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🔆 Editor's Note By Emmeline Moore

Happy New Year everyone! Lets hope this will be a better year than the last one.

As the saying goes, out

with the old and in with the new! And so that is exactly what is happening. With a heavy heart I leave you with this last issue and pass editing onto the much younger and newer, Laura Palmer. I don't know if she actually is younger, but I feel like most people are younger than me these days, especially as I spend most of my time with my children, who very generously point out when I need to get my hair dyed!

"Harry writes: On behalf of the PCC, the congregations of St Peter's, and wider Community, I would like to say an enormous thank you to Emmeline. She reworked and reinvented the Magazine. She brought colour and verve and light and life to it - a bit of a renewal in many ways. Emmeline is both a



'planner' and a very 'creative' person and so hard to replace. Thankfully Laura (who continues as the recipe writer) has agreed to take up the role

of Editor. So many thanks to you both, to Emmeline and to Laura, 'thank you!'"

Harry has been very kind with his comments above, however what nobody truly understands is what the magazine has done for me. I was an unconfident, tired, mother of two who's only creativity outlet was making food look desirable for two fussy eaters. I was incredibly nervous starting this 3 years ago, I hadn't switched on a desktop for years. There were some mishaps to start with but, with the kind support from the congregation, the wider community and the local businesses; specifically Michael Everett. I made it through a very different person. Thank you Window on Walton.

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Rector's Letter By Reverend Harry Latham

I am writing as 2020 comes to an end, sincerely hoping that 2021 will be a better year. A year with less restrictions but where we continue to value other people and think of how our actions may impact them.

Two weeks before Christmas

we were thinking about John the Baptist and his unique ministry of preparing the way for Jesus.

In chapter 1 of John's Gospel, we saw John the apostle clearly stating that John the Baptist was sent as a witness to Jesus. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light."

John was a witness to Jesus. He was not the light, but Jesus was. Later in John's Gospel (8:12) Jesus says of himself "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The Baptist was a bit like a herald going ahead of a King and saying get ready! Get ready the King is coming! He gave as examples that people should share their clothing and food with the needy, tax collectors were to collect no more than they were required to, and soldiers were to be content with their pay.



Billy Graham gave a message when he was in his 90's saying to America: "We have been going down the wrong road for a long time... man has learned to live without God, preoccupied and indifferent toward him and concerned only about material

security and pleasure. And yet mankind is adrift morally and spiritually, confused, and fearful."

Those words seem apt to me for Britain today, and perhaps 2021 has helped some people to pray again, to reflect and be mindful, to see other people's value and to appreciate them more? The astounding thing we find as Christians is that the description of Jesus as being 'The light of the world' is applied to us also by him. So, in Matthew's Gospel (5:14) Jesus says to his disciples, to his very ordinary followers and friends "you are the light of the world."

He says the same to those who follow Him today! So how we live matters, the kind of people we are matters, what we say matters as well.

As we go into 2021, we are asked to reflect on this responsibility and to consider our impact on others. Out strapline at St Peter's says of us that we are people who are "Seeking God's face" and "Sharing his love." They are "aspirational" statements, as you find in school reports, when your children are heading towards exams, but let us rise to them as best we can.



fear.

Harry

Peter's and Online. Every Blessing,

hopefully not, we will indeed be light in our families, among our friends, at work and in the village. Or rather others may see something of God's light because of us. A light that gives hope in despair,

encouragement in the journey, that helps us

Looking forward to seeing you this year in St

know we are not alone and that banishes

It is as we seek the face of God in private and public prayer and worship and Bible study that we encounter his love. That enables us to share what we receive with others – even if it is only like one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.

Then whether we are aware of it or not,

A Prayer

A prayer that is also a song lyric from Keith Green. He was a Christian singer/songwriter who died in a plane crash in July 1982, at the age of just 28, in the summer I left school.

He wrote dozens of hit songs and contemporary hymns. He also ran 7 houses where he took in people in need, including former prostitutes, drug addicts, bikers, single mums, and homeless people.

He sang this prayer and I would like to echo it as we move in to 2021. It is a prayer that fits with St Peter's strapline "Seeking God's face, sharing his love." Oh Lord, you're beautiful, Your face is all I seek, For when your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

Oh Lord, please light the fire, That once burned bright and clear. Replace the lamp of my first love, That burns with Holy fear.

I want to take your word and shine it all around.

But first help me to just, live it Lord. And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown.

For my reward is giving glory to you.

From St Peter's Registers

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

Please see Headley and Box Hill website for up to date services. www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk

		St Mary's, Headley	
3rd Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
10th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's	
17th Jan	10.30am	Parish Communion	
24th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	9.30am	Family Communion	
31st Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
7th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
14th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's	
21st Feb	10.30am	Parish Communion -Bishop Andrew to open the Octagon	
28th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	
	9.30am	Family Communion	
		St Andrew's, Box Hill	
3rd Jan	9.30am	Contemporary Worship	
10th Jan	9.30am	Family Communion with St Mary's	
17th Jan	9.30am	Informal Communion	
24th Jan	9.30am	Morning Praise	
31st Jan	9.30am	Family Communion	
7th Feb	9.30am	Contemporary Worship	
14th Feb	9.30am	Family Communion with St Mary's	
21st Feb	9.30am	Informal Communion	
28th Feb	9.30am	Morning Praise	

<u>Christmas Services at St Peter's</u>

Dec 20th Nativity Service

A modest crowd gathered at 11.00am on Sunday Dec 20th for our nativity service with some children from the same class in their primary school. The children had a great time dressing up to help in our retelling of the nativity story. Many thanks to everyone who was able to be there.



Nine Lessons and Carols

That afternoon, from 5pm, our benefice Nine lessons and carols recorded service premiered on YouTube. Many thanks to our readers, Laura, Mo & Neil. The recording was produced and edited by Samuel Latham with the music being a gift from Ashtead Parish and Leah (who is joining us as curate in the summer).



Dec 24th Christmas Eve Christingle

About 50 people joined in the 3.30pm Online Zoom Christingle from St Peter's with music, story and craft. The service centred around remembering Jesus as the Light of the world and learning John 3.16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life."



Circle St Peter's

Then from 4.30pm onwards, nearly 200 people brought jam jars with tea lights in to "Circle St Peter's" with candles. The carols were only recorded but the south side of St Peter's was lit up by beautiful lights and the atmosphere was uplifting. Thank you especially to the stewards Emmeline, Dan & Neil.

Midnight Mass

At 11.30pm 'Midnight Mass' went ahead in real time with a small congregation who unfortunately were not allowed to shake hands during the peace. Nevertheless they came together in spirit and prayed for hope for next year. – what a strange Christmas Eve. Let's hope it will all be different next year.





Dec 25th Christmas Day

On Christmas morning we had both an 8am Communion and a 10.30am Family Communion service with smaller numbers than usual. But many thanks to all who came to safe and socially distanced services.



We welcome you at St Peter's for safe and distanced services. Please register your attendance at admin@stpeterswoth.org and wear a face mask. Thank you.



😹 Insight By Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE

Our 93-year-old lay minister, at St Peter's, shares his experiences and views

A TRUE ACCOUNT FROM LAST OCTOBER

My Grandson, who is under the age of 30, runs an extraordinarily successful business marketing 'Bicycle Storage Racks and Equipment'. Last week he told me what happened when he and three friends went away for a weekend break to the Isle of Wight. They decided to drive to the Isle of Wight on a Saturday morning and return Sunday evening.

Charlie booked a passage for the four of them plus his car on the 11.15am ferry from Portsmouth.

To be sure not to miss the ferry they left Fulham at 8am, believing they had at least a one-hour margin for traffic or other delays.

All went well until they approached Portsmouth, then came an abrupt halt. A few cars in front of them, was a twelve-car pile-up. It took an hour and a half before they could drive the few miles to the docks. He was told that they were too late, for the ferry was already full.

Charlie asked about other sailings and was told all sailings for that day were fully booked. Next, he used his mobile phone to ring each of the other ferry services. All were full, apart from a slight chance of a space at the end of the day, but no guarantee.

Charlie's three friends felt really disappointed,

for the weekend was ruined before it had really started. However, Charlie, when confronted



with a problem, always tries to think of alternative solutions. He then used his mobile phone to identify 'motorboat services'.

He spoke to a man who said he had a motorboat nearby and would be happy to take the four of them over to The Isle of Wight for £100. He readily agreed. A quarter of an hour later the car was in a safe car park and they were in the motorboat with their luggage in a waterproof locker. The journey was so unexpected for the boat was in fact a highspeed motorboat. They soon passed the steamer they should have been on; it took two and half hours for the journey whereas their speed boat did it in just fifteen minutes! They were very wet from the spray but that did not matter for their weekend was intact.

Charlie had chosen a good hotel and they had a happy time. Charlie then took them shopping and they found some cheap waterproof jackets and trousers to wear over their ordinary clothes for the return journey. A wise precaution as it turned out!

On Sunday afternoon they returned to Quayside where the motorboat was waiting. Their luggage went into the waterproof locker while they sat again on the boat bench seats. Once they went past the harbour wall the wind blew strong and the waves big. The speed boat simply roared its engine and went



full speed ahead into the waves! Water everywhere!!!

After ten minutes they were approaching Portsmouth Harbour. The motorboat owner then asked if they were alright, they all agreed what a wonderful journey it had been. The Owner then asked if they would like to see what the boat was designed to do? They were all really interested in its performance. So the owner turned the boat to face directly into the wind and waves. Then he turned on FULL POWER - the boat vibrated as it roared into life. It took off on top of the waves!! The force of the engines lifted the bow of the boat into the air as it raced along the top of the BIG waves. They were so glad that they had their 'waterproof' jackets and trousers for the force of the water was amazing!

Then they returned to Portsmouth Harbour and even then, the overall journey had taken just twenty five minutes. Charlie and his three friends thanked the boatman as he paid the £100 fee plus a generous tip. Next Charlie rang the ferry ship company and was told that he would receive a full refund for the return fare, plus the Car, £300 in all. Not bad since the motorboat return journey cost £200! As usual Charlie has picked the winners!!!

The Right Way

Today the Corona Virus has turned our lives upside down. The true account above, about my Grandson, demonstrates his positive approach to life. God's guidance often comes to us in our everyday thoughts and circumstances especially when we pray and expect God to be part of our lives.

MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFULLY CREATIVE NEW YEAR

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.

<u>☆ R</u>emembrance Day Around Our Village

Armistice Day is on 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

As always, a two-minute silence was held at 11am to remember all the people who have died in all the wars.

This year, like most things, Armistice Day was a little different because of the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in. England was in a four-week national lockdown during this time, but that did not stop our village from remembering.

This year, as well as wearing a poppy, support in our village was shown through various ways. As I walked about, I proudly admired all the effort everyone had gone to; Children had coloured in downloadable poppy pictures and displayed them in their windows; Sylvia's beautiful tribute stood proudly on St Peter's door; Mere Ponds display was as strong as ever and Howards Close had excelled themselves.

The Prime Minister's official spokesperson said: "It's important that the country can continue to come together to remember the sacrifice of those who have died in the service of their country and we will ensure that Remembrance Sunday is appropriately commemorated while protecting public health."

Our village did just that, we came together, we remembered separately and safely, we left

something behind for others to see and to know that we were thinking, not only about those who had died but about those who were still living, those on their own during the lockdown, those who felt lonely, so they would know we were all still here and stronger than ever as a community.

Thank you Sylivia !



St Peter's Memorial



Howards Close



A NOTE FROM NORMA ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY

If you wish to support this charity by buying their Christmas cards, I will have stock and am hoping to sell them this year (last year we sold over £1,690 worth of cards). I have leaflets to give out so please contact me if you are interested. (01737 812639).

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. Many thanks, Norma 01737 812639.

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<u>x l'</u>m Too Embarrassed To Ask About..... My Doubts

Some people (actually maybe all people) have plenty of doubts when it comes to the Christian faith. I would say it is a normal and natural process that we can do something about it if we w



process. It used to be fashionable in some circles to call yourself 'agnostic' about various issues – the trouble was the root of that word means 'ignoramus.' It might be

something about it if we want to.

Some doubts start with our own personal experiences – often of pain, loss, and disappointment. Others may appear to be of a more intellectual or academic nature, but they may be underpinned by something more practical related to our own life. Faith is also to do with personal experience. Some Christians have an inherited faith that they have come to make their own in later life, others a faith they have consciously taken on as a child, young person, or adult.

Verbalising our doubts, putting them into spoken words or writing them down is the place to start. Talking to God about them is the next step – just look at some of the Psalms in the Old Testament – God does not mind us shouting at Him. You could come to an Online Alpha Course or to some other discussion group. Or just ask to have a chat online or in person.

You may have doubts about the goodness of God in a world of pain and suffering, or doubts about the divinity of Jesus Christ, or the authenticity of the Bible documents. Do not be worried or ashamed about such doubts, be honest about them. I suggest it is probably good not to regard them as fixed and settled but rather see them as part of a better to say 'undecided.'

A famous follower of Jesus was called Thomas 'The Twin.' He is often called 'doubting Thomas' (a little unkindly) because he missed out on Jesus' first resurrection appearance in the upper room. He said he would not believe that Jesus had risen unless he could put his fingers in the marks of the nails and his hand in the wound left by the spear.

What was Jesus' response? It was to wait until Thomas was present when he next visited that upper room and he invited Thomas to do what he had said he wanted to. Thomas' response was to say; "My Lord and my God!" And that is the thing, the whole of humanity is invited to take Jesus personally because in Jesus, God personally reaches out to each one of us.

We could have days and nights of long and interesting discussions, some of it might be very informative. I really enjoy trying to help people who are grappling with the process of faith and doubt. Do let me know if you would like to. But at the end of all the talking and investigating this vital question remains, a question of relationship above all else – "What is your response to Jesus?"

Mother's Union By Karen Rand



On Tuesday 8th December we welcomed back Revd. David Skitt to lead our Advent meditation entitled BETHLEHEM. Bethlehem was known primarily for 4 commodities: BREAD, OLIVE OIL, OLIVE WOOD and SHEEP and we were asked to bring a piece of bread, a moisturiser, a 2D or 3D nativity scene and a glass of alcoholic or non-alcoholic wine to assist our reflection at our online zoom meeting. The evening was divided into 4 parts:

Bread – we meet Jesus in the ordinary The name "Bethlehem" literally means "House of Bread". Whilst we ate our bread we reflected on how we meet Jesus in the ordinary 'everyday' things at home, at work and in our hearts.

Olive oil – we meet Jesus in moments of healing

We reflected on how that healing happens in our relationships? How do we come together with others? Olive wood – we meet Jesus in the nativity Bethlehem has much olive wood used hugely for Nativity sets and as we gazed at our nativity scene we gave thanks to the Lord that He is with us.

Sheep – we meet Jesus in care/warmth Most of all Bethlehem is renowned for sheep and, hence, shepherds and we pondered on God's love and warmth for us and reflected on our mutual love for each other.

Each section included a bible reading, a meditation and a poem and ended in silent reflection. The following reflection was written by Revd. David Skitt:

The Space Between Us

May love be the space between us. The space we clear in our busy lives Like pollarding trees to let the light shine in And draw out growth. The space we bulldoze through Like an opening which creates the chance For us all to increase our chat and friendship. The space we now have to keep between us Like transforming restriction into opportunity So that the gap can be filled with care. The space that is an intimate reverence Like the bare part of a crowded stable floor In which we can express our wonder, Finding Christ to be the space between us

The theme for 2020 was '*Building Hope and Confidence'*. As the effect of the pandemic will continue to be felt in all sorts of ways across the world, the theme has been developed to encompass "*Re-Building* Hope and Confidence'. People will be struggling to come to terms with loss of all kinds from bereavement, to loss of livelihood, relationships, well- being and other challenges. Rebuilding Hope and Confidence will be vital.

Dates for the Diary:

January 12th Tuesday, Christmas Reflections & Resolutions for 2021. (subs due) February 9th Tuesday, Lent reflection: Speaker Revd. David Skitt. March 5th Friday, World Day of Prayer. March 9th Tuesday, 'Working Relationally for the Common Good' Speaker: Professor Anne Edwards.

March 14th Sunday, Mothering Sunday. March 25th Thursday, Lady Day. April 4th Sunday, Easter Sunday.

Important dates later in the year:

Oct 11th – 18th Prison Week. Nov 25th – Dec 10th 16 Days of Activism again gender violence. We hope that we might be able to meet up again soon, but until then, we will continue our meetings on zoom. Please email Karen Rand: <u>karenrand@gmail.com</u> if you would like to join us for any of the meetings.

A prayer from Families Worldwide:

Rejoice and reflect. As one year ends and another begins, we give thanks for the things that have been good, we repent of what we have done wrong and we go forward, in trust, knowing that you, Lord are by our side minute by minute, hour by hour and day by

Open Group & Village Kitchen By Mo Atkins

New Year greetings everyone! Let's hope it won't be too long before we can meet again in person. We shall continue to fundraise for the Princess Alice Hospice during 2021.

The Village Kitchen has not been in complete hibernation! Fortunately,

thanks to the continuation of soup deliveries throughout the pandemic, brilliantly masterminded by Norma, from her kitchen, a wonderful £1190 has been raised, in



donations, towards the project.

Molly Verity donated kindly a generous £100, from the sales of her beautiful embroideries, made to order, before Christmas.

We shall keep you posted by email,

just as soon as events can happen safely. In the meantime, take care, keep up the hand washing and look out for your vaccine.

<u>⊯L</u>ocal Focus, Eagle House.



The children and staff at Bramley have been exploring the topic 'Fallen Fields' this term.

We have looked at the symbol of the poppy and what it represents, in particular remembering the fallen service men, women and animals. We enjoyed exploring the various tributes that we saw in Walton-on-the-Hill and decided to create our own display. Made from recycled materials, the key stage 3 children made striking poppies that we displayed on the school fence.

Poem By Oliver Fighting in the trenches and all across the land 1914, the year the war begun When your brothers fallen, offer him a hand Wives lost their husbands, mothers lost their We came into this war alone, but family is what we found sons Soldiers kept on fighting, in the scorching sun All the fallen soldiers littering the ground Hear the sound of sirens, to the shelters you The brothers that once spoke, never made must run another sound Lots of dead bodies, some remain unfound All the wives and sisters, aunties and the mums Put their life on the line, for their loved ones We're fighting for our country and fighting for our Queen

The things that I have seen in war will never be unseen

When this war is over, I can't wait to return home

But now I'm in my trench sitting all alone I wish this war would end and return home with my life

So, I could be reunited, with my family and my wife

Its been an honour fighting with my brothers, a choice I don't regret

For the life of a soldier, Lest We Forget



Walton on the Hill Arts Society By Sue Adilz

Walton on the Hill Arts Society was delighted to donate their Young Arts fund for 2020 to Eagle House School for instruments for their Music Department. The pupils wrote a wonderful thank you letter in response with pictures of them unwrapping and using their new musical instruments.

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<u>*Christchurch</u> - Changes Afoot! By Janet Holah

It cannot have escaped people's notice that the front garden has been stripped of the old, overgrown and weed/bramble filled bushes. Whilst this currently doesn't look particularly attractive, please bear in mind that it is a work in progress and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The plan is to create a community garden for the village in which we shall be growing vegetables of all sorts to be used by the Open Group once they are able to resume their Saturday Kitchen activities.

I am immensely grateful to Treemasters who have kindly donated their time and effort to chop down the old shrubs. Whilst I have been working on the garden, lots of people have stopped to ask what is going on and when I explained, it has been universally acclaimed as a great idea! That is very gratifying. I have even had people stop to say that they were not aware that there was a church there so giving the church more visibility and making it look more welcoming is very pleasing.

For people who like flowers, rest assured that a flower garden remains at the side adjacent to the main church entrance. This has been completely dug over and planted up with perennials, roses, alpines and bulbs so the next growing season will show a massive difference.

As mentioned, it is to be a community garden and, to that end, I am looking for volunteers to both help prepare the site and also help



with planting and tending the crops, etc. It will be quite a lot of work but if there are a lot of people willing to pitch in, it should make it easier.

It is widely acknowledged that gardening is a very therapeutic activity, and it is something that I enjoy very much. If anyone has any spare garden tools that they would like to donate, these would be gratefully received.

If anyone would like to join in, please contact me as follows:

Janet Holah 01737 813494 or 07789 181455



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Community Support in Tadworth and Walton

Support for all residents

This support continues to help those isolated, or isolating, at home. If a second wave of Covid-19 affects us, we will be there to offer

- a) help with shopping;
- b) prescription collection and delivery;
- c) friendship and telephone support.

Also, thanks to donations, a hardship fund can make small grants where there is a particular short-term need.

Volunteers

All volunteers are local residents and are vetted. It is a tribute to our community spirit that so many of you volunteered to help. With some volunteers returned to work, or to college studies, we may ask again those who were not needed in the Spring. If you would like to join the volunteer list, do contact us.

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Mother Seacole By Mo Atkins

In recent editions, I wrote about Florence Nightingale, 2020 being the bicentenary of her birth. It seemed appropriate timing in the midst of a pandemic.

November. Commemorations are underway marking 75 years since the end of the Second World War and 100 years since the body of the Unknown Soldier was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey. We are experiencing life in a second lockdown.

The social movement 'Black Lives Matter' is in the headlines, so it seems timely to remember another pioneering nurse, Mary Seacole, in whose honour the new NHS Seacole Centre, at Headley Court, is named.

Born Mary Jane Grant, in 1805, in Jamaica, to a Scottish soldier and a Jamaican woman, she considered herself a Creole, who had few civil rights, was unable to vote, hold public office or enter the professions.

Mary's mother kept a boarding house for invalid soldiers. It was here that she learned the skills of basic nursing care.

In 1836 Mary married Edwin Seacole, but sadly was widowed eight years later. In middle age, she travelled widely, studying traditional and European medical concepts. She arrived in England, in 1854, hoping to be sent to the Crimea as an Army nurse. She was refused by the War Office, but being of determined disposition, she went anyway! She hoped to be employed at Florence Nightingale's hospital at Scutari but again met with refusal. Once more undaunted, Mary continued to the front, setting up the British Hospital at Balaclava and nursing the wounded, even in the battlefield.

Her reputation soon rivalled that of the 'Lady with the Lamp' and she became known affectionately as 'Mother Seacole'.

These two pioneering nurses could not have come from more contrasting backgrounds. Florence from a life of privilege, Mary from humble beginnings who, as a Black woman in the 19th century, would have met with hostility and rejection in a man's world which didn't countenance independence in any woman, let alone a Creole.

Both, however, were dedicated in their resolve to raise standards in nursing practice. It is thanks to them that nursing became established as a recognised profession.

In 2016, a fine statue of Mary Seacole was unveiled, by Dame Floella Benjamin, in the garden of St Thomas' Hospital. Mary is looking across the Thames towards the Houses of Parliament. It is believed to be the first memorial statue of a named Black woman in the U.K.

At the time, MP David Lammy said it was a "seminal moment for Londoners, and for the black community particularly." And this is the 21st century.

I remember as a child of about 8, my Irish mother's distress and my own puzzlement at



signs posted on front doors and windows by landladies in Canterbury, bearing the shocking, discriminatory statement, 'No blacks, no Irish, no dogs.'

How could this be I wondered *and* in the City whose Cathedral was, and still is, the centre of the Church of England and the Anglican communities?

But that was the fifties and times have changed... but by how much?

It was an unexpected joy in October to attend a couple of socially distanced events at the Guildford Book Festival. Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, mother of the seven, renowned, musically gifted children, was there to promote her autobiographical account of raising her talented, mixed race family in 21st century Britain. On reading her book, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the discrimination that she and members of her family have experienced, over the years, since her arrival in the UK in 1970, described candidly, without malice.

The Kanneh-Mason's experiences are a sobering reflection on today's society, but the bold statue and the story of 'Mother Seacole' must give us hope and encouragement.

The statue is inscribed with words written in 1857 by The Times' Crimean War correspondent, Sir William Howard Russell: "I trust that England will not forget one who nursed her sick, who sought out her wounded to aid and succour them, and who performed the last offices for some of her illustrious dead."

Walton Parochial Charities

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$\underline{K} R$ emembering The Parish Of Walton on the Hill

Through the 19th Century. By Robert Ruddell

Part 3 [1881-1900]

In the northern part of the parish, Walton Downs is open land in continuation of Epsom Downs, and a small part of the Epsom Race Course is in Walton parish. In 1888, Henry Padwick the Lord of the Manor had sold 205 acres of boldly undulating land, including the famous galloping or training ground for flat races. This was known as 'the Six Mile Hill and a part of the Derby racecourse to Tattenham Corner.' It had saved the Epsom Grandstand Association a rent of £1,000 a year, but cost them £20,000.

The first Surrey Council elections were held in January 1889 under the Local Government Act of 1888, which established county councils, with members elected by local residents to take over the legislature of the magistrates.

Walton Place had become a mere farmhouse until 1891, William Rolle Malcolm purchased the property, which he substantially enlarged, altered and renamed as 'Walton Manor'. Norman Shaw who specialized in country houses and had also designed New Scotland Yard was the architect involved.

On the edge of the village were a number of large properties or mansions mentioned in 1911 by HE Malden in his book 'A History of the County of Surrey '.

Frith Farm, a 17th century house with a park, [the seat of Mr. W Stebbing]. Street Farm another 17th century house. Walton Lodge



Walton Oaks



Frith Park



Hedgecroft

[Mr. H J Broadbent]. Hurst [Mr. H C Lyall]. Pebble Coombe [Mr. E J Coles]. Lovelands [Hon HS Littleton].

Prior to Pfizer's arrival on the Dorking Road in 2001, there were three large houses occupying the site during the 19th Century - Walton Oaks built around 1820 and at one time known as Clare Park, The Hermitage and The Cottage.

Hedgecroft a large Victorian Manor House in 8.5 acres was built in 1897, also on the Dorking Road.

Ambrose Hall settled in Walton in 1792 on the Hermitage Estate on the south side of the Heath, and in 1798 he served as an overseer of the poor for one year. The Hall family for the first three quarters of the 19th century played a notable part in the history of the village. Humphrey the son of Ambrose served as a Churchwarden at St Peter's for a number of years and his son Rev. Ambrose Hall returned to Walton to live in the house that came to be known as The Cottage.

Going back in time, the Corporation of London, owners of Street Farm had the right to graze 60 cattle over the Heath and similarly the owners of Walton Oaks and The Hermitage had the right to graze 100 cattle and 25 sheep over the Heath and also the right to estovers, and turbary and to take gravel, sand and loam from the whole of the land.

The population by 1891 had risen to 694 persons - 350 males and 344 females. Those born in Walton on the Hill were 233, and born elsewhere, all in Great Britain were 445 and 16 were unknown. There were 50 agricultural labourers and 99 servants. The 1891 census also revealed some 140 houses, including 57 tenements, had less than 5 rooms.

The role of the Church had always been central in both administration and the financing of village matters and was the village's own parliament. On 16th July 1894, an order made by Surrey County Council brought into being a Parish Council which assumed the Vestry's previous responsibilities.

William Stebbing the local historian, whose name regularly featured in village history, moved from Heath House in Headley and acquired Frith Park in 1895. The Ladbroke family had built the original Mansion House, walled garden and stables in 1840.

Warner's the old grocery and drapery store, now the Spaghetti Tree, was built in 1895 on the corner of Walton Street and Deans Lane. The Warner family with 9 children was the first residents of Mereside, which is the house we see today with a magnificent setting overlooking Mere pond.

The 1896 OS Map shows some houses in Duffields Lane [now Deans Lane]: The Priors, New Farm [now Heath Farm], Chucks Cottage and Boxdale. Also shown was the Mission Hall a small-corrugated building, which opened in 1885, and served the needs of its members until 1911. In Chequers Lane, Lovelands was now named Copsewood; in Walton Street there were 2 Smithy's. There is still no Sandlands Road, but the Old Clay Pit is located in the adjoining field to where St Cross School was built in 1911.

With no water supply in Walton, the villagers had to draw water for domestic purposes from the Mere Pond. This was used until 1898 when the East Surrey Company's water was bought to the Water Tower in Tower Road, Tadworth to provide a supply to the growing community. Mere Pond was the actual boundary of Walton and Banstead.

During the 19th century the village had 4 public houses. The Blue

Ball, which can be traced back as far as 1750, The Chequers to 1814, The Fox

and Hounds to 1860 and The Bell in Withybed Corner started life as an alehouse around 1854.

Before the golf course came to the Heath, stag hunting was a popular sport and the huntsmen in their scarlet coats would meet with their hounds at 'The Fox and Hounds'. The stag was let loose on the common and then hunted.

At the end of the Victorian era, Walton began to change and in 1889, James William Benson a Bond Street jeweller and land speculator purchased Walton Oaks, and later in January 1892 with others, the Tattenham Park Estate in Tadworth from the Earl of Egmont.

In 1895, William Hurst Flint had purchased a triangle of land from the Carew Estate covering about 43 acres, for £2,000. This is now the houses and gardens of Heath Drive



which bound it to the north, to the east by a line about 150 meters west of the Dorking Road, and to the west and south of Chequers Lane. Most of the houses in Heath Drive and Hurst Drive were built on Flint's land. He also purchased land near Sandlands Grove, and St Cross School was built there in 1911.

By the 1890s bricks were being manufactured at the local foundry, sited between Ebbisham Lane and the northern end of Sandlands Road.

William Hurst Flint

Flint and H & G Skilton of Margery Brickfield, Kingswood on 19^{th} May 1899, entered into a 21-year lease at £130 pa for the Skilton's to make bricks. The lease covered all the land now occupied by the recent housing development, which prior to 2012 was then owned by the British Transport Police.

There was also an earlier agreement taken out in 1897 to allow them to put an access road from the end of Sandlands Grove to a point near The Bell Public House, in Withybed, to transport materials and bricks to and from the site.

By 1901, the population was 839, and in 1911 had risen to 1,333. The significant increase had resulted from the housing development that started with both the arrival of the railway to Tadworth in 1900 and the golf club to Walton Heath in 1904, which have transformed the village over the last 120 years.



The Sandland Brickies

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Walton on the Hill Primary School By Headteacher Tim Samuel



My contribution to this edition of the Window on Walton is going to be short and not massively reflective as I

am writing this on the very last day of our Autumn Term and I have just about run out of steam! However, I wanted to offer my sincere thanks to the whole amazing Walton on the Hill community who have really supported our school through the challenges of 2020. The local businesses as well as the Walton Village Forum, have been incredibly generous in supporting the school with donations amounting to over £2000, this has helped to buy some extra resources for each class. The parents and carers have also played a huge part in keeping the school going and their kindness and generosity at the end of term has truly gladdened my heart.

As I write this, we are facing uncertain times for the start of new term in January, but I have reflected

on the positives that we can take from 2020 and which I hope to sustain and grow in to 2021:

Walton Heath Manor – We have for many years visited Walton Heath Manor to sing and entertain the wonderful residents but in the past few weeks our contact has been remote but far more iterative and engaging. We invited the amazing Tom Rhind-Tutt to join us 'remotely' for our Remembrance Service on 11th November and the children were captivated with his engaging and relevant stories. From this came a series of letter writing between the children in the school and many of the residents and I hope we can continue this as it has great benefits for the children and residents alike.

Zoom and Virtual Assemblies – As a teacher you do have to be able to act in front of a class whether it be to add entertainment to a lesson or to hide your frustrations on occasions! However, this year we have had to get used to doing this all the more with many online and pre-recorded assemblies. I am a keen amateur musician and have spent a lot of time safely down in the 'pit' for a wide range of stage productions, however, I have been pushed well out of my comfort zone with the number of 'performances' I have had to muster in front of a camera or live stream. Although uncomfortable I think, like many people, there is a lot of value in being able to reach out to people unable to physically be here with us for whatever reason and we will certainly retain the use of these technologies into the future.

Time at home – We all lead very busy lives and I often forget a very significant message that Rev'd Margaret Marsh shared with me when I started as Headteacher 8 years ago – `*We are Human Beings and not Human Doings!*.' This message links to the key mindfulness message of being present and taking time out of the business of life to enjoy the moment. I lead a busy life with my family and work commitments as well as my many hobbies and interests and I think I have found a better balance this year and aim to stick to a slower pace of life. Something I have written about before is the dangers and temptations of being glued to a mobile phone screen and I have noticed an increase in my screen time which I need to address, but more time at home enjoying my family is certainly an ambition.

The way we learn – I had hoped that from September we could have really focused on the amazing work of Rosenshine through cognitive science, which really clearly identifies effective ways in which we can enhance our pedagogy to increase the impact of our teaching. With everything else that has been going on, this has taken a back seat as our overriding priority has been the wellbeing of our community and identifying any gaps in learning from the end of last academic year. However, I am excited this year to be developing this further within our school and will write in more detail on this subject in the next Window on Walton.

TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust By Mike Fox



Little Sapphires Nursery School

TWOAT is very grateful for all the efforts of Friends and Supporters to make up for the loss of income we have experienced due to the inability to hold usual events such as our Annual Social Meeting.

Items we have been offered to sell include a recently knitted large woollen blanket, a very large collection of historic music magazines and associated CDs, paintings and potted plants. Another couple started fund raising amongst their friends and relatives for The Little Sapphires Nursery & Primary School in Madagascar. They also approached the husband's employer, Legal & General, to apply for a matched funding facility for staff's charitable fundraising with the result that over £900 will be available to TWOAT. This will enable us to continue to fund the Little Sapphires School lunches throughout 2021. TWOAT funds helped in the original creation of The Little Sapphires as a nursery school in 2011 and we have recently been told how some of the first children to attend the school have progressed - you can see their stories by visiting our web site.

We have heard from several of the schools we support concerning increased costs such as making rooms safer for pupils with respect to COVID. We sent an extra £500 to the RUSH Academy in Kenva to help with this type of work. We have heard from the Mtandika Trade School in Tanzania that they resumed operating in June after closing for COVID. The crops the students learn to grow had a good harvest and the students studying electrical engineering are now able to maintain the solar powered water pump but the school had extra costs as examinations had to be relocated to other premises due to COVID. We will be sending more funds to help them in the New Year.

TWOAT's Christmas Appeal this year is for you to help us to continue to fund the schools and orphanages we support in Africa, South America and Asia. Please visit <u>www.TWOAT.org</u> to see how to donate to us online or send cheques to our Treasurer Antony Hawker at The Holt, Alcocks Lane, Kingswood, KT20 6BB.



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Jan	Time	Service/Event	Place
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	11.00am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's
1	11.00 am	Parish Communion service	St Peter's Church
Thurs 14th		RML on zoom	St Peter's Church
Sun 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion with Archdeacon Martin	St Peter's Church
Thurs 28th		RML on zoom	St Peter's Church
Sun 31st	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church

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Feb	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 7th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thurs 11th Sun 14th	8.00am 11.00am	RML on zoom Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 21st	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thurs 25th Sun 28th	8.00am 11.00am	RML on zoom Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church

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Well Being and Planning By Tracy Latham



This time last year I had so many plans for 2020. Some of the plans I had thought long and hard about and had worked hard to create. Others I just assumed would happen – such as gatherings at certain times of the year – because they always happen! And of course, during lock down one and two normal weekly plans were restricted and reshaped.

So going in to 2021, where there is still much uncertainty, I find myself asking 'To plan or not to plan?' I wonder how you feel about making plans again? In my experience it can be really hard if things you have hoped for and planned for don't happen. There is a proverb that says 'Hope deferred makes the heart sick.' But on the other hand, I think that last year showed us that not having anything to look forward to can be very hard. Another proverb says 'A longing fulfilled is a tree of life'. There is much evidence from the well-being industry that goal setting and planning is good for our mental health because it gives us a sense of mastery and achievement when we work towards fulfilling them. However, when we find ourselves unable to meet the goals it can feel painful. Similarly, when we have too much 'planned' those plans can feel oppressive and as if they hem us in and we can long for some unstructured time.

In light of interruption to plans there is a technique from Acceptance and Commitment Therapy which can help with dealing with our feelings and frustrations. This involves taking some time to think about what values are underlying the goals and plans to help with adjustment. For example, last Easter when the first lock down came out of nowhere and derailed our planned holiday in Dorset, I was forced to take stock and think about why these times are important to me. What do I

value about our family holidays that makes me want to prioritize them and plan for them? In the light of this we were able to adapt and adjust and think about how to have a 'staycation' that enabled us to stay true to the value underlying our plans.

Similarly, when all our normal weekly plans and routines were disrupted, taking some time to think about the values underlying all the different activities we had planned in to our week helped us build a different routine.

The amount of disappointment and disruption to plans this year has been extraordinary and most people are longing to get back to some sort of normal. We have often built structures and plans over many years in order to build a life that is true to our values and the restrictions of 2020 have stopped many people doing these things. However, I think it is also true that some people have felt a sense of being 'set free' from all the plans and structures and have enjoyed the space that has been created.

Disruption to life as normal has helped me take time to stop and reflect on why I do much of what I do and what I truly value and that has been a very good thing. I am more consciously aware of what is important to me. This also reminds me to 'be in the present moment more fully' whatever I am doing because life is precious and cannot be taken for granted. Someone has said that 'Life is what happens whilst we are making plans' and I do not want that to be true for me. So, with regard to planning – as with most things in life I am reminded that it is not a case of 'yes' or 'no' but a complex mixture of both! So, maybe I will go into 2021 with some flexible plans (but not too many) built around my values and open to adjustment and adaptation! I know I do want to be more fully present in the 'now.' How about you?

Drowning in grey

The same old routine, a monotonous scene. Order and plan, keep the place spick and span. Budget and save, be careful and crave. But all work and no play can make us fall prey to drowning in grey.





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Walton Village Forum By Grant Webster, Chairman.



As I write this first article of 2021, it's just been announced that London and the South East will be spending Christmas in Tier 4 restrictions which means there'll be a lot of people spending the Christmas of 2020 and seeing in 2021 alone.



Thanks also needs to be extended to David and Val Larner for hosting the village Christmas tree for another year. The tree lighting was a socially distanced affair, and it was lovely to see so many people out to witness what is becoming a bit of an event.

The most amazing thing about our village is that we are a close community and so I'd ask each of you to check on your neighbour no matter what their age, if they're alone, reach out to them even if just to smile or say

hello. You never know what a difference this can make to someone who is alone, just that interaction can make such a difference in someone else's life.

We're all aware of how special our village is and hopefully your spirits were lifted seeing the village decorated for Christmas, with Santa stuck in the tree over by Mere Pond.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Jean Bye, Jane Guy and all the volunteers that helped to make the decorations. So many people stopped to say thank you on the day they were put up and we've had so many wonderful comments, that we are thinking of doing it again in 2021. The decorations, in addition to the Christmas tree, hopefully lifted spirits a bit more than usual.



Many of you would've seen the Walton Village Forum newsletter that was sent out in the last week of December. The past year was a strange year for us, although as you'll have read, the committee and our

volunteers were not deterred and still managed to accomplish a huge amount in the village.

I'd like to say thank you to those of you that work tirelessly to ensure our village is kept in good shape especially to all those involved in litter picking.

As many of you know Norma and Bill Darter and Jean and Martin Saul have been doing this for some time and I'm personally in awe of their unwavering commitment so thank you from all of us.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the volunteers of the Tadworth, Kingswood, Walton and Burgh Heath Litter Pickers. Like many of us, they tired of seeing litter strewn around our streets and villages by individuals with no idea of the impact that it has on the environment and that seem to think it's the council's job to keep our streets clean.

For those unaware, the purple bags you see in and around our villages and along the Dorking Road are the bags of litter that these wonderful volunteers collect. The council, in turn, come along and collect the purple bags. I know you're not looking for praise and recognition but a massive thank you from each and every one of us for the great job you're all doing.

Finally, I'd like to mention local photographer Andrew Wilson's new book called Wild About Walton and Surrey Hills which you'll see advertised on the page opposite. As many of you know the Walton Village Forum are selling these to raise funds in support of our local community projects and initiatives. Definitely worth getting hold of a copy if you don't have one already, so please don't hesitate to get in touch should you like one.

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 <u>info@waltonvillageforum.org</u>. Follow and support us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter or feel free to reach out to us on <u>www.waltonvillageforum.org</u>.

<u>Local Chef Laura Palmer</u> Lemon and Ginger Cookies

I always find writing a recipe for the January/ February edition of WOW a tricky one.

Usually I veer, slightly unsteadily by this late December stage, towards a utopia of superfood-crammed salads and soups, something vegan perhaps, to combat the excesses of the preceding festive season.

This year is more than slightly different. Sure, the shops still sell booze, my lovely local butcher comes up trumps time and again and I've eaten far more cake recently than I should have. But the start to 2021 doesn't seem the right time to be too virtuous in the kitchen. It's not like we've been partying like it's, well, 2019 for example. So here is a lovely thing to go with whatever you like in your mug in January. We have a

new coffee machine (which might explain why I'm having trouble sleeping) so mine will probably be a long black with a splash of steamed milk (who knew there were so many ways you could drink coffee?) If I'm honest I'd even have one of these biscuits alongside a dessert wine, if such a thing in January is permitted.

If you are gluten free, use a blend of 40g gram flour, 60g cornflour, 125g rice flour. If you'd like to make these vegan, use refined coconut oil instead of butter.



Ingredients: For the cookies: 60g butter 60g light olive oil 30g golden syrup 150g caster sugar Zest of one unwaxed lemon 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice or vinegar 225g plain flour A pinch of salt 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 2 teaspoons ground ginger



For the zigzag icing: Juice of 1 lemon Icing sugar

Method: Preheat the oven to 180C or 160C fan.

Soften the butter or coconut oil and mix with the olive oil, lemon zest, syrup, sugar and vinegar or lemon juice.

Mix in all the dry ingredients. Roll into small balls (if you want them all the same size then weigh them, mine were approximately 12g each and I made about 40.)

Space well apart on a baking sheet lined with baking paper and press the tops of each lightly with the tines of a fork.

Bake for around 10-12 minutes or until golden (they have a high sugar content so will catch easily if you leave them too long).

Cool on the sheet for 10 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack.

Squeeze the lemon juice into a bowl and add enough icing sugar to yield a spoonable paste. Pipe or drizzle over the cooled cookies.

Walton In Bloom in conjunction with the Walton Village Forum By Jean Bye and Janet Collis

Once again a very big thank you to David and Val for the wonderful lighting of their garden. The reflection of the lights in the pond was beautiful. This is what makes Walton such a wonderful place to live.

We are looking forward to

seeing the new area of bulb planting, opposite the Post Office, and we will be working our way through the village in the coming year. We had a great team of bulb planters who worked very efficiently and finished the job in no time.

For those of us lucky to have a garden, one of the positive things to have happened last year is that we had more time to spend outside, try different things and really get to know our outside space. This year why not try planting something you have never grown before, or plant lots of vegetables. If you are not able to look after your own garden maybe talk to a neighbour to see if they would like to help.

More jobs for January.....

Prune established gooseberry, red and white currant bushes this month.

Many bulbs grown for indoor display can be reused in the garden. When they have finished flowering put them in a cold frame or greenhouse, feed every couple of weeks and plant out in the spring.



If you really can't wait to get started on something you can start planting some seeds now. Make sure everything is scrupulously clean and sow thinly: pelargoniums, sweetpea, dahlias, basil, petunias chillies and aubergines. I have read that delphiniums

like to spend their first three weeks in the fridge so when the turkey is finally finished they can use that spot.

..... and February

Winter flowering heathers should be trimmed lightly when they have finished flowering to prevent them becoming leggy and woody. Cut back autumn fruiting raspberry canes to ground level, a fabulous fruit as we were still picking berries at the end of November. To avoid disturbing creatures that may be sheltering in compost heaps, delay turning until mid-spring.

Aim to have all pruning and renovation of deciduous hedges completed by the end of February, before nesting season starts.

Continue to feed the birds, they may need extra help if the weather is particularly cold and keep birdbaths full but do clean regularly to avoid disease.

Walton Warriors By Edward Moore

The Walton Warriors are continuing through the pandemic and making strides forward as a club.

Following the round of cup matches in December there were some great results where our Walton teams caused a few upsets, beating more established teams from higher divisions – perhaps Wembley awaits at the end of the season, who knows.

The weather seems to be linked to our football season, as no sooner does lockdown end, the rain decides to come in deluges causing waterlogging issues at Breech Lane. As the facilities are used regularly, they rarely get a

break and in the new year the club will be welcome of any ideas or assistance on how to improve the drainage at Breech Lane Playing Fields.

We hope to continue playing up until the end of the season and be able to provide an overdue trophy day in June.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

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

Who: Girls aged 6-11 (school years 2-6) When: 9-10 Saturday mornings Where: Breech Lane playing fields Come and give it a try - first session FREE

If you would like to join us please contact Nicola Fannin on nicolafannin@yahoo.co.uk or 07968 480 809 For more information visit: <u>www.waltonwarriorsfc.com</u>







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	Box Hill	843525
Police	Surrey Police	01483 571212 or 101
Hospitals	Epsom General	01372 735735
	St Helier	020 8644 4343
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CHARITIES		
Home Farm Trust	Kevin Shaw	812223
RSPCA	Regional Control Centre	08705 555999
Swan Sanctuary Helpline		01932 240790
TWOAT	Mike Fox	350452
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R.N.L.I Friends Of St Peter's	Margaret Fox Philip Truett	350452 813832
Age Concern		352156
Banstead Live At Home	Tracy Baxter	07968 351211
The Children's Trust		365000
Walton Parochial Church Charity		668254
HALLS AVAILABLE		
Community Centre-bookings	Ann Liddle	819959
Riddell Hall	Catherine Shrimpton	813265
Walton Scout & Guide HQ	Julia Boddy	812371
Walton Primary School	Mrs Young	812103
Christchurch Hall	Sheila Brotherhood	813678
GROUPS		
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Gage Players Amateur Dramatics	S. Currie	359283
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The Arts Society	Mike Roshier	01372 813196
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Walton on the Hill & District Local History Society	Peter Denyer	01372 377337
Walton Village Forum	Grant Webster	819915
Mothers Union-Mothers & Uthers	Karen Rand	213311
SCHOOLS/NURSERIES/GROUPS		
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Brownies	Avril Farley	356160
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Group Scout Leader	Avril Farley	356160
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Where in Walton is this...... Answer in the next issue.



And the answer to last issues photo is...Breech Lane







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