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<u>E</u>ditor's Note By Emmeline Moore

At the beginning of lockdown we watched the sunflowers at the entrance to Greenways be lovingly planted, and each week after that, whilst walking the dog, my boys measured themselves against them.



ability to 'solar track,' always aligning themselves with the sun's position in the sky and we learnt about their natural resilience to drought, pests and disease.

We went through the spring and summer season with them, some weeks we had bare arms and legs whilst others were more welly and raincoat type days. My boys watched with care, hoping that the two sunflowers either side of the Greenways sign they had chosen to adopt were survivors.

We spoke about them regularly and often tried to guess what height they could climb to next. We saw bees and ladybirds enjoying their aroma, and later, birds feeding from them. We were mesmerised by the flower's Then one day, desperately seeking some headspace from my noisy household, I took the dog for a walk on my own and as I came upon the sunflowers I considered how they responded and adapted to different environments in order to survive. And I thought, lets all take encouragement from this, we will all get through this unusual and uncertain time we find ourselves in, we just need to respond and adapt to our environment. Its likely that the Coronavirus is here to stay for a while, but that's ok, just like a sunflower, we need to adapt in order to thrive.



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Rector's Letter By Reverend Harry Latham

As I write this, we have just gingerly re-started some Sunday services in St Peter's, and I have done a funeral and a wedding with limited guests.

We do not know what the future holds in terms of lockdowns, but with God's

help we will negotiate them all. As the old ditty goes "I know who holds the future and he holds me in his hands."

In times like this our relationship with Jesus is more essential than ever and clarity is needed.

About half-way through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke, Jesus asks his disciples what other people are saying about him and they say: "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Then Jesus asks: "But who do you say that I am?"

This is the most important question and Simon Peter replies, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then goes on to say in Matthew's version "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" hence the key motif we associate with Peter and see in our Church that bears his name.

I was clear about who Jesus was from quite a young age, but only as a teenager did I begin to take his promises personally and commit myself to being a disciple. How about you?



The passage is often called Peter's Confession of Christ – and on that Confession, on that statement of faith in his identity, Jesus says "I will build my church!"

A Christian is someone who confesses Christ, a disciple of

Jesus – and as it has been said the plural of disciple is Church.

For us today, it is not enough to say that Jesus was a prophet or a great teacher or a good man, though many seek to do just that. It is not enough because that is not what he said about himself, it diminishes him and disempowers his mission.

For what he then goes on to tell his followers and friends including Peter is that he must suffer many things, be rejected by the Jewish authorities, be killed and after three days rise again.

The recognition of his true identity is followed by the revelation of the heart of his mission.

Jesus shares that mission with his first disciples when he speaks of giving them the keys of the kingdom. For it is not only Peter who has the keys of the kingdom. Later on in Matthew Jesus gives the disciples a similar authority: 'I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' This is an extraordinary responsibility and privilege that Jesus gives to us, his church.

So, we have the responsibility and privilege, as we know Jesus laid down his life for us, to give ourselves for him and to live his way in this world. And we have the responsibility and privilege along with the other people who follow Jesus, in representing him, in the sense that we are the body of Christ in this world.

So, let us work together well, as the Church, with kindness, generosity, grace, and loyalty, especially in these uncertain times.

A Prayer based on words from St Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body on earth now but ours,

no hands but ours, no feet but ours;

ours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion;

ours are the feet with which he walks to do good;

ours are the hands with which he blesses.

Teach us Lord to be your body.

Fill us Lord with your Spirit.

Lead us Lord to do what you would have us do.



Amen.

From St Peter's Registers

Cormac Murray

Weddings

Hannah Samoon & Ed Jolly

$\underline{\underline{S}}$ Services Within Our Benefice of Headley & Box Hill



St Mary's, Headley

6th Sept	8.00am	Prayer Book Communion
13th Sept	10.30am	Family Communion joined by St Andrew's
20th Sept	8.00am	Prayer Book Communion
27th Sept	10.30am	Family Communion
4th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Communion
11th Oct	10.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
18th Oct	8.00am	Prayer Book Communion
25th Oct	10.30am	Family Communion



St Andrew's, Box Hill

6th Sept	9.30am	Contemporary Service
13th Sept	10.30am	Family Communion at Headley
20th Sept	9.30am	Informal Communion
27th Sept	9.30am	Morning Praise
4th Oct	9.30am	Harvest Service
11th Oct	10.30am	Family Communion at Headley
18th Oct	9.30am	Informal Communion
25th Oct	9.30am	Morning Praise

Throughout September and October there will also be a 10.30 livestream on Zoom.

Den Group Newsletter By Mo Atkins

Open Group

Although regular meetings were suspended during the lockdown period, it was an unexpected bonus to have a delightful, socially distanced, 'Strawberry and Scone' afternoon in August, in Sue Edwards' beautiful summer garden, at The Firs.



This continued on Saturdays, throughout lockdown and until 'Village Kitchen Saturday', in August.

Thanks to kind donations, from grateful recipients of the 'meals on wheels', £937.00 was raised

towards the Open Group's Princess Alice Hospice project.

It was good to see friends again and catch up 'in the flesh', over a glass of 'pink fizz' and Pauline Shaw's delicious scones with strawberries!

We are very grateful to Sue for facilitating the event, one of those rare 'golden' days when everything was perfect!

At time of writing, in August, it is still unclear as to how and when regular events may resume, in the Autumn, but let's hope for an 'Indian Summer' so that we can hold another outdoor gathering in September / October. Notice will be sent via email.

Village Kitchen

It was only possible, back in March, to hold two Soup Saturdays, in Christchurch Hall.

However a small team, coordinated by Norma Darter, continued to serve 'take-away' soups and / or cakes (and sometimes Mary Heath's famous marmalade!) to isolated seniors, in Walton and Tadworth. Many thanks to all those who generously volunteered to cook and /or deliver.

The £553.25, raised at the first two Soup Saturdays will be donated to TWOAT.

A NOTE FROM NORMA

GREETINGS CARDS.

If you wish to purchase Greetings Cards that benefit St Peter's Church, please call me as I keep a supply at home. These are cards that are suitable for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thank You etc and are £1 each.

Norma 01737 812639.

ht By Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE

Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE, our 93 years old Lay Reader shares his experiences and views

Lost in the Forest

Marjorie and I each January spent a month travelling in some part of the world, where it would be both warm and interesting. We loved South Africa and often enjoyed our time with all the people there. Initially we would fly to Port Elizabeth and then drive down the 'Garden Route' to Cape Town. Usually about 1500 kms, for on the way we liked to explore. Over the years we grew in confidence and travelled through the interior, on local roads. Throughout South Africa, in the remote areas, there are small hotels and private houses, who welcome a few tourists.

On our holiday in 2002 when I was 73 years old, we drove into the centre of South Africa to a remote area with vast woods and open hill country. On this day, we drove 200 miles on local roads and arrived at a big house which served as a Hotel, around 4pm. We were made so welcome and settled in immediately. The next morning Marjorie felt tired after the previous days long drive. At this point she was suffering from Parkinson's Disease and often felt tired. It was 8.30am and we agreed to go for a drive at 11am and find some lunch. I said, that in the meantime I would like to walk to the lakeside bird hide which was in the woods below the House.

The Manager explained that the path to the lake was marked by Poles at each point

junction. If I liked, after viewing the birds, I could follow the circular route



back to Hotel, it would take about 45 minutes. So, I walked down hill and I took several paths to the left, each marked by a Pole.

The bird hide was magnificent and could accommodate a dozen people. There were many birds with beautiful plumages to catch my interest, while by the water's edge there were deer enjoying a drink. Clearly this was an important watering hole. After a while I start my return walk taking the circular route. The path twisted but I remain alert, following each pole. Then after walking for another ten minutes I realised I have not seen a pole for sometime.

I decide to go a little further to the next junction, there was no pole! I now realise that the paths were created by wildlife because there was no sign of people being in the area. So back I go to where three paths meet in a clearing. No poles! Then I walk down each path seeking something familiar. There is no sign of the lake or the hide.

I decide to get a better view by climbing to the top of a little hill, about a couple hundred feet high, where I could overlook the landscape. It was not an easy climb as the stones and little rocks slipped under my feet. At the top I surveyed the scene looking for the Hotel, lake, or poles. The view was only of treetops with no sight of the ground. I



looked up at the sky to take a direction from the sun. Then I realise that there was a thick haze in the sky and that the sun, along with the mountains, a hundred miles away, were hidden. I sat down to assess what to do!!

I had not prayed since my prayers before breakfast. Now I pleaded with God for guidance.

I suddenly realised that when we drove yesterday, I only looked on the map at the roads to the Hotel. I had no idea of the area apart from knowing that it was remote, hilly and tree covered with open plains of great beauty.

The absence of the sun meant I had no way of navigating or staying on a course. I had no compass or map so I could easily walk round in circles! I was wearing a thin cotton shirt and light shorts with sandals. No hat or protection from the sunshine which could take the temperature to the high eighties. I became frightened - I realised that I had no water or food.

Then I wonder when someone would think about looking for me. I realised that I had not explain to Marjorie where I was going, worse still, I did not tell anyone in the hotel of my planned walk so I may not be missed until after dusk. Anyway, how could they search such a dense area? A helicopter would never see me in the thick undergrowth. I had no large flag to wave. The gravity of my position was becoming apparent. Stay put for at least a day in the rising heat with little chance of rescue? Or walk. But which way? How, when among the trees, could I avoid walking in a circle? NOW I really **prayed** for guidance, clarity of mind, so I was not overcome by fear and confusion!

Then a thought came to me. Simply focus on walking downhill, because rivers are in valleys. In remote places roads often take the easiest route running close to rivers. I started walking, but not too fast! The sky is cloudy, and the temperature was rising. Going downhill was not easy to follow for there were hills to climb or avoid. Overall, I was succeeding, but I was thirsty and so hot. The trees gave way to an open plain while the ground was so uneven with big stones. Two hours went by and I was exhausted. A rest. Then onward and downward, when I could. More trees and thick bush all around.

Suddenly! in front of me, there in the bush, was a huge black chain link fence, 16 feet high, stretching far up and down the hill. I know that this fence marks the edge of a reservation for the fence was to keep livestock in the estate and keep the thieves out.

I decided to follow the fence downward, which was not easy, as it went in a straight line and I cannot walk across gullies and through dense bush, I had to walk considerable distances to again locate the fence. After what seemed a lifetime the fence stopped at the edge of an embankment where another fence was running at right angles. Below the embankment is a ROAD! In my delight I shout out in gratitude THANK YOU GOD!

The fence by the road was twelve feet high and it had barbed wire along the top. There was no point in me seeking a gate for these estates were often fifty miles square with only a few gates, to make life hard for the poachers.

There was no choice, I must climb the lower fence, then drop down the other side, where there was a ditch at the top of an embankment, some twenty feet high. I need a ladder!! I disappeared into the nearby wood to find some dead branches. I break off some wood about the thickness of my arm and make them into a number of 'steps' by pushing the wood between the fence wires. I then stood on these 'steps' to reach the top of the lower fence.

My handkerchiefs blunted the sharp barbed wire. I carefully climbed over, then I gradually hung my body down the outside of the fence. When I was fully extended. I let go! I fell first on to the embankment, then I bounced and rolled down the steep side towards the road. The clumsy fall had enabled me to avoid any serious damage. Some grass wiped away the blood from the various grazes and scrapes.

I heard a lorry, but it never came down the road. After a while I regained strength. The sun had now come out and was extremely hot. I walked a mile downhill and came to a road junction. A huge transporter lorry came past, but the driver ignored my waving.

Later, a second lorry passed me. Twenty minutes later a little ancient van comes towards me and passes me. Then the Driver changes his mind and stops. It was hard to run the hundred yards in case he changed his mind and drove off.

I asked if they could give me a lift to the Hotel. The white driver and four black workers did not know of the Hotel. I repeated the name several times. Then one of them said that is way over the hills. It then turns out that we are more than 8 miles from the Hotel! They give me a lift to a track, and so I start to walk the mile up hill to the Hotel.

As I go I sing 'Songs of Thanksgiving to God' for providing the means for me to safely return.

I enter the Hotel through the kitchen door, it was 2.30 pm and no one was about. I take a glass and enjoy cool fresh water. Wonderful! Marjorie is in our room, she looks up as I enter and says, 'Come on Tom we must get going.' The Parkinson's she suffered from often caused her confusion. I replied, 'Please give me ten minutes for a shower and we will then drive out and find some lunch!

The Right Way

Today the Corona Virus has turned our lives upside down. We face

huge problems and disappointments. I suggest that the 'faith methods' I used in the African Bush apply now to you and me. God's guidance often comes in thoughts and circumstances which we must work through in our lives. It is in the process that we learn that God's priorities are to:

1.Believe in Jesus 2. Care greatly about others 3. Be faithful and always respond to guidance.

Your Invitation-I would be happy to hear from you, please email 'tom@rhindtutt.com' Or ring 01737 811730. Or speak to me in St Peter's.

Local Focus By Jade Jenkins

Having completed my final year of my teaching degree during Covid-19, I decided to set up as self-employed tutor. JJ Tutoring has helped children in the local area with their learning during lockdown (and parents trying to juggle working, teaching and parenting!)

It began as online tuition, through the well-known zoom call, and as lockdown restrictions lifted, it became face-to-face.

I believe that extra tuition

not only helps with learning, it also develops transferable skills such as independence. I am always keen to provide a variety of different services depending on your child's needs, from Primary early years, through to 11+ exam and GCSE preparation.



I love teaching and get great satisfaction from it, so within the next academic year, I intend to complete a Masters in Psychology. It is not only something I am keen to learn more about, but will also help me improve my understanding of how we as humans learn.

I will continue to tutor alongside this, to help as many children as possible to catch up and enjoy their learning! This will most definitely prepare me for my NQT (Newly Qualified

Teacher) year!

If I can help, or provide any advice to any parents, then please don't hesitate to contact me at jadejenkinstutoring@outlook.com.

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You must avoid the greens, tees and bunkers.

You must not interfere with the playing of golf.

For your own safety, it is advisable to keep to the foot paths.

Enjoy, it is a beautiful place that should be witnessed by everyone.

Walton Parochial Charities

Providing help and creating hope in Walton on the Hill Are you struggling to make ends meet?



If you live within the parish of Walton on the Hill then the Walton Parochial Charities could help you.

This fund was created some time ago to provide relief for those 'in need,' the sick or disabled, distressed and the elderly within the Walton on the Hill parish

How can we help?

If you or anyone you know is struggling to make ends meet and could do with some help then please ask them to leave a message in confidence of course at the St Peter's Church office on 01737 668254 and someone will return their call. Alternatively email admin@stpeterswoth.org

We Want to Help.



$\underline{*}$ The Clock During Lockdown.

By John Bishop, Church Warden

The report in the last issue

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 23rd March St Peter's was closed and the doors were locked. Steps were taken to stop the clock. Harry went up into the tower on 24th March with instructions and technical directions from the clock winders, and stopped the mechanism at **precisely ten to three.**



when we are able to set it in motion again.

And when it started again

The church opened again - just for private prayer - for one hour between 1.00pm and 2.00pm on Sunday 21st June, and it continued to open for the same purpose for gradually increasing periods on Thursdays and Sundays. During that first hour on 21st June there was access for Fred

Rupert Brooke's poem ("The Old Vicarage, Grantchester") was written two years before the start of the First World War in 1912. He wrote it in a small cafe in Berlin while he was living there and suffering from homesickness. While he was away, he wondered if life was continuing at home in Grantchester in the way it had always seemed to have done, and it ended with the words

Oh is the water sweet and cool, Gentle and brown above the pool? Stands the church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?

Harry thought it was appropriate to stop the clock at **ten to three** as we all set out to face the Covid-19 pandemic – an unknown enemy with frightening powers – and as we wondered if life would eventually return to the way we remember it. So there's significance in what our newly cleaned and gilded clock will be showing until the day

Adilz, who was "on duty" as clock winder, to go up in the tower and restart the clock.

It was a significant moment. For three months the clock had stood at ten to three and the chimes had been silenced. We heard from people how they realised that in normal times those chimes were a familiar and reassuring sound of life going on - just as Rupert Brooke was remembering and missing scenes and sounds from his normal life at home in Grantchester. We heard how happy people were to see the church door open again, to see the clock's hands telling the time, and to hear the chimes. Harry reported that he was sleeping better in the Rectory next door, after the chimes resumed! How good to hear these things and to know what a part everyday sights and sounds play in our lives without our knowing.

Compline

9pm September Tuesdays

"Read, Mark, Learn and inwardly digest... @St Peter's" A Mid-week evening on ZOOM for Chatting, Bible Study and Prayer, 8pm-9.30pm. 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Revelation_(continued) from September 10th



@ St Peter's Church Sunday 3-4pm Thursday 11am-12noon

Mightingale Musings By Mo Atkins

Since writing the article regarding Florence Nightingale's legacy for the last edition, I have been asked what it was like to "be a nurse in the olden days"! This brought to mind the comment of a five year old boy at a local school.

A colleague at The Children's Trust and I had gone along to help with the Key Stage 1 lessons about Florence Nightingale. The teacher thought it would be helpful to have 'real' nurses in uniform. I wore the traditional model ... lace cap, striped dress with frilly cuffs, starched apron, belt with silver buckle and black stockings and shoes and my friend, the practical polo shirt and trousers of the 21st century.

After chatting about Miss Nightingale and comparing conditions in the converted, war torn Scutari barracks with hospitals of today, the diminutive but earnest student gazed at me and asked, 'What was it like in the Crimea, Miss?'. My colleague and I vowed to stick to nursing, not teaching!

Training at St. Thomas' began in 1969. Ours was a small set of just over thirty and twenty eight of us still communicate regularly. A WhatsApp group started at the beginning of lockdown has cemented further those friendships which began over fifty years ago and has helped us remember how much we learnt then, of which still applies now! Yes, there has been an exponential increase in medical advances but the basics of good nursing care remain the same. We have not forgotten the importance of neat 'hospital corners' on beds, with pillow case openings away from the door and linen stored 'folds to the front, edges to the back'. It still feels 'wrong' not to use a tray!

The following doggerel was scribbled after one set reunion, recalling events, from the day we arrived at Chelsea Court, the oak panelled, Victorian mansion (just along The Embankment from The Royal Hospital) which was to be our home for the first three months.

Miss Gale, the 'larger than life' Home Sister, herself a 'Nightingale', looked after us as her own. We were surprised to find a lace 'doily' on our dressing tables. We had wondered why needle and white thread was on our 'to bring' list! We soon found out! The 'doily' metamorphosed into a lace cap, with 'butterfly' at the back....'a nightingale!'





Emma and I (bearing the unlikely maiden names of Dilnutt and Feaver!) shared a room. It was a struggle to meet the deadline for the early morning coach to St. Thomas', in uniform, with hair up... and neat...mine being long and heavy had to be plaited and clipped upside down on top of the head, the spiky ends to be hidden by the cap. Emma's plaiting skills proved invaluable!

By way of further explanation....

We learned 'on the job', as part of the work force, changing wards every twelve weeks, to accommodate most specialities. My first pay cheque was £13.6s.9d, after 'board and lodging' had been deducted. Theoretical learning was undertaken in 'block sessions of two to eight weeks at a time.

The East Wing paternoster, blessedly removed in later years, was a convenient, if precarious way to arrive on duty on time, avoiding queues and patients in lifts.

Lovely touches in patient care were encouraged. "Streaming" was not a euphemism for how able a patient might be, but time spent during a bed bath, allowing the soothing feel of trickling warm water on arms and legs. If a patient could manage to wash themselves they were "set up", otherwise they might experience the joys of a face, hands and back wash, known as 'FHB', by a nurse or 'auxiliary'.

Christian prayers were an important start to every morning, at 8 o'clock sharp. All nurses, from day or night shifts sank to their knees in a line in front of the day sister as she read prayers from a wooden board. Some also kept an eye on the length of one's apron, lest it be too short!

Shepherd Hall was, and still is the staff dining

room, overlooking the Houses of Parliament, where much chatter took place over meals. It was particularly helpful to share what might seem 'black humour', especially at the end of a long and demanding night. Night Sister's rounds required, from a sometimes quaking junior nurse, the accurate recitation of each patient's personal and medical details.

In those days the Lambeth, Royal Waterloo, Grosvenor and General Lying Hospitals were part of the St Thomas' Hospital group. After three years we became S.R.N.s (State Registered Nurses). If we worked for a further six months, as Staff Nurses, we were awarded the coveted Nightingale Badge, inscribed on the reverse with our name, date of certificate and the word, 'LOYALTY'. The September 1969 set has indeed remained loyal! Almost all undertook further training and most remained in nursing for long and rewarding careers.

T'was a Wednesday in September, The 17th, as I remember, In the year '69. The weather was fine! When a voice did us 'hail' Remember Miss Gale? Whose voice boomed out '**NURSE**!' For better or worse!

As we unpacked our cases, And looked around at new faces, Then boarded a coach, lace 'doily' in hand, Needles and thread, we were a puzzled band. What on earth could it be, 'gofred' and flat? How could we know that it would be a hat! A 'nightingale' even, with neat ' butterfly' 'Though I'm sad to say that mine oft' sat awry! We soon became used to these caps for our crown,

'Though I must confess that mine often turned brown...

At the edges... overdue for laundering. ('Infection Control' must have been wondering!)

But for me, it was a blessing in disguise, Hair hidden, off collar and out of the eyes. Plaiting the locks always created a fuss, Making Emma and me oft' late for the bus,

As we rushed down the stairs, Still tying in loose hairs, To the bellow of Sam, the porter, "Where on earth are Dilnutt 'n Feaver?"......

After eight weeks of 'block', We were in for a shock! To the wards we departed, Our careers had started! Looking the part, with apron and belt, Even if, inside, t'was not how we felt! As soon we learnt to inject And how not to cross infect,

Our patients on 'Albert, George and Arthur' And 'Cheselden, Becket and Wardroper', Not forgetting 'Edward and Nuffield City of London, Florence and Mead', Then there was 'Luke' and 'William and Henry' (Ward Sister there was NOT very friendly!)......

'Theatre, Out-patients and Casualty', (Often the scariest speciality!) Laughter and tears on 'Seymour and Lilian', Fun and games caring for poorly, sick children.

Down in the East Wing the paternoster Took one upstairs, dangerously faster,

Racing for duty on 'Florence and Doulton' Or to private patients up on 'Simon'.

Sometimes we ventured further afield, More experience this did yield! Sent to the 'Lambeth', at the end of Brook Drive,

Or 'The Royal Waterloo', remember Ward Five?!

Some delivered babes at 'The General Lying In',

Wondering how some mothers could create such a din!

Others went to the Grosvenor, in a delightful square

But our eyes opened wide when we did 'theatre' there.

Our nursing skills we quickly did hone, Even by being a chaperone. New language we learned, Though not much we earned, 'Streaming' and 'set up, face hands and back', Skills for washing, nothing did we lack. The Ph of urine and patients' Hb, Sphygmomanometers for reading BP!

We would never look back, 'Though oft' sleep we would lack With nights, earlies and lates And not much time for dates! Looking from sluice at parties on river...... Yet one more bedpan to deliver. Experiences were varied from sad to very funny And our feelings fluctuated from glum to really sunny. So many memories to recall Like meals together in Shepherd Hall, Sharing the tales of a stressful night

Overtired laughter at someone's plight.

Seven nights on the trot Always seemed such a lot, Trying to remember the details of patients To relay to night sister (who stood no nonsense!).

Name, age, diagnosis, religion, Hb And which side WAS the operated knee?! Then stoop to *our* knees at 8am, Our prayers to offer and say 'Amen'

Life at first was strict, with curfew at ten, We listened out for the strike of Big Ben! But three years on, our knowledge increased.....

Medicine, surgery, laying out the deceased.

Practical skills, Dishing out pills. Setting up traction, 'Not too much pull on!' Trying not to trip over chest drains, Soothing words spoken, to ease folks' pains, Writing Kardex with black inked pens Finally we made it.....S.R.Ns!

Some experiences had made us wail, Some indeed were beyond the pail, But after six months more, of 'staffing', With red belt AND badge, we were laughing, 'Though at times we might have felt we would fail,

At last we could say, 'I'm a 'Nightingale'!.....

There is just one more thing to add..... To say that I, for one, am glad To have been part of that set And thankful that we met

On 17th September..... A day to remember!





Community Support in Tadworth and Walton

Are you self-isolating? Need help with shopping etc.? Like a chat on the phone?

Volunteers are ready to help. If you are finding self-isolation difficult, feeling lonely or worried, or just need some errands doing, please contact us.

Also if you know someone who needs support, do tell us about them.

Volunteers

All volunteers are local residents and are vetted. Thank you to those who have volunteered help already. If you would like to help, do contact us.

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Tadworth & Walton Residents' Association







Community Support in Tadworth and Walton

Many people keen to help each other during this Coronavirus emergency. This partnership of local trusted organisations have combined to provide coordination between people with needs and volunteers. We will put you in touch with named volunteers.

Please be careful of scammers

Sadly there are a few 'bad apples' and a very few people have been cheated. If you have any worries about a person calling, or offering help, or just want to check them out, please ring one of our contacts:

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Mo Atkins	moatkins@hotmail.co.uk	07799 136894
Timothy Astin	tim.astin@virginmedia.com	01737 813152
		07786 667170

For the long haul

None of us know how long this will last, or how we will feel in a few weeks time. You might not need help at first, or even with support from your families, you might find you need some conversation or help. So do keep this, and ring if you need to.



Tadworth & Walton Residents' Association



<u>Remembering</u> The Parish Of Walton on the Hill Through the 19th Century. *By Robert Ruddell*



The animal pound on Walton Heath

Part 1 [1800-1850]

At the beginning of the 17th century the estimated population of the village was 100 and by 1801 had risen to 204. In 1811 it had increased to 263 with 35 houses occupied and 4 empty.

Walton-on-the-Hill measures over 3 miles from north to south, and 1 mile east to west, being roughly a parallelogram. It contains 2,608 acres and the subsoil is chalk, but in the greater part of the parish, brick, earth, clay and gravel covers the chalk.

The village until the latter part of the 19th century was very small and somewhat

isolated in the midst of lonely heath land with poor roads that were not made up and rough to walk on. The road network remained in a state of neglect until the advent of the motorcar towards the end of the century.

The parish at this time was purely an agricultural community with the main employment being for agricultural labourers and farm workers. It was like the neighbouring hill parishes, and formerly fed large numbers of sheep.

Walton Heath a large expanse of open land, 627 ft above sea level at Mogador, and is continuous with Banstead Heath. The heaths were for grazing animals on pasture used in common and if your animals strayed, they were impounded and released on payment of a fee. One pound existed at the Tadworth tollgate, close to the boundary between Tadworth and Burgh Heath, and another on Walton Heath. Between these pounds are the commons of Tadworth and Walton, known as Banstead Heath and Walton Heath, with in excess of 1,160 acres, and at the time without a defined boundary between them. A state of intercommunicating was practised and if your animals strayed from one common to another they were not impounded.

When the M25 motorway was being built, the animal pound from Walton Heath was removed to the Weald and Downland Open-Air Museum at Singleton, near Chichester and reconstructed in 1983. The pound had been sited at Bushfields Farm, near The Hermitage; now part of the Pfizer complex and close to the boundary with Little Heath. Generally strays became the property of the lord of the manor after being unclaimed for a period of twelve months.

Throughout the 19th century the village had no public transport, gas or electricity and lighting would be by oil lamps and candles.

Heath Farm in Deans Lane was the site of the village workhouse rented from a Mr. Marter at £10 per annum. Unusually it only existed for 16 years from 1797 until 1813 when it was closed, as it didn't pay for itself. Everyone was sent down to Redhill because records show that that the costs of maintaining the new workhouse were much lower.



The plan of parish in 1827

In 1827 J Fawcett surveyed and drew up a plan of the Parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, showing the village with a few houses dotted around mainly in Walton Street and at the top of Duffields Lane [now Deans Lane]. He also included the names of the landowners and their plots such as Felix Ladbroke [of Ladbroke Grove fame], Anne Paston Gee, Edward Marter and John Bowyer.

The Petty Constable of Walton had the task of keeping law and order within the parish boundary. This at first seems an easy job for a village with so few houses, though it appears to have been a hazardous occupation as lawlessness was rife. In 1828 he was provided with a pair of pistols at a cost of £1. 6s. 0d, this was perhaps to overawe any who might lurk to stop travellers on the Reigate to Dorking road.

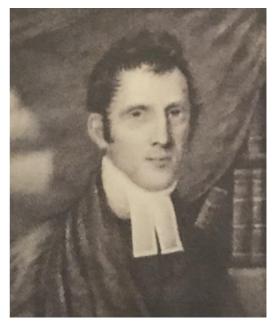
The surveyor of the highways had the responsibility of ensuring that the roads within the parish were kept in a good state of repair and the nearby landowners did not allow their hedges, trees, etc to encroach upon the highways. He had the power to order householders to clean their ditches and drains to ensure that these did not overflow onto the road and to stop and report any person or persons driving a cart or carriage drawn by an excessive number of horses or oxen.

The vestry was the village parliament, and responsible for mending the roads, relieving the poor, and other duties. The churchwardens were very important people, and were ex officio overseers of the poor.

St. Peter's Church had 5 Rectors during 19th Century: John Myers, William Pritchard, Samuel Bennett, Francis Pooley Roupell and Henry Joseph Greenhill.

In 1776, the patron of the advowson was under age, and The Crown, instead of the Carews, presented the Rev John Myers to the living of Walton. He appears to have been a non-resident and remained as Rector until 1815.

The Rev William Pritchard followed him from 1815-22. He could have been related to the Carew family, as the late husband of the Lady of the Manor, Mrs. Anne Paston Gee, had an illegitimate son, William, who was in holy orders. Pritchard had refused to pay his poor rate in 1821, even when a distress warrant was issued and in 1822 was summoned before Epsom magistrates. His conduct led to his prohibition of acting as rector, by order of the bishop that same year. A new rector was appointed but he did not resign from office until 1823.



The Rev Samuel Bennett

The Rev Samuel Bennett succeeded Pritchard as Rector from 1822-1847. Bennett was also Chaplain to the British Embassy at Constantinople [Istanbul] and Chaplain to the Duke of Kent and did not begin his duties at Walton until 1825, subsequently employing three curates during his long absences from Walton.

The Rev Francis Pooley Roupell was the next Rector from 1847-1880 and was the last priest to live in The Old Rectory. When he died, the Reverend Henry Joseph Greenhill succeeded him from 1880-1906 and the Rectory moved to Carew in Heath Drive, remaining there until the present one was built in Breech Lane in 1939 on part of the land of the estate and facing the village green. The Old Rectory now a private residence is listed as Grade 1 [m.18c] was built around 1780 and is in 1.3 acres of land right in the heart of the village and during the Great War was used as a hospital treating the wounded soldiers.

The official census of population taken in 1841 was the first to include details of every household, its inhabitants and their occupations. Walton-on-the-Hill showed 70 inhabited houses with a total recorded population of 362, 187 were male and 175 female, 283 were born in Walton and 162 persons were under the age of 20. Nine residents were described as "independent", 55 were employed as agricultural labourers and 28 as servants. There were 6 farms in the village with 8 farmers, 7 carpenters, 3 publicans, 2 shoemakers, 2 plumbers, a shepherd, gamekeeper, lawyer, baker, wheelwright, dressmaker, miller and bricklayer.

At the Rectory [now The Old Rectory] was recorded, a tutor with 8 pupils aged between 9 and 15 years, together with 8 other residents of whom 3 were female servants.

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Walton Village Forum By Grant Webster, Chairman.



As Chair of the Walton Village Photograph by Andrew Wilson Forum I wanted to update everyone on the situation with Mere Pond. We have received many queries and seen concern expressed on social media about the dire water levels, struggling fish and the pond in general, so I'd like to take this opportunity to assure everyone that the Walton Forum are doing everything we can to help alleviate the plight of this amazing village amenity, which is enjoyed by many in our village and surrounding communities. Photograph by Andrew Wilson gone by I've I department h the pond, this from an envir chemicals in t imbalance in f more damage department h oxygenating t last couple of Borough Cour

The Walton Village Forum Pond Sub-Committee are working closely with the Greenspaces team at the Borough Council and the Environment Agency who are advising us every step of the way and we are grateful for their support.

I'll cover the key issues in turn below and also let you know what is planned over the coming weeks and months.

Water Level

The water level in Mere Pond is directly correlated to the amount of rain that falls. This has been the case for more than 100

vears and although in years gone by I've been told that the fire department helped by pumping water into the pond, this is no longer an option because from an environmental stand point the chemicals in the hydrant water create an imbalance in the pond ecosystem and causes more damage to it. That said, the fire department have been known to assist with oxygenating the water on occasion. In the last couple of years, in conjunction with the Borough Council, we have cleared most of the channels that feed water into the pond and, with the help of residents that live in the vicinity of the pond, continue to keep them clear, which is why we see such a fast increase in the water level when we have rainfall over any sustained period of time.

Fish & Terrapins

None of us like to see wildlife of any kind struggling as nature takes it course and the fish in Mere Pond are no different. That said, Mere Pond doesn't naturally have fish or terrapins that inhabit it. These species have sadly been dumped there over the years by people that haven't wanted them anymore and couldn't be bothered to dispose of them in a responsible manner. As a Forum we agreed 2 years ago that as a village we'd like our pond to be an amenity and not a wildlife pond and, as such, have taken the opportunity with the recent drought to rehome most of the fish in the pond. The few fish that remain will be removed in due course along with the terrapins and we'd kindly ask that anyone seen dumping fish in the pond are reported to the Council as it's illegal to do so without permission. A lesser known fact about the terrapins is that they will attack and kill ducklings and we have had reports of this happening over the past couple of years.

Weed Removal

In the coming weeks a significant amount of the bogbean weed will be removed from Mere Pond to make way, over a period of time, for some new planting. This work is being done with Borough Council approval and we have a planting plan approved for replacement planting over the next few years.

Funding and Future Plans

Work such as weed, fish and terrapin removal all cost a significant amount of money. Much like a garden, Mere Pond is a living, breathing ecosystem and requires a degree of maintenance.

In late 2018, the residents of Withybed Corner collected some £3000 to plant plants on the north-east bank of Mere Pond and these are currently being maintained by them. All other funding to date has been provided by the Walton Village Forum. The Borough Council have helped with advice and Walton Heath Golf Club have helped with machinery, some labour and disposal of the weed they have helped removed, for which the village is very grateful.

So, what's next?

Once the fish, terrapins and weed have been removed we're exploring having the tree branches thinned out along the western bank and will also try and understand the benefits that might be gained from reducing the level of silt in the pond.

We are working really hard to make Mere Pond a happy and healthy amenity for everyone and will continue to do so. We are also looking at various fundraising and grant options that may be available to us from various avenues to continue to support the great work our fantastic pond sub-committee are doing. That said, if you'd like to make a donation to support the work we are doing please just get in touch.

Finally we are always looking for volunteers so if you're reading this and are keen to help out from time to time please do reach out by sending an email to

info@waltonvillageforum.org or via the

'Contact Us' page on our website

www.waltonvillageforum.org

and we'll put you in touch with our sub-committee.



2020 St. SEPT-OCT DIARY			
Sept	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 6th	11.00am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
Tues 8th	9.00pm	Compline	Zoom
Thurs 10th	8.00pm-9.30pm	Read, Mark, Learn	Zoom
Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church
Tues 15th	9.00pm	Compline	Zoom
Sun 20th	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church
Tues 22nd	9.00pm	Compline	Zoom
Thurs 24th	8.00pm-9.30pm	Read, Mark, Learn	Zoom
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church
Tues 29th	9.00pm	Compline	Zoom

If you would like to join in with RML on Zoom then please email Harry at isaiah61@uwclub.net to request an invite.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

This is a provisional schedule, please check the website for up-to-date information.

Oct	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 4th	11.00am	Harvest Festival	St Peter's Church
Thurs 8th	8.00pm-9.30pm	Read, Mark, Learn	Zoom
Sun 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church
Sun 18th	11.00am	Family Communion Followed APCM	St Peter's Church
Thurs 22nd	8.00pm-9.30pm	Read, Mark, Learn	Zoom
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Sun 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church
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TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust By Mike Fox



"Refugee children from Myanmar have returned to school so they can again enjoy lunches funded by TWOAT. "

Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust are pleased to report that, despite having had to cancel or postpone all the fund raising events we were due to run since March, we have still managed to send all the financial support we had previously promised to our projects. We even sent £750 extra to the MU School we support in Madagascar as the parents could not work due to the pandemic and were unable to make their usual contribution to school costs. This has resulted in TWOAT's outgoings exceeding income by over £7,000 since the start of our financial year last September. Unfortunately, TWOAT will not be able to continue to spend at the current rate beyond the end of this calendar year unless some income from events can be achieved.

TWOAT's first attempt to generate event revenue has been to launch a Fortnightly Online Auction. Each fortnight the auction will feature two or three items generously donated by TWOAT supporters or local businesses such as a take away meal from a local restaurant. You can find a link to the auction website by visiting <u>WWW.TWOAT.ORG</u> which also gives details of how you can donate to TWOAT. Once you have registered with the auction site you can bid on the items included in the current auction and you will not need to register again to bid on any of TWOAT's subsequent Fortnightly Auctions.

We are hoping our two rescheduled John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walks will take place on Saturday September 26th and Friday October 2nd. Instead of being a figure of eight based on a pub they will be centred on a picnic area likely to be in Langley Vale. Thus, participants will be able to enjoy socially distanced lunches. The route, which will be the same for both walks, will be chosen to avoid constricted pathways again to facilitate social distancing.



TWOAT recently launched an appeal to raise funds to support

The Little Sapphires School. It is run by the Mothers' Union in Madagascar and has about 55 nursery and primary age

children. Unfortunately, due to the virus and other local issues many of the parents can no longer earn enough to contribute the £3.65 per month that they were previously paying towards the school's running costs. TWOAT is already donating £2,300 per year to support the school and we could not add to that from our available funds as there are other projects also needing our help. Our aim is to raise an additional £1,000 to cover the shortfall in contributions and at the time of writing we still have a few hundred pounds to go.

The school sent us some details supplied by one of the pupils called Dallilah - she is 9 years old and has two sisters but only she can currently attend the school. This is an extract from what she said:

"I love my village but I hate corona virus. Because of corona virus in our village my sisters must stay at home, they don't go to school now with me. They eat cold food with mum. My dad works very far in the forest and digs sapphires. He lives

there and comes to see us after a week.

The food is good at the school and the headmistress is very kind to me. I started school here when I was 3 years old. My mum takes me to school. She has never been to school and says school is important for girls. My dad too has never been to school..."

Unfortunately, even after the COVID crisis is over, Dallilah's father's job has no real future as the government is banning this sort of dangerous wildcat sapphire mining in which he and many of the other parents are involved. It is really important that the children of the village can continue their education as that will give them other opportunities to find work. This is why TWOAT has launched its appeal to cover the costs for those parents who can no longer contribute.

Donations to the appeal can be made online via <u>WWW.TWOAT.org</u> alternatively please post cheques to TWOAT's Treasurer Antony Hawker at The Holt, Alcocks Lane, KT20 6BB.

$\underline{*}$ Help Is Out There

Reigate & Banstead Helpline	If you are alone self-isolating or know someone who is? A community helpline operated by Surrey County Council is available for residents needing support with tasks such as picking up shopping or prescription collections.	0300 200 1008, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Walton Pharmacy Prescription Delivery.	For patients who are self isolating and do not have a friend or relative to collect their prescription.	0844 288 0300
Striding Into Motherhood	A free local support group for new mums and mums to be, looking for support through the coronavirus	www.facebook.com/groups/ stridingintomotherhood
Walton Parochial Charity	Are you struggling financially? St Peter's has a small fund available to help anyone in need living in the Walton on the Hill parish.	01737 668254 Please leave a message.
Walton Post Office	2m floor markers to keep customers at a safe distance when queuing, open 9am- 3pm.	https://www.postoffice.co.uk/ branch-finder/1870238/walton -on-the-hill
Со-ор	Shopping for vulnerable customers, those that care for them and NHS workers. 8am to 9am Monday to Saturday and 10am to 11am Sundays.	https://www.coop.co.uk/ coronavirus#stores
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Food Hygiene

Information on food safety for people who want to cook for their neighbours <u>https://www.food.gov.uk/food</u>







TUESDAYS

At 2:30pm every Tuesday there is a Prayer Book Holy Communion Service with a talk and hymns followed by tea and cake that takes place at Walton Heath Manor Care Home, Hurst Drive, KT20 7QT. Visitors are always welcome. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730



WEDNESDAYS (1ST AND 3RD)

From 10.15am until 12 noon in St. Peter's Church we meet to pray and study the Bible.

10.15am Parish Prayers, 10.45am Refreshments, 11.00am St Luke's Gospel examined and explained, 12.00 noon conclude. Visitors are most welcome to join us. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730

BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS (2ND AND 4TH)

From 8pm to 9.30pm twice a month there is a gathering in St. Peter's for coffee and chat, Bible study and prayer.

Please drop in and try this group out.

Friends Of St Peter's By Philip Truett



Report for Window on Walton – September / October Edition

Our stated aim, along with looking after the fabric of the church and the churchyard, is to have some fun along the way. To enjoy each other's company whilst supporting a good local cause. Thanks to the Curse of Covid our social events have not been possible. Therefore, no Musical Event in May and sadly, due to current uncertainties, the Wine Tasting planned for October will have to be postponed.

However, our dear old Church building is not concerned with the pandemic although it did notice that it had been locked up and the clock had been allowed to stop. But despite this, it still needs to be maintained and the contribution from Friends in this respect is even more crucial, thanks to the dramatic disappearance of 'takings' (or even 'offerings'!) at Church services.

However, our dear old Churchyard has come in to its own during 'lock-down'. There has been a noticeable increase in local people using it, for sitting down or just passing through and enjoying it. *Friends* has already made an on-going commitment to maintain the churchyard but, during this year, without any major works scheduled for the church building, we have agreed to pay for some quite major tree work to take place. This is to help beautify the area but also to reduce the size of some potentially dangerous trees.

None of the above work could have been possible if it were not for the tremendous

amount of hard, physical, work done by ex Church Warden and general 'all round good egg' Neil Williams in the churchyard. His is an amazing commitment. Thank you from us all, Neil.

Going back quite a few months, we had a hugely generous donation of approx. £5,000 from the Co -Op when we were part of their local giving scheme. This paid for the restoration and protection of some of the Church's beautiful



remain the focal point of the village, for future generations, whether they are churchgoers or not.

Finally, thank you to all existing *Friends* for making all the above possible and for continuing to pay your Standing Orders, as promised, throughout these difficult times for so many of you. This is really appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01737 813832 if you have

stained-glass windows. We are again 'pitching' to be adopted this coming year, as one of their chosen local charities, with the stated aim to raise money for the churchyard - See above.

We are looking out for suitable people to become trustees and people to help with our social events, always assuming that, one day, we will be allowed to have these again! We are keen to reduce the average age of the 'management' of *Friends* (nothing personal!), as well as introducing new ideas for the future on-going success of *Friends*.

Considering all the above and knowing how one avoids talking about religion, the important thing about becoming a *Friend* is that it has got nothing to do with religion. It is only about the maintenance of the church building and the churchyard, and for these to anything to discuss about any of the above. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

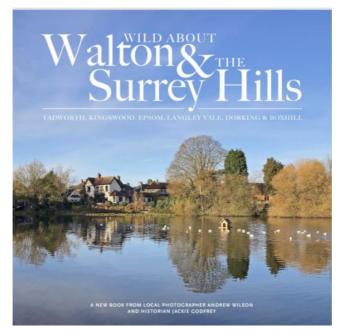


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<mark>☆W</mark>ild About Walton By Andrew Wilson



My name is Andrew Wilson and, although now a resident of Putney in South West London, I was born in Walton and spent the first 20 years of my life in the village. I went to Kindergarten at Bramley in Chequers Lane, dipped my fishing net in the pond and played with my brothers on the common, went to prep school at Aberdour, caddied on Walton Heath for my father and then went away to boarding school but always returned. With my parents continuing to live in the village in Nursery Road, I was forever coming back. My father died 20 years ago but my mother continued to live in the family house until she sadly passed away 3 years ago and I, of course, have many happy memories of the old place.

Over the past 10 years I have built up a collection of coffee-table books on the towns

and villages of South West London (the latest two being on Richmond and Chelsea) and, with my mother passing, someone suggested that I might like to do a book on Walton. So for the last 3 years I have slowly built up a collection of images on the village and surrounding area. With the kind help of such people as your esteemed editor, Emmeline, who has acted as my conduit to everyone local, I am nearing the end of my journey and able to announce that come November my new baby will be born, Wild about Walton and The Surrey Hills. It's been a wonderful experience revisiting some of the places that I frequented as a child. Such as Boxhill, Epsom Downs, Headley and some I have only just discovered through researching my book, Langley Vale for instance - all of this and much much more will appear in the book.

As with all things, there are many people to thank - Emmeline of course, but also Jackie Godfrey and Robert Ruddell from the local history society. I was also put in touch with Sue Edwards from the local horticultural society, who kindly introduced me to some fabulous local gardens. Typically, these things don't come cheap and thankfully some local companies have come to my aid - Alan Gout at





decided to seek your help by requesting some pre-orders. Please look out for more on this in September. Besides getting your orders in early, you will also be able to secure some exclusive gifts to go along with your order mugs, greetings cards and that sort of thing. I shall also be trying to help raise some valuable funds for Tadworth Court and Walton Primary School. Books will be priced at £23.99

Michael Everett, James Nugent of KG Associates, who has amazingly just recently moved into my mum's old road (how weird is that, I thought he was having me on when he told me) and Downs Solicitors.

Sadly, these are tough times for everyone and in order to fully meet my costs I have

and can be ordered by emailing me at aw@unity-publishing.co.uk

As one gets older, the more we seem to cherish the memories we have and the experiences that have moulded our lives. I may be a Londoner but I will always treasure my time here in Walton.



<u>se C</u>urzon Country Cinema Returns To Riddell Hall

Films return to the Riddell Hall, Walton-onthe-Hill, on Friday September 25th with three showings of the much acclaimed Military Wives certificate 12, doors open at 2.00pm, 4.45pm and 7.10pm. Seat prices remain at just £6.00.

If possible, please book in advance on the website, or you can purchase your ticket at the door where card payment is preferred. You are reminded that a face mask must be worn, and they are available at the box office along with bottled water. At present no confectionery will be available but you are quite welcome to bring your own. Teas and coffees will still be available as usual.

In October there are two screenings, one on Friday the 30th of October when we are showing 1917 certificate 15. Two screenings only at 2.00pm and 7:15pm, and on Saturday October 24th as a big thank you to the NHS there is a charity screening on behalf of the Royal Marsden cancer hospital at Sutton, showing the great comedy drama starring Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton and Joanna Lumley, Finding Your Feet certificate 12.

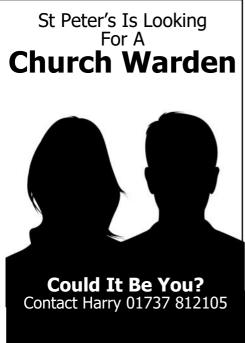
The hall has been donated for the evening by the trustees for which we are very grateful and a local benefactor has paid the £100 film licence to allow us to screen the film. Please come along and give us your support and say thank you for all that they have done and are still doing during these difficult times. Seats are a minimum donation of £8.00 each, to include a glass of wine. Many of the staff of the hospital will be attending, full details will be available on the website at the beginning of October.

Finally, in November we will be playing Little Women certificate U and The Good Liar starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen certificate 15.

As a final reminder social distancing and the government's recommendations for cinemas for covid-19 rules apply and will be strictly maintained. We look forward to welcoming both old and new friends back to your local cinema. The Curzon Country Cinema website address is www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk







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Local Chef Laura Palmer Almond Tart With Victoria Plums and Blackberry Glaze.

Nothing says late summer like plums and blackberries. So, when my very kind neighbour gave me a bag of her beautifully ripe Victoria plums, this tart was inevitable.

The eagle eyed amongst you will notice its similarity to the pear tart on the St Peter's 2020 calendar which is in my top 5 quick-butimpressive looking-puddings so definitely deserves a wider audience.

After a family walk yesterday turned into more of a forage, I couldn't resist a layer of blackberry too. Feel free to leave this out in the name of simplicity, or indeed indolence (no-one's judging), it's just as gorgeous with just a swish of apricot or damson jam to glaze at the end of baking.

If you're up for something different though, there's something particularly dramatic about turning a pale gold baked dark purple, then cutting into it to reveal an almond coloured inside with splashes of orange and pink plum. It's up to you. Either way I'd definitely recommend dusting with a little icing sugar through a tea strainer just before serving (or a sieve, but I like people to know I have a tea strainer even if I don't use it for its correct purpose.)

Ingredients:

For the tart: 16 small ripe plums, washed, destoned then quartered. 100g soft butter (or dairy-free butter) 150g caster sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract or 1 teaspoon vanilla and one almond 3 large eggs 30g self-raising flour (gluten-free or otherwise) 150g ground almonds A pinch of salt.

For the glaze:

100g blackberries 1 tablespoon of apple juice

1 tablespoon caster sugar



Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C or 160C fan. Grease and line a loose bottomed 20cm sandwich cake tin.

Mix the sugar, butter and flavourings in a large bowl then beat in the eggs by hand a little at a time.

Stir in the flour and almonds and salt and pour the batter into the prepared tin.



Arrange the plums on top and press them lightly into the mix. (I had a little bit of batter leakage from scanty tin lining so it's a good idea to place a baking sheet on the shelf below the tart tin.)

Bake for about 30 minutes or until only just set in the middle.

Meanwhile simmer the washed blackberries with the apple juice and sugar for 5 minutes then press through a sieve to remove the seeds.

Take the nearly cooked tart out of the oven and brush all over with the puree. (A silicone pastry brush is best for this.)

Return the tart to the oven for 5 minutes. Cool in the tin on a wire rack for a few minutes then place on an upturned mug, loosen the sides of the tart from the tin with a spatula and push down the sides to release the tart. Slide it, with its lining paper still attached, onto the rack. (If you used a springform tin you won't need a mug (I know you know that, but you will still need to run a spatula round the sides to release the glaze).

Enjoy with ice cream, extra blackberry puree (if you have a glut of blackberries it's a lovely way to use them, just upsize the recipe), crème fraiche or squirty cream, if you must.





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We hope you have continued to be safe and well. We thought we would take this opportunity to thank many residents and businesses for keeping our village pretty through quite difficult times. A big thank you to the Fox and Hounds and The Chequers pubs for re-establishing their hanging baskets and floral displays, Reigate and Banstead Council for the two treble level flower tubs, John in Chequers Lane for keeping the hanging baskets going in challenging heat and Jean and Mick for the tubs on the walls near the bus stop, opposite The Chequers.

A massive thank you to my neighbour Jane for her help with the gardening at Gun Corner and the watering, plus her help and her husband Stuart's as we start to refurbish the notice boards throughout the village. Michael Everett has kindly sponsored our village notice boards, enabling us to buy supplies to help with the refurbishment, it



has been very much appreciated, thank you . Another big thank you to Sue and Steve for the use of their water supply to Gun Corner and to The Walton Village Forum for their continued support in supplying our summer bedding and continuous encouragement.

We are not sure at the moment about the plans for bulb planting in October but if it goes ahead, it will probably be in small scale social distanced groups. Please log onto the new Forum website at waltonvillageforum.org for up to date information.

Finally a grateful thanks to everyone who took the time to stop and chat whilst we garden and water, it has certainly been very much a community affair.

Best wishes

Jean, Jan and everyone involved.

Walton Warriors By Edward Moore

September brings about the start of a new season for the Walton Warriors and hopefully this year the children will be able to get a full season.

It was unfortunate that a large number of games last year were cancelled due to waterlogged pitches and then as soon as the Corona virus hit, the weather decided to dry up and we barely had a drop of rain through April and May!

Anyway, all Warrior's teams have been busy training in the summer months, as soon as FA and government guidance stated it was safe to do so.

It was clear on the faces of the returning children, who were seeing their friends for

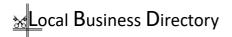
the first time in 3 months, that they were glad to be running around as well as giving their parents some lockdown/home schooling respite.

It is often overlooked how important it is for children to get fresh air and exercise with their friends and this pandemic certainly highlighted the importance of a local club providing an outlet for both boys and girls.

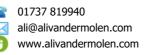
I would like to thank all parents and coaches who help make Walton Warriors the community club that it is. Hopefully people will continue to show an interest and get involved in the club's future to ensure coming generations experience the same benefits and enjoyment as those who have already passed through.













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