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✂ Editor's Note *By Emmeline Moore*

Christmas is nearly here and my eldest son is worried that Father Christmas might catch Covid and be too ill to deliver his presents. I try to reassure him that it will be ok, his reply is simple, "does he have lots of hand sanitiser?" How things have changed in just a year! Will we ever go back to how it was before? Its been a very odd time, one that nobody anticipated coming, not even Father Christmas!



*When throughout the world there arose
such a clatter
Of singing, and loving, though hearts
were in tatters
We stood at our balconies, doorways, and
windows*

*To let out the love Christians, Jews,
Muslims, Hindus
The moon lit the green of the fresh budding Spring
Giving Hope for Rebirth we yearned it would bring
We opened our hearts and expanded our
characters
Knowing our children would be the inheritors
The world just got smaller but we're growing
bigger
Our hearts and our souls demonstrate we're no
quitters
Our Heroes are Healers, not killers of Life
And many strong Women in the thick of the strife
May All who draw breath see God in Each Other
Embracing Our weakness As Sisters and Brothers
Stronger Together*

*'Twas the night of Corona when all through the
world
Not a creature was stirring as the nightmare
unfurled
The face masks were missing, the gloves and the
gowns
The nurses and doctors were all falling down
The children and old folks were scratching their
heads
To wonder what mayhem this virus could spread
Pa gathered his strength, Ma stuffed down her
worries
Pulled courage together to start their new journey*

The Night of Corona, By Ann Barber

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Rector's Letter *By Reverend Harry Latham*

In chapter nine of Luke's Gospel Jesus sends out the twelve apostles, I expect we all know that, and it seems quite right. But then in chapter ten a much larger group is sent out, seventy-two. It is as if he first sends out the clergy (the people you expect) but then also sends out the PCC and members of the choir and congregation!



It may seem a little un-nerving but also rather exciting!

They are sent two by two into every town and place that he was about to go to prepare the way, because as Jesus says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Workers are needed – it was true then and it is true now – and prayer is needed: "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

If we are going to pray, we need to dare to hope for growth, even under the current conditions, and also decide to be bold in offering ourselves as workers in the harvest field.

Look then what happens next, when they were welcomed and people wanted to hear about Jesus, they were to heal the sick and proclaim the nearness of God's kingdom.

It is not something we see enough of in this country. Yet there is a difficult reality in Jesus' words, a reality behind his desire to help the seventy-two handle rejection: "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

Not everyone wants to know about Jesus. Not everyone welcomes Jesus. But many do and the harvest is plentiful. The seventy-two come back really excited! Saying: "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

But Jesus says: "do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The joy that would sustain them and the joy that sustains us, is the fact that we are forgiven, that we are highly valued, accepted, loved, and made children of heaven by God's grace.

We find the power to keep on keeping on, when as Kenny Borthwick says we "live loved" when we live out of the ongoing experience of relationship with God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit and when our relationships with each other in the Church are strong and deep.

Let me encourage us all to offer ourselves afresh to working in the Harvest field. Even with this awful pandemic to dare to hope for a church that grows as we talk about Jesus and his nearness, his kingdom, and his help.

This Christmas is likely to be quite different in terms of our services and the numbers allowed in Church.

Let us see ourselves as going out rather more than asking others in. Wherever we are, there are kingdom opportunities and possibilities.

A Prayer

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you



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then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power, you promised to your Church
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world
through your love and your power.
Amen. (John Birch 2016)

From St Peter's Registers

Funerals Terrie Slatter

Services Within Our Benefice of Headley & Box Hill

Please see Headley and Box Hill website for all Christmas Services. www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk

St Mary's, Headley

1st Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
8th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Service of Remembrance
15th Nov	10.30am	Parish Communion
22nd Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
29th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Advent Communion
6th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
13th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
20th Dec	10.30am	Parish Communion
27th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion



St Andrew's, Box Hill

1st Nov	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
8th Nov	10.15am	Service of Remembrance
15th Nov	9.30am	Informal Communion
22nd Nov	9.30am	Morning Praise
29th Nov	9.30am	Advent Communion
6th Dec	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
13th Dec	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
20th Dec	9.30am	Informal Communion
27th Dec	9.30am	Morning Praise



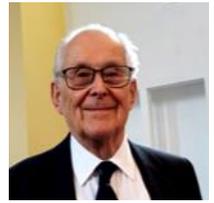
Christmas time ... Yester years... This year Jesus explains that He comes to show us how to live – without limit. His thought-provoking stories are about generously helping others.

I write this article in the middle of October when the Corona Virus is rapidly increasing. We have no idea where Virus and Economy will be by Christmas. I am not worried about the content of this article being affected as I share amazing information. As I have said before, 'being old' provides me with views based on long experience. Please stay with me as I explain.

In the past year we have seen the Corona Virus epidemic turn the lives of people upside down, right round the world. Majestic companies brought to their knees; nations go into lockdown while our own lives are restricted. My mind goes back to 1939 -1945 War when there was huge destruction, momentous changes, many jobs lost, and real fear for the present and future. We had rationing of food, clothes, furniture & petrol. Nothing was certain.

So how does today compare? To my mind the past fifty years in the UK has generally been good. Compared to some parts of the world we have had it easy with much prosperity. In earlier ages the 'accepted order' was often upset, as people lost everything, or died, because of changes in leaders or for health issues. Certainly, the expected span of life was very much shorter

than today. It is easy to forget just how advanced our civilisation is compared to the past.



Take a familiar story. A Christmas Card you receive may depict Mary riding a donkey with Joseph walking alongside. This illustration reminds me just how much the lives of Joseph & Mary's were turned upside down and their severe physical privations. I am amazed how brave they were. Here are the facts.

Pregnant Mary rode the Donkey while & Joseph walked from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Eighty miles on rough, dangerous roads with robbers always around. Somehow, they found safety, food, and shelter. A few months later, to save the life of baby Jesus, they made a night-time escape from Bethlehem. They walked several hundred miles to live in Egypt for some years! I am sure they were so glad of the 'gold' given by the Wise Men.

Several years later they again walk the whole journey from Egypt to Nazareth. Consider their return travel hardships - few possessions, risk of attack, the dust, heat, seeking accommodation, caring for Jesus and probably their other children. Here I see great courage and life-long fortitude.

Past ages show that people did responded to major events and challenges. In the last war



I was a young person. I saw many people dedicate themselves to serve other people. ARP, Fire Watching, Armed Services and being a good neighbour, such as caring for those who were sick, in need or handicapped. There was a common desire across the Nation to care and serve others. Everyone was caught up in the common cause.

Today we face the enemy who exploits every weakness in our world, for our Nations very health and structures are under attack. We should foster and encourage, within every person, creative and positive attitudes to do good and help those in need. Charities particularly need our time and money. I believe that each person should support a cause and be active in service.

I am sad with what I now see on TV and in the media concerning Corona Virus related

circumstances. Our leaders are criticised for the shortcomings of the arrangements in unknown circumstances, while many people are reluctant to follow the guidelines. I pray each day, that as a Nation, we may discover our common purpose to work together and help all those affected by the Virus. The economic consequences of providing care and support to the sick and unemployed will haunt society for many years.

I see our response in two distinctive features: Courage and commitment in our own circumstances – like Mary & Joseph Vigorous Desire to help others without thought of self or reward. Our response will determine the quality of our life and that of other people

This Christmas Tide will you look at your life and activities to see where you can make a real difference?



Defective 2020 vision...

In this edition of the Window on Walton a year ago I wrote about '2020 Vision', hoping for a successful new year at school; what a year it has proved to be! Back then I don't think anyone could have anticipated the huge impact COVID-19 would bring internationally, nationally or here locally in our village. As we near the end of what has been the most challenging year of my professional career, I reflect on the wonderful support the community around us have given the school. From simple kind words in the Co-op to offers of help and support for small projects and so much more that has deeply resonated with our 'Village School Values', but with the village's values reflecting back to help and support to the school.



I would also like to thank a number of local businesses who have kindly donated towards our class budgets

which is an additional pot of money which is given to each class to ensure wonderful resources are available for art, reading, music and other engaging aspects of the curriculum. We have incurred considerable additional expenditure since March and our wonderful Friends of Walton on the Hill have not been able to raise anywhere near as much as they would be able to normally for the 'icing' on the budget cake so we are very grateful for these donations. [Please click here to visit our 'school sponsors' page on our website.](#)

Thank you to so many of you who have helped us through this challenging time!

School now...

At the start of September, after a summer of risk assessments and hygiene checks, we returned to school with some hesitation but knowing that the Senior Leadership Team had followed every aspect of the guidance and we had 2 INSET days to ensure every member of the staff team was aware of the changes in the way the school operates (*one way systems, staggered start and finish times, staggered breaks, limited use of the staffroom etc.*); additional hygiene regimes (*hand washing / sanitising on arrival, every break and lunch and at the end of the day*); and restrictions on how, what and where we teach – sadly no singing in classrooms at present (*some may say this is a positive thing as I have a habit of joining in or breaking into song on a classroom visit!*). However, when we opened our doors on 3rd September to all year groups it was a joy to have the community back together and the wonderful energy the children bring with them.

To bring us all back together we took the decision that all classes would follow a series of lessons based around the same theme for the first week. This focused around the wonderful book '**Here We Are**' by Oliver Jeffers, which encourages children (and adults!) of all ages to consider a range of key issues linked to modern life and we felt it would draw our school community together after a prolonged period of being apart. [Click here to see more of how we used this book.](#) It was a great way to reengage as a school from our isolated 'bubbles' in separate classrooms.

Of course, there are things the children can't access at the moment with limited extracurricular clubs and activities, socialising with other year groups on the playground and our regular whole school assemblies.

However, we are working hard to retain our school community feeling with whole school assemblies taking place through online and opportunities to celebrate children's work now being beamed to families via Zoom. We see this as a positive addition to our provision and plan to retain some element of 'virtual' assemblies into the future to allow people to join us while at work or family members from abroad. *Zoom-ing* is here to stay – but with more human contact in the future I hope! (*Other online platforms are available!*)

One aspect of our school of which I am so very proud is the care and commitment of the staff. The dedication they have shown to ensuring that children settle back into school in classrooms that for hygiene reasons have had to be stripped back but retain a welcoming and nurturing ambience, has been extraordinary. Rather than plan a whole year of targets and strands of a development plan, we are working on a one term 'recovery' plan which focuses on the school being Safe & Secure, Happy & Healthy and Successful & Skilled ([click here if you would like to read more](#)). This plan focused on the role the staff, governors, parents, children and the local community have in making sure we have a successful first term of the year. We will review this throughout the term and decide how we move forward into 2021!

So what next...?

This edition of 'Windows' is coming out just in time for Christmas and we are working on how we can celebrate this joyous time in our school within the restrictions placed on. We plan to utilise technology to allow our wider school community to 'join' us in school. I had a chat with my good Friend Tom Rhind-Tutt after I shared with him our Harvest Festival video (starring Rev'd Harry Latham!) and he has encouraged me to find a way to share such performances with people who may not be able to get out over Christmas or are isolating due to COVID. I cannot promise this but should we be able to publish our Christmas advent and other festive wonders I will upload to a page on our website ([click here in mid-late December to see if we have been able to!](#)).

So, 2020 has been a blur and anything but the clear and focused opportunity for the school and community to spend more time together. However, something this has taught me is the value of communication and the need to appreciate contact with close friends and family. Although you may not be able to be near your nearest and dearest over the festive period I do hope that you are able to be in contact with them and share a new '*digital*' Christmas with them in some way, shape or form. I hope that at some point in 2021 we can return to some form of normality and continue to find opportunities for the learning to extend beyond the confines of our grounds and to welcome more members of the community to come in and enjoy learning with the children.

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I'm Too Embarrassed To Ask About..... The Incarnation.



Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to come to earth, why he had to become a human baby and be born in Bethlehem? At one level it can be seen as something very simple, he came to show us what God is like and he came to enable us to know God as our loving heavenly Father. Those are both really good bits of news that we celebrate at Christmas, but they are especially good news when we look at the big picture and understand our own context better.

I use 4 letters to help me remember the big picture 2 x C's & 2 x R's. The first C is for CREATION and reminds me that God is the Creator of this world and the universe and us. He made us to enjoy Him and all that he had made. The second C is for CORRUPTION and reminds me that this world has gone badly wrong – as have we. It means that we are in a pickle and need some help.

We need someone outside of ourselves to help us and this is where the first R comes in for REDEMPTION. Redemption is a rescue, literally it is the purchasing of a captive slave and setting them free. The second R is for RESTORATION because our lives need a lot of help and because the long term plan is an eternity in God's presence.

Well Jesus' incarnation, his becoming human and being born into this world for you and for me is about our redemption. To qualify as our redeemer, Jesus had to be like us in every way except for one thing. He had to be like us and yet sinless, perfect, and innocent in his relationships with God and other people (none of us are). So, the pre-existent Son of God, the 2nd person of the Trinity chose to be born and to live a human life. It does mean that we can get a proper idea of what God is like, because Jesus shows us in a most amazing and wonderful way. But it also means that he had to endure Good Friday. He chose to die in our place and on our behalf, for our benefit... because we need him to, because the consequence of our going so badly wrong is death. He paid a debt he did not owe, because we owed a debt we could not pay.

All is not well in our world. All is not well with the human race. We are alienated from God and sometimes from each other, the future is bleak on our own. So, Jesus comes as light into the darkness, to show us the Father and to die as a sacrifice for sin so that we can call his Father, our Father.

Mother's Union *By Karen Rand*

Since lockdown MU has been zooming each month and we have appreciated each others' support and encouragement. Here are a few reflections during this time:

"I've enjoyed time to pause and enjoy lots of lovely walks with my husband although I missed family and friends. I've been amazed at how creative people have been."

"The change in life has given me the time to embrace more dedicated time to family and friends in smaller groups and with the families very close to our hearts."

I felt the world was calling out for change and to be able to slow down. I've really enjoyed reaching out to others and have been so grateful for those who've reached out to me and my family during this time."

"As a newcomer, I have appreciated how I have had time to explore the beautiful countryside in and around Walton on the Hill, instead of dashing off to distant meetings. I also have been so impressed by how the community spirit of the Benefice and the neighbourhood more generally has been so evident, despite all the restrictions. The lockdown has convinced me that we were right to move here."

"I am grateful for the help my friends and family have given me . It does get lonely when you live alone but grateful for technology having been able to have Zoom meetings, text messages & facetime. So good to be able to see my grandchildren now they must have found it difficult to understand "no touching" & two metres apart."

I thank God my family are well.

Sadly a friend recently passed away - shall miss her very much"

Last month, we were fortunate to have a talk on Mindfulness from Suzette Jones, a former Health and Well Being Adviser of 10 years. Suzette has worked in mental health using meditation techniques in addiction services on a day-to-day basis and has noticed that Mindfulness has become more mainstream in the last twenty years. Today, Suzette works as a Development officer for the Clewer Project, a Church of England Anti-slavery initiative.

Suzette explained some simple practices that we can easily try from home or wherever we might be & that especially in times since Covid.

If anyone would like to listen to the recorded talk please go to our MU Facebook page: <https://youtu.be/KOwvK0YVWQM>

To find out more about the Clewer Initiative, a Church of England Anti-slavery initiative please go to <https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/mothers-union-clewer-partnership>

Next meetings:

Tuesday 10th November @ 8pm

Tuesday 8th December @ 8pm Advent reflection given by Rev. David Skitt. *Please email karenrand@gmail.com for zoom link details nearer the time*



Unfortunately, redundancy has become an all too common word and it has affected so many people in the current climate. I have personal experience of what this feels like and I am happy to admit it had an effect on my emotional wellbeing.

It is a fact when a person loses their job there is a whole host of emotions they may go through. Firstly, how the company handled the redundancy will impact how an individual reacts and how quickly they are able to accept the situation, remain positive and move on.

Research has shown that the emotional impact of a redundancy can reflect the stages of grief people experience with a major loss such as a bereavement. These stages are; denial, anger, bargaining, depression and eventually acceptance.

Helping individuals to move through the stages to acceptance in a redundancy

situation requires an additional stage which is exploration (Blau & Devaro), which is situated after depression and prior to acceptance. Some individuals may find it difficult to move on from the depression stage and may need professional help and that is okay – it is okay to ask for help.

We may look at others who are able to cope with setbacks such as redundancy and other problems with apparent ease. They are demonstrating their resilience, whereby they experience the distress and grief the same as others but they handle them and look for solutions rather than dwelling on the problem. Now some people have these abilities naturally but can learn to become more resilient – Yes!

Try to reframe your thoughts – look for solutions or opportunities.

Don't blame others for what is happening in your life.

Take control back and respond to situations positively.

Get support from people you trust – talk to others.

Focus on what you can control, not on what you can do nothing about.

The first step in helping you to start to look more positively can be to review and capture your career highlights! Write down at least one (but preferably more where you can) example of your;

best working relationship
key achievements
work strengths/highlights

key talents and skills
memorable feedback you received
tasks/projects you have really enjoyed
a manager you enjoyed working with;
your key learning.

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Thoughts Of A Churchwarden As He Retires

By John Bishop.

The office of churchwarden is said to be a venerable one dating back to the 13th century. I've read that at that time they had a twofold significance as "guardians of parochial morals and trustees of the goods of the church". One has the impression that they were significant personages in their communities during times that were hard, when lives were short, medicine crude and when all people went in fear of dreadful punishments and death, often administered more or less on a whim.

My first thought is how "things" have changed in modern times and how everyday life has been improved not only by wonderfully advanced medicine and living conditions but by regulations and laws aimed at providing individual rights, safety, and security.

The responsibilities of PCCs and Churchwardens are very different in present times. We aren't expected to have much regard for parochial morals but we are to assist the Rector in the mission of the church and we are trustees of the property of the church. Most of the changes have come about relatively recently. Some are aimed at safety and security – others arise because of the attitudes and expectations which we all have today in modern society. They are in very distinct contrast to those of people in fairly recent earlier times let alone those of the poor subjugated people of the 13th century who attended the churches of those times.



When I joined the PCC in 2008 I was soon aware of some of the regulations and laws which affect our work. My first responsibility was for safeguarding. That was then a relatively new concept which very properly sought to provide protection for children and vulnerable people. I moved on to add the extra responsibility for the church building and for the church hall. Much formality was required for the safeguarding, including the vetting of all people who would have contact with those who were to be protected, and their training. Care of the buildings included the need to have constant regard for the safety of people coming into them as well as the obvious need to be up to date with repairs, decoration and servicing of equipment.

Then, when I became churchwarden in 2016, I was more aware of the totality of regulations that had to be complied with. Among them were the safeguarding and building regulations, GDPR regulations to protect people's privacy, regular need for risk assessments, complicated requirements for obtaining permission to carry out work in the church, dealing with insurance, charity regulations, finance regulations, care of church funds, fund raising, and communication with the Diocese to provide statistics and to respond to surveys. I wasn't directly responsible for all those matters myself. I was aware of them and worked with others as a team.



Here's an example of how things change - One of my duties as churchwarden was to be a trustee of the small parochial charity with limited funds available to help those within the parish who were in need. The charity was set up in the 1930's before the formation of the welfare state. The constitution provided that the trustees should look for people in the parish who were in need and provide them with such items as coal at Christmas, workman's boots, clothing and medical provisions. Now we aren't allowed to go looking for people who need help – that is said to amount to a possible infringement of their right to privacy. We have to wait for cases to be referred to us. We have to encourage people to come to us by advertising our existence. We worry that we may be missing people who might benefit from our help, and it's an example of how life has changed in a much shorter period than that which has elapsed since the thirteenth century.

As I retire, I muse about how most (if not all) voluntary jobs in all spheres now bring with them an extra element of responsibility. It arises from the steps that have been taken - mostly in fairly recent years – to keep us all safer and to protect what are seen as our rights.

Voluntary jobs, entered into by well meaning people in all sorts of fields (not just churches), have become complicated by strict regulation. PCCs have to keep up with it but we have had support from the Diocese and from people such as the church insurers.

Neil Williams takes over from me as churchwarden. He's been one of those who have shared the responsibilities in recent years. Andrew Brown has been a wonderful colleague dealing with all the detail of financial formalities, planning and forecasting with Mike Giles the Treasurer, and he's handled other matters of lengthy detail such

as the intricacies of GDPR, stewardship and the formal constitution of the Friends. Mo Atkins deals with safeguarding and John Renshaw with the electoral roll. Kevin Ryan has been a wonderful support with the practical matters of caring for the church and of actually



way it is, but “things” are up to date and he won’t want for support. The hand over can take as long as he feels he needs it.

We live in civilised times which are as unrecognisable from the 1930s as the 1930s probably were from the 1830s and as the

carrying out much of the work himself. I mention those names as examples of how the much expanded task is spread among us to make it manageable, but also to provide the opportunity to tell of the real pleasure of working in a team with colleagues all pulling in the same direction to support our Rector, who is himself such a joy to work with.

These have been my final thoughts and impression. For all I’ve said about the changes and responsibility – my memories are of an extraordinarily happy and fulfilling time supported by some wonderful colleagues. Its been a truly rewarding job.

Neil knows all about voluntary jobs. He runs a county table tennis league, has responsible roles in a local cricket club and in more than one local choir as well as being particularly active on the PCC at St Peter’s. He knows the

1830s certainly were from the 13th Century!
John Bishop

On behalf of the congregations and parishioners, we would all like to say a big thank you to John for his tremendous work as churchwarden. Everyone brings their own inimitable approach to the role and John has brought friendliness, thoroughness, a great amount of time, a love for the building, very detailed minutes and the capacity to see both sides of an issue. He will continue to keep an eye on the 8am Communion and will be available to help Neil and to slowly hand over the Fabric brief to Anne Edwards. In his time as churchwarden he has been ably supported behind the scenes by Liz, who hopefully will be allowed to restart the coffee team at some stage. Harry

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## Whats Been Happening At Mere Pond? *By David Larnar*

The story starts in 2013 when I first visited Mereside (the house at the junction of Sandlands Road and Walton Street) with a view to buying. I pointed towards Bog Bean growing in Mere, the village pond, and the house owner said the council occasionally cleared such weeds. I bought the house, the council didn't arrive for some years, but volunteers did arrive, wading into the water, removing some weeds and enjoying refreshments at the house.

Weeds progressed across the pond over the next few years and filled the southern 'basin'. A small stand of Bog Bean looks good, but a large stand gives a heavy, neglected look, not to mention the brown, mushy, rotten look when leaves decay in autumn.

Leader of the council Victor Broad visited and said Mere needed urgent attention. The next development was the formation of the Walton Village Forum Pond sub-committee, activities were then co-ordinated with the Forum. One contractor gave an expensive quote to remove some of the weeds by excavating 0.5m deep, and another quoted for removal with weed killer, but wiser counsel did prevail.

Then progress! The 2018 drought and low water created an opportunity for the Golf Club excavator. It removed about half the weeds but left an unnatural shape. An attempt to round-off manually with volunteers failed because the roots were intertwined and had grown too deep into the bed.

Weeds continued their progression across the water, so another method of removal was sought and the amphibious Truxor machine came into sight. Now, in the past, I have handled claims for many types of earth-moving machines; everything from oil rig drilling equipment stolen off Aberdeen and recovered in Saudi Arabia, to a dragline excavator in Australia. A little dumper truck that you would use in your garden to a massive haul truck in a copper mine in Papua New Guinea (you wouldn't want one of those in your garden, its 7 foot diameter wheels would block daylight out of your lounge window and its driver would look down into your bedroom window).

An amphibious Truxor . . . I had never heard of this machine before. So, it was with curiosity that I visited a Truxor hire firm in Guildford. They indicated a modest price for this community project, but never firmed up. Next step was to visit a firm in Rugby to see, for the first time, an ingenious Truxor machine, and to get a firm quotation. Work was scheduled for 12th October 2020, but in the meantime a local firm who had visited to re-home fish gave a better price to remove weeds with a large 8 tonne, long reach, tracked excavator. You wouldn't want one of those in your garden either! (unless you were building a swimming pool).

Some villagers were worried about such a big machine going into the pond; would it get stuck, topple over, or damage the bed? I waited with trepidation for the excavator to arrive on the scheduled day of 24th



*The unattractive stand of Bog Bean in Mere Pond*

September, then the contractor arrived with, guess what - a Truxor. Mother Nature had worked her magic by delivering rainfall that had lifted the water beyond the level suitable for the big excavator. Phew! The weeds were removed.



*Weed removal*

multiplied itself a million fold to cover thousands of square metres of water, did He make Bog Bean just a little bit too rampant for the environs of Mere Pond?

Plans are now underway to start planting beautiful aquatic flowers like lilies and violets - watch this space for more pond developments. I said this story started in 2013, but it really started much earlier. "He made all things bright and beautiful" according to the hymn, presumably including Bog Bean. Recognising that a tiny plant had

Credits are due to many, in particular my wife Valerie, for enduring everything pond; Forum Chairman Grant Webster for diplomatically steering the project, Council Green Spaces Manager David Watts for approving the works; and Walton Village Forum for funding the project.

# Remembering The Parish Of Walton on the Hill Through the 19th Century. *By Robert Ruddell*



*Coal tax post on Deans Lane*

## **Part 2 [1851 -1880]**

The 1855 Kelly's Directory describes WALTON, or Walton-on-the-Hill as a parish 4 miles north from Reigate, and 4 miles south from Epsom, in Copthorne Hundred and Reigate Union, West Surrey, and Winchester bishopric, containing 2608 acres, with a population in 1851 of 426. On Walton Heath, traces of Roman buildings had been found. There was a National School and the Mistress, Miss Amy Gilbert.

At various points on the western boundary of the parish stands a white-painted post, bearing the arms of the City of London picked out in red paint. Examples can be

seen at the junction of Walton Street with Deans Lane, at Withybed Corner by the footpath leading to Motts Hill and at various points on the boundary of the golf course and Banstead Heath. These are the coal tax posts that were set up around London in compliance with the Coal and Wine Duties [Continuation] Act of 1861 to mark the point at which duty had to be paid on coal and wine brought into the city. The posts were given Grade II Listed status in 1985 and are listed monuments.

For many years horses had been trained on the Heath. Mr. Henry Chaplin, who for a while was living at The Hermitage, when he trained a horse called Hermit the 1867 Derby

winner, the year when the race was run in a snowstorm. The Grand National winners of 1890 and 1904, Ilex and Moifaa, were also trained on the Heath.



*The Old Rectory*

Breech Lane. Deans Lane was then Duffields Lane and adjoining The Blue Ball PH were the weather boarded Wapling Cottages and the Celia Cottages, which were

The Rectory in 1868 was described as “a Comfortable Rectory House, containing every accommodation for a family, with stabling, offices, gardens, pleasure grounds” occupying 1¾ acres of land.

demolished in the late 1960s. The Rectory, the National School and the Post Office are clearly shown and the 1871 population of the village had risen to 543.

There were changes in the village in 1868 with the auction of the Walton Manor Estate, including the Rectory, which the Carew family had owned and lost to gambling debts in 1867. Charles Henry Cumberland a solicitor took up residence at Walton Place. On 30<sup>th</sup> March 1868 Edward Studd purchased the Lordship of the Manor, which for centuries had included the Heath.

The original National School was built on the edge of the Green, but following the 1870 Education Act it was rebuilt in Breech Lane on land given by Lord Egmont and the new building, opened in 1878, and was enlarged in 1898.

In August 1868 a meeting of the parish officials was held to consider ways in which the demand for water could best be met. Their decision was to sink a small, bore hole on the south side of the pond, alongside the main street. It was to have a sunken tank that collected the water, which was then drawn through a charcoal filter to purify it. The entire cost was raised by public subscription and amounted to £33-7s-3p.

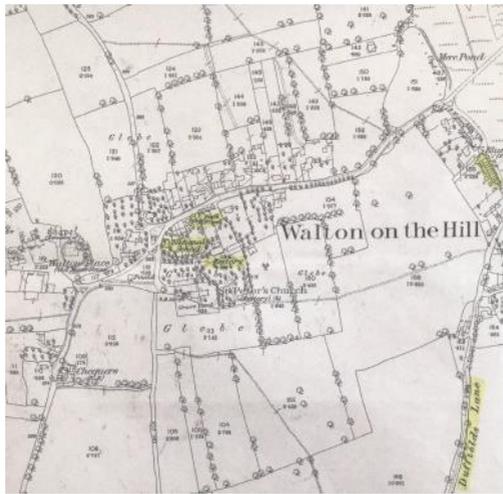
In July 1877, Lovelands the imposing residence in Chequers Lane built circa 1840 was auctioned in London, and the sale particulars stated that it was “within easy reach of five packs of hounds, and in the midst of good society.” During the earlier part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the great grand daughter of William Wilberforce, Dorothy Mary ‘Doll’ Wilberforce and her husband Stephen Dickenson Winkworth, the distinguished Chinese porcelain collector lived there.

The First Edition of the 1877 25” OS Map surveyed in 1866, 1867 and 1868, paints a very different picture of the village that we know today. Sandlands Road and Meadow Walk didn’t exist and there were no houses in

The advowson was sold in 1878 to Joseph Greenhill for £2,500 and his son Henry Joseph became Curate-in-Charge.

The Chief Landowners were now the Earl of Egmont and Henry Padwick JP of Horsham who acquired the Lordship of the Manor from

Edward Studd for £25,000 on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1878. He presided over a heath that until the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century had been used chiefly for pasturage and digging for turf, loam and gravel with one part used as a gallop for racehorses. Trainer William Nightingall still rented this gallop from Padwick, who continued to derive other income from the sale of turf, loam and gravel as well as from shooting rights.



*The 1877 OS Map*

new owner, Mr. Charles Cumberland, to its present position leading into Chequers Lane.

The Congregational Church began in Walton with the opening of the Walton Congregational Mission Hall in Deans Lane in 1885 and the small, corrugated iron building served the needs of its members until 1911.

The 1878 Kelly's directory describes the soil as marl and the subsoil chalk and gravel. The chief crops were wheat, barley and oats. The National School mistress was Miss Caroline Downes and Walton Place [now Walton Manor] was the seat of Charles Cumberland. The Post & Money Order Office had Robert Thomas Skelton as receiver. Letters arrived from Epsom at 8am & 2pm and were dispatched at 9.10am & 5.35pm. The Parish Clerk was Philip Richbell a carpenter. Other Commercial traders living in Walton included William Bowring-butcher, Michael Ridge-market gardener, Robert Saunders-painter, Frederick George Skelton-wheelwright, John Upfold-blacksmith and Edward Whitehead-plumber and glazier.

The bridle way from Headley to Walton at one time ran close to the manor Walton Place until it was diverted at the request of the

Unto well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century most of the residents of Walton and the surrounding district travelled on foot. The wealthier inhabitants travelled on horseback or in some sort of horse-drawn vehicle. The larger estates had sizeable stable complexes and each village had its own forge or smithy. Traffic on the roads apart from cycles consisted almost entirely of horses and horse drawn vehicles.

Motorcars would not make their appearance until the 1890s. If any appeared, they would have ranked as peculiar rarities, officially restricted for this period to a maximum speed limit of 4 miles an hour.

The 1891 Kelly's recorded that by 1881 the population had risen to 616. The National School [mixed] was built in 1878, for 100 children with the average attendance of 100! Potatoes were now one of the chief crops in the parish.

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**26th November at 8.00pm - "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

**17th December at 8.00pm - "DO NOT BE AFRAID"**

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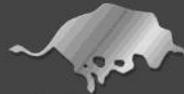
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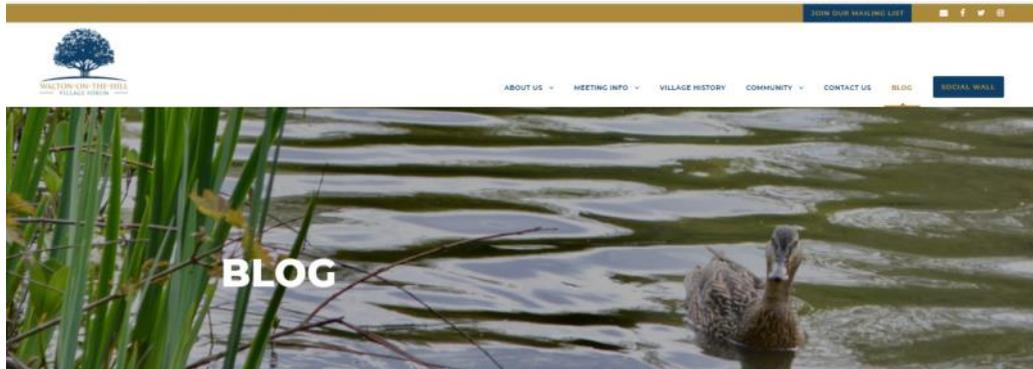




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Many of you will be aware that the Walton Village Forum has been working hard to engage with younger people. If we're honest with ourselves, there isn't much for them to do in our village. Although spoilt with an incredible array of outdoor activity options, these pastimes aren't for everyone.

As we were preparing to launch our new website the idea of setting up a blog came to mind. As an avid reader of blogs, I felt that this could be a great means to raise awareness of local issues. It also dawned on me that we already have a variety of avenues for keeping our local community up to date with news. This results in us hearing the same voices which isn't always representative.

I recently heard of a young lady in the village who has a keen interest in journalism. She'd expressed an interest in writing and sharing her perspective as a young person living in our village. It almost seemed serendipitous! What better way to engage with younger members of our community? We all need to be heard and so we're excited to make this

platform available to hear a different voice and perspective.

I'd like to introduce you to Yzanne Pepper who is going to be our primary blogger over the coming months. Over time I'd like to see more young people engaging and sharing their views. It doesn't matter how old you are, your perspective is important, and we would value hearing your ideas and suggestions.

Yzanne already has some great suggestions for topics. As a committee we're going to ask her to write about particular subjects too. If you're a younger person reading this and have ideas, feel free to share them by emailing [yzanne@waltonvillageforum.org](mailto:yzanne@waltonvillageforum.org).

As members of the community I'd strongly encourage you to take a look at the blog on the website ([www.waltonvillageforum.org](http://www.waltonvillageforum.org)) as there is bound to be something for everyone to enjoy.

As we all continue to deal with COVID-19 we have had to take the decision to cancel our

final meeting of the year which was scheduled for the Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We intend to send out an email containing all pertinent updates and keep everyone up to date with what's been going in the village, so keep an eye out for it later this month.

No update would be complete without mentioning Mere Pond. Many of you may have seen the recent activity of weed and fish removal that has taken place. As the Forum we are working with the council to make this a great amenity for everyone to enjoy and are planning a programme of works over the coming years which will not



only improve the pond ecosystem but ensure that the wildlife habitat remains healthy and diverse.

In closing, if anyone would like to get involved with the Forum or share ideas or suggestions

please don't hesitate to get in touch via [info@waltonvillageforum.org](mailto:info@waltonvillageforum.org).

Looking forward to seeing you in and around the village.

Kind regards, Grant Webster

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| Nov      | Time     | Service/Event           | Place             |
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| Sun 1st  | 8.00am   | Holy Communion (1662)   | St Peter's Church |
|          | 11.00am  | All Age Service         | St Peter's Church |
| Sun 8th  | 8.00am   | Holy Communion (1662)   | St Peter's        |
|          | 10.50 am | Remembrance service     | St Peter's Church |
| Sun 15th | 8.00am   | Holy Communion (1662)   | St Peter's Church |
|          | 11.00am  | Family Service          | St Peter's Church |
| Sun 22nd | 8.00am   | Holy Communion          | St Peter's Church |
|          | 11.00am  | Family Communion        | St Peter's Church |
| Sun 29th | 8.00am   | Holy Communion          | St Peter's Church |
|          | 11.00am  | Advent Family Communion | St Peter's Church |



## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

| <b>Dec</b>                                                                                                  | <b>Time</b>           | <b>Service/Event</b>             | <b>Place</b>                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sun 6th</b>                                                                                              | <b>8.00am</b>         | <b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>     | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
|                                                                                                             | <b>11.00am</b>        | <b>All Age Service</b>           | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
| <b>Sun 13th</b>                                                                                             | <b>8.00am</b>         | <b>Holy Communion</b>            | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
|                                                                                                             | <b>11.00am</b>        | <b>Parish Communion</b>          | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
| <b>Sun 20th</b><br>        | <b>8.00am</b>         | <b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>     | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
|                                                                                                             | <b>11.00am</b>        | <b>Family Service (Nativity)</b> | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>   | <b>3.30pm</b>         | <b>Christingle Service</b>       | <b>Zoom</b>                       |
|                                                                                                             | <b>4.30pm onwards</b> | <b>Tea Light Event</b>           | <b>Circling St Peter's Church</b> |
|                                                                                                             | <b>11.30pm</b>        | <b>Midnight Communion</b>        | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
| <b>Christmas Day</b><br> | <b>8.00am</b>         | <b>Holy Communion</b>            | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
|                                                                                                             | <b>10.30am</b>        | <b>Family Communion</b>          | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
| <b>Sun 27th</b>                                                                                             | <b>8.00am</b>         | <b>Holy Communion</b>            | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |
|                                                                                                             | <b>11.00am</b>        | <b>Family Communion</b>          | <b>St Peter's Church</b>          |



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# CHRISTMAS

SERVICE TIMES



**December 6th** All Age Service. – collect your Christingle kit

From 13<sup>th</sup> December Online Carol Service released

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Family Service (Nativity)– collect your Christingle kit

## Christmas Eve

Online Zoom Christingle at 3.30pm

Tealight Event—Bring a tealight in a jam-jar to circle St Peter's from 4.30pm

Midnight Communion starting 11.30pm

## Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Family Communion

## December 27<sup>th</sup>

8am Holy Communion & 11am Family Communion



We are pleased to report that the first of the two John Allinson Memorial Walks was a success attracting 23 participants for a walk from Epsom Race Course to the Langley Vale Centenary Woodland. The second walk had to be postponed due to the imminent arrival of Storm Alex but hopefully will have taken place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> by the time you read this. This event was the first of our traditional fundraising activities that we have been able to run since the March lockdown. However, we have been very grateful for the generosity of our supporters some of whom have contributed items to our fortnightly auctions so that others could buy them. Since March we have raised over £500 via auctions and we hope that the offers of items or services will continue. You can access the auction via our web site [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org)

As part of our successful appeal to raise £1,000 for The Little Sapphires School in Madagascar, we issued a request to our supporters to see if they could interest one of their children or grandchildren to help raise

some of the funds. The school is run by the local branch of the Mothers' Union whose leader we first came to know some years ago when she visited the Good Shepherd Church in Tadworth. Leila, the nine year old granddaughter of one of our supporters was given £10 by her grandfather and challenged to use this money and her own talents to raise even more. She purchased ingredients and baked cakes for her family and friends and increased the initial £10 by more than eight times. When we told the Little Sapphires what she had done and that she was having her tenth birthday in October they sent her a special photo of greetings.

In these uncertain times it is difficult for us to be able to predict whether we will be able to run any of our usual Christmas activities. However, at the very least we do hope to run occasional Zoom sessions with reports from projects that we support. Please keep an eye on our web site [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) to see what we are able to provide and, if you are able to do so, how you can donate to us.

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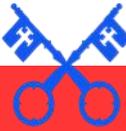
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Food Hygiene

Information on food safety for people who want to cook for their neighbours

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# St Peter's Services

## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Following the announcements from the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury, all services and meetings at St Peter's are cancelled at present.

### SUNDAYS

#### 8.00am 1662 Prayer Book Communion (45mins)

This is a quiet traditional and spoken service of Communion with a short talk (a wonderful way to start the day)

#### 11.00am Main Morning Service

(60mins) This service actually starts at 11am, but there is Coffee and Tea from 10.30am!



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service (including a Craft activity)



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is a Parish Communion Service (more traditional)



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is a FAMILY Service (quite lively)



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is a FAMILY Communion Service (less traditional)



### 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 (1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>)

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



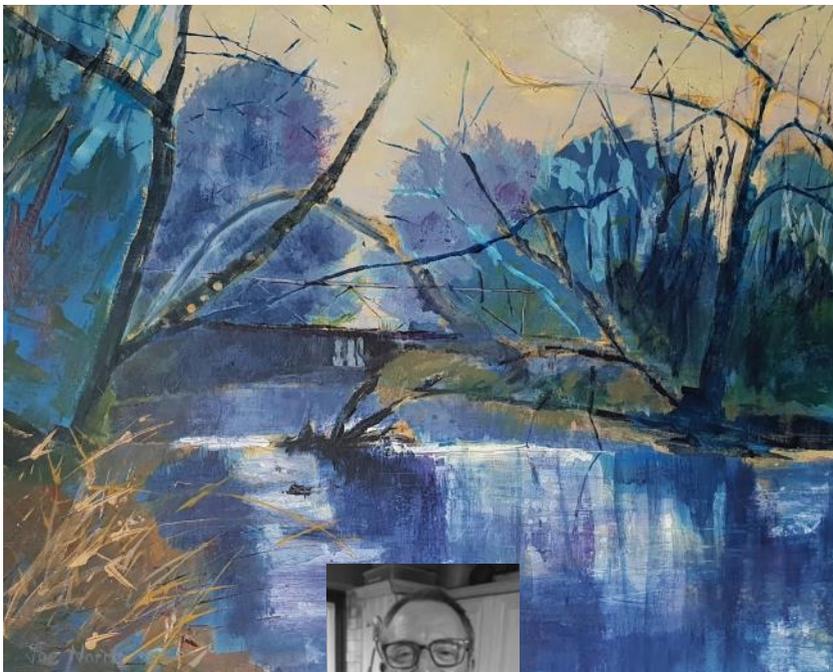
### THURSDAYS (2ND AND 4TH)

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.

# The Journey Is More Important Than The Destination

*Declares Local Artist Joe Norris*



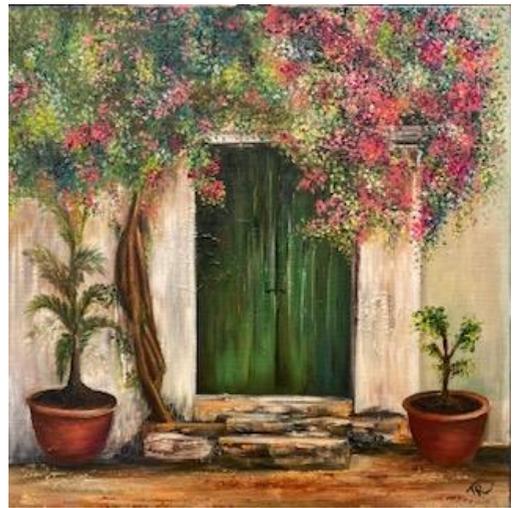
"I have to thank my mother for encouraging me to journey into art. She gave me her Rowney watercolour paint box and her cherished sable brush when I was ten and showed me how to paint simple washes. Previously, I had only ever used felt pens and powder paints. Watercolours seemed so much more sophisticated and I felt very grown up using them", he begins.

However, it was a visit to Amsterdam that really inspired Joe, marvelling at paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer. Later, he took inspiration from Van Gogh, Dali, Duchamp and Picasso. "I am fascinated by eccentricity, seeing it as a sign of genius and something to be admired."

At the age of eleven, his grandpa, also a keen amateur painter, gave him a book by Rowland Hilder.

"Growing up in Kent meant many of Hilder's Kentish landscapes, with his 'easy' style and expert handling of light, felt very familiar to me".

During those early days, Joe recalls painting a snow scene of a family friend's house. "I remember feeling pleased with my efforts but was amazed when I'd learnt that she had liked it enough to hang it on her wall!" At the age of fifteen, Joe made his first sale – a pastel, 'Kent hop poles in the snow'. More sales soon followed. "I was really proud to be asked, and paid, to paint pictures for people



I'd never met, who had seen my work displayed in local pubs and restaurants - real commissions!"

Several years of formal art education followed, although Joe admits to often finding art gallery visits intimidating, "...but to actually see the brushstrokes close up and feel the energy and passion of some of my favourite artists, like Rembrandt, Monet and Turner, with their impressionistic styles, was a real joy. I have always been as interested in the process and the inspiration behind the work as I have in the final piece. I learnt early on that I can be easily distracted by outside influences and opinions (I've since found that it's far more rewarding to trust and follow my own instincts). I now firmly believe that every failure is a step towards your next success." he reflects.

Joe concludes, "I never stop learning and the most important thing for me is to continue painting and to develop my own style. I have often found the journey more rewarding than the destination itself."

Joe is a member of Tadworth Art Group.

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# Local Chef Laura Palmer *Figs roasted in red wine, with feta, spinach and caramelised walnuts.*

Forget figgy pudding, here's a figgy starter that makes for a light yet seasonal beginning to any festive meal. It's even impressively red, white and green, looks like you tried a lot harder than a plate of smoked salmon or a prawn cocktail\*, yet it's actually really, really easy.

Figs often get overlooked in my opinion. Delicious and nutritious whether fresh or dried, as soon as you roast them in a bath of red wine (whatever's on hand, or you could try port with a squeeze of lemon), they take on a juicy decadence that's perfectly balanced by fresh spinach, salty feta and the sweet bitterness that a scattering of walnuts caramelised with a little honey will bring.

There isn't even a complicated dressing, just a reduction of the red wine the figs were cooked in until you have a syrupy drizzle that is packed with Christmassy flavour.

Sometimes less really is more. I've gone for the rule of six here in the photos but in more social times you could of course double or triple this recipe, or even

serve buffet style, but I think one decent-sized fig per person is enough at this time of year.

\*I have absolutely nothing against smoked salmon or prawn cocktail by the way, in fact I would happily eat both now, and it's just your average Tuesday in October.

## **Ingredients:**

For the figs:

6 large ripe fresh figs

150ml red wine

1 teaspoon of honey

A good pinch of salt

A tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil

A scant sprinkling of ground cinnamon

## **For the salad:**

A small bag of baby spinach leaves

About 120g good feta cheese (if you don't like feta then some shavings of a young pecorino might be a nice substitute)

Two handfuls of walnut halves, lightly crumbled into small pieces (but not crumbs), plus a tablespoon of honey and two good pinches of coarse sea salt



## Method:

Preheat the oven to 200C or 180C fan.

Snip the very end of the stalk from each fig with scissors then make a cross about 1.5cm deep in each one. Put the figs and wine in an oven proof dish in which they will fit snugly, so that the wine comes almost to the top of the figs. Drizzle over the olive oil, sprinkle on some cinnamon (not much, an 1/8 of a teaspoon or so) and crumble over a good pinch of coarse sea salt.

Roast for 20-30 minutes, or until soft but firm enough to hold their shape.



Meanwhile, toast the walnuts with the salt in a frying pan, being careful not to burn them.

When they smell toasty, add the honey and swirl to coat all the walnut pieces. Then try not to eat them all before you make the starter.

Carefully remove the figs (I used tongs) to a plate and set aside.

Transfer the wine mixture to a small saucepan and bubble over a medium heat until it has reduced by about  $\frac{3}{4}$ . It should be a syrupy consistency, but one that you can still drizzle easily.

Divide the spinach between 6 plates or arrange on a platter. Add a fig to the centre of each plate or space out over the platter.

Scatter over the feta (and wedge a bit in the cross of each fig. Follow this with the walnut pieces.

Drizzle the wine reduction over the figs and the rest of the salad. Enjoy!





**Advent – Christmas is Coming**

‘Be of good cheer!’ is what I hear  
from one and all – this time of year.  
But amidst all the cheer, it’s not always very clear  
what you do with the hard, hard stuff of real life.  
The heartache, the pain, the trouble, and strife  
that doesn’t just magically disappear  
because of the cheer of the time of year.

As I sit and look through the window pane  
where I do see real cheer but also real pain.  
Something begins to bubble up from the deep  
and in the midst of it all – I begin to weep.

Tears that express a wonderful joy  
that with Him I don’t have to employ  
a mask, a façade,  
nor be on my guard.

Just as I am – I can come to the table  
for this Christ mass is no sugar coated fable.  
His story tells us he can deal with the pain  
of real life with the heartache and strain.  
He invites me to ‘Come and sit and eat’  
And even to let Him wash my feet.  
‘Let me look through the window pane of your soul  
let me love all of you and make you whole.’

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# Walton In Bloom in conjunction with the Walton Village Forum

By Jean Bye and Janet Collis



*The white gate area looked after by Dena and Terry*

We have seen some lovely floral displays in gardens and businesses, and we hope it has given a lot of pleasure during a rather difficult year.

Our bulb planting had been postponed until the end of October.

## **Jobs for Autumn /Winter**

Plant ahead for spring with winter pansies, daffodils and tulips.

Add well-rotted matter to borders and around shrubs, pull up any weeds now to save having to do this in spring. We have some beautiful coloured shrubs this time of year, Cornus (called Dogwood) and ornamental fruit and berry types i.e. Pyracanthas and Skimmia, these are well worth adding to borders.

## **Wildlife**

Start to provide well-stocked feeding tables for birds etc. and remember that during very cold spells, when ponds and puddles may freeze, make sure that fresh water is available.

Horticulture charity **Perennial**, gives help and support to those workers and their families or retired in this industry during tough times. Anyone interested in purchasing Christmas Cards to support this charity should contact Claire Humphries at [chumphries@perennial.org.uk](mailto:chumphries@perennial.org.uk) or call 01372 384043 or visit [www.perennial.org.uk](http://www.perennial.org.uk)

We wish you a safe, Happy Christmas and New Year.



It's been a fantastic start to the season for Walton Warriors with the club being a hive of activity and even more valuable to the community than ever. As every parent knows after school clubs have been few and far between, getting fresh air and organised sport to the children has been a challenge.

Thanks to everybody at the club who give up their time each week as well as the additional hard work to make sure we are following the latest Covid -19 government guidance where necessary.

Unfortunately we have not been able to open the pavilion facilities for tea and coffee, so parents are advised to bring their own if the weather gets too cold!

We have seen a large rise in numbers of children for the Under 6 and girls Saturday morning sessions down at Breech Lane.

The two new under 7's teams are unbeaten as yet, it seems that the future is bright for these young footballers.

Hopefully the weather can stay relatively dry and we don't have too many postponements from waterlogged pitches, although October didn't start too well!

## GIRLS FOOTBALL



**Walton Warriors have a thriving girls training squad and have space for more girls to join.**



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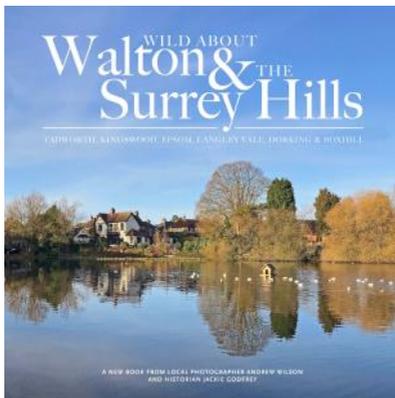
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Andrew Wilson is a publisher and photographer; a resident of Putney, which he loves, he photographs the beauty found all around us. Nature is never far away as far as Andrew is concerned and our glorious open spaces are a constant feature throughout his work; he's often seen in the company of his springer spaniel Josie, who features in every book. Passionate about photography, he runs a thriving photography club – the Putney Satellite for London Independent Photography. He is also an active member of The Friends of Barnes Common, for whom he volunteers and sits on their committee.

Andrew's brand new work called Wild About Walton and the Surrey Hills really showcases the area we live in and from a Walton Village Forum perspective we felt it would be a fantastic opportunity to help promote our village and surrounding area while at the same time helping Andrew promote his new work.

Please read the short introduction below and find out how you can pre-order your copy together with some exclusive gifts;

Walton on the Hill sits on the edge of the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is a wonderful place from which to explore some of the best sites in the South



of England. Box Hill, Epsom Downs and Langley Vale are all on its doorstep and fully explored in this new book by local author and photographer, Andrew Wilson. As well as these famous places, this new work will also pay homage to Walton's history, which can trace its origins back to

the time of the Romans. As well its rich heritage, Andrew will also highlight the people, the places and the events that make Walton such a wonderful place to live and work. As well as Walton, the book will also feature Tadworth, Kingswood, Epsom, Headley and Dorking.

Every book pre-ordered by a resident or business in Walton will attract a donation to the Walton Village Forum which will be used to help with the upkeep and maintenance of our village amenities that our committee works tirelessly to maintain for everyone's enjoyment. With Christmas coming, this beautiful new book will make the ideal gift.

For more information please click the link below to hear from Andrew himself as he introduces his brand new work.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/wild-about-walton-and-the-surrey-hills>

# Local Organisations

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| Dyscover                        | Rosemary Townsend       | 819419       |
| R.N.L.I                         | Margaret Fox            | 350452       |
| Friends Of St Peter's           | Philip Truett           | 813832       |
| Age Concern                     |                         | 352156       |
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| The Children's Trust            |                         | 365000       |
| Walton Parochial Church Charity |                         | 668254       |

## **HALLS AVAILABLE**

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| Walton Scout & Guide HQ   | Julia Boddy         | 812371 |
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| Christchurch Hall         | Sheila Brotherhood  | 813678 |

## **GROUPS**

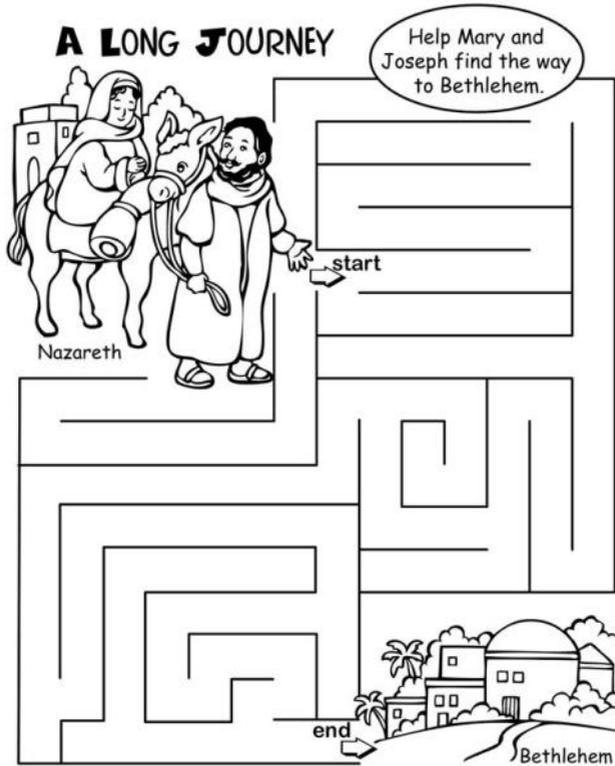
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| Christchurch Guild                                  | Shelia Brotherhood | 813678       |
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Joseph and Mary went on a long journey from the town of Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem.  
(Luke 2:1-5)

Where in Walton is this.....  
*Answer in the next issue.*



And the answer to last issues photo is....Jane Gandey's house





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