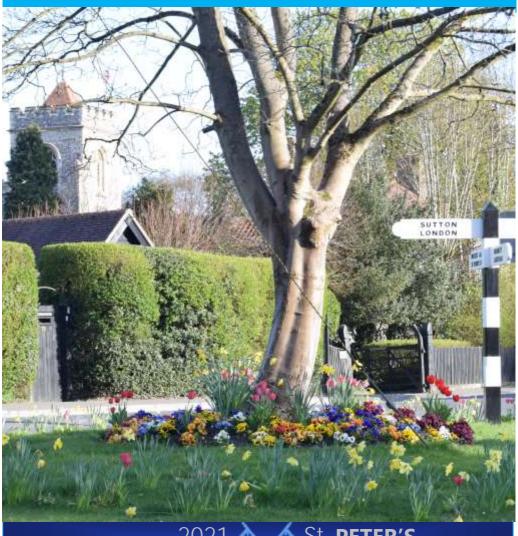
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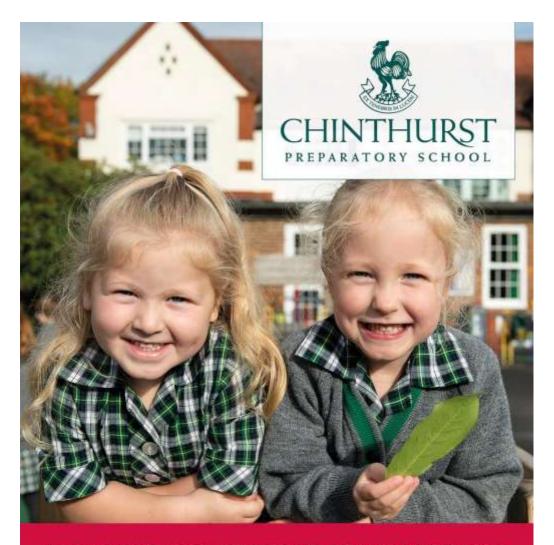


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Editor's Note By Laura Palmer

The Easter period might not have been packed to the brim with excitement for many of us, but I do hope yours was full of love, hope, and the occasional chocolate indulgence.

Mine got a bit nostalgic after a venture into the loft. Note to self: think carefully about one's emotional fortitude before opening a box labelled "letters, photos and memorabilia". It's dangerous territory, flicking through old photo albums and reading letters from teenage pen pals and friends at different universities.

I know! We actually wrote pages of A4, found an envelope, somehow a stamp too, and filled our friends' pigeonholes with joy. Not an email in an inbox, or a text, or WhatsApp message. An actual comforting hug-in-an-envelope. Probably at a time when we were most missing home. Social media has its place but no-one prints out likes, comments and emojis and puts them in a box in the loft.

And as for the photo albums, well, once I'd got past the howling haircuts and fashion faux pas, I was reminded of words of wisdom from **Maya Angelou**:

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



There were people from a 3 month expedition to Africa whose names I could barely recall, yet for every single face in those photos I remember something about how that person inspired me during such a formative time, whether through their bravery, humour, kindness, humility selflessness or leadership. And it made me want to do the same.

Likewise, from **Easter reflection to summer anticipation**, this colourful edition of WoW brings too many fabulous articles to mention individually and lots of events to look forward to in the early summer months ahead. The sporty crossword is a celebration of the reinstatement of school sports' days across the land (don't share food or a picnic blanket this year, just hand gel).

It's my favourite time of year and I can't think of anywhere I'd rather spend it than in Walton. Hope to see you around—just don't be offended if I can't remember your name.

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A warm welcome to Sara as she joins the team as Parish Administrator, and of course a big thank you to Tony for all his hard work in the role over the past year and a half; we wish him much luck for the future.

Rector's Letter By Reverend Harry Latham

As I write this we have celebrated Easter and spring is slowly emerging as our lockdown eases. Most people over 45 have had one 'jab', some have had both, and confidence is returning.

We have also joined with many others in expressing our appreciation of HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, who died at the

great age of 99 years. Like me, you may have watched his funeral service.

In particular I was struck by the reference in the 1662 Prayer Book collect to the "general resurrection" both he and we await. Indeed the Nicene creed is very clear that: "We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

The Resurrection matters. It is worth going on about. Because Jesus was raised from the dead we have confidence that one day we will be raised also. As Christians we do not worship a dead hero, we do not venerate the earthly remains of some great leader. We do not and we cannot because Jesus is not dead (he is Risen) and there are no earthly remains, the grave was empty.

The One we worship is alive. His risen body still bears the scars of sacrifice. One day we will see Him face to face but for now we know Him by the Holy Spirit and encounter Him in Word and Sacrament in Worship and Prayer and through each other!

In the realm of government and kingship the name of a dead person has no authority. Once Prince Philip had authority and used it wisely and well; for example, the D of E award scheme has been undertaken by over



6.5 million young people in the UK so far. At one time Winston Churchill had great authority – and although his name is held in great affection today he has no authority. When you visit Chartwell it is empty – he is not there.

Jesus' name has immense authority because he is alive and well and not going anywhere! As part of

the Easter liturgy puts it, He is the Lamb who was slain and who has now begun his reign! As we look at the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles (the second book written by St Luke) we see the authority of Jesus making a difference with people healed in his name and people trusting him for themselves.

So what are we asked to do? We are asked to have faith in Jesus and in the power of Jesus' Name; we are asked to believe in the greater reality of the Christian world than in this transient one around us. We do that every time we receive Communion trusting that he died for us. We do that every time we pray to someone we cannot see, believing that he cares for us and is able to help.

At the end of one of his sermons in Acts 3, Peter speaks to a crowd amazed by the healing of crippled beggar. His words are still good today for us and our wider community, our country and our world.

In the Message version: "Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins (and) pour out showers of blessing to refresh you."

I look forward to welcoming many of you back to St Peter's and maybe some for the first time.

Harry



Services at St Peter's Church (for full May-June details see p24)

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 is our main service of the day. We welcome you all, safe and socially distanced. Please register your interest at admin@stpeterswoth and remember to bring a face covering.



1st Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service



2nd Sunday is a Parish Communion Service (more traditional)



3rd Sunday is a FAMILY Service



4th Sunday is a FAMILY Communion Service (less traditional) Private Prayer: a quiet time at St Peter's to reflect and pray. Sunday 1-4pm Thursday 9am –4pm

Read, Mark, Learn: back on Zoom on Thursday evenings at 8pm, looking at the Acts of the

Apostles.

May 13th and 27th June 10th and 24th



JOIN US for an early morning walk to St Mary's for the Ascension Day service! Meet at St Peter's at 5.30 am, wearing a waterproof jacket and walking boots/shoes. Bring a snack and some water. The walk to St Mary's is 1 ¼ mile, on footpaths and tracks and is fairly steep down and up. We will follow the footpath down Queen's Close, opposite Chequers Garage. At the bottom of the hill we turn left, walk under the M25; half way up the hill leave the track and fork right up the footpath through the trees, which leads through the fields to St Mary's churchyard. NB We will need to walk back afterwards too (total 2 ½ miles)!

$\underline{\underline{S}}$ ervices 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
2nd May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
9th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
13th May	6.30am	Ascension Day Benefice Service (Churchyard)
16th May	10.30am	Parish Communion
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13th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
20th June	10.30am	Parish Communion
27th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
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	S	St Andrew's, Box Hill
2nd May 9th May	9.30am 9.30am	Contemporary Worship Family Communion at St Mary's
16th May	9.30am	Informal Communion
23rd May	9.30am	Morning Praise
6th June	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
13th June	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
20th June 27th June	9.30am 9.30am	Informal Communion Morning Praise



Insight By Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE

Our 94-year-old lay minister, at St Peter's, shares his thoughts and experiences.

About eight years ago my Medical Consultant told me that he was about to become President of The Royal College of Medicine. One of his plans was to provide a varied range of key topics for the College to consider. In particular he was keen to explore how the main 'Religious Faiths' in this country contribute to Healing and Medicine. He was inviting five representative speakers. Would I speak for The Church of England? I thanked him for asking me but I was the wrong person, for he knew many national figures who were far more experienced than I am in such matters. For three months my Consultant persisted on the grounds that my life experience was hands on and I could make a valid contribution.

So it is, four months later, that I am in the Lecture Theatre taking Questions, having given a forty minute Presentation to a packed Theatre. The second Question from the Floor comes from a man who introduces himself as 'The Chief Rabbi for Liberal Synagogues in the UK'. He asks if I will talk with him at Coffee time. I reply 'No'. There is a gasp across the Theatre. Then I add, 'Come and have lunch with me, one day soon'!

I arranged the lunch in a private room. We started at 12.30 pm, enjoyed a good lunch then talked until 5.30pm! Since then we have met four times a year, until the Corona Virus interrupted us. We are fully engaged in discussing the application of our similar and differing views forged in the light of our experiences in real life.

Here is a recent article that the Rabbi sent me.

PASSOVER

Passover (pesach in Hebrew) is one of Judaism's major holidays, known as a 'pilgrim

festival' because in ancient times Jews would travel to the Temple in Jerusalem to

make an offering there at Passover.





Passover is a seven-day event with the first and seventh days requiring an evening ceremony with the lighting of candles and the tasting of sweet wine, abstention from work, and special services in the synagogue including the reciting of psalms.

Originally Passover was an agricultural experience which marked the coming of spring as evidenced by the birth of lambs, the reaping of the grain harvest and other signs of new growth.

By Hebrew Biblical verse and rabbinic tradition, Passover became the moment to remember the Exodus – the liberation under the leadership of Moses and Aaron of the Hebrew nation from slavery in Egypt. The story begins generations earlier with the arrival of Joseph in Egypt who eventually rises to be Chief Minister to the Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. His family and tribe join him and settle in Egypt. After a period a new Pharaoh is installed and, threatened by the success of Joseph's descendants (the Hebrew people), the new Pharaoh seeks to kill all Hebrew new born males and enslaves the adult Hebrews.

Eventually this (legendary or historic) situation becomes a symbolic clash between the one Eternal God of the Jews and the Pharaoh who was considered a god by the

Egyptian people involving the Ten Plagues, the freeing of the Hebrew slaves, the dividing of the Red Sea and the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert.

The main marking of Passover today takes place in Jewish homes with what is known as the 'seder'. The seder provides an evening of learning through the retelling of the Exodus story, symbolic foods and a festive meal. Central to the evening is the seder plate on which are placed a lamb bone and roasted egg (as a reminder of the offering in the Temple), green vegetables (a symbol of spring), bitter herbs and salt water (recalling the harshness of slavery), a condiment of fruit and nuts (possibly reflecting the consistency of bricks of mud and straw referred to in the Biblical story in the Book of Exodus), and the food of Passover: the matzah.



The matzah is a wafer of unleavened bread, made just of wheat and water. It is the simplest type of sustenance, given to slaves as that minimum, which was required to keep them alive to work, but equally the quickest to be cooked when the slaves were in a hurry to leave on being granted their freedom. It was only after the Hebrew slaves had been freed from slavery that they were able to become a responsible nation with a religious constitution, the Ten Commandments.

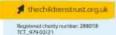
To the marking of the coming of spring and the commemoration of the transformation from slavery to responsible nationhood, the rabbinic tradition added a third layer to the celebration of Passover. The rabbis understood that physical slavery was not the only challenge to the human condition and that human beings could enslave themselves by, for example, greed or intolerance. Thus, Passover become a symbol of hope and of expectation that one day, just as the Hebrew slaves had become a free Jewish nation so all peoples of the world could enjoy the benefits that flow from controlling one's own destiny. It is in this sense that the ancient message of Passover has resonance in today's world where individuals and nations still hunger for liberation.

Rabbi Danny Rich is currently a Chaplain in the Department of Pastoral and Spiritual Care at Kingston Hospital and Surrey & Borders NHS Trusts

Your Invitation – if you would like to talk about what Tom has described just email 'tom@rhindtutt.com' and he will gladly respond.



meeting, either online or in person.





<u>"I</u>'m Too Embarrassed To Ask About... By Reverend Harry Latham

..The Trinity"

It can be so confusing to us at times but why is the doctrine of the Trinity so important?

Well, a solitary God cannot be love because real love requires relationship. In the doctrine of the Trinity we get to see how love is part of the fabric of creation. From eternity, Father, Son

and Spirit have been in community, in relationship. They have loved each other.

So, the Trinity is the answer to the deepest longing of the human heart. It clarifies the question and makes us go deeper than 'sentimental notions and elusive emotions.' We're all looking for love.

Deep down we all need it in ways we don't understand or even acknowledge. We search and find glimpses, moments, tastes, and samples of love. We have genuine experiences of human love. And yet God's love still calls to us.

"Greater love has no one than this,"
Jesus said, "that someone lay down their life for their friends" (John 15:13).

Sacrificial love is the ultimate love. Now imagine that the One who is Love sacrificed himself. Imagine that the eternal loving fellowship of the divine community sent out one of their own to die, not just for their friends but for enemies.

This is precisely what God has done. The second person of the Trinity, the Son of God, takes on flesh and comes to die, 'that he who is true Love might show true love and give true love so that we might finally know true love.'



This is the hope of all humankind – that the doctrine of the Trinity would "come to life" by welcoming us into the community of love that God has enjoyed since before time began.

C. S. Lewis put it well when he said: "The thing that matters is being actually drawn into that three-personal life."

The third person of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit – is the One who enables us to know the Father and the Son as we open ourselves to him. So the Trinity is best understood as we experience the love of God.

Read, Mark, Learn

and inwardly digest... @St Peter's"

A Mid-week evening on ZOOM looking at the Acts of the Apostles, 8pm-9.30pm. 2nd & 4th Thursdays

> We re-started on January 14th

Mother's Union By Karen Rand, Dawn Jones and Mo Atkins

In March, we were treated to a talk on Zoom, by Anne Edwards, Professor Emerita and Fellow of



Despite being apart, COVID-19 has brought many of us together with an upsurge in

St. Hilda's College, Oxford, herself a member of our MU group.

neighbourliness and community spirit as demonstrated by the immediate and generous response to the 'Tadworth and Walton Community Support Group', which was launched, rapidly, at the very start of the pandemic.

As a social scientist, Anne explained her interest in 'Working Relationally for the Common Good.' It was a fascinating insight into Anne's work on inter-professional collaboration, within the caring professions, based on many years of university research, mainly in Norway. Her presentation highlighted the need to 're-focus' our thinking, so that 'WE' comes to dominate 'I', by the pooling of resources and by interaction between all concerned.

The challenges have urged us, as Christians, to follow Jesus' example and challenge, to love our neighbour, to look after one another and work together. Volunteering or taking time to talk to a neighbour are things we can all do and which help us connect. We pray it may continue. We are very grateful to Anne for an informative and thought provoking evening.

Although we met at a time of 'social distancing' (being apart!) due to the pandemic, Anne's talk was particularly apt and led to lively and encouraging discussion of how the pandemic had impacted on our own individual lives and also within our community.

At our April meeting, a small group of us enjoyed a game of 'Three truths and a lie' on zoom. It was fun hearing everyone's statements and discovering who was best at concealing the truth! And a great way to learn a lot more about each of us.

People had got to know their neighbours better; community connections were strengthened and there was a massive increase in volunteering. Teams of volunteers helped others willingly, proving that there is no 'I' in TEAM! This past year has made us all very aware of the importance of social connection, for our own wellbeing.

Our next meeting via zoom, is on **Tuesday** 11th May @ 8.00 pm when we welcome Alison Fernandes, the MU Regional Development Manager, Britain & Ireland. Alison is responsible for the parenting programme within the MU and will be talking about it's future. All are very welcome and the zoom link will be available nearer the time. Please contact karenrand@gmail.com for details.

Anne's talk was timely and tied in particularly well with the publication of the recent "Together Coalition Report – Our Chance to Reconnect", published by Mothers' Union. (A steering committee, headed up by the Archbishop of Canterbury).

Our following meeting will take place on **8th June @ 8.00 pm** when perhaps, depending on Covid restrictions, we may be able to meet outside (weather permitting).

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Christchurch United Reformed Church by Janet Holah

Greetings from Christchurch where a very warm welcome awaits anyone who wishes to join us for Sunday worship!

As a country, we have been through some very difficult times over the last year or so but, for us, our faith has helped us to face it all. We in Walton and Tadworth are incredibly lucky that we live in such a beautiful place with many country walks on our doorstep. Imagine living in the centre of a city in a high-rise block of flats with no garden and, possibly children to entertain and educate. Nevertheless, there are some people in our area who have been hit hard and been unable to leave their homes and some wonderful people have stepped up to give them assistance. This is God's work in action, and we pray that the community spirit demonstrated during the pandemic will continue for the future.

For us at Christchurch where we have a very small and vulnerable congregation, we had to close again in January for everyone's safety but once we had all been vaccinated, we felt confident enough to reopen for worship in person and have been enjoying services since March. Whilst it is recognised that a building is not absolutely necessary for us to worship the Lord, it is, nevertheless, a place where we can gather to share our faith with fellow believers and worship together. It was wonderful then to be able to meet to celebrate Easter Sunday, the most important date in the Christian calendar, unlike last year when we were all firmly in the first lockdown.

We thank God for our doctors and nurses who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to care for those who have succumbed to the pandemic. Theirs has been a dreadful task given that they have faced numerous deaths day in, day out. It is hard to imagine how they have coped for all this time. We also



thank God for our fantastic scientists who have worked twenty-four hours a day to research and produce a vaccine so quickly to protect us from such a deadly disease. Our admiration knows no bounds. What a superb operation the vaccination programme has been too, and which has enabled us to resume some sense of normality. There certainly seems to be light at the end of the tunnel now and the future is looking brighter.

With blessings from us all at Christchurch. Janet Holah

For information, the officers of Christchurch URC are now:

Sheila Brotherwood – Elder Janet Holah – Secretary – 01737 813494 Robert Holah – Treasurer – 01737 813494

HELP STILL REQUIRED!

Christchurch would still welcome help with the community garden project. If you find yourself with a bit of spare time and would like to get involved please contact Janet Holah on the number above. You don't have to have green fingers, just enthusiasm!

Christchurch URC Services in May and June

Our services are every Sunday at 10.30 am.

Below is a list of our preachers for May and June. All are welcome!

We offer Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 2nd May: Mike Downing (Communion)
Sunday 9th May: Nigel Macdonald
Sunday 16th May: Jim Davis
Sunday 23rd May Edward Pender
Sunday 30th May: John Sinclair
Sunday 6th June: Mike Downing (Communion)

Sunday 13th June: Bernard Moore
Sunday 20th June: Jim Davies
Sunday 27th June: Tom Hackett

Unfortunately our Wednesday Guild meeting no longer takes place.

Please direct all Christchurch enquiries including those for the church hall to Janet Holah at janetholah@outlook.com.

++ BUG HOTEL COMPETITION!! ++

Are you under 12 and living in Walton or the surrounding area? Do you love minibeasts?! Can you design a Bug Hotel for our community garden?

Christchurch URC is hoping to install a bug hotel to attract lots of minibeast wildlife to our outdoor space. I am looking for quite a large construction with homes for several different creepy crawlies – solitary bees, lacewings, beetles, ladybirds, etc. There are many ideas (like the picture below) on the internet so I would love to see lots of you lovely designs!

Please email a diagram showing the dimensions and materials required for your entry to ianetholah@outlook.com.

I look forward to hearing from as many of the village children as possible. There will be a prize for the winner.

Good luck!! Janet Holah



$\underline{\times}$ Tadworth Art Group

An online exhibition for an art group that has been holding their traditional exhibitions in church halls for over 40 years is a step into the unknown for all concerned – not only for the artists who have never put together anything quite as technical and complex as that before, but also for the public, some of whom have never bought so much as a bag of groceries online, let alone a work of art.

However times have changed and the mould has been broken, some might say for ever, because online art has introduced what was a traditional local exhibition to the whole world. When art lovers the other side of the planet are now viewing paintings that usually find a home no further than five miles from that church hall, nothing can ever be the same again.

When Tadworth Art Group set sail last November on the good ship 'Internet', it truly was a voyage of discovery. Would people really be able to appreciate a 90cms x 60cms painting reduced to the size of a thumbnail? Would they be able to navigate their way round a virtual art gallery? More importantly, would they be confident that their online purchase would lead to the prompt delivery of something they would be happy to hang on

their wall?



As it turned out, nobody needed to worry. After the initial stampede for paintings on the opening day, a steady stream of buyers continued over the following



two weeks, and from the feedback Tadworth Art Group received, all were delighted with their purchases and many were surprised how easy their experience had been.

From Tadworth Art Group's point of view it had been a resounding success and any trepidation or concerns had been washed away from the good ship 'Internet's' decks, particularly when the demographics showed that there were buyers from all over the U.K. and their website had 'hits' from countries as far afield as New Zealand, Saudi, USA and many other European countries.

Will Tadworth Art Group ever return to their traditional exhibitions? Without a doubt! We all long to meet up and rub shoulders again, to view paintings in the flesh and talk art over a glass of something refreshing.

Be assured, online art is here to stay, so don't miss TAG's next exciting exhibition from 14th to 23rd May. Visit www.tadworthartgroup.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

A NOTE FROM NORMA

THE ROYAL MARSDEN Christmas cards. We just want to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported the charity by buying their Christmas cards. Marilyn Reid and I sold a fantastic £1,276 worth. Quite an achievement in these difficult times. We also sent a cheque for £350 to the hospital made up of extra donations, sales of craft items (made by Alison) refreshments and film show (42nd Street), and refreshments at our gate on Boxing Day (socially distanced for any walkers passing by). The

and Norma. GREETINGS CARDS.

fund raising team were delighted with the result. Thank you and take care. Marilyn

If you wish to purchase Greetings Cards that benefit St Peter's, please call me as I keep a supply at home. These are cards suitable for all occasions and are £1 each. Many thanks, Norma 01737 812639.

The British Legion

is looking for a local Poppy Appeal Organiser to represent Walton on the Hill & Box Hill with collecting during Remembrance-tide.

If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause, please contact:

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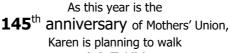
Below is a reflection from the MU Prayer Diary for the 14/5:

Dear Lord,

You have known me for all of time and will know me throughout eternity. Thank you for loving me just as I am and for preparing a place for me in heaven.

Amen

'MU on the Move' Fundraising Event





on the 14/5 to raise £145.

This will be a circular route taking in Tadworth, Walton, Headley and Mickleham common. If anyone would like to sponsor Karen in this challenge please go to https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karen-rand1,

your donations will be much appreciated

With the easing of lockdown it looks as if a resumption of meetings and events is, at last, a real possibility! Hopefully we shall be able to enjoy catching up at a 'Garden Gathering', on Tuesday 20th July, if not before. Details will follow in my weekly 'keep in touch' note. Exciting times ahead!

Open Group continues to raise funds for the Princess Alice Hospice throughout 2021 to compensate for the 2020 project shortfall.

As mentioned in the last edition of WoW, it was not possible to hold the 'Six Soup Saturdays', in Christchurch Hall, as usual during Lent. Instead a deliberately small but willing Village Kitchen team (led by Norma Darter from her kitchen) provided a restricted home delivery service of soup lunches on the 'Six Saturdays' of Lent and a special tea on Easter Saturday. All

contributions, in appreciation of the deliveries, were gratefully received and raised an

encouraging £731.00. Many thanks to those volunteers who gave their time, ingredients and soup making skills.

We hope to re-start the Village Kitchen, in Christchurch Hall, on the second Saturday of the month from 12th June. Takeaways and deliveries will be organised from the hall at first, with a return to a modified and Covid safe Village Kitchen on 10th July.

We look forward to being together and sharing food and fellowship, once again. If you would like to be on the Open Group mailing list, to receive updates of events, please let us know, by email to Mo, moatkins@hotmail.co.uk or call Norma on 812639.



Local Organist Honour by Mo Atkins

CHRISTOPHER SLATER ARSCM

Fundraising with a difference!



Christopher Slater was the much loved organist at St Peter's Church, from 1960 -1970 and from 1975 -1985. He is also a well known member of the Gage Players, having acted in and directed plays over many years.

Christopher has recently had the honour of being made an Associate of the Royal School of Church Music (ARSCM).

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS!

Now in his 89th year, Chris has set himself the challenge of playing all 846 hymns, from the Ancient and Modern book - 'Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Music', over the next two months, in chronological order, on his Eminent Alpha House Organ (Cathedral Organs).

In doing so Chris hopes to raise funds for the much needed refurbishment of the Organ at Buckland's beautiful church.

Sponsors might like to choose a favourite hymn, the gift could be reflected in the hymn number, Chris suggests ... E.g. Hymn 406 could attract £4.00; £40.00; or £400! Chris can let you know the number!

Donations can be made directly to Barbara Thomas, PCC Treasurer, St Mary's, Buckland, Little Perrow, Old Road, Buckland RH3 7DY – noting it for the Organ Fund; or by bank transfer to St Mary's Church Account Account number 03428508, Sort Code 60-17-27 Ref: Organ Fund

Further details may be obtained from Christopher Slater ARSCM,

Tel: 01372 454963 or

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St Mary's Church, Buckland, Surrey

Thank You and Goodbye, from Ellen Birkett

Local resident Ellen would like to thank her friends & neighbours for their continued support in the village.

After many years in the village and at the age of 92, Ellen is moving to Chichester to be near her sister Mary and we wish her much happiness in her new home.

Local Focus: Bluebell Walk

There is nothing quite like the sight of woodland covered with bluebells in late spring. Here Susan Adilz guides us on a beautiful walk in the beautiful surroundings of Walton on the Hill.

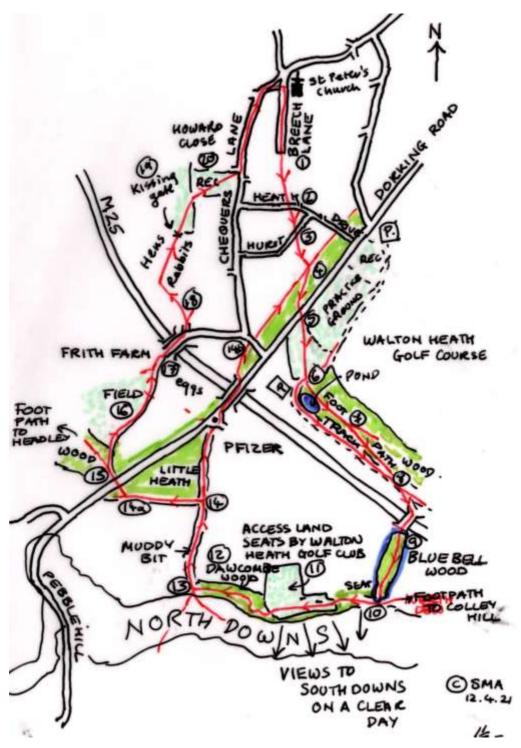
- 1. Start at St Peter's Church. Walk down Breech Lane & along the footpath at the end.
- 2. Cross Heath Drive & 3. Hurst Drive with care.
- 4. At the wood, turn right then fork left immediately on footpath through wild garlic.
- 5. At Dorking Road, cross with care.
- 6. At other side of the field by the practice ground either take the track ahead through the wood (pond on right) and at 7. fork right to M25 crossing, OR *skirt round the wood on the track (pond on left), past reservoir, M25 on the right.*
- 8. At the end of the wood, turn left then fork right up to M25 bridge (from track fork right).
- 9. Bluebell Wood is straight ahead: Enjoy!
- 10. At the far end of the wood, take the steps down and turn right. Have a seat and enjoy the views over Surrey & Sussex
- 1 3/4 miles (40 45 minutes)
- 11. Continue down the narrow chalky path (slippery when wet), to emerge at a field with views & seats donated by Walton Heath Golf Club (land exchanged with the practice

By Susan Adilz

- ground). Here there are fabulous views; it's a great spot for a picnic.
- 12. Cross the field, go uphill into Dawcombe Nature Reserve. At 13. follow the path right. Uphill, there will be a field on your left and the Pfizer building in the distance to the right. Warning: almost always muddy, boots needed!
- 14. Here you can choose to either: nip back via Pfizer straight on, cross Dorking Road & M25, take footpath left after M25 bridge, cross Chequers Lane and return via 4) and 1) OR turn sharp left at "Public Byway" sign. If the latter, walk through Little Heath Wood then 14a) fork right, climb over (or walk round) log, cross Dorking Road with care.
- 15. Immediately, fork right (or you will end up in Headley) Cross field with Frith Farm ahead walk
- around gate to the track at the far end.
- 17. Cross M25.
- 18. Once over the bridge, take care, occasional cars; turn left & left again around gate (sandy soil, rabbits everywhere!). Footpath turns right (hens ahead).
- 19. Walk through the kissing gate and diagonally across field to easy access gate.
- 20. Through gate to Howard's Close Rec and take Chequers Lane back to St Peter's.

Total 4 1/4 miles (1 1/2 - 2 hours)





<u>₩</u>Upcoming Events!





Tea on the Green!

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2.30-3.00PM



Teas, Coffee and Cakes on St Peter's Green (Weather permitting)

Proceeds to St Peter's Church. Offers of cakes and bakes are welcome!



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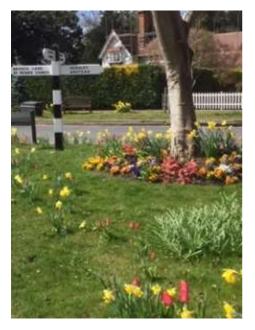
After brief, formal business, sit back and enjoy 'a cappella' singing from 'The Royal Males, former U.K. National Seniors Quartet Champions.

Interval glass of wine (Covid restrictions permitting)

For further information or to book your place, please contact **Philip Truett on 01737 813832.**

ightharpoons Walton In Bloom in conjunction with the Walton Village Forum

It has been a delight to see the hard work of our volunteers bloom so magnificently this Spring with the sunshine yellow daffodils spreading through the village. Gun Corner (below) has looked spectacular and so has the wall and carpark opposite Walton News.



As we look forward to more time outdoors and finally being able to meet up with friends and family, those of us with gardens could share our space in a way we may not have done in the past. Why not grow some extra vegetables to share, either at harvest time or share young plants?

If you do not have a garden, why not plant lots of herbs in pots on a windowsill to enjoy in your cooking or to make a refreshing infusion? I love the bright clean calming taste of peppermint tea. Pick a few leaves, pour on hot water, cover, and leave for five minutes. Gently bruise the leaves to release the oils and sweeten with honey if desired. Sip slowly and enjoy.

Playful Planting Ideas...

Have children paint old food cans and plant up with sunflower seeds, or pretty pollinating flowers and watch the bees enjoy lunch. Likewise add soil to small bowls, sow barley or oats for rabbits or cat nip (Nepeta) for cats.

Jobs for May

The weather is so changeable that it is a good idea to check the weather forecast for night-time temperatures and protect tender plants if necessary. Continue to mulch and try to remove weeds as they germinate. If you hoe on a dry, sunny day, leave the seedlings to shrivel up in the sun.

Divide bulbs - if your daffodils did not flower well this year they may be congested. When the foliage begins to yellow, dig up and separate into smaller clumps. Replant at a depth of three times the bulb height.

Jobs for June

Conserve water when you can. Use water butts. During dry weather stand pots in trays to catch runoff and potentially reduce leaching of nutrients. Keep an eye on hanging baskets. Let your grass grow longer, or even leave some uncut to benefit wildlife. Discover the joy of making daisy chains.

Walton News are selling plants again this

year; please support our local shop, and Christchurch community garden needs helpers. If you can help, contact Janet Holah on 01737 813494.

Thank you, Walton in Bloom



Book Club Corner: A Wrinkle in Time Trilogy By May Palmer

Book Club Corner is Window on Walton's new regular column celebrating some of the best in teen fiction. This edition features May, aged 11, and why she loves the "A Wrinkle in Time" Trilogy.

If you are aged between 10 and 14 and have a book or series of books you would like to share please contact Laura at colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com

Title: A Wrinkle in Time Author: Madeleine L'Engle **Star Rating:** 5 stars (out of 5)

About these books: A Wrinkle in Time is an amazing science-fiction series based on the concept of time-travel through space.

At the beginning of the first book, "A Wrinkle In Time", the main characters Meg Murry and her little brother Charles Wallace have not seen their father for more than four years yet refuse to believe that he is not still alive. When they meet Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who and Mrs Which they are dragged into an adventure beyond their wildest dreams.

Their quest to find their father and stop the triumph of evil over good takes them across the universe and back and on a journey through time.

In the second book, "A Wind in the Door", Charles Wallace is desperately ill and his mother Mrs Murry, a scientist, is urgently trying to find a cure. In this book, Meg and Calvin must once again travel through time and space, this time into the very workings of the human body.

The third book, "A Swiftly Tilting Planet", gets even more complicated when Charles Wallace, now 15, must travel through time on the back of a unicorn to stop a galactic war that could end the universe.

My thoughts about the books: The first of these books was written in 1962 and they explore concepts that seem possible to scientists today, making them timeless in more than one way.

They are really good stories as they are exciting and you never quite know what's going to happen next. When I first got them my dad was reading them to me but I soon couldn't resist racing ahead on my own.

I would recommend these books to anyone, whether teenage or properly grown up, who would like something exciting to read that really makes them think.

In 2018 A Wrinkle in Time was made into a Hollywood film but it has had terrible reviews so I haven't watched it as it won't be as good as the books.



Little Cherubs

Yet again the fabulous Little Cherubs team came up with some wonderful Easter holiday activity treats in a pack delivered to the door.

An Easter basket making kit, with the all important goodies to go inside the basket: Easter colouring in, an easy way to share the Easter story with little ones, a brilliant life-cycle sheet to colour and share about the chicken and the egg (I still don't know who came first), and much more. Sometimes I think I'm as excited as the kids to receive these packs!

Thank you Jean, Karen, Harry, Mo and Sylvia!



In the run up to Easter—on Palm Sunday — we joined in with the rest of the Benefice in creating a living Easter tomb, on a Zoom call hosted by Harry and Jan. I'm not renowned for my green fingers, so imagine our surprise and delight when we opened the curtains on Easter Sunday to see that the grass really had grown on the cotton wool hillside over the tomb (a plastic shot glass) with it's heavy stone (a pebble) covering it. We rolled away the stone and went off to St Peter's to enjoy a socially distanced yet no less joyous Easter Service, filled with love and sunshine streaming in through the stained glass windows.

Talking of Love, don't forget it's Father's Day on 20th June!

Little Cherubs is a termtime group for

Little Cherubs

pre-

schoolers with a parent, grandparent or carer, held at St Peter's Church and featuring stories, singing, dancing, crafts and refreshments. £2 per family.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sadly Little Cherubs is still unable to go ahead in the church but we thought it would be good to get together for an informal gathering outside (weather permitting).

We will meet on Tuesday 28th May at 10.30am for fun and games at Breech Lane Playing Fields. Please bring your own drinks and snacks and something to sit on, and Harry will bring his guitar!

Love from all the Little Cherubs team.

Please contact Karen Rand on karenrand@gmail.com for more details about Little Cherubs.

Here is Skye with her Easter basket, and Cameron with his rainbow bracelet from the Little Cherubs Valentine pack.





May	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 2nd	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Thu 6th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 9th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 13th	6.30am 9am-4pm 8.00pm	Ascension Day Benefice Service Private Prayer RML	St Mary's Churchyard St Peter's Church Zoom
Sun 16th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 20th	9am—4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 23rd Pentecost	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 27th	9am-4pm 8.00pm	Private Prayer RML	St Peter's Church Zoom
Sun 30th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Outdoor Benefice Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Churchyard St Peter's Church

From St Peter's Registers

March 9th Funeral of Jocelyn Ruddell

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

This is a provisional schedule, please subscribe to regular emails for updates at admin@stpeterswoth.org or contact Harry for zoom details

June	Time	Service/Event	Place
Thu 3rd	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 6th	8.00am 11.00am 9am-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 10th	9am-4pm 8.00pm	Private Prayer RML	St Peter's Church Zoom
Sun 13th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 17th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 20th Father's Day	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thurs 24th	9am-4pm 8.00pm	Private Prayer RML	St Peter's Church Zoom
Sun 27th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 31st	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church

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

Thank you.

Walton Parochial Charities

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



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

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

How can we help?

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

We Want to Help.



Local History: The Brighton Road: The Classic Highway to the South By Robert Ruddell

PART 1

Charles George Harper [1863-1943] was an English author and illustrator. He wrote many self-illustrated travel books exploring the regions, roads, coastline, literary connections, old inns etc of Britain.

In 1892 his book, 'The BRIGHTON ROAD' was published, with a second edition in 1906 and a third and revised one in 1922. This was the story of Harper's journey from London to Brighton and detailed the history of the various places of interest as he passed through.

The Sutton and Reigate route to Brighton commenced at St. Mark's, Kennington and passed through Sutton, Belmont, Banstead, Burgh Heath, Tadworth, Lower Kingswood, Reigate Hill, and arrived in Brighton some $51^5/_8$ miles later.

Well into the 19th century most people travelled on foot, the wealthier inhabitants on horseback or in some form of horse-drawn vehicle. The larger estates had sizeable stable complexes with each village having its own forge or smithy and in the case of Walton on the Hill, two. Horses and carts would also have been used to transport goods and materials until the arrival of the railways, which were the earliest mechanised form of transport.

The Banstead and Epsom Downs railway opened in 1865 and the Chipstead Valley and Tattenham Corner line between 1897 and 1901, with trains arriving at Tadworth and Walton on the Hill on July 1st 1900. Both lines were designed chiefly to carry passengers to the horse races, particularly the Derby on Epsom Downs.

In the early years of the 20th century the workers had bicycles and the gentry used motorcars and garages began to appear to service these new machines. However, deliveries of coal, milk, bread, etc continued to be made by horse-drawn vehicles until the 1950s.

By the early 1930s there were regular bus services from Sutton to Tattenham Corner, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Walton on the Hill and Epsom. Bus services first arrived in Walton on the Hill in 1922.

An Act of Parliament in 1755 had authorized an extension of the turnpike from Sutton to Reigate. The powers were confirmed on a body of trustees to set up and erect turnpikes to collect tolls on traffic using the roads across the heath and downs. The Tadworth tollgate in 1870 lasted until 1881 and was at the junction of Copt Hill Lane and the Brighton Road.

The first mail coach to Brighton ran in 1784. Thereafter the road became busy with all kinds of traffic. By 1822 it was said sixty coaches each day passed through. The last regular coach ran in 1845.

The highway from Banstead to Reigate has changed considerably over the last 130 years. Banstead Commons in 1890 was open sheep grazing land, dotted with gorse and very few trees.

When Harper leaves Belmont he crosses Banstead Downs where in 1865 The London Brighton & South Coast Railway decided to take the cheapest possible route from Sutton Station, buying up the Commons by compulsory purchase and building a track in a great curve, cutting Banstead Downs in half.

tocal History: The Brighton Road: contd...

Banstead Downs at one time were vast; at least 10 times larger than they are today, spreading to Walton Heath and Epsom.

On 3rd March 1877 Banstead Asylum was opened on the Downs and was there until it closed in October 1986. The building was then demolished and two prisons, High Down, which opened in 1992, and Down View in 2001 now occupy the site. Banstead Downs Golf Club was founded in 1890 and the course was laid out on both sides of the Brighton Road.

By 1932, the club had become concerned about a number of safety issues concerning the council's plans to widen the A217 Brighton Road, the proximity of the railway and the public pathways to the eastern side of the links. It was therefore to James Braid that the Banstead Downs' members turned, to tweak JH Taylor course and make it safer to play.

After leaving Banstead, Harper came across on the west of the Brighton Road, 'The

feudal-looking wrought iron gates newly built beside the road here, surrounded by a gorgeous shield of arms crested with a helmet and enveloped in mantling, which form the entrance to Nork Park, the seat of one of the Colman family who have mustered very strongly in Surrey of late years.'

The 1920 photo shows the Nork Park Hill entrance to Nork House Drive from the Reigate Road. Two of the pillars at the entrance of the Drive still exist but were moved to the entrance at the top of Ruden Way. They were made of stone and so easily transported.

The Earl of Egmont [the Percival family] a major local landowner lived at Nork House for much of the 19th century until the Estate west of the Brighton Road came up for sale in 1890. This comprised Nork House and Park, Tumble Farm, Little Burgh, Warren Farm and North Tadworth Farm amounting in all to about 1320 acres.



Entrance to Nork Park Hill, Burgh Heath 1920





Banstead Asylum, date unknown

The grounds of Nork House known as Nork Estate stretched from the Brighton Road to Epsom Downs and from Burgh Heath to Fir Tree Road. Frederick Edward Colman, sometime Chairman and Managing Director of the Colman's Mustard Company bought it. During WWI the Canadians used this magnificent mansion for Officers.

Another part of the estate, east of the Brighton Road, including Canons Farm, Reads Rest Farm and Great Oatlands, was bought by H. Cosmo Bonsor, MP, who in 1885 had bought the Kingswood Warren Estate.

In 1923 The Halden Estates Company bought most of the Nork Estate land for £29,000 and a smaller company Downs Estates Ltd bought land around the Drive and near Epsom Downs Station. There were no bidders for Nork House, which was eventually demolished in 1939.

Harper continues his journey and mentions 'Beyond this point, on a site now occupied by a cottage, stood the once-famed 'Tangier' Inn. Originally a private residence, the seat of Admiral Buckle who named it 'Tangier,' in

memory of his cruises on the north coast of Africa, it became a house of call for coaches, and especially for post-chaises'. It was said to be the oldest public house between London and Brighton, and stood roughly opposite where Aberdour School is now. It was burnt down in about 1874 and the woods at the back are, however, still known as 'Tangier Woods.' The Prince Regent would travel this route and stop at the Tangier Inn on his way to Brighton.

To be continued...



The Tangier Inn in 1826



<u>₩</u>Walton Village Forum By Grant Webster



The Theatre Is Coming to Town

As many of you are aware, the Walton Village Forum continues to raise funds to refurbish the Pavilion at Howard Close. To this end, we will be hosting The Folksy Theatre, who will be staging an open-air production of "Little Red" and "The Big Bad Wolf" at 2pm on Saturday, 17th July 2021 at the Breech Lane playing field. Tickets are on sale via www.folksytheatre.co.uk. WATBHA will host a licensed bar with alcohol and soft drinks on sale and there will also be an ice-cream van for the children, so all you'll need to bring are chairs and rugs to sit on.

This should be a great day out for the whole family and the first village event since the pandemic struck in early 2020. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Special thanks go to Michael Everett for sponsoring this important village event.

Spring appears to have finally sprung and as we all awaken from our lockdown slumber, so too have the sprays of annuals that have popped up all around the village. In the coming weeks you'll be able to admire beautiful hanging baskets that will be dotted around the village that have been organised by Walton-In-Bloom. Many of you will recall that last year, due to the pandemic, we were unable to arrange hanging baskets and we know this year they'll make a very welcome return.

Another key group doing an incredible job to keep our village looking immaculate are the Tadworth, Kingswood, Walton and Burgh Heath Litter Pickers. Now synonymous with hi-viz jackets and purple refuse bags, this group continues to do amazing work. We all owe each of you involved a debt of gratitude. From all Walton residents, we thank you.

I'm sure many saw the toad-crossing sign as

you approached the village during March / April. This year 1051 toads were helped and there were only 39 casualties, a fabulous effort by the local Toad Patrol group. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered this year as well as to those of you who drove cautiously as you entered the village from the Mere Pond side.

As a village we are incredibly proud that Walton Pharmacy are a part of the vaccination effort helping our country emerge from the global pandemic. We would like to thank all the volunteers that are helping Vips and his team with their fantastic work.

We are still carrying copies of Wild About Walton and Surrey Hills that we continue to sell to raise funds for the village, at £23.99 a copy. If you would like one please email info@waltonvillageforum.org.

Finally, following the success and great feedback from our first newsletter at the end of last year, we'll be following up with another one in due course. Please keep an eye on your email as we look to bring everyone up to date on various projects, initiatives and issues that we as a Village Forum continue to deal with on behalf of all our residents in conjunction with the TWRA and our councillors.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you in and around the village.

Grant

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Walton on the Hill Primary School

By Headteacher Tim Samuel



Light at the end of the tunnel...The Summer Term is here!

Firstly, I would like to thank all members of the local community who continue to support our school. We have received some very generous offers of support and kind words from a large number of the community over the past few months, which both benefits the children in the school and assures the staff team of the school's value within the village.

Over the Easter school holidays I was thrilled to receive a text stating that I was now able to book the first of my COVID-19 vaccinations. In some part at least, this reassures me that we are moving forward with the mighty national effort from the NHS. I would like to thank all members of our community who work for the NHS or any associated 'Key Workers' who have made it possible for the roll out of the vaccinations to be so efficient. I sincerely hope that their huge efforts are recognised and duly rewarded in the future.

With the vaccination programme now clearly making an impact and falling infection rates supporting the Government's ability to safely lift restrictions, there seems to be light at the end of COVID tunnel. This year especially, the summer months bring with them promise and hope. At this point it looks likely that the older children in our school will be able to attend their residential visits; perform in an end of year production; and partake in a sports day — all the fun stuff that children should be enjoying in their final months at primary school!

We hope that throughout this term school life will return to as "normal" a way of operating as possible. Naturally we are progressing in a cautious manner and will still follow the clear guidance on social distancing and 'bubbles'. Going forward, we hope that we will be able to see more of our wider community involved in school life.

The Summer Term is always a full and special time. We celebrate the achievements of the 2021 leavers over their seven years here, and we begin to welcome new children and their families into our school as they join us in Cygnets (our Reception class).

Throughout this term we will continue to reflect on what has gone well through this rather challenging year and what we would like to adopt to support the teaching and learning in the school going forward.

It looks increasingly unlikely that this year I will be able to take my family to our usual spot in Gascony which is in some way disappointing but which brings the excitement of exploring our own green and pleasant land! Already we are planning a camping trip to the Gower Peninsula and taking the opportunity to visit areas we haven't explored as a family – I intend to surprise a friend of mine who is a financial advisor by day and runs his family's fish and chip shop by night in Brecon! As with the way our school is operating I will taking the chance to embrace the positives and make the most of a different landscape.



The Gower Peninsula—not a bad swap! (Ed.)

Finally, we are excited to host the summer open air theatre production of 'Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf' at our Breech Lane school playing field on Saturday 17th July at 2pm



(https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/ littleredandthebigbadwolf).

By supporting this event you will be helping to refurbish the pavilion at Howard Close and developing sport in the community. We will write to the local residents around our playing field to ensure they are aware that this is happening but do hope it will meet with approval and enthusiasm as it is going to be a wonderful event.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer, whatever you may have planned. Tim

TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust By Mike Fox



We have recently been in touch with the school project we support in the foothills of Mount Everest in Nepal. They do not currently have COVID in their village but it is present in some of the big towns and cities and of course widespread in their huge neighbour India. It is terrible for them that worldwide tourism has collapsed because many of parents of children at the school as well as our own main contact earn their living as mountaineering and trekking guides. However, as there is no work, less people are travelling from the village so this may keep them safe from COVID.

Whilst he is worried about his own loss of earnings our contact is very grateful to TWOAT that the school is still open and he hopes a better education will help the village children's prospects of a better life in future. We are planning a Zoom session with him so that he has the opportunity to tell us what else the villagers might need to help them in this very difficult time, and also thank more of our supporters in person.

On Friday June 4th we hope that teams of up to 6 supporters may be able to gather in one of their homes so that they can participate in a Quiz via Zoom – participation will be £10

per team member. Normally we hold our quizzes in Christchurch Hall where space limits us to 8 teams so we are hoping this first fund raising event for TWOAT in 2021 might generate a record attendance for one of our quizzes!

On two Sundays, the 11th July and 22nd August, we have been kindly invited by well-known local plants expert, Keith Lewis, to sell teas when his garden at 41 Shelvers Way, Tadworth, KT20 5QJ is opened as part of the National Garden Scheme from 2-5pm (admission £5).

Our two annual John Allinson Sponsored Memorial Walks will take place later in the year than usual on Saturday 25th September and Friday October 8th. Hopefully the later dates will enable us to follow our recent pattern of walking a figure of eight course centred on a mid-walk pub lunch. The later date will also give our supporters a bit more time to get in trim for a longer distance walk than they may currently be tackling!

For those interested in organising earlier small group walks, we have published details of the walk we previously organised in Langley Vale on our website. It should be really beautiful with bluebells at this time of year. If you do enjoy the walk and the information of local interest that we have provided please do make a small donation to benefit our projects in poorer communities.



TWOAT A Letter of Thanks By Laurette Totomarovario

13th April 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My name is Laurette Totomarovario. I am a retired Mothers' Union Community Development Coordinator and have been taking care of the Nursery School project in the village of Ambondromifehy, Madagascar.

I would like to thank you with a grateful heart for your valuable donation of 700 pounds to TWOAT, towards the school project. This gift will help us to allow needy children to stay at school and get proper meals.

At the moment, because of the pandemic, schools have been closed from 3rd April to 18th. So many people have contaminated the new SA Variant. Hospitals are full. It is alarming.

Let's keep beseeching our Lord to have mercy on this World.

With my very best wishes. Peace be with you.

Laurette

Please visit www.TWOAT.org to keep in touch with our events, to be added to the TWOAT supporters' list or to download the Bluebell Walk details, alternatively phone Chair Mike Fox to request them on 01737 350452.

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Living in the Light of Easter—On the Run By Tracy Latham

For a long time now I have had a sense that I need to keep moving.

Resting feels dangerous. It creates anxiety. I don't know why. But I need to keep moving

So I do

But I'm getting tired. That scares me. Really scares me. Why?

It feels as if something is chasing me. I don't know who or what they want. I just know they are there and they scare me. I'll pick up the pace a bit - just to be sure they don't catch me.

If I maintain this pace they won't get any closer.

And I do maintain it for a long time. Many years. But I'm getting tired.

I don't know how much longer I can keep this up. But if I stop they will catch me. So I just have to keep going. I can't be tired. I'm OK. I can keep going. I will keep going. I must keep going. But I really am exhausted.

I'm just too, too tired. I can't do this anymore. I'm slowing down. I don't want to but I just can't keep up the pace. My body won't let me.

The tears start coming.

I keep going but the pace is slower. And the tears keep coming.

I can feel them getting closer. The gap is closing. I'm scared. So scared.

The tears keep coming. Tears of exhaustion. I am so, so tired.

The tears keep coming. Tears of terror. I am so, so afraid.

My pace continues to slow and the gap gets smaller.

I feel doomed; powerless; beaten. I continue to stumble on; barely able to lift

my feet anymore, but I don't want to die.

They are so close now I can feel their breath.

'Who are you?' I cry. 'What do you want?' There are two of them – fear and shame. They both have the same accusations. 'You are not good enough, not strong

'You are not good enough, not strong enough. It's all your fault.'

' I know' I reply. 'I am sorry. I tried my hardest. Please, please don't attack me,' I cry.

But they are relentless in their pursuit. 'You deserve to die' they say. They have no compassion.

I'm so tired now – death doesn't seem so bad. I'm almost ready to lie down and accept my fate.

But suddenly there is someone beside me – walking with me.

Who is this? They have water and bread. I can't take much – I am too tired. But a little helps and we walk together. Fear and shame don't go away. I can still feel there presence; just behind me. I still have to keep going so they don't devour me.

I'm still so tired; but His presence with me makes me a little less scared. Just a little. As we walk we talk. There is something about him. Something reassuring. We talk about lots of things. He listens so well. I sense he understands. He knows. He does not accuse.

Eventually I tell him. I tell him how tired I am.

And he listens.

I see the question in his eyes – long before he actually speaks the words.

He knows I am not yet ready to be asked, so he waits. So patiently.

He is so gentle and yet so strong.

We keep walking.
Eventually he asks, 'Will you rest a while?'
I feel a surge of anger – doesn't he know?
Surely he can sense their presence? Isn't he afraid? Does he want me to die?
I say nothing but I know he knows.

We keep walking. He asks another question. 'Will you trust me?'

Four simple words. But such a huge challenge.

Am I prepared to die?

I remember some words I have heard; 'Those who want to save their life will lose it.' And so I dare to do that which I am terrified of. I dare to stop.

And as they launch their attack – an attack that would result in certain death and annihilation he steps in front of me. He takes my place.

So then I know. I realise who he really is. He is the one who has conquered fear and shame.

He is the one who cried – it is finished.

He has already beaten them; so I need not be afraid.

In daring to trust; to risk losing my life, it is saved – by Him.

And I no longer have to keep running.
I can walk with Him – keeping in step with His Spirt.

Allowing time for dwelling, abiding and delighting.

I have been set free, At last.



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Window On Walton Crossword Number 2!

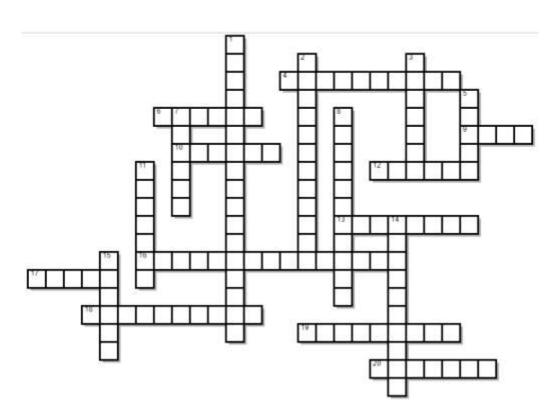
I hope you enjoyed the first Window on Walton crossword last edition—the answers are on the next page.

This crossword celebrates the return of the school sports day with some sport-related clues.

Don't forget if you are printing from a pdf of the magazine you can just print this page. If you fancy trying your brain at creating clues for the Jul-Aug WoW crossword, or if you just can't wait for the next edition to check your answers please contact the editor on colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com.

Enjoy! I'm inspired to start training for the 60m dash!

WoW Crossword number 2: The Sporty One



Across

- 4. Which rugby team play at The Stoop?
- 6. Which country did F1 legend Ayrton Senna come from?
- 9. How many more hurdles are there to jump in a 400m race than a 110m race?
- 10. Which sport involves tucks and pikes?
- 12. In bowling, what is the name for 3 consecutive strikes?
- 13. Which snooker play is nicknamed "The Rocket"?
- 16. What was West Ham United's original name? (6,9)
- 17. What is the nickname of the fastest woman of all time?
- 18. Who is the top ranked female golfer in the world? (3,5,2)
- 19. What's missing? Australian Open, French Open, US Open,
- 20. In which sport do you wear a plastron?

Down

- 1. Who was Dr. Steelhammer in boxing? (8,9)
- 2. Which indigenous Australian won the women's 400m at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney? (5,7)
- 3. Which England footballer was never given a red card?
- 5. On 6th May 1954 Roger Bannister was the first man to run under 4 minutes over a mile. Who broke his record just 46 days later?
- 7. The only horse to win The Grand National 3 times. (3,3)
- 8. In 2013 Australian Sally Pearson set the record for which 100m race in 16.59 seconds? (3,3,5)
- 11. At which course is The Masters golf tournament held?
- 14. Where were the Olympics held in 1984? (3,7)
- 15. In which sport would you "catch a crab"?

Crossword Number 1 (Mar-Apr) answers:

ACROSS

- 6. Rood
- 7. Three
- Walton Manor
- 12. Lady Chapel
- Chancel
- 15. Frances Stevenson
- 17. Jekyll
- 19. Gun Corner
- 20. The Rat
- Lloyd George
- 25. Font
- 26. Foyles

DOWN

- Meade
- 2. Canada
- 3. Reredos
- 4. Churchill
- 5. Forum
- 9. Lychgate
- 10. School
- 11. Penfold
- 14. PCC
- Suffragettes
- 18. Lutyens
- 21. Edward
- 22. Tilly

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Local Chef: Coronation Chickpea Boats by Laura Palmer





When I was little we used to visit family friends (remember doing that?!), somewhere in the home counties I think, for a yearly garden party of varying eighties culinary success.

The strawberries were wonderful (it being June), the annual dishing up of Coronation Chicken, not so much. Overly creamy, bland, beige, all this forgivable, except for the presence of flabby skin and gristle from where the cooked chicken hadn't been removed from the bone properly. (I hold no grudge against the cook, mass catering is hard).

But what potential this dish really has! A rich, satisfying main course salad with Indian flavours that is perfect at room temperature can only be a good idea. Stirring in sugary mango chutney and double cream (as the original recipe dictates) is not, in my opinion.

So here I've tried to make it even more vibrant, by upping the curry flavour, swapping cream for creamed coconut, mango chutney for fresh mango, and I've reduced the mayo dramatically (you could even swap it for Greek or coconut yogurt if you like). I added red onion, coriander and lots of lime for freshness and balance. To bring it really into the current decade, with a nod to sustainability, frugality and my new found plant-based lifestyle (which at home they all think is hilarious), I've used chickpeas instead of chicken.

That's not to say you couldn't use this dressing for leftover roast chicken, and it would also work wonders as a potato salad with some perfectly cooked, halved new potatoes tossed through it.

But then of course you couldn't actually say Coronation Chickpeas, which is probably funnier in my head than anywhere else. Since this is a throwback to a regal occasion after all, I've served mine in little gem boats as an extra tribute to the late Prince Philip's naval background. Feel free to use as a jacket potato topping, baguette filler, or part of a buffet instead.

As chance would have it this recipe feeds roughly six people but is easily halved (for eating over Zoom) or indeed doubled, for when we can be less selective over whom we invite into our gardens. You can also still make this if you don't have a garden, just very carefully pack it up with lots of other treats and take it to the park.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of your favourite curry powder 2 tablespoons light olive oil
- 2 tins chickpeas, drained and rinsed 50g (1 Pataks sachet) creamed coconut Half a mango/a handful frozen mango cubes 1/2 a red onion
- 2-4 little gem lettuces, divided into individual leaves and washed
- 1/4 a cucumber, diced prettily
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise (or vegan mayo) Salt to taste
- 2 limes, one zested
- 1 red chilli, finely chopped (optional)
- 3 tablespoons chopped coriander (fresh or frozen)

Method

- 1. Put the oil in a small pan and heat gently. If you are using a sachet of coconut cream and the oil has separated out, add this oil too.
- 2. Add the curry powder and zest of one of the limes, stir well to form a paste, cook this for half a minute or so. Add the coconut cream and leave to melt off the heat.
- 3. Add the chickpeas and stir well to coat. Transfer to a mixing bowl.
- 4. Finely chop the mango (if using frozen mango defrost it first). It doesn't matter if it goes mushy. Add to the bowl with the juice of the zested lime, mayonnaise, chilli if using, and coriander.
- 5. Mix well and season to taste, adding salt and more lime juice until you have a balance you are happy with.
- 6. Pick out the best little gem leaves to serve as "boats" and spoon the chickpea salad between them. Scatter over the cucumber and add lime wedges then serve.
- PS. You can make this a couple of days in advance and store in the fridge but remember that if you add the chilli the heat will continue to build. Also, make sure you bring it to room temperature before serving or the coconut will harden, making the whole thing a bit claggy.



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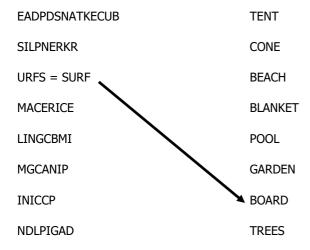


SUMMER PUZZLE

Here are some things you might enjoy during the summer—but the ones on the left are all jumbled up!

Can you unscramble them and then match them up into pairs?

The first one has been done for you:



Where in Walton is this.......

Answer in the next issue.



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