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Editor's Note *By Laura Palmer*



At the risk of sounding like Olaf, I LOVE summer. I like to be warm. Despite being the proud owner of many a thick woolly jumper and more pairs of boots than is necessary, give me skirts and sandals any day. (Actually, looking at the state of my feet, maybe shorts and trainers.)

I love flowers, strawberries, Wimbledon, blue skies, walking down the road in the evening with a t-shirt on, I even like being woken up by the early dawn. For me, there's an energy in the air when spring turns into summer that I miss the rest of the year. Whether it's the busy-ness of the bees on the clover in the grass, the daily growth of green in our veg patch, or the exuberance of the dawn chorus.

Then, sometime in early August, things slow down a bit—in a haze of heat (if we're lucky). Strawberries give way to raspberries then to early blackberries—never have I lived anywhere with so many opportunities to pick blackberries!

This edition features not one but two of our benefice curates, with the introduction of Leah, our new trainee curate at St Peter's, St Mary's and St Andrew's and details of how Christopher entertained the MU so delightfully over Zoom recently.

I was lucky enough to get up close and personal with artist Tracey Jane Cooper, who talks about life, art and what inspires her.

We have the latest from Tom Rhind-Tutt, Walton Primary School, Christchurch and the Walton Village Forum, Part 2 of Robert Ruddell's delve into the archives to find out more about the history of what is now the A217, a wonderful poem from well-being expert Tracy Latham, top tips from Walton in Bloom and much more.

If you like a puzzle (or a drink) there's a summer drinks crossword to test your knowledge. Don't miss Book Club Corner, our teen fiction column, and of course the latest from Harry plus details of all the services at St Peter's and throughout the benefice in July and August.

Phew! I do hope you enjoy reading this Window on Walton and have a lovely summer. Don't forget, if you'd like to contribute to the next WoW, advertise in it, or just let me know your thoughts, I'd love to hear from you.

Bye for now, Laura.

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Rector's Letter *By Reverend Harry Latham*

In John 12 we see some Greek converts to Judaism – we are not told how many – go to find Philip (whose name is a Greek name and he probably spoke Greek) and they ask to see Jesus. **“Sir we would see Jesus.”**

There is no mention of whether they do or not – but Jesus' reply can be considered as being for them in some way.

John Piper put Jesus' answer like this: “I am on my way to glory. They are right to want to see me. I will pray for this — that they will see my glory.”

It is a reminder at a critical point in Jesus' ministry that he is not just dying for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles. He bridges the biggest chasm in the ancient world. He is there for everyone of whatever nation.

The thing that matters most to me for all the people in Headley & Box Hill & in Walton on the Hill is that they would 'get' Jesus. The reason that we are followers of Jesus is that we have 'got' Him, or are beginning to 'get' Him or are longing to 'get' Him.

“The hour has come” says Jesus next **“for the Son of Man to be glorified.”** Here Jesus is referring to the crucifixion – and in that context he says **“unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains but a single grain (seed).”** “But if it dies, it bears much fruit (many seeds).” Jesus is talking about himself and it is poignant – but with hindsight rather good news for us.

But then he applies it to us in quite a challenging way, saying: **“²⁵ Those who love their life lose it,** and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will



honour.” It is hard to think that we must in some way die – like that grain of wheat. It is hard to think we must 'hate' our lives – though hate does not mean despise or loathe but more choose to lay it down rather than cling to it. It is hard to be told we must take the role of a servant and do his bidding, no matter what the demand or how lowly the status. And it is hard

to follow the One who we know is taking the Calvary Road – who will be taking up his cross.

But those 4 hard things are followed by 4 glorious things and the glory Jesus promises compensates for the hardness of it all. In fact, the glory turns the hardness into the most significant life imaginable.

So yes the seed must die, but “if it dies it bears much fruit.” **The death is not in vain.** It is significant. It bears much fruit.

And yes, if we love our life, we will lose it... But the outcome of not doing that is that we may keep it to eternal life. “Those who hate it shall keep it for eternal life.” John Piper says: “What we lay down for Christ he will put in our hands again with glory. You cannot out-sacrifice his resurrection generosity.”

Yes, we must follow him to Calvary. But with what outcome? (v26) **“And where I am, there shall my servant be.”** Jesus used those very words one other time ([John 14:3](#)), and he meant heaven: **“I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you may be also.”** If we follow him to Calvary, we will be with him in glory.

And yes, we are his servants. But **“If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.”** And as Bob Dylan sang “You've gotta serve somebody” – so who would you rather serve?

(continued overleaf...)

Jesus shows us who he is, and what he is going to do, and what it will mean. And he invites us to join him.

We have a very exciting opportunity to put this into practice in September. The Archbishop of Canterbury is bringing a team to Guildford Diocese to help us engage with people who as yet do not come to St Peter's.

From **September 24-27** please do plan to be around and available and start praying now for 5 people who you would love to see in Church alongside you. Join me, Christopher, and Leah (with us from July) to **pray for 5, invite 3** and **bring 1** to a Deanery event with an excellent speaker.

Very best wishes,
Harry

Services at St Peter's Church (for full Jul-Aug details see p24-25)

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: Thursday evenings at 8pm, looking at the Acts of the Apostles.

July 8th Zoom
July 29th St Peter'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

4th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
11th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
18th July	10.30am	Parish Communion
25th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
1st August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
8th August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
15th August	10.30am	Parish Communion
22nd August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
29th August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)



St Andrew's, Box Hill

4th July	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
11th July	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
18th July	9.30am	Informal Communion
25th July	9.30am	Morning Praise
1st August	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
8th August	10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
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Our 94-year-old lay minister, at St Peter's, shares his thoughts and experiences.

So much more than MEMORY LANE...

Each time I write an article I try to share something that is of interest to both the reader and me. It may be a new discovery or it can be an event that I recognise as being relevant to our present situation.

Today, there is a sense of increasing excitement and anticipation as gradually the threat of the coronavirus epidemic recedes. Safe holidays may be just over the horizon, while vital parts of our national life, from **football to faith**, could soon be with us once more, with all the excitement and fun of being together without restrictions.

It is strange then, for me, to record that in widely differing parts of our national life there seems to be a reluctance by some people to return to their former pursuits. This applies to both business and social aspects of life, right across our nation.

It brings me to ask myself the question **'What is important to you & me?'** Some years ago, I read a verse in the Psalms that made a huge impact on me.

'Do not forsake me, now that I am old and grey headed, until I have made known the strength of your arm to the generations that are yet to come.' *Psalm 71. 18*

Now I ask, 'Have I been **open and honest** with other people about my beliefs? **Have I shared enough** for others to know that I have made an amazing discovery which has influenced most of my life?'

I am sure many readers will not have heard my story so I am using this column to share a real-life experience with you today.



As a child, my home was in a small Suffolk town where I had really loving parents. We went to church every Sunday. When I was about age 10, there was, in our church hall, a big exhibition about the work of the church overseas. I wandered round but nothing interested me – *until* - I spotted a little black **wooden cross** with the **small gold figure** of **Christ** nailed to the front. I looked at it. I went away. I came back twice. Then I took out my purse and paid the **one shilling and sixpence** for it. I carefully put the Cross into my dressing table drawer. It seemed to say to me that **Jesus is real**. Whenever I went away, I took the Cross with me. It now seemed to be part of my essential kit.

I knew that I was not as able as other children for I was always bottom of the Grammar School class. Then reality struck! The Headmaster asked my Father to remove me from the School as I was incapable of learning!

My world collapsed! My younger brother was now better than me in everything!! After a while, my parents sent me to Weybridge to a Choir School who needed a person to assist in escorting the school pupils to events around the south of England. Each day, by 7am, I had to cycle, from where I lodged, the two miles to the School. I returned at 9 pm. There was no social life, for this was 1942 and the German bombers and doodle bugs were a constant menace.

I was supposed to study by correspondence course, but with no one to guide me I did not progress. The one constant in my life was the **little black cross**. It symbolised my **hope in Jesus Christ** and that what I read in the Bible is really true. **I drew strength**. While I hoped that I was not alone, there was no sign of real guidance. I was learning that the pilgrim sometimes treads long, long lonely paths.

Then my Father had a stroke. I came home to help the family move into what had to become a guest house, for the clergy pension was inadequate. I prayed every day, and kept the little black cross with me, even when I was called up into the Army. Life is tough. By now I was aware that I was to help others. A role that kept me busy. I prayed and found guidance in the Gospels and in what Jesus says.

Two years passed - it was 1948. I was home again. Then I was sent to the east end of London. Life was exactly like what you see in the early TV editions of 'Call the Midwife!'. The Rector had me help in the Youth Club and parish activities. Then he arranged for me to become an insurance company office clerk, in St James's Square. After three months my Manager told me that I must leave at the end of the week, as I was incompetent. But first, I must assist him at a key company conference in Bournemouth, where a decision will be made as to the future of the company in the UK.

As I had helped prepare the conference materials, I was fully aware of what was planned. On arrival in Bournemouth my manager became drunk and remained so for the three days! I ran all the arrangements. On our return to London my manager told me to pack and go. However, as I was leaving, the General Manager called for me.

He congratulated me on ensuring that all the arrangements ran smoothly. He then said that without my support it was likely the event would have been a muddle and the company would have closed in the UK and that he owed his future career to my effective leadership! I was then appointed to be responsible for conferences and to have other roles. When the typing pool heard about my dyslexia they told me not to worry as they would help me and edit my work.

Looking back, I can see in this narrative, that despite the many problems, I was not alone. There really was **someone walking with**

me. I discovered that **the Holy Spirit is real and active in my life.**

Next time I will describe another occasion when the Holy Spirit has spoken to me!

My good wishes to all our readers for safe and happy lives.

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



PRAYER FOR GROWTH:

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our
actions,
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Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(LYCIG stands for Leading Your Church into Growth – which is led by the Rector & PCC)

Christchurch United Reformed Church *By Janet Holah*

Greetings from Christchurch!

The Christchurch congregation remains small, but devoted, and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us at 10.30 am either every week or on an occasional basis. We have also just started having a socially distanced chat with tea, coffee and individually wrapped cakes after the service.

How lovely it has been to see the sunshine recently and to bask in its warmth. The winter seemed to go on for an extraordinary length of time this year! Much as we all disliked it and became fed up with it, it is, of course, all part of God's rich pattern. We have the different seasons that mean different things in the weather, the countryside and garden and, of course, the Church calendar.

We have recently celebrated Pentecost which is the start of the Christian church when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues. They then went forth and spoke to the many different peoples in their own languages, spreading the word of Jesus. What wonderful work they must have undertaken since we are all aware of it 2000 years and more after the event and continue to worship in our churches. As we know, the word spread far and wide, and very many churches throughout the world were established.

In the UK we are extremely fortunate that we are allowed to practise our faith in our usual familiar way. However, we must not forget those Christians throughout the world whose faith means persecution and, often, death. We also need to remember the persecution of the Uighur Muslims in China and the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. Their faith is important to them but the regimes in those countries have decided that they need to be expunged.



How dreadful it must be to live in such fear. We must remember Christians and Muslims and all faiths in prayer and let us hope that the world will soon find a way to accommodate everyone's faith in peace.

As we look forward with hope and anticipation that the restrictions we have endured for so long will soon be ended (albeit possibly delayed for a few weeks), let us think about the community spirit that was so evident during the pandemic, and continue to be friendly to one another, to help all those in need, and to remember the example of Jesus who came into this world with nothing and left with nothing but shared whatever he had with his disciples and followers and anyone in need.

With blessings from us all at Christchurch.

Janet Holah
Elder and Church Secretary

Christchurch URC Services in July and August

Our services are **every Sunday at 10.30 am.**

Below is a list of our preachers for July and August. All are welcome!

We offer Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 4th July: Mike Downing (Communion)
Sunday 11th July: John Sinclair
Sunday 18th July: Joyce Brissett
Sunday 25th July Bill Potter
Sunday 1st August: Mike Downing (Communion)
Sunday 8th August: Bridget Banks: Moderator, URC Southern Synod
Sunday 15th August: Bernard Moore
Sunday 22nd August: Nigel Macdonald
Sunday 29th August: Lynne Skinner

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 .

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Robert Holah

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!

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Mothers & Uthers
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Christian care for families

At our May meeting we welcomed Alison Fernandes who has been working for MU for three years. Her role is to support project work in Britain and Ireland with a special emphasis on parenting. She loves working for such a vast woman-led organisation in 84 countries around the world all connected through their Christian faith and asked us why we loved being a member of MU! Here are some of our comments:

"Being part of a wider family"

"Being connected"

"Good to support at local and global level"

"Friendship and fellowship"

"Learning from others and seeing how creative some people can be"

"The 'cross-generational' feel about it at church and across the world"

Alison has worked in Caribbean and Asian countries and always in community projects. Her job is to unlock the God-given potential of those around the world working at grassroots.

The Archbishop of Canterbury says that "MU is the best kept secret". MU's best kept secret is the Passionate about Parenting Millennium project. There are 350 parenting facilitators trained and credited with the OCN (Open College Network) around the world.

The common thread running through all MU parenting groups is that the facilitators don't come as 'experts' or give advice, rather they bring parents/carers together to listen to one another and create space where the individuals can develop confidence in parenting. Everyone participating arrives with

different backgrounds and personal experience, but leaves feeling valued and that they have a

voice to be heard. This was evident across a variety of groups (churches, schools, children's centres, women's refuges, prisons) held across the county with a focus on helping parents develop self-esteem and growing empathy in the family unit – all conducted within a safe and relaxed environment.

The emphasis of the MU parenting groups is on relationships – not preaching or telling people what to do. It was warming to hear that both parents and facilitators benefited, making lifelong friendships through their valuable work together and building their own skills and confidence along the way.

The MU Worldwide parenting programme is always looking at ways to remain up to date and relevant. Constantly evolving and finding ways to learn together and share these learnings with different parts of the country. As we all learn to adapt to the modern and swiftly changing world (our meeting was of course on Zoom) further Webinars are planned looking at the future of the course, how best to revitalise and support new facilitators and learn and share with one another – this is MU's parenting ethos.

In June we welcomed our Benefice Curate Christopher Hancock who engaged us in an inspirational talk about his life story. As a child, he had aspired to be a fighter pilot or maybe an astronaut; he toyed with the idea of being a doctor, and joked that his 3rd choice was (being excited to be studying Classics at Oxford) to make a career as Prime Minister.

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The title of Christopher's talk was '**Boris – his part in my downfall**' (they were at college at the same time). Choosing to study Classics at Oxford took Christopher's career in a different direction although he said that becoming a vicar meant that he was all the things he had aspired to be in one :

You get to run the show (like the PM)

You look after people (like a doctor)

You get to talk to God (as a pilot or astronaut might)

His career choices led him down various avenues and moves including time with an accountancy firm (at the time one of the Big Six), followed by stints at two well known investment banks. He touched on family influences that steered his journey towards becoming a priest in the Church of England and stressed the importance of "giving a gift to show someone where they fit into the world" referring to his decision upon having his own children (he has 3) to have them baptised.

He didn't just want to pay 'lip service' to the ceremony - rather actually embrace the responsibility of personally becoming a better "God parent" towards his own children believing **"Baptism is the greatest gift you can give children to give them some faith."**

In doing so, he feels you've effectively got a free ticket into every Anglican church in the world, which he likened to having an electric

cable that you could plug into God - find a pew, sit down and plug in. He explained that it's something you have to work at to get there, but that it's so beneficial.

Anecdotes of him crawling around at the back of church with his brother during intercessions & conducting his own Eucharist with white bread & Ribena (undiluted) made for a both serious and amusing, open and honest talk.

A turning point for him which still makes him emotional when re-telling the story, was giving communion to a lady who had become mentally incapacitated. She still attended communion but sadly, the illness manifested itself in her shouting obscenities during the service which was quite upsetting having known her prior to the onset of dementia.

When Christopher offered her the chalice for communion, she smiled - this simple act connected and resonated with her cutting through all the other 'stuff' she was going through. He turned to the Rector & said "I think I want to be ordained!" She responded "I think you should." He then embarked on a journey to making this happen.

Not many people know that Christopher is an Oblate (1 of 12 of what he termed low class monks) committed to praying for the needs of Westminster Abbey and a trustee of the Prayer Book Society. He feels that prayer is very important - seeing the bible as a metaphor for how the world is and how relationships within it work.

A prayer from the MU Prayer Diary for July 1st

Thank you, Lord, for lives transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

For prisoners finding freedom through your love,

For those struggling with mental health issues given hope for the future.

We pray that you will continue to transform the lives of all who feel vulnerable or outcast.

Amen.

Mother's Union *continued...*

Christopher believes we should count our blessings for the gift of every day and that there's nothing more important than relationships. Christopher feels strongly that each member of the church should interact with others both inside and out of the church – neighbours, family, friends— to help build a sense of community and trust in one another.



Christopher was happy for his talk to be recorded so if anyone would like to watch the video please let me know.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th July** hopefully outside in the garden! (Please note change of day.) Details to be confirmed.

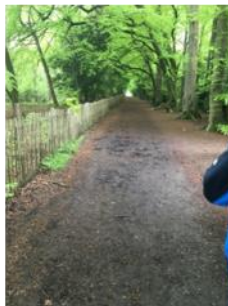
In **August a Summer Party** will take place at Normandy, near Guildford on **Thursday 12th August** from 11.00 am – 15.00 pm - fun and games for all the children and grandchildren. Everyone welcome.

Please email karenrand@gmail.com if you would like to find out more about the MU.

CONGRATULATION KAREN!

WELL DONE to Karen Rand and a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who sponsored her 14.5 km walk for the 'MU on the Move' challenge on the 14th day of the 5th month.

Karen raised an amazing £474 for Mothers' Union projects and took some lovely photos along the way.



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TEAS ON THE GREEN

Sunday 1st August

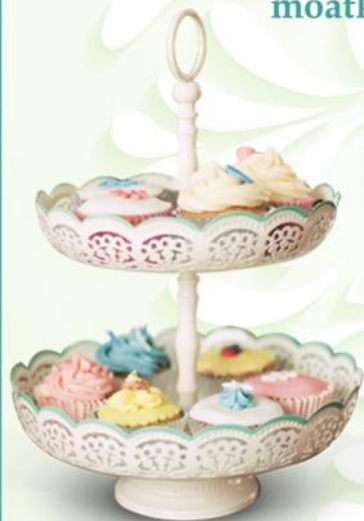
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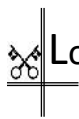
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Local Chef: Parsley and Walnut Pesto by Laura Palmer



It's rare that I'm not thinking, dreaming about, or indeed eating food. Sometimes my recipes come about from careful consideration of weights and measures, cooking methods, tweaking previous moderate successes in marrying flavours and textures until that perfect combination occurs, then, BANG, an explosion of taste and happiness.

It is possible to over-engineer a dish though, so that it loses its simplicity and freshness and, well, joy. I think (before I became totally plant-based anyway), that used to be called over-egging the pudding.

Other times, the perfect recipe just happens, usually when there's very little left in the fridge or there's something looking a little bit sad at the back of it. This was both. I originally bought the parsley for a slightly complex middle eastern rice dish but a busy week meant that didn't happen, so, walnut and parsley pesto did instead. Several times in fact, it's so good.

Walnuts are a fabulous source of omega-3 fatty acids, and the deep green of so much parsley makes for an intensity of both antioxidants and flavour, elevated by a little garlic, lots of lemon juice, and either some parmesan or nutritional yeast if you want to keep it vegan. Use light olive oil as extra virgin is too grassy and will clash with the parsley. Be sure to chop the parsley and walnuts roughly before blending or the stalks will strangle your blade and a broken blender is a very sad thing.

I've tried this stirred into hot pasta with asparagus and halved, boiled, baby potatoes as a take on the Italian *pasta primavera*, topped with toasted herby breadcrumbs. The next time I added chopped, steamed, tenderstem broccoli, crushed whole walnuts and double podded peas instead (nothing

says "welcome" like a double podded pea).

But it doesn't really need adornment, this pesto packs a summery flavour punch all by itself. It's even delicious as a dip for garlic flatbread or veggies. And the best thing is, it's ridiculously easy.

PS Store nuts in the freezer once you've opened them, they are high in relatively unstable fats and will last much longer.

Ingredients—serves 4

60ml (4 tablespoons) light olive oil
2 lemons, juiced, plus a third on hand in case
1/2 teaspoon coarse sea salt
50g walnut halves, roughly chopped and optionally toasted in a pan.
100g bunch of parsley
2 garlic cloves
2 tablespoons grated parmesan or nutritional yeast.
Cooked pasta to serve

Optional extras:

steamed asparagus tips;
blanched, chopped tenderstem broccoli;
crisped prosciutto;
poached, flaked salmon;
toasted, crumbled extra walnuts;
crumbled feta
Halved, boiled baby potatoes

Method

1. Put everything in a blender or food processor and blitz until well combined.
2. Stir into your favourite pasta (a long thin one like spaghetti or tagliatelle is best)
3. Taste and season with extra sea salt and lemon juice as necessary
3. Add any extras you fancy (see above)
4. Enjoy.



Parsley and walnut pesto

FRIENDS OF ST PETER’S AGM—Please note new date!

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**ST PETER’S CHURCH
THURSDAY 12th AUGUST
7.30PM**



All are welcome as guests of the Trustees of the Friends of St Peter’s for an evening of musical treats!

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Interval glass of wine or elderflower cordial

For further information or to book your place (no cost but we do need to know numbers), please contact

Philip Truett on 01737 813832.

Not Too Much Longer To Wait

The 17th of July is around the corner and excitement is building for the arrival of 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. We have been overwhelmed by how well tickets have sold and fully expect that by the time this publication is delivered all 250 tickets will have been sold.

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

All profits will go towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion at Howard Close, which the Walton Village Forum is proud to support.

Summer has finally arrived and is a welcome change from a particularly chilly spring this year! I'm sure many of you have seen the planters in the village provided again this year by the council. Keep an eye out for the new hanging baskets that should be making an appearance soon too.

The Walton-In-Bloom team in conjunction with the Village Forum do an amazing job of not only co-ordinating planters and hanging baskets but also the ongoing maintenance of Gun Corner and other focal points in our village. It was lovely to hear that a local gentleman stopped and handed a donation to Jean just last week and thanked her for the great job they do.

As a committee we are incredibly proud that Rebecca Paul has been elected to be our Surrey County Councillor. Some of you may not be aware that Rebecca has been an active member of the Walton Village Forum

committee for the past 2 years. Sadly, in assuming her new position she has had to resign from our committee, but we certainly look forward to working with her in her new role. Congratulations Rebecca!

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to Jeff Harris who has stepped down as Surrey County Councillor. Jeff has been a force for good across our county and borough and I'd like to extend a big thank you to him for all his support during his tenure.

Jeff is currently spearheading a petition to introduce average speed cameras on the Dorking Road, a worthy initiative and one I think we can all agree will, at least in part, help to make crossing it a little safer. The positive impact of average speed cameras on the A217 is well evidenced and so Walton Village Forum will be supporting the petition.



Finally, Walton Pharmacy continue to do our village proud by being a part of the national vaccination effort that's helping our country emerge from the global pandemic. Thanks to all the volunteers that are helping Vips and his team with the great work they're doing and continue to do.

We are still carrying copies of Wild About Walton and Surrey Hills that we continue to sell to raise funds for the village. Please email

info@waltonvillageforum.org if you'd like a copy (£23.99 each).

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 email at info@waltonvillageforum.org. Follow and support us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter or reach out to us on www.waltonvillageforum.org.

Walton In Bloom (in conjunction with the Walton Village Forum)

By Jean Bye and Janet Collis

With the unusual weather conditions we have had recently the garden may be a little behind compared to previous years, hence our hanging baskets are late this year. There is still plenty to do but most importantly spend time outside and enjoy the beauty of nature, maybe with a cup of fresh mint tea. Gun Corner has just had its summer makeover and we thank Tony Harte for cutting our grass.

Walton News is selling plants, please support our local shop.

Christchurch community garden needs helpers and vegetable plants, but not tomatoes please. If you can help, contact Janet Holah on 01737 813494. Thank you.

Happy gardening,

Walton in Bloom

Jobs for July

Now is a good time to plant autumn flowering bulbs, such as Colchicum and Nerine, to a depth of three times the bulb height.

Encourage vegetable crops with regular feeding.

Harvest ripe seeds from herbs, such as dill and fennel, for use in cooking.

Use washing up water to water plants or see if you can install a water butt.

Jobs for August

Keep up with deadheading to prolong flowering.

Watering lawns in summer can make grass less resilient to drought so encourage deeper rooting and let the grass grow a little longer.

Take semi-ripe cuttings of evergreen shrubs, such as Hebe and lavender, making more plants for your garden and maybe enough to share.



Local Focus: An Interview With Artist Tracey Cooper

Sometimes it's really quite staggering how much talent there is in such a small village as ours. Here, talented local artist Tracey Jane Cooper gives an insight into her world.

So who is Tracey Jane Cooper and have you always been an artist?

I've lived in the area for over 20 years and came to art quite late although I did enjoy it at school. Education is still a big part of my life – my 'day job' for the past 10 years has been working as a Teaching Assistant & ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant – definitely worth a search online to find out more, it's really interesting!) at Walton on the Hill Primary School. It doesn't really feel like a job, it's enormously rewarding and I've helped hundreds of children over the years. It couldn't be more different from my artwork so the two are a perfect balance.

How did you get into art?

Around 8 years ago we needed a large canvas to cover something at home. Rather than buy one I decided to paint one and brave showing my family - my husband said if it was rubbish he'd buy something from IKEA! It turned out

we loved it & that started me off painting more & more.

Who is your favourite artist?

I enjoy seeing all different kinds of art and don't have one particular favourite artist although I do have a penchant for Monet and would love to visit his garden at Giverny one day!

What's your artistic style & what inspires you?

I've always painted floral/landscape scenes with a twist. I use acrylics as they are quick to dry & I'm a bit impatient when I'm painting as I'm keen to see the end result! I am continually inspired by all manner of natural beauty, especially during the spring when to me, nature is at its absolute best.

More recently I have discovered a love of alcohol ink; the way the ink moves and creates different tones when it mixes with the alcohol is quite mesmerising. I love to create floral shapes which can have many layers of 'petals' giving the appearance of a delicate, chiffon-like quality. Also I create more abstract pieces which are equally satisfying to work on; watching each piece evolve is quite exciting to me!



Sunflower commission



Alcohol ink inspired by bluebells



Greetings cards

What sort of places do your paintings end up once they leave your studio?

I'm particularly proud that two pieces from my Poppy series, inspired by the centenary of WW1, are situated in the Poppy Factory, Richmond, London. I'm fortunate that other people also enjoy my work and my art has found homes all over the UK and as far away as the USA and Singapore. I also sell cards with my favourite pictures on which have made their way to many different people and hopefully made them smile.

Where do you exhibit your work?

I usually exhibit a few times each year at Denbies Gallery in Dorking and the occasional fair, such as the Chipstead Flower Show, although as I've been unable to do that recently I participated this year for the first

time in Surrey Artists Open Studios, an annual event with over 200 artists taking part across Surrey. It was a little unnerving not knowing who was going to walk through the gate but it was a great experience and gave me the chance to meet some wonderful people and show off my work in my own surroundings.

How can people find out more about you?

To find out more about me you can view www.traceyjanesart.co.uk I hope my work brings you as much joy as it does me to create.



2021
July



St.
PETER'S CHURCH

DIARY

July	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Live stream of Leah's Ordination Service	St Peter's Church
	1pm-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Thu 8th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
	8.00pm	RML	Zoom
Sun 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	1pm-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Thu 15th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
	1pm-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Thu 22nd	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church
	1pm-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Thu 29th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church

From St Peter's Registers

May 30th Baptism of Lottie Bubb

June 12th Marriage of Joe Mayhew and Amy Sudbury

2021
August



St.
PETER'S CHURCH

DIARY

August	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 1st	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 5th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 8th	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 12th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 15th	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 19th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 22nd	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 26th	9am-4pm	Private Prayer	St Peter's Church
Sun 29th	8.00am 11.00am 1pm-4pm	Holy Communion (1662) United Benefice Service Private Prayer	St Peter's Church St Andrew's, Box Hill 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 on the Hill Primary School

By Headteacher Tim Samuel



Summer Term at Walton on the Hill Primary School

The changes in guidelines from 17th May have allowed us to provide some fantastic additional learning opportunities and '*rites of passage*' that this time last year were not possible. Clearly, we are far from "normality" but it has been wonderful to reinstate some of the treasured Walton on the Hill Primary School traditions.

Trips and Visits

As a school we constantly seek alternative learning experiences to fulfil our vision that '*our curriculum is diverse, thought-provoking, creative, inspirational and soaked in memorable moments*'. We were very happy that Year 3 were able to visit Butser Farm to learn about the Stone Age, our Swans to go to Wakehurst Place to explore plant life and our Cygnets to the beautiful Painshill Park.

Key to the development of independence are

our overnight/residential trips in years 4, 5 and 6 and we were delighted to reinstate these this year. Year 5 enjoyed a 2 night stay at the fantastic High Ashurst activity centre on Box Hill, while Year 6 had a superb, adventurous trip to Windmill Hill PGL centre. Year 4's mid-June overnight camp at Breech Lane sadly has had to be postponed not due to COVID-19 but a weather warning.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Focus Week

Something that has been significantly affected by this unusual year is practical and equipment-based learning. To address this the whole school took a week away from the usual curriculum to focus on the STEM subjects that are so important within a successful curriculum. The school was literally 'buzzing' with electrical circuits, fizzing with chemical reactions and whirring with the sound of engineering coming to life! As a starting point we thought about **what it means to be a 'Scientist'** or someone who

works in STEM. This was an opportunity to **challenge stereotypes** and instil the notion that STEM is open to all members of our school community. As a school we watched a music video filled with STEM and an inspirational video from Professor Brian Cox talking about Andromeda. Our thanks go to those members of our parent community who kindly shared their experiences of working in STEM and really helped to bring science to life for the children. We talked about how our school values fit well with the challenges people working in STEM face and how these helped with the whole range of fascinating and fantastic projects each class have worked hard on!

Celebration of the Tokyo Olympics

As I write this there is some debate about whether the Tokyo Olympics should or shouldn't be taking place. Nevertheless we have decided to acknowledge and celebrate it within school. As part of our **ongoing commitment to daily exercise and activity** we have launched a **sponsored Trek to Tokyo**. The aim is for **all children to walk 28 miles** between now and the end of term which - if they do - will add up to

5968 miles... the distance from London to Tokyo!

We measured and marked a course around the outside of the playground and have kept a **daily tally** of the distances walked by each year group.

We are planning additional trekking events such as walks on the heath and afternoons at Breech Lane. As well as improving our fitness, we are trying to **raise money for much needed curriculum resources and reading books**.

If you would like to sponsor the children with this even you can contribute via our just giving page

(<https://justgiving.com/campaign/WOTHFundraising>).

Wishing you all a lovely summer.
Tim.



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For children with brain injury

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New Curate Joins The Benefice! ... By Reverend Harry Latham

On July 4th Leah Bates will be ordained Deacon in Guildford Cathedral at 10.30am.

The Service will be live streamed in St Peter's Church in place of the usual 11am All-Age Service.

Leah will be curate at St Peter's, St Mary's and St Andrew's for a three year period. She does not have far to come, as her home for many years has been in Ashted.



Leah will start work from July and will be introduced at the 11am service on July 11th and the 8am service on July 18th.

Below is part of the Ordination prayer the Bishop will pray for Leah on July 4th

As we say our "Amens" to this – let us think how the prayer can also inspire and challenge us as followers of Jesus.

Leah, her husband Jonathan and daughters Jocelyn and Zoe will move into Headley Rectory in October.

Please do pray for them and make them very welcome.

Best wishes,
Harry

*Through your Spirit, Heavenly Father,
give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry.
Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
who washed the feet of his disciples,
and set the needs of others before his own.*

*May their life be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal your glory,
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.*

Book Club Corner: Hetty Feather *By Elena Scanlon*

Book Club Corner is Window on Walton's new regular column celebrating some of the best in teen fiction. This edition features Elena, aged 11, and why she loves the "Hetty Feather" books.

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: Hetty Feather

Author: Jacqueline Wilson

Star Rating: 5 stars (out of 5)

About these books: Hetty Feather is set in the Victorian times. It is about a young girl called Hetty who is heartbreakingly left at the Foundling hospital after her mother could not look after her anymore. The story follows Hetty's journey as she grows up in the hospital and her adventures with her friends and enemies. Hetty will also stop at nothing to find her mother's *true* identity. From loyal friends to mean matrons, this book shows people you can be anything you want to be no matter where you come from. There are six books in this series but none of them beat the first.

My thoughts about the books: I love this book because it is so heart-breaking yet hilarious at the same time. I think that it should be a 10+ as it can be quite upsetting at times. This book has also been turned into a TV series. I think it is a very good adaptation of the book.



Little Cherubs

Little Cherubs is a termtime group for 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.

Sadly due to covid restrictions Little Cherubs has been unable to meet at St Peter's recently, however the sun shone on 18th May for a fabulous outdoor gathering, the first get-together since lockdown.



Open Group & Village Kitchen *By Mo Atkins*



Open Group: We hope to have an afternoon 'Garden Gathering' on the new date of Tuesday, 13th July, in spite of continuing restrictions. Details of a 'staggered' event to be confirmed in an email to members!

Village Kitchen: Unfortunately it will not be possible to reopen the Village Kitchen, in Christchurch Hall, as planned on Saturday, 10th July, due to Government Guidelines, so 'home deliveries' will continue for a further month. Let's hope that it won't be long before we can meet in the hall, in person!

Open Garden Success for The Children's Trust...*By Judy Turnbull*

Clear blue skies and warm sunshine made the recent Bank Holiday Monday just perfect for the Open Garden held by Sue Edwards in Tadworth in aid of The Children's Trust. Visitors to this glorious garden together with plant sales, refreshments and a raffle, enabled a record £1,300 to be raised.

This annual event is usually held before Easter but was postponed due to current restrictions. The Friends of the Children's Trust would like to say an enormous thank you to Sue for welcoming us back and hosting our first fundraising event in more than a year.

Our thanks also to everyone who came and helped to make this such a special occasion. In particular members of the Open Group and neighbours whose delicious home made cakes were enjoyed throughout the day.

A NOTE FROM NORMA

SAVE THE DATE!

I am hoping to hold a BRING AND BUY sale on Saturday 21st August (subject to Covid rules and the weather).

I will put posters out to give times and venue, we will hopefully serve morning coffee and/or afternoon tea. If you would like to help please do contact me.

GREETINGS CARDS.

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.

Little Cherubs continued...

Mums and carers enjoyed an over-due catch-up whilst little ones enjoyed playing ball and chasing bubbles, the old-fashioned kind! We also had fun playing musical instruments and dancing along to Harry playing his guitar.

Many thanks to Tim Samuel, the headmaster of Walton Primary for allowing Little Cherubs the use of the school playing field at the end of Breech Lane, it was much appreciated. We next met for more (outdoor) fun on 15th

June, another lovely sunny morning where we learned about the hungry caterpillar and made butterflies! The opposite page shows Jax with his lovely design. If you have a new baby or toddler (under 5) and would like to join us please come along, you will be very welcome.

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TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust *By Mike Fox*

In view of the serious COVID impact on many of our projects a very generous TWOAT supporter offered to match fund any donations we received during the last 10 days of April.

We publicised this to our supporters and as a result received over £1500 of donations, these were then doubled to make over £3,000 – a fantastic result for us. Using these funds at our committee meeting in early May we were able to agree an increase of at least 10% in our normal annual donations to any project impacted by COVID.

During that meeting we authorised over £10,000 to be transferred to projects including sufficient money for the Myanmar Refugee School that we support on the Thai border. We were able to increase the three school lunches we were serving per week to four.

We also sent an additional £350 to the village school we support in Nepal to help families suffering hardship due to the loss of income caused by COVID.

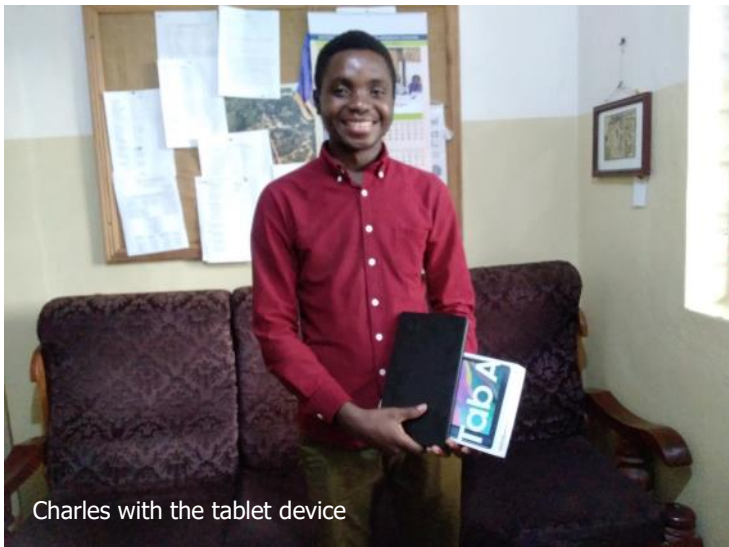
An additional £500 went to Ludhiana Hospital in India where we support their Samaritans' Fund which pays the cost of hospital treatment for those too poor to meet the bills themselves.

We have had a recent report from the Epilepsy Clinic which we helped to create at Berega Hospital in Tanzania. It included a photograph of Charles, our specially trained epilepsy nurse, with the new computer tablet that we helped to fund. This enables him to keep patient records when he is visiting remote villages. He is now supporting 48 epilepsy sufferers and visiting 12 remote villages using the motorcycle that we also fund.

Many thanks to all TWOAT's benefactors and supporters.

Please visit www.TWOAT.org to keep in touch with our events or to be added to the TWOAT supporters' list.

Alternatively phone Chair Mike Fox to request them on 01737 350452.



Charles with the tablet device

HOME

Is home a structure?
Is home a place?
Is home full of truth?
Is home full of grace?

Is home a place where I must be good?
Is home built on the tyrannous should?
Does home provide structure behind which I hide?
Is it a place full of love in which I can abide?

Is home a place where I feel free
to have fun and learn what it's like to be me?
Does home let the light in? Does it seem dark?
Is there space to create? Is it pristine and stark?

Is home a place where I am replenished?
Does it restore hope and make sure I'm nourished?
At home will I find a kind listening ear?
A safe shoulder on which I can shed a tear?

Is home hot or cold? Does it stifle or freeze?
Is there some fresh air – a warm gentle breeze?
Is there warmth in the heart of this place I call home?
A fire to return to when I've been out to roam?

My home is in you and yours is in me.
Oh what a delight and such a mystery;
That you would choose to come dwell in me,
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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

2...By Robert Ruddell

PART 2

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.

Harper's book, 'The BRIGHTON ROAD' was first published in 1892, the story of Harper's journey from London to Brighton. It detailed the history of the various places of interest as he passed through.

Here, Harper continues his journey from 'Tangier Woods' and proceeds to Burgh Heath, at the summit of these downs, which he describes as a curious place called usually 'Borough' Heath: it is in Doomsday as 'Berge.'

He would have seen the house named 'The Corner' which stood on the corner of the Brighton and Reigate Roads where the Shell garage and Waitrose is today. 'The Corner' with substantial gardens described in the sale particulars of 1876 and 1908, as a Country Residence was typical of a small Victorian estate. This was the home of Francis Baring who in 1884 built a large country mansion - Banstead Wood House - in the middle of Banstead Woods - to the designs of Norman Shaw. Baring was a partner in Barings Bank and had his fortune wiped out by the crisis of 1890.

The American millionaire Alfred Vanderbilt revived the London to Brighton coaching days in 1908 and the photo shows the Vanderbilt coach outside the Surrey Yeoman pub at Burgh Heath, which was one of the nine stops used on the journey. The pub stood in the Reigate Road, next to where the Shell Garage is now located at the junction of the A217.

The outbreak of the Great War brought the glory days of coaching to an abrupt end and sadly Vanderbilt died on the ill-fated Lusitania on May 1st 1915. The Surrey Yeoman pub was demolished in the 1990s and replaced by Yeoman Court, an apartment block. At Burgh Heath in the 1930s there were two public swimming pools available, at establishments known in those days as Road Houses: the 'Sugar Bowl' on the Brighton Road, now where Heathside Hotel stands, and 'The Galleon' on the corner of the Brighton Road and the Reigate Road, now the Shell garage.

These were privately run and had restaurant facilities, a dance hall in the winter and a swimming pool in the summer. It has been rumoured that when the swimming pool at the 'Sugar Bowl' was emptied, the water was allowed to drain down the Brighton Road - Health and Safety would not allow this to happen today!

A photo recently discovered from 'The Past on Glass archives collection at Sutton Library' shows a dramatic incident of an early motoring accident at Burgh Heath around June 1912.

Passing Lion Bottom, or Wilderness Bottom, past the grounds of Tadworth Court, Harper came to Tadworth Corner, the seat of Lord Russell of Killowen, better known as Sir Charles Russell. He was created a Baron in 1894, on his becoming Lord Chief Justice. At his own desire the title was limited to a life - peerage, and consequently at his death in 1900 became extinct.

Charles Douglas Morton who moved to Tadworth Court in 1906 from Reigate, became the last private owner of Tadworth Court, after 20 years he placed the Estate on the market in 1926 when it was sold to Richard Costain Ltd.

Local History: The Brighton Road Part 2: continued...

They were the real pioneers of large-scale estate development and the expansion of Kingswood rapidly increased. Shortly afterwards the Mansion and 80 acres of the surrounding meadows, gardens, and 'wilderness' were sold to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Mr. Peter Reid who in 1917 left a sum of £20,000 to the hospital had made the purchase possible. The first children arrived there from London in the Easter of 1929. Building then began on the remaining 63 acres of the estate bordered by Shelveys Way, Epsom Lane South and Tadworth Street.

At Tadworth Court, Harper describes as 'where the ways divide' he sees ... 'a most picturesque view of the long roads, dark fir trees, and a weird-looking windmill unfolds itself, [where] formerly stood a tollgate. A signpost directs on the right to Headley and Walton, and on the left to Reigate and Redhill, and a battered milestone which no one can read stands at the foot of it. The church spire on the left is that of Kingswood.'

Motorists today encounter a huge roundabout with routes to Bonsor Drive, Brighton Road, Dorking Road, and Tadworth Street.

The recent clearance of the undergrowth along the A217 near Tadworth Court has revealed an old milestone, which was made of Portland stone, and is one of several along the route that was controlled by the Reigate Turnpike Trust. They were all positioned on the west side of the road and a number have survived to this day.

When new road signs were introduced in the 1930s the Brighton Road came to be known by motorists as the A217. On June 10th 1933, 'The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News' featured the warning, or advance direction sign, to be installed at Tadworth Corner at the top of Walton Heath on the Brighton road and this was typical of the new road signs to be introduced.

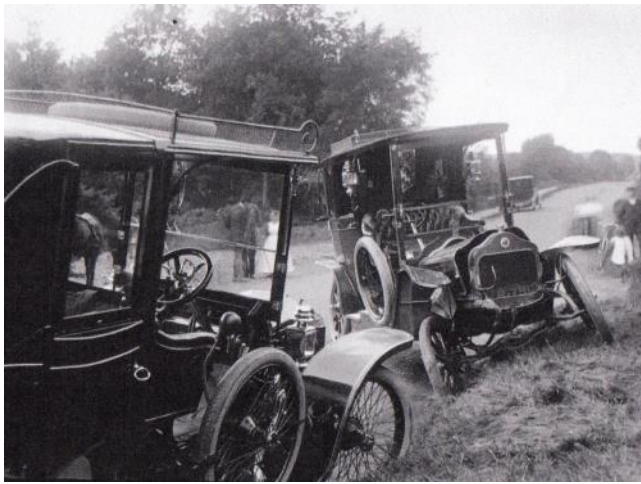
In 1929 some 90 years ago, Reverend Granville W Borlase, the Rector of St Peter's Church at Walton on the Hill wrote that 'the advent of golf and the motorcar has entirely changed the nature of the country village.'



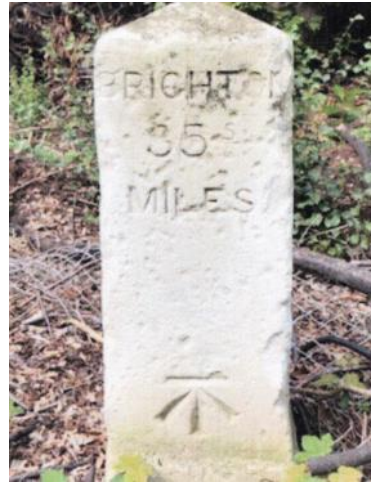
Vanderbilt Coach outside The Surrey Yeoman c.1908



The New Road Sign c.1933



Burgh Heath motor accident, June 1912



An old milestone

The Galleon,
1947



The
Sugar
Bowl,
in the
1950s



Window On Walton Crossword Number 3!

I hope you enjoyed the May-June Window on Walton crossword —the answers are on the next page.

This crossword celebrates the return of outdoor summer socialising (we hope) with a drinks-related theme, perfect if you know your cocktails from your shirt tails.

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the magazine you can just print this page.

If you fancy trying your brain at creating clues for the Sept-Oct 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 off to try my hand at mixology...

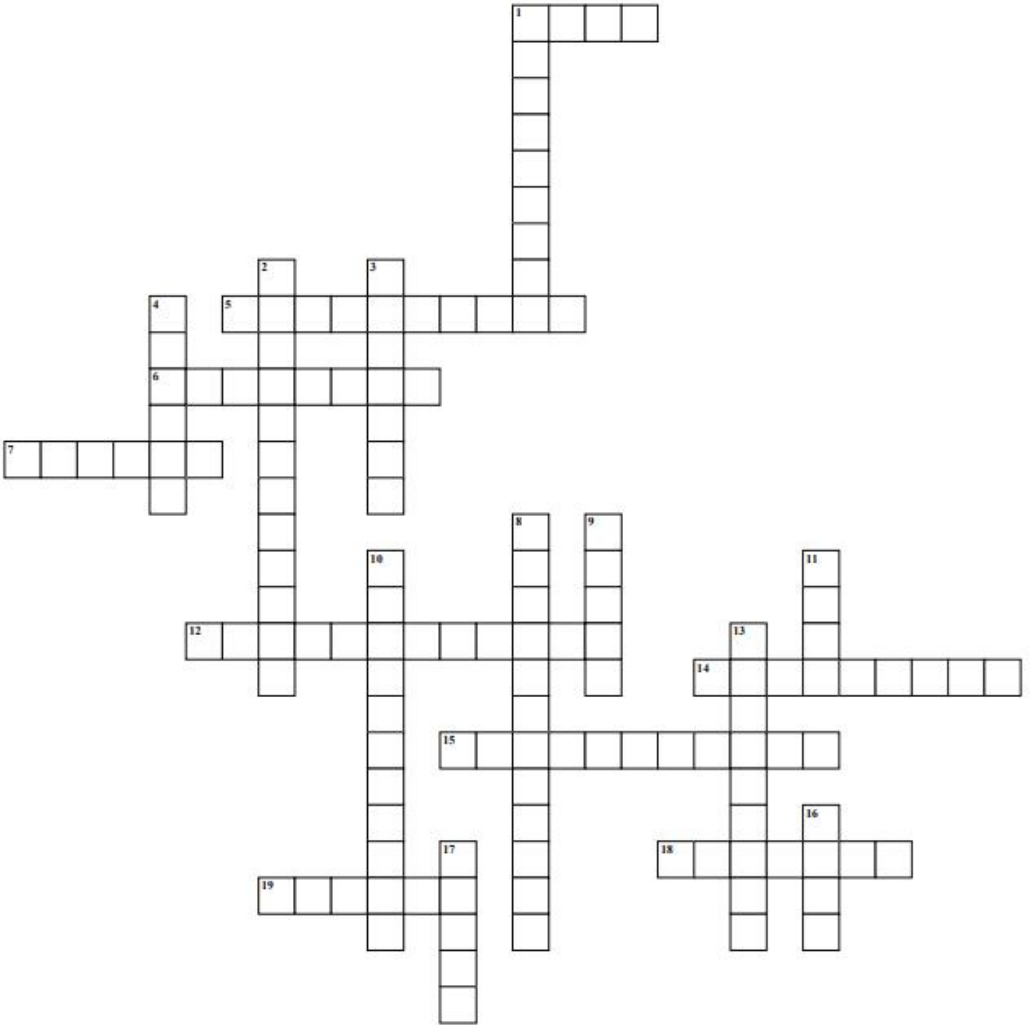
WoW Crossword number 3: The Drinks One

Across

1. Herb used in a Mojito.
5. Gin, lemon juice, sugar and carbonated water go into which cocktail?
6. Wine term to describe "sparkling".
7. What is the most produced grape variety in Argentina?
12. 2 parts vodka, one part coffee liqueur make a what? (5,7)
14. Tequila, orange liqueur and lime, not to be confused with a pizza of a similar name.
15. What do you get when you mix Creme de menthe, Creme de Cacao and cream?
18. A combination of factors including soil, climate and sunlight that give wine grapes their distinctive character.
19. Beer, tomato juice and what missing ingredient is found in a "Red Eye", the hangover cure invented in the film "Cocktail"

Down:

1. Classic Cocktail made popular by Marilyn Monroe in "Some Like it Hot".
2. Cocktail made with vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice and lime juice
3. What type of beer was first sold in in 1850?
4. Cocktail invented by James Bond in Casino Royale (gin, vodka, white Lillet, Angostura bitters and lemon zest).
8. What does IPA stand for in the brewing world? (5,4,3)
9. Country with the highest consumption of beer.
10. Drink that also might be found in a toolkit.
11. The name of the plug used to seal a wine barrel.
13. Predominant flavour in Chambord.
16. Amarillo, Cascade, Fuggle and Goldings are all types of what?
17. Type of cactus distilled to create tequila.



Crossword Number 1 (May-Jun) answers:

ACROSS: 4. Harlequins 6. Brazil 9. None 10. Diving 12. Turkey 13. O'Sullivan
16. Thames Ironworks 17. Flo Jo 18. Jin Young Ko 19. Wimbledon 20. Fencing

DOWN: 1. Wladimir Klitschko 2. Cathy Freeman 3. Lineker 5. Landy 7. Red Rum
8. Egg and Spoon 11. Augusta 14. Los Angeles 15. Rowing

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

And the answer to last issues
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