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## Editor's Note *By Laura Palmer*



Is it just me or did September come around exceedingly fast? The sunsets are getting earlier, the evenings a little cooler, and the battle of the new school shoes is at full throttle.

I'm focusing on the positives though. The sunsets are beautiful, I have many warm jumpers, and I feel blessed to live in a country where school shoes are the norm, not a privilege. Plus with so many exciting things happening in the benefice this autumn it's hard to be anything but positive!

This September sees the start of Alpha at St Mary's, Headley. If you've never done an Alpha course I thoroughly recommend it. Mine was a few years ago at St Peter's but it's impact will stay with me forever. Many on the course chose to be confirmed soon afterwards and though one abiding memory of confirmation day will be my son dropping a bowl at breakfast, slicing his hand open and ending up in A&E, that cannot detract from the joy of the occasion. (He made it to the church on time, which must be some sort of NHS record.)

There's a new start for Little Cherubs, finally allowed to meet again after so long, and the

much awaited relaunch of Pete's, St Peter's youth club, is on 12th September at 10.30am. Did somebody say "Free Breakfast!"?

This edition of WoW brings some fantastic articles and updates from all our regular columnists, without whom this magazine would not be possible.

We find out more about the talented new benefice trainee curate Leah, and if you missed Teas on the Green last month you can see how it went on Page 22.

Don't miss the latest from Harry, including details of all the services at St Peter's, throughout the benefice and at Christchurch over the next two months, with Harvest Service coming up on October 3rd at St Peter's.

I do hope you enjoy reading this magazine. Don't forget, if you'd like to contribute to the next WoW, advertise in it, create a crossword, share a prayer, send me a potential photo for the front cover, 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*

We start a new term in the new normal of living with Covid 19. We have been able to get back to some normality over the summer and we hope it will stay that way. A way back to seeing each other.

In particular I am looking forward to welcoming families with children and young people back to Church again – and having coffee and chat and being able to socialise again. A way back from isolation. I have an old songbook from the 1950's which has a lovely old Scripture Union chorus in it:

***"There's a way back to God from the dark paths of sin;  
there's a door that is open and you may go in:  
at Calvary's cross is where you begin,  
when you come as a sinner to Jesus."***

It reminds me of the passage from John 10 where Jesus says: **"I am the gate, whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture."** There we are being given a route to God, a route to salvation. There is the idea here of someone coming to God for the first time, or the first significant time and doing that all important transaction with God.

The transaction that involves Jesus taking all of my rubbish – the wrongs I have done, and the wrongs done to me – and in exchange giving me all of his righteousness or rightness. It is what the old song meant by coming as a sinner to Jesus. And this is open to absolutely everyone – it is the same for everyone no matter what.

But there is more. Every day the sheep come in and go out through the gate – it is



not a one off thing but a daily thing – and our connection with Jesus is to be something that we engage in on a daily basis.

So what is going to motivate us to do that? Well the answer is basically self-interest when we see that we have an enemy and when we dare to believe that

God loves us.

***"The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness."***

C.S. Lewis wrote in the Screwtape Letters: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive interest." So what are we to do? Well, we are to steer clear of the Devil and go to Jesus, the gate, and find our security and trust in Him.

But it can be hard. Living in a world where bad things happen, sometimes to us or our loved ones, is challenging. People may turn away from God because of suffering. But being a Christian does not mean we will have a pain free existence.

Many times I have found myself in a dark place where these words have kept my faith alive and kept me going... **"I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness."**

We have to work out that even when life is hard, God is good. Whatever happens to us, we stubbornly refuse to stop believing in the goodness of God because we have Jesus.


Looking forward to a great Autumn.  
Very best wishes, Harry

**A Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila**  
*(used as a Blessing in Celtic Prayer)*

These beautiful words are good to help us self soothe and be calm when life goes wrong or when anxiety and fear prevail. They remind us that we are not God, we are not in control, and do not have to be... that is ok. It is ok because he loves us, he is trustworthy, and we are secure as those who belong to him. It is not about passivity, but the power of prayerful dependence, surrender, patience, and endurance.

**Let nothing disturb thee,  
nothing affright thee;  
all things are passing,  
God never changeth!**

**Patient endurance  
attaineth to all things;  
who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;  
alone God sufficeth.**

 **Services at St Peter's Church** (for full Sept-Oct 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.



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service



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



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is a FAMILY Service



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

**Read, Mark, Learn:**

Thursday evenings at 8pm at St Peter's.

**September 9th**

**October 14th**

# Services Within Our Benefice of Headley & Box Hill

Please see Headley and Box Hill website for up to date services. [www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk)

## St Mary's, Headley

5th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
12th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
19th Sept	10.30am	Parish Communion
26th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
3rd Oct	8.00am	Harvest Festival Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion
10th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
17th Oct	10.30am	Parish Communion
24th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
31st Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	United Benefice Service



## St Andrew's, Box Hill

5th Sept	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
12th Sept	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
19th Sept	9.30am	Informal Communion
26th Sept	9.30am	Morning Praise
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*Our 94-year-old lay minister, at St Peter's, shares his thoughts and experiences.*

### **God really does speak to me!**

I concluded my previous article with the words:

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

For fifty years, I worked for an insurance company. I had two main roles. I was involved in helping run a field force of some five hundred men and a few women. My second role was to run meetings and conferences.

In 1970 the company installed a big computer. It filled a large room! A year later, without any warning, several hundred staff were, on a Friday afternoon, told they were redundant! They were given a brown envelope with their severance information. Then they were immediately ordered off the premises and forbidden to ever return.

I felt, like many, that whilst changes had to be made, the manner the loyal staff were treated was harsh & cruel. I prayed daily for these people who felt so rejected and angry. After about two months while praying a thought came to me:

***'Have a Tea Party!'***

It made no sense to me. A week later I had a picture in my mind of the office staff canteen. A few days later, I asked the canteen manager if she could provide 'Afternoon Tea' for, say, thirty people. She said she would gladly support me but it might cost us our jobs!

I asked a few of our staff to pass round a message to the redundant staff that on a certain Friday at 2.30pm, while all the management were at golf, they were

welcome to come up the fire escape into the Canteen for a 'tea party'.



For the next year, every month, a large number of former staff came to meet each other and to hear talks intended to help them solve their problems. At times I wondered what the outcome of these events would be, but I had a sense that it would be all right, even though I could see no escape! I kept praying for I knew I was now in the hands of the Holy Spirit.

Then I had the task of organising a three-day conference in Rome for some 250 people. This involved all their arrangements from take-off at Heathrow to their return. To achieve the appropriate selection of hotels and events I had, over two years, to make many visits to Rome. I was greatly assisted by the well-known Father Michael Hollings, the RC Priest in Notting Hill, London, with whom I had worked while leading the Mission to London. He introduced me to 'The Roman Catholic English College' in Rome where there is always in training an RC Ordinand from every RC Diocese in the UK. They made me so welcome and helped me to understand the local scene.

On my various visits I discovered that Rome in winter is often about 60 degrees with perhaps some light rain. Ideal for sightseeing for the place is empty!

The conference meetings took place in the mornings, I then had to provide memorable events in the afternoon and evening. On the first day, on the coaches bringing the delegates from their hotel to the Colosseum, I arranged for the couriers to be replaced by trainee English RC Priests. They talked about their experiences of living in Rome and answered questions. On arrival everyone entered a church, rather like St Martin's in the Fields. We went down the stone stairs



into the crypt, then down four more levels into the catacombs to a place believed to be where St Paul preached. Students played ancient music on authentic instruments. Those who wished joined in The Lord's Prayer. The delegates were then taken by the couriers on the usual sighting tour.

Then I wandered, on my own, round the Colosseum and by chance met the president of our company, who is based in Canada. He and I always spoke particularly about scouting for he was a keen scout. As we spoke, the Voice said to me, 'Tom, tell him about the Tea Parties'. I silently replied 'No'.

A second time 'The Voice said to me 'Tom, tell him about the Tea Parties'. I silently replied 'No'. A third time The Voice said to me 'Tom, tell him about the Tea Parties!!!!!! I know that when the Voice speaks for the third time I must obey. No choice!

I then told the President all about the Tea Parties. He thought the idea was brilliant and said that he wanted to introduce it in Canada. I emphasised that my General Manager knew nothing about the Tea Parties and I could lose my job if he found out! I was assured he would not disclose my secret.

Within earshot the president went to the general manager and said: 'Congratulations. You must be so pleased with what Tom has achieved. It is wonderful for the Company'. With that he hurried away. In no time the General Manager found me and said that he has heard that I have achieved a success. 'Please, what have you done?' he asked. I said that I was unable to tell him. He insisted. I explained that if I told him, he would be so angry with me.

He then said, 'I promise not to be cross but please tell me'. So I frankly shared all my feelings about the harsh manner in which the redundancies were handled. For a while, the General Manager said nothing. Then a tear rolled down his cheek. He softly said 'Tom,

*please forgive me'. I responded, 'It is not for me to forgive you'. He replied, 'When we return to London I will arrange for your Tea Parties to be held in the management dining room with full waiting service. They are all welcome to come to our company social events. Also, Tom, when we return, please write me a paper outlining your recommendations for the future care of the staff'.*

In our autumn issue I will share what happened next in these memorable events entirely prompted by The Holy Spirit.

*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,  
and Power to our witness.  
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.**

# Christchurch United Reformed Church *By Janet Holah*

## Greetings from Christchurch!

Our congregation remains small, but devoted, and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us at 10.30am either every week or on an occasional basis. Tea, coffee, and cakes are provided after the service.

In the last issue, I talked about the seasons and each having a purpose. Well, it has been difficult to decide what season we were in over the last few weeks since it has ranged from exceptionally hot to stormy, sometimes on the same day! However, let's hope that everyone has come through it all and is keeping well, particularly now that we have more freedom.

We are looking forward to Autumn with its harvest of crops, fruit, and vegetables. It is wonderful to see the combine harvesters at work and to know that those crops may well end up in the flour that we use for our baking. Farming life, however, is not for the faint-hearted as it entails a lot of hard work and sometimes heartache. One of my sons is a vet who, in his final year at university, was deployed by the Ministry of Farming and Food (as it was then) to monitor the foot and mouth situation and to go to the affected farms to check that all the animals were slaughtered. That was such a terrible time and for some farmers meant the end of the line as they either could not afford, or were too old, to start again.

We thank God that there are such dedicated people willing to work so hard to provide food for us. For my part, I always believe in supporting them by buying British produce



whenever I can – it is the best after all!

Episodes like this, and also the coronavirus, can lead to some people asking what is God's purpose? It is so hard to understand why a compassionate God allows such things to happen. I am not able to offer any explanation but perhaps human intervention in the earth's

status quo has resulted in something going terribly wrong. Who knows, we may never understand such things. The human race is wonderful though and can be very inventive. The advances in science over the last hundred and fifty years have been truly magnificent. More recently, we have only to look at the coronavirus vaccine success to appreciate this. From the Victorians with their astounding engineering projects to modern day space programmes, I am constantly in awe of such people. What an impact they have made on the world!

We can certainly make an impact in our own ways, of course. We can make a difference to other people's lives in the way we live and can demonstrate what a truly Christian life means. It is not easy, but if we all try our best, we shall have a welcome at God's right hand when our efforts are over.

At this harvest time, we thank God for his wonderful gifts to us, including the gift of His Son.

With blessings from us all at Christchurch.

Janet Holah  
Elder and Church Secretary

# Christchurch URC in September and October



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

Below is a list of our preachers for September and October.  
All are welcome!

We offer Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

**Sunday 5th September: Mike Downing (Communion)**

**Sunday 12th September: Christopher Wright**

**Sunday 19th September: John Sinclair**

**Sunday 26th September: Janet Holah (Harvest Service)**

**Sunday 3rd October: Mike Downing (Communion)**

**Sunday 10th October: Edward Pender**

**Sunday 17th October: Jim Davis**

**Sunday 24th October: Bill Potter**

**Sunday 31st October: Janet Higgs**

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](mailto:janetholah@outlook.com) .

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## **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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**Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 8pm.**

Our speakers are yet to be confirmed for September and October but meetings will take place on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm and Tuesday 12th October at 8pm (venues also TBC)

**Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation Presentation**

On Thursday 16th September at 8.00 pm the Tadworth MU has invited us to their meeting at the **Church of the Good Shepherd in Tadworth** to hear a presentation from the family of the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. The DSM Foundation is a drug and alcohol education charity that aims to support young people to make safe choices about drugs and alcohol and reduce harm, through education and development of life skill and resilience. It was set up by Daniel's parents after he uncharacteristically experimented and lost his life as a result.

This is open to all residents in Walton on the Hill. They particularly would like young families to attend. More about the foundation can be seen at [www.dsmfoundation.org.uk](http://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk).

**MU Annual Gathering**

Our theme for this year continues to be **'Rebuilding Hope and Confidence'** and the Annual Gathering will be on You Tube Premiere on Saturday 25th September from 11.00 - 2.30 pm. After the video has premiered, it will become available on the Mothers' Union YouTube channel.

To follow is an extract from the Annual Gathering's midday prayers, in which there is a separate theme for each day. The theme for Friday is Climate Change.

**Climate change**

I brought you into a land of plenty,  
to enjoy its gifts and goodness,  
but you ruined my land;  
you disgraced my heritage.

*Jeremiah 2:7*

**God of life,  
we pray for all those who are struggling  
with the effects of climate change  
and the exploitation of our earth's  
resources.**

Fill us with a spirit of concern for the future,  
that we may learn from our state of  
environmental irresponsibility  
and become responsible custodians of your  
creation.

May those in authority make decisions that  
will be life-giving for all.

**Inspire us to refocus our lives  
and centre on all you have created,  
so we may redress the injustice of  
climate change  
and look forward  
to a future full of hope  
in a caring, sharing, respectful world.  
In Jesus' name.**

**Amen**

*From: Dear Lord Prayer Book: Jacqui  
Armstrong*

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## A Little Bit About: Rev Leah

The Reverend Leah Bates has now begun her role as curate at Walton, Headley and Box Hill after her ordination in Guildford Cathedral on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Over the last two months Leah has enjoyed meeting new people, learning lots of new names, visiting the difference services at each of the churches, and is beginning to find her way around the three village communities.

There is much to learn, many more people to meet and groups to visit, but Leah and her family are grateful for the warm welcome they have received so far, and are looking forward to meeting more members of the three communities over the coming months as they continue to settle in.

Before ordination, Leah trained on a mixed-mode course with St Mellitus College for three years, working for a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission. The usual pattern was to be in London one day a week for lectures, have two days a week for study and assignment writing, and another two days spent on placement at St Giles' and St George's in Ashtead.

There were also residential weekends away during the year for more lectures and worship. This is a fairly new model of training for ordination that allows for the academic learning and understanding that is being developed to be put into practice on placement, and for a cycle of reflection to continue based on the practical skills that are being learnt and developed.

Leah's career before training for ordination was in music. After graduating from Exeter University in 2001 with a BA in Music, and an MA in English Cathedral Music, she worked for the Royal School of Church Music for a period of ten years, working particularly to develop their *Voice for Life* programme and resources supporting singing in churches and schools. She was also a professional singer and

instrumentalist, performing in a range of groups and contexts including London church choirs, chamber choirs, an upper voices vocal trio, an early music group and a jazz quartet.

Leah directed the Youth Choirs of St Giles' and St George's in Ashtead for 20 years, taught singing at Rosebery School in Epsom and at City of London Freeman's School in Ashtead, and was also a music examiner and adjudicator. She has always had a passion for enabling others to develop their gifts and skills and helping them grow in confidence. She loves looking for ways that music can bring unity, develop friendships and a sense of community, bring joy and a sense of celebration, provide comfort and healing in times of struggle, and how it can enhance worship.



*Leah at her ordination*

## A Little Bit About Rev Leah *continued...*

Leah felt God was first calling her to ordination in 2013, and describes that sense of calling as “a nigggle that just wouldn’t go away.” At first, she was resistant to seriously considering what that nigggle might be. She explains: “I found plenty of reasons not to explore it – such as my young family and an already fulfilling career in music – but eventually I realised it was ultimately fear that was stopping me from seriously considering what God might be asking me to do and I couldn’t ignore it any longer.



*Big sky and big smiles, Leah with husband Jonathan and daughters Jocelyn (right) and Zoe (left)*

If my God and my Saviour might be asking me to do something, why was I trying to push it aside? If He knows me and loves me better than I know myself (and loves my family even more than I do) then surely, I could trust Him to guide us?”

Her journey of discerning where God might be calling involved many conversations with wise people, the loving support of her family and friends, prayer, and plenty of tears, joy and laughter along the way. Leah says:

***"It's an adventure that will continue each day as, together with my family, we learn to step out and trust Him more and more, wherever He might call us. We are so excited that He has called us here to Walton, Headley and Box Hill, and I can't wait to see where God is at work and where we can join in!"***

One initiative she hopes to develop is to start a Benefice Community Choir in October. Do let her know if that would interest you, or if you would like more information. [revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com)

## Community Choir

Coming soon!



Rehearsals in The Octagon at St Mary's Headley  
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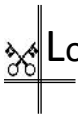
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## Local Chef: Blackberry & Sloe Jam with Gin

by Laura Palmer



Ah, brambles. It's hard to see the point of them for much of the year. Thorny stems everywhere that infiltrate garden beds and try to trip me up out on the trails. I once skirted a puddle only to somehow lasso my leg on a rogue bramble stem, arriving home feeling like I'd wrestled a bear trap. Note to self: run through the puddles next time.

But then halfway through August the dark purple fruit arrives. Now I understand. It's hard to beat blackberry picking as an introduction to foraging (and a free family activity.) After a quick briefing at the start, ie "be careful of thorns and don't pick below dog leg height", we're off.



It can't be a coincidence that just at the height of the blackberry season the sloes up above start to ripen, turning their distinctive mottled bluey purple. As a tiny member of the plum family they add a fabulous flavour to an already satisfyingly foraged jam, a tartness and unique hint of bitterness that you just can't buy. Plus they add pectin to the mix, meaning you can get a set jam from low-pectin blackberries without the need for jam sugar. Fast-dissolving granulated will do

here, saving time and money.

I splashed out with a little gin for flavour and as a nod to the traditional sloe preservation method, but you could replace with apple juice if you like.

So if you're a forager but don't fancy sloe gin (or you might prefer to save your gin for a G&T) why not give jam try? It's also the perfect gift to have on standby, if you can bear to give it away of course.

700g blackberries  
300g sloes  
100ml gin or apple juice  
1kg granulated sugar



1. Wash the fruit several times in cold water.
2. Put everything except the sugar in a large lidded pan and cook over a low heat until the blackberries have released all their juice and the stones have started to exit the sloes.
3. Add the sugar and stir until dissolved.
4. Turn up the heat and bring to the boil, then boil vigorously for 5-10 minutes or so, stirring occasionally, until you reach setting point.



5. To check for setting point either use a jam thermometer or chill a plate in the freezer then spoon a little jam mixture onto it. If the jam wrinkles when you push it gently with your finger, it's ready.

6. Wash 3 regular or 6 small jam jars with lids with hot soapy water, rinse and place upside down on a wire rack over a baking sheet. Place in an oven at 120C for at least 5 minutes.

7. Ladle the jam through a metal sieve into a clean pan and use the back of a spoon to get as much of the fruit puree through, leaving the seeds and stones behind. (This is a little labour intensive but completely necessary).



8. Reheat the jam and pour into the hot jars, adding the lids as soon as you can.



# Pete's

The monthly Sunday gathering for Year 7 and above is returning on September 12, October 10, November 7 and December 12

10.30am – 12noon  
in St Peter's Church Hall  
(Breakfast included ☺)

## **A Great Day Out for Everyone**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July the Folksy Theatre rolled into town to stage an open-air production of "Little Red and The Big Bad Wolf" on the Breech Lane Community Playing Fields, and what a fantastic day out it was!

The weather on the day was amazing — as many of us know, it's not always possible to rely on the weather on occasions like this. All tickets for the day were sold out and as people started arriving for the 2pm start, a lovely community atmosphere developed. Everyone found their spot on the grass around the stage and quite quickly a long line formed at the ice-cream van.

It was the first time since the pandemic that as a community we came together, and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying a fun day out in support of raising funds for the refurbishment of the pavilion at Howard Close.

I'd like to extend a big thank to all our volunteers on the day: Ed Moore, Jayne Guy, Mary Morley, Grace, Kitty, Rowan Kay and Eve Gleeson for helping to setup, marshal and attend the kiosk. Neil Williams and the WATBHA team for keeping everyone hydrated and to Surrey Ices for keeping us cool on the day.

Thanks also to Alan Gout and the team at Michael Everett for sponsoring the day, and to Tim Samuel and Walton Primary School for making the field available to us.

In total we managed to raise £1,600 and from the feedback and support we received we are considering another event in the future.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to

Emmeline Moore whose idea it was to organise this event, the first of its kind, and to Marilyn Ridgewell our treasurer for supporting in all manner of ways.

Now that life is beginning to return to something that almost resembles what we remember 'normal' to be, we hope to be able to host a Walton Village Forum meeting in due course and will keep everyone posted via our normal communication channels. Our last meeting was held in February 2020, and it would be great to meet up in person again.

We are still carrying copies of Wild About Walton and Surrey Hills that we sell to raise funds for the village, at £23.99 each. Please email [info@waltonvillageforum.org](mailto:info@waltonvillageforum.org) if you'd like a copy.

In closing, if anyone would like to get involved with the Forum or share ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via [info@waltonvillageforum.org](mailto:info@waltonvillageforum.org).

Looking forward to seeing you in and around the village,

Grant.

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## ✂️ Walton In Bloom (in conjunction with Walton Village Forum) *By Jean Bye*

After a slow start obtaining bedding plants and hanging baskets in early spring, it has been so nice to see the village looking really lovely this summer.

Many thanks to shops and businesses in the village who have caught the "hanging basket" bug, it's been much appreciated.

More bulb planting is scheduled for

September /October so look out for more information on our notice boards.

Don't forget, Christchurch Community Garden need helpers, please contact Janet Holah on 01737-813494.

Happy Gardening,

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## ✂️ Happy 90th Birthday Mary!

Congratulations to Mary Heath who celebrated her 90th birthday, on 3rd August, with a splendid tea party, in Christchurch Hall.

Mary says:

***"Thank you for all the messages and cards received for my 90th birthday from Walton friends, making a wonderful celebration.***

***Special thanks also to Norma and her team for a marvellous tea."***





## Teas on the Green! *by Mo Atkins*

The wet weather forecast for Sunday, 1st August did not bode well for the planned 'Teas on the Green' and cancellation seemed likely. However a last minute decision was made to relocate to St. Peter's, with tea and cakes served in the churchyard, from under gazebos.

In the event it was, for the most part, a fine, sunny afternoon and folk were able to enjoy

chatting around tables in the open air. It was lovely to catch up with old friends and to greet visitors and newcomers to the parish of Walton on the Hill.

Very many thanks are due to all those who provided cakes and biscuits or helped in any way on the day. We were especially grateful to James Darter and friends, Emily and Justin, who kindly served teas.



Photo collage by Leah Bates

## Teas on the Green! *continued...*



As you can see, Teas on the Green was a very happy occasion, and we are delighted to announce that it raised £505 towards the work of St Peter's.

## Open Group & Village Kitchen *By Mo Atkins*



### **Open Group:**

At time of writing we are looking forward to a 'surprise' celebration of Norma's 80th Birthday, at an August 'Garden Gathering', the first Open Group reunion for many months! Covid permitting, we are planning to recommence monthly meetings in the autumn.

If you would like to be added to the Open Group mailing list in order to receive further information, please email 'Newsletter' to Mo & Co on: [waltonopengroup@gmail.com](mailto:waltonopengroup@gmail.com)

### **Village Kitchen:**

We are looking forward to re-opening the Village Kitchen on Saturday 11th September at Christchurch Hall. Lunches will be served from 12pm to 1.30pm, all being well. All are welcome!

Monthly home deliveries have continued from Norma's kitchen since Lent, raising a further £240, towards Open Group's 'Princess Alice' project from donations. Many thanks to those who have made and / or distributed cakes and soup, which have been much appreciated.

### **A NOTE FROM NORMA**

At the recent Open Gardens in Walton and Tadworth, John, Ivana and James served refreshments. It was a busy time and £258 was collected for the children and adolescent unit at The Royal Marsden. Every year I collect for this charity, buying gifts and vouchers for the patients. As I write, I have a coffee morning coming up on August 21st. Result in the next copy of WOW.

GREETINGS CARDS. If you wish to purchase 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 for your support, Norma 01737 812639.



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DIARY

Sept	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
Thu 9th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Pete's	St Peter's Church Hall
	11.00am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
Sun 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church
	3pm	Baptism	St Peter's Church
<b>Oct</b>			
Sun 3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
	3pm	Baptism	St Peter's Church
Sun 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Pete's	St Peter's Church Hall
	11.00am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	3pm	Baptism	St Peter's Church
Thu 14th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church
Sun 31st	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	United Benefice Service	St Mary's Headley

**From St Peter's Registers**

July 4th Leah Bates ordination in Guildford Cathedral  
 August 6th Marriage of Lewis and Hannah at St Peter's  
 August 14th Marriage of Blake and Cathy at St Peter's  
 August 28th Marriage of James and Corinne at St Peter's



## Autumn Alpha Course 2021 Wednesdays 8pm in St Mary's Headley

### ***September***

29<sup>th</sup> – Who is Jesus?

### ***October***

6<sup>th</sup> – Why did Jesus die?

13<sup>th</sup> – How can I have faith?

20<sup>th</sup> – Why & how do I pray?

27<sup>th</sup> – Why & how should I read the Bible?

### ***November***

3<sup>rd</sup> – How does God guide us?

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Who is the Holy Spirit?**

**What does the Holy Spirit do?**

**How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit**

10<sup>th</sup> – How can I resist evil

17<sup>th</sup> – Why & how should I tell others?

24<sup>th</sup> – Does God heal today?

### ***December***

1<sup>st</sup> – What about the Church?

**8<sup>th</sup> – End of Course Party**

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# Walton on the Hill Primary School

By Headteacher Tim Samuel



Year 4 will now learn the trumpet rather than the clarinet. There are a number of reasons for this, (*not solely me being a brass player*) and I am excited about seeing the impact of this new challenge and the joy I

After a summer of mixed weather and a return to a more normal life I do hope that all in the village and surrounding community have had an enjoyable summer. I am pleased to say that it is looking increasingly likely that from the start of the new academic year we will be able to return to something resembling a more 'normal' school routine.

We will, of course, retain our increased hygiene measures and will be cautious in our return to whole school events such as assemblies though I am sure our whole community is looking forward to a less disrupted learning experience for all the children. Like many of our team, one aspect I am personally looking forward to is hearing music and song throughout the school.

I enjoy a very wide range of music and can often be heard singing in my office or around the school ground. A fundamental part of our school learning, singing is both a part of our music curriculum but also a way of sharing and remembering key messages.

One change to our musical provision is that

believe it will bring. We look forward to showcasing this and other musical performances with the wider community in the near future.

One song the school often sings is about how we play, work, move and sing together. The chorus includes:

**"everyday we work and play, learning ways to get along, finding out, what life's about, everybody's moving on".**

The notion of us coming back to school and engaging that sense of community is so important and we have a range of opportunities for children to re-connect with the school after the summer break. This includes additional challenge sessions for the older children which will call upon our revised learning values.

As part of an INSET day last term we evaluated our learning values alongside the vision for our school. As a key part of this we spent time discussing the core values that underpin our curriculum. Although we were happy that the 6 key values have served a purpose we felt the need to update them for

maximum relevance. The changes also make them easier to quantify (for example in report writing) and exemplify. Our revised values are:

Collaboration

Resilience

Respect (*replacing Equality*)

Compassion

Creativity (*replacing Creativity & Innovation*)

Curiosity (*replacing Exploration*)

Respect is a wider concept than equality, better covers respect for diversity and of course treating others with respect would encompass equality. We pride ourselves in being a truly inclusive and welcoming school providing opportunities for all members of our increasingly diverse school community.

We view '*diversity*' and '*inclusion*' as two interconnected concepts—but they are far from interchangeable. '*Diversity*' is about recognising, valuing and respecting the differences that make up our school community and beyond; while '*inclusion*' is about how well the contributions, presence and perspectives of different groups of

people are valued and integrated. Within the realm of respect we will of course retain the important messages of equal opportunities and protection from discrimination. With the help of a coaching and leadership organisation we look forward to implementing a Race, Identity and School Leadership Programme so that we can be even more confident in our informed and inclusive approach.

Removing '*Innovation*' makes it easier to talk more directly about being creative in a greater range of ways. Innovation is just one aspect that comes under the wider umbrella of creativity. Curiosity is something that is enormously important for independent learning and a more appropriate and easily recognised value than exploration.

We are looking forward to working with the children on an art installation to celebrate and promote our school values and are very thankful to the Walton on the Hill Arts Society for their generous grant to our school to allow this to happen. We will of course share the outcome of this project with the community when it is complete.



## An Ode to Luna (our school dog) by Mrs P. Year 1

Luna, Luna, give us a cuddle,  
Covid got us all in a muddle.

Bubbles and masks are not what they should  
be;

Home schooling's not as fun as it could be.

I've started to notice the handwashing's  
stinging

It's nobody's birthday so why are we singing?  
The gel's not much better, it hurts in the  
cracks

Of my hands where germs could launch their  
attacks.

Assemblies have gone, to think I'd miss those!  
Singing together and sitting quite close  
In a hall full of joy and smells of school  
dinners

With proper utensils and top table winners!

Zoom was one of my favourite words  
Perfect for trains, cars, planes or birds.

Now it means maths and a dodgy connection  
Everyone staring at their own reflection.

No cake sales, nativities, no trick-or-treating  
No birthday class sweets or hugs as a  
greeting.

Sports day was fun though my mum missed  
my race,  
Seeing me run with such joy on my face.

Now autumn is coming and it's back to school  
For Harvest, and conkers and playing it cool  
When we really just want to be running round  
screaming:

"We did it! We're here! We're really not  
dreaming!"

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## Book Club Corner: *By Annabel Curry*

*Book Club Corner is Window on Walton's new regular column celebrating some of the best in teen fiction. This edition features Annabel 12, and why she loves **All Creatures Great and Small** by James Herriot.*

*If you are aged between 10 and 14 and have a book or series to share please email [colouremehappykitchen@icloud.com](mailto:colouremehappykitchen@icloud.com)*

**Title:** All Creatures Great and Small

**Author:** James Herriot

**Star Rating:** 4.5 stars (out of 5)

**About this book:** 'All Creatures Great and Small' is the heart-warming story of a Yorkshire country vet; it is one of a series of books based on the real life of a genuine vet, James Alfred Wight, better known by his pen name James Herriot.

James Herriot grew up in Glasgow where he qualified as a veterinary surgeon at Glasgow Veterinary Collage. Shortly afterwards he took up position as an assistant in a North Yorkshire practice where he remained for almost 50 years, with the exception of his wartime service in the RAF, until his death in 1995.

Following his move from Glasgow, Yorkshire opens up endless idyllic possibilities of a rural life to the young and enthusiastic vet. He arrives in the small village of Darrowby to find erratic new veterinary colleagues, brothers Siegfried and Triston Farnon, along with hardworking farmers and all manner of animals including a pig called Nugent and an overweight and overly pampered Pekinese called Tricki Woo.

In Yorkshire James entered an entirely new reality to his previous city life. I thought he was incredibly brave, stepping out of his comfort zone and starting a new beginning, waking to a new dawn and feeling hopeful and kind-hearted, as all people should do. At



first some of the villagers were cold towards him but he soon found a way to win their friendship and trust as his humorous, good hearted personality shone through.

**My thoughts about the book:** I have given this book 4.5 out of 5 stars because it was amazing to read over lockdown. Whilst sitting in a room reading I could be exploring the fields of cows, or surrounded by dogs at the hearth or watching the hazy sunset fade in the lush green hills, fields and rivers of the Yorkshire Dales. I think this book is suitable for all age groups, whether a young adult, a grown-up reading to themselves or a parent reading it aloud to a child.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible Story</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7th Sept	Creation - God's love for us	Collage
14th Sept	Noah and His Ark	Animals/rainbow
21st Sept	Caring for our Planet	Recycling
28th Sept	Harvest - The Sower	Cress seeds
5th Oct	The Lost Sheep	Cotton wool sheep
12th Oct	Jesus heals the paralysed man	TBC
19th Oct	Feeding of the 5,000	Loaves and fishes
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# TWOAT Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust *By Mike Fox*

A member of the Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust committee became 90 years young at the beginning of August. She had told her friends that, as she already had all the material things that she needed, a "donation to TWOAT" was the only item on her present list. I am delighted to tell you that so far we have received gifts in excess of £700 to mark this special occasion.

In the same week we received a report from the school in Kenya at which we sponsor an 8 year old girl called Princess Natasha (pictured). They told us that her favourite bible story is of the birth of Jesus. Her report stated "Princess is an active and disciplined child who loves to be in school. Her positive outlook and excellent academic performance speak of a greater promise for her future." Princess is raised by a single unemployed mother who depends on the aid we send to support her daughter's education.

It is great to think that the money raised as a result of a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the UK would be sufficient for TWOAT to provide support for a year to at least two such children as Princess.

We had a very interesting Zoom presentation from Susie Farley who is the sister of local optician, Sally Nethercott. This detailed the cardiology training she has been providing on an occasional voluntary basis in Ethiopia which TWOAT has previously supported. Advances in technology to diagnose heart conditions have been truly amazing and some of Susie's training was associated with these new techniques for equipment available in city hospitals. However, when we asked her what equipment TWOAT might fund for her to donate during her next trip, she suggested a relatively old fashioned simple blood pressure measuring device with an arm band inflated manually. This type of device does

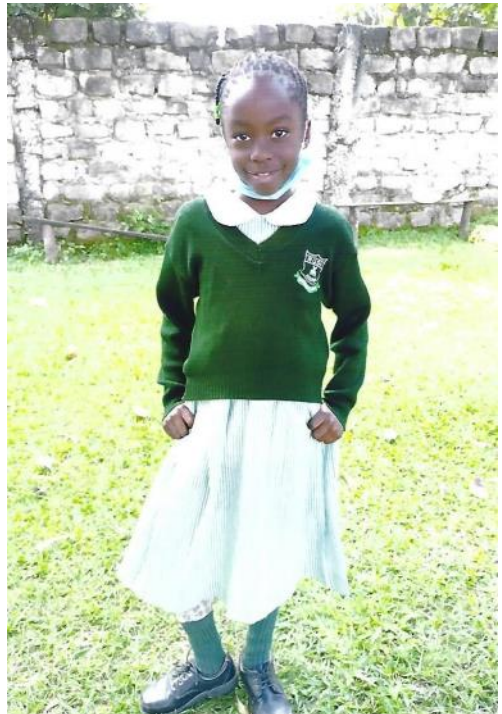
not need batteries or mains electricity and could be used in rural villages. It brought home to us all the enormous gulf between our own health care and that provided in developing countries.

Our two John Allinson Memorial Walks on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October should be definitely on and we hope our Annual Meeting and dinner in St John's Hall, Tadworth on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> will be able to proceed.

For more information contact me on 01737 350452

Keep well,  
Mike

Please visit [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) to keep in touch with our events or to be added to the TWOAT supporters' list.



Fear is waiting at the gate;  
"Can I come in and be your mate?  
I'll stay at home and play with you.  
I won't make you try things new!  
We can sit and eat a while  
And sort out that washing pile.  
Together at home we'll be fine."  
We could ignore that faint pine  
To run to Love waiting at the gate  
Calling "Come, come; it's not too late.  
Come follow me; that's my plea.  
Come, come; I want you to see  
What we can do my precious one  
When we dance together and have some fun."

So when you hear them at the gate  
Be wise in whom you choose to date;  
Perfect love does cast out fear  
But his call you will still hear.  
Fear's call is often loud and strong.  
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# Local History: The Brighton Road: The Classic Highway to the South

3...By *Robert Ruddell*

## **PART 3**

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 Kingswood to Reigate.

After reaching St Andrews Church, Harper passes the village of Kingswood where Sir Henry Cosmo Bonsor lived at Kingswood Warren. He purchased the estate in 1885 and lived there until 1912 when the rising cost of maintenance caused him to sell. Joseph Rank the founder of the milling empire Rank Hovis McDougall, purchased the mansion house and 102 acres for £321,336 and the remainder was sold to Walton Heath Land Development Company for housing development.

Bonsor was the man responsible for bringing the Chipstead Valley Railway to Kingswood in 1897, to Tadworth in 1900 and he then created Walton Heath Golf Course, which opened in 1904. Cosmo is remembered as a generous local benefactor and on his death in 1929 was buried in St Andrew's Churchyard.

The road now continues to Lower Kingswood and on the left hand side, The Fox Inn can be seen and was used by traction engines to fill up with water after labouring up Reigate Hill. R&F Pagden the Epsom Brewers were the original owners.

After passing The Fox, the next turning on the right is Buckland Road. At end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century this led to the Margery Brickfield run

by H & G Skilton. It was sited opposite The Mint Arms Public House in Buckland Road, which finally closed in 2007. The brickfield extended across to Mogador Road where houses were built and this is now Dents Grove.

Proceeding on to Reigate, Harper came to Mogador Road on the right where the architect Edward Penfold, a partner in Baker and Penfold of Reigate, built Kingswood Manor house in about 1895 for Emma and Thomas Palmer Watson, a Yorkshire born grain-broker of San Jose. The couple had fled to England as a result of a family quarrel over her inheritance in America.

Harper then passes on the right Kingswood Knoll where by 1928 the Field family was living. The property had been a working farm in the past, and still had some outbuildings ideally suited to accommodate their son Brian's pioneering work on aircraft engines. From there, together with an associate he ran his company Field Aircraft Construction. The adjoining fields were turned into an airstrip, from where he would take off and fly low over the houses of Lower Kingswood. Brian flew a wide range of aircraft operating north south, parallel to the line of the A217.

The Prince of Wales, who was a member of nearby Walton Heath Golf Club and Captain in 1936, would land his aeroplane near a big house behind the school at Lower Kingswood and opposite the church. I wonder whether this is the same airstrip that he used on the occasions when he came to play at Walton?

Harper continues to Reigate Hill and passes Margery Lane on the right, where Baron Herbert de Reuter, Managing Director of Reuter's Telegram Company, would join the Baroness at Margery House at the weekends and returning to London during the week.

## Local History: The Brighton Road Part 3: continued...

In 1915 at the age of 63 he tragically shot himself dead with a revolver at Margery House, a few days after the death of his wife.

Harper now moves on at last to Reigate Hill and he writes: *'immediately past the suspension bridge that overhangs the cutting, it tilts very suddenly and alarmingly over the edge of the Downs. The suddenness of it makes the stranger gasp with astonishment; the beauty of that wonderful view from this very rim and edge of the hills compels his admiration. It is the climax up to which he has been toiling all these long, ascending gradients from Sutton; and it is worth the toil.'*

A milestone just short of this drop - one of a series starting at Sutton Downs and dealing in fractions of miles - says, very curtly:

London 19 - Sutton 8 - Brighton  $32\frac{5}{8}$  - Reigate  $1\frac{5}{8}$

The original footbridge was opened in 1825 to cross the cutting formed by the new turnpike road. By 1900 this bridge became dilapidated and was replaced in 1910 by the current bridge, which is built of reinforced concrete covering a 97-foot span with a width of 8 feet and weight of 3 tons.

Sadly the 1970s Motorway Invasion has resulted in the M25, carving its roaring way at the top of Reigate Hill, and splitting the hamlet known as The Margery and Lower Kingswood from Reigate. Today we no longer have the peace and quiet that our forefathers enjoyed for hundreds of years, as this has been replaced by the pollution and intolerable noise.

Between 1889 and 1903, 13 mobilisation centres were built as part of the London Defence Scheme and included Reigate Fort situated on the southern crest of Reigate Hill. Reigate Fort was built in 1898 but by

1906 was decommissioned. It is now a scheduled monument and is run by the National Trust.

Readers who have walked on Reigate Hill may have noticed a memorial dedicated to the memory of nine USAAF crew who were tragically killed when their plane, a B-17 [G], crashed into the hill on the evening of Monday 19 March 1945. The crews, from the 384th Bombardment Group, were returning to their base at Grafton Underwood in Northamptonshire after an operation near the German/Czech border.

Harper recalls his journey into Reigate: *'The roadway of Reigate Hill is made to wind circuitously, in an attempt to mitigate the severity of the gradient; but for all the care taken, it remains one of the steepest hills in England, and is one of the very few provided with granite kerbs intended to ease the pull-up for horses. None but a very special fool among cyclists in the old days attempted to ride down the hill; and many, even in these times of more efficient brakes, prefer to walk down.'*

After his descent of Reigate Hill, Harper arrived at Reigate town, which he described as *'a little town of considerable antiquity and inconsiderable story.'*



The Suspension Bridge, Reigate Hill 1892





Light traffic on the Brighton Road near Kingswood Church

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Brian Field.



Brian Field's Hawker Tomtit.





# Window On Walton Crossword Number 4!

I hope you enjoyed the Summer Drinks Window on Walton crossword —the answers are on the next page.

This crossword is all about going back to school and a celebration of learning, however old one may be! I'd love to hear how you get on.

Don't forget if you are printing from a PDF of the magazine you can just print this page.

If you fancy creating clues for the Nov-Dec WoW crossword, or if you just can't wait for the next edition to check your answers please contact me at [colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com](mailto:colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com).


## **WoW Crossword number 4: Back to School**

### **Across**

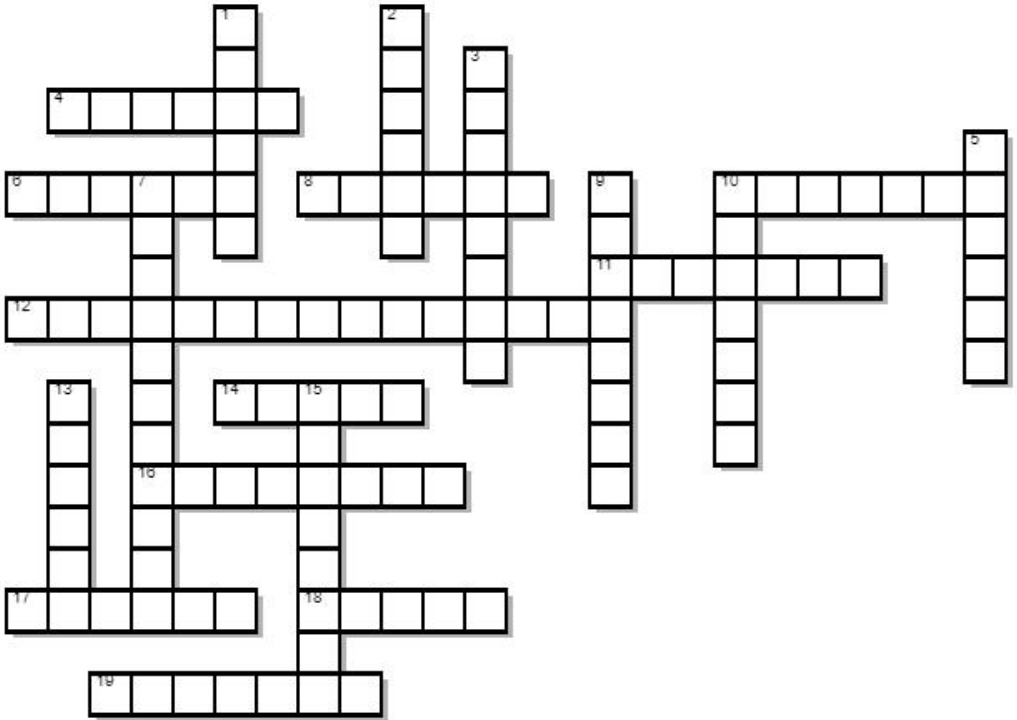
4. There are three types of tundra, Arctic tundra and Antarctic tundra are two, what is the third type?
6. Name of the layer between the Earth's crust and outer core
8. Name given to an 'ion' with fewer electrons than protons, giving it a positive charge?
10. Name given to the luminous massive star of low mass that our Sun will become in about five billion years
11. What is described as 'the mass per unit volume'?
12. The International Brigades were volunteer military units made up from different countries who fought in which war?
14. Third letter of the Greek alphabet.
16. The Vedas are the oldest scriptures of which religion?
17. What does the 'o' stand for in the maths acronym BODMAS?
18. Third most common gas in the Earth's atmosphere after Nitrogen and Oxygen
19. A cow on average releases between 70 and 120 kg of which polluting chemical compound per year?

### **Down**

1. Which poetical device has fourteen lines?
2. Women in the UK were given the vote in 1918 - however, over what age did they have to be to vote?
3. What type of dog is Luna, Walton Primary's School dog?
5. Country with Scotland that formed the Auld Alliance
7. The only prime number that comprises two consecutive prime numbers
9. Tritium is an isotope of which chemical element?
10. Who wrote the opera William Tell?
13. Which Prince of Wales was the first husband of Catherine of Aragon?
15. US time zone that falls between the Pacific and Central Time Zones



# Window On Walton Back to School Crossword



## Crossword Number 3 (July-Aug) answers:

ACROSS: 1. Mint, 5. Tom Collins, 6. Spumante, 7. Malbec, 12. Black Russian, 14. Margarita, 15. Grasshopper, 18. Terroir, 19. Raw Egg

DOWN: 1. Manhattan, 2. Cosmopolitan, 3. Bottled, 4. Vesper, 8. India Pale Ale, 9. China, 10. Screwdriver, 11. Bung, 13. Raspberry, 16. Hops, 17. Agave

## Pets Place... featuring Milo the tortoise

*Pets Place is Window on Walton's new column designed to give an insight into the lives of some of Walton's lesser known inhabitants.*

*What's your name?* Milo

*How old are you?* My humans don't actually know and I've forgotten! I believe it's somewhere between 35 and 60.

*What's your favourite food?* Iceberg lettuce and cucumber. I use my food as a source of water too so on a hot day I can easily get through two big platefuls.

*Describe your ideal day.* When I'm not hibernating, a hot, sunny day is just lovely—I feel fresh and charged up by the sun and can walk very quickly!

*How long do you hibernate for?* I enjoy a good sleep for 6 months though this year it was nearly 7! When I wake up I take my time to function again, good weather helps with this.

*Do you like living in Walton?* Yes, so much so that I do my best to escape my human's garden whenever I can to see more of it!

They have made this much harder for me now though—my most recent venture was a trip to the garden next door, the humans who live there found me by torchlight behind their shed.

*If you could do any job what would it be?*  
An escape artist of course!



*To feature your pet next time please contact the editor via email at [colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com](mailto:colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com)*

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