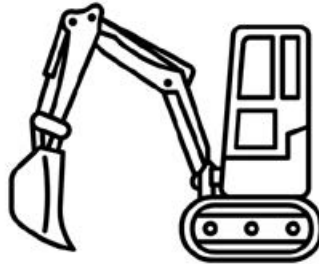
The building works to improve St Mary's facilities have begun.
Colour in the pictures of what you might see in the church yard.



Fencing and scaffolding



Architect



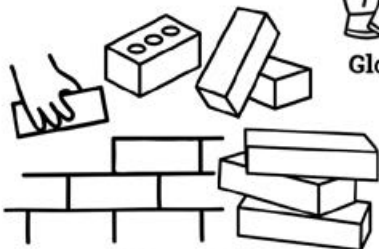
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Gloves



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Bricks and blocks



Wheelbarrow



Builders



When walking through the church yard, please follow the signs for path diversion, to ensure your safety.

Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

Holy Communion at 8am

Breakfast Church at 10am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

Communion service at 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

Informal Service at 9.30am

Exhibition of favourite bible verses

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

Holy Communion at 8am

Easter Day Celebratory Service at 10.00am

"He is Risen!"

Easter Egg Hunt at 11.15am for any children

Saint Mary the Virgin
— Horsell —

Soil Matters

Approximately 95% of our food grows in soil; its health is vital.

Sadly, though, approximately 30 – 40% of the world's soil has already degraded; deforestation, overgrazing, unsustainable agricultural practices, urbanization and industrial pollution have accelerated the degradation. Those of us lucky enough to be a custodian of a garden or allotment plot can help matters by gardening organically and ensuring that 'our' soil becomes healthy and full of the life that should be present beneath the surface.

Here are some fascinating facts about soil:

* Soil stores more carbon than the atmosphere and all of the world's plants and forests combined. Through the process of photosynthesis, plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and transfer it to the soil via roots and decaying organic matter. Covering the soil surface (for example with mulch around plants) and reducing digging increase carbon sequestration and help combat climate change;



Child's hands holding soil and worms



Soil in a woman's hand

- * 1gm of soil can harbour 10 billion organisms. Diverse soil life forms create a resilient ecosystem that can withstand environmental stresses and provide pest control and nutrient movement within the ecosystem;
- * Half of all earth species live in the soil;
- * Healthy soil can prevent floods by storing water and reducing runoff. It has good structure and porosity, allowing moisture retention even during dry periods;
- * More earthworms are found in organic soil. These little heroes increase nutrient availability and drainage, and stabilise soil structure.

I'm grateful that leading organisations such as the RHS have demonstrated how we can look after this precious commodity (www.rhs.org.uk/gardening-for-the-environment/soil).

Elna Broe

*"The earth has music for those who listen."
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Horsell Schools 2026 PTA update

Last year's fundraising efforts raised just over £28,000; an incredible amount with hours of hard work and planning going into running dozens of events throughout the year.

We have hundreds of parent/guardian volunteers and are lucky to get so much support from our local community. We once again say thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this. The schools have been putting the funds raised to great use by upgrading learning resources such as guided reading books, outside learning equipment, visualisers for classrooms and some new play and outdoor gym equipment.



We have partnered with **The Little Recyclers** who buy clothing and other items from schools, doing our bit to recycle while raising funds – a double win! If you want to donate items for the next collection it will be on **16th April**: drop off items at the gates in the morning at both Horsell Village and Junior Schools between **8:30 – 9am**. Acceptable items include good quality clean clothing (adults, children, or baby clothing), paired shoes, bags, hats and scarves, belts, fashion accessories, swimwear, jewellery, bras, perfume.

Big Top news for the **Summer Fair** to be held **Saturday 4th July between 12 noon and 3pm** at the **Horsell Junior School**. The **Circus is coming to town** with bookable circus shows and workshops. We will also have our usual fair. Tickets will be available soon so please keep an eye on our PTA Facebook page for more details. This year's fair is going to be bigger than ever so please come along and support it.

Follow our PTA **Facebook** page "**Horsell Schools PTA**" to stay updated. We'd love you to get involved - If you or your business can donate raffle prizes or offer sponsorship for any event please get in touch with our PTA Secretary – Bev Collins at HorsellSchoolsPTA@gmail.com



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Make sure that the 46th Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre is in your diary – a fantastic day out for all the family. Enjoy free entry, with this year's exciting arena displays including **Ridgeside Falconry** the largest mobile falconry display team in the country. As well as watching their incredible interactive live falconry shows, you'll be able to meet the birds at close quarters throughout the day. You'll also enjoy firm favourites **Summerscales**



Performers with their energetic and artistic dance show, as well as various competitions between Scout and Guide teams of all ages.

Away from the arena there will be a multitude of stalls including pocket money games, tombolas, our hourly raffle, inflatables for the younger visitors and a climbing wall open to all (subject to some health/weight restrictions). The theme

this year will be the football World Cup, so see which stand you think is the best decorated.

Take some time out to enjoy the selection of home-made cakes with a hot or cold drink from the large refreshment area, visit one of the BBQs with burgers and sausages supplied by **Prince & Sons** butchers or enjoy a tippie in the real ale tent stocking locally brewed **Thurstons** beer and Pimms.

We are always grateful to our generous main sponsors as without their support the event could not take place – **Seymours Estate Agents, Trident Honda, Halstead St Andrews School** and **Surrey Freemasons**.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the fun all afternoon – with many attractions still to be confirmed, keep an eye on local social media for updates. We look forward to seeing you there!

Extra information

- The professionally staffed Climbing Wall is at the Fayre and will be open to the public (subject to age/size limitations and approval from parent or legal guardian)
- 2026 event to be opened by Her Worship The Mayor of Woking, Cllr. Amanda Boote, Guiding and Scouting County and District Commissioners
- As the Primary fund raiser for Horsell Scouts and Guides over the years, has helped to fund and maintain the Scout and Guide HQ in Horsell
- Horsell Scouts and Guides are very active with thousands of young people having fun and learning life skills from attending the groups over the years.

- Young people from the age of 5 to 18 are supported with many exciting activities throughout their time with the organisation
- The May Fayre would not be the success that it is without the amazing help from all those who give their time and energy to support the event – Thank you so much.

Scouting: Squirrels (4–6) Beavers (6–8) Cub Scouts (8–10.5) Scouts (10.5–14) Explorer Scouts / Young Leaders (14–18) Woking District Scout Group (18+)
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