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*Parish & Community News from St Peter's and Christchurch*



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## Editor's Note

Volunteers. Where would we be without them? I was lucky enough to take part in the London Marathon recently, along with about 40,000 others and another 50,000 running it virtually, all over the world. But it wasn't the runners that impressed me so much as the people distributing water, energy drinks, bags, medals, t-shirts, medical attention, all whilst cheering and smiling and caring and giving up their time and "hoarsepower" to make the event not just a success, but an unforgettable experience for everybody, runners and spectators alike.

One particular volunteer I will remember always. "You're all amazing", she said. Clearly about 7 months pregnant and with a fold up chair next to her to further illustrate this, she handed me my unnecessarily heavy bag that I had panic-packed the day before. "No, no," I wheezed. "YOU. ARE. AMAZING." And , as runners streamed past us seeking water, loved ones, calories, medics, the nearest tube station, the perfect selfie, I nipped over and stole her chair for a good ten minutes.

It's not just volunteers at big events that need recognition. Litter-pickers, forest school helpers, people shopping for others less mobile than themselves, those who give up their time to clean the church, (I could go on for a long time here) I am constantly in awe

of their generosity. Not to mention our regular columnists who give up their time to provide such great content for this magazine.



By Laura Palmer

Which brings me onto this edition of WoW. Read on to find out more about Leah's new community choir, an interview with Mark, chairman of our most local athletics club, Emmeline's entertaining account of the recent St Peter's wine tasting event, Michael Dunk's first-hand experience of abseiling from a great height and much more.

There are lots of Christmas events coming up too, and I have a feeling that from now on things are going to get sparkly, twinkly and more than a little bit busy.

So don't miss details of all the services at St Peter's, throughout the Benefice and at Christchurch over the next two months. It's Remembrance Sunday on 14th November, and there's a helpful Christmas Services poster on p27 for you to cut out and pop on your fridge.

I do hope you enjoy reading this magazine. Don't forget, if you'd like to contribute to the next WoW in any way, I'd love to hear from you.

Seasons Greetings! Laura

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## Rector's Letter *By Reverend Harry Latham*

The history of Christianity and especially since the protestant reformation is sadly full of divisions, churches breaking off and separating because of disagreements and differences.

One of the truly good things that has happened in the last 50 years in this country (from my perspective) is the lowering of barriers (or walls) between differing Christian groups or denominations.

Baptists and Methodists and Pentecostals and Catholics and Orthodox and United Reformed and Free Churches of all kinds, and Anglicans... can get on well together. The things we have in common are far more important than the things that we may disagree on.

In his recent visit to Guildford Diocese the Archbishop of Canterbury was saying that as Christians we have this extraordinary reality of being God's chosen people, with a job to let others know about Him.

We are not chosen because of merit, but as we receive from God the things that Jesus died to give us, we find ourselves as children of God in a way that we were not before.

We may not feel in any way special, but God says we are, we belong to Him. It is why Jesus says in Mark 9: "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

We often find the phrase "little ones" used by Jesus – and it is used two ways. It is sometimes used to refer to little children – whom Jesus loved to use to teach his disciples lessons. It is also used to refer to all those who are his followers.

So Jesus says people who cause children and or his followers to stumble, or sin would be better off being dumped into the sea with a millstone around their neck. It is very strong



language – but it is used because children especially matter to God and followers of Jesus especially matter to God.

It also matters that Jesus' followers are not tripped up, it matters that we manage to keep following Jesus and living God's way... or as the Archbishop was saying (quoting Peter) that as those called from darkness to light, we do proclaim God's glory!

So we are to value the fact that we are loved by God and forgiven and matter to Him, that Jesus died and rose again for us.

So we are to value ourselves enough to take action against things that would cause us to stumble (sin) and fall. The hand can symbolise so many actions of holding or taking or using a phone or computer keyboard. The foot can symbolise where we take ourselves in person rather than online. The eye clearly is about the things we look at, in person or online.

In all these things, are we choosing and entering life, or are we playing with death? Are we entering and living in the kingdom of heaven or are we in some other kingdom? Are we investing ourselves in our eternal relationship with God that starts in the here and now or are we wasting ourselves, as it were, in the smouldering rubbish heap that is hell?

Let's not lose our saltiness, our distinctiveness, our ability to make a difference says Jesus. So, as we go into November we have the highlights of Remembrance Sunday and of course the Christmas season. Let's encourage others to join with us and try different services.

Let's make a difference wherever we are – praying that God's love and kindness and goodness and mercy would be seen in us.

Very best wishes, Harry

# A Christmas Prayer... *By Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)*

*Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the  
angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and the worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the  
world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be Thy children,  
and the Christmas evening bring us to our  
beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.*

## Services at St Peter's Church (for full Nov-Dec details see p26-27)

### 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.

**November 11th**

**December 9th**

# 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

7th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
14th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
21st Nov	10.30am	Parish Communion
28th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
5th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
12th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
19th Dec	10.30am	Parish Communion
24th Dec	4pm	Crib Service
	10pm	Almost Midnight Service
25th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Family Communion
26th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion



## St Andrew's, Box Hill

7th Nov	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
14th Nov	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
21st Nov	9.30am	Informal Communion
28th Nov	9.30am	Morning Praise
5th Dec	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
12th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
19th Dec	9.30am	Informal Communion
21st Dec	7pm	Carols by Candlelight
26th Dec	9.30am	Morning Praise



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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2021  
at St Mary's, Headley at 5pm  
followed by light refreshments**

**Please bring a long-stemmed flower**



# Local Focus: Community Choir

***Leah's much awaited Community Choir meets for the first time this month, and below are some more details of how to get involved!***

## **Vision**

The Community Choir is open to all; whether you've never sung much before and feel a bit nervous about it, only really sing in the shower, or are a confident, experienced singer—wherever you are on this scale you are warmly welcome. The aim is to create a relaxed, nurturing atmosphere in which we can enjoy making music together, meet members of our local communities and build relationships.

If you don't read music, don't worry. We usually learn music by listening first and then copying what we hear, and there'll be plenty of help to navigate your way round any sheet music we use. There's no expectation that you'll be sightreading anything.

## **Rehearsals**

When? Wednesdays 8-9pm

Where? The Octagon St Mary's Church

Tea, coffee and chat from 7.45pm, singing from 8pm. There is additional overflow parking just to the left of the church. Please do check the dates for rehearsals each term.

This Autumn Term rehearsals will be from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

## **Performances**

We will usually prepare for one performance each term, this will vary in 'formality' and might be providing background music for a local community event, performing a mini concert locally, taking part in a special service at one of our local churches, or joining

## **Community Choir**



fun, friendly and open to all

together with another local choir. As the Community Choir takes shape, performances will be planned around our collective level of confidence. Details of each performance will be shared at the start of the term.

Our first opportunity is to provide carols at a family-friendly Christmas event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, details to be confirmed.

## **Costs**

The Community Choir is not-for-profit, but we ask for a voluntary £10 contribution per term (about £1 per session) to cover refreshments and things like an accompanist for our final performance.

You may also be asked to contribute towards the cost of a book of music, which would usually be in the region of around £10, but this will not always be the case, as sometimes we will use borrowed copies from other local choirs.

Costs are entirely voluntary so please do speak to Leah Bates in confidence if the costs are problematic.

## **How can I join The Community Choir?**

Easy! Just email ([revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com)), or phone 07801 985786, fill in a membership form, put the rehearsal and any performance dates in your diary and join in!

If you aren't sure you want to sign up for a whole term and would like to just come along and try a rehearsal first, you are warmly welcome to do that! Please just send Leah an email to let her know you're coming.

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

## **God really does speak to me! Part 2**

For those who did not read my previous article you need to know that in 1970 the Company I worked for installed a huge Computer. Then, without warning, they made many employees redundant and at the same time banned them from the premises.

I prayed about this injustice every day for three weeks. Then the thought came 'Have a Tea Party'..... I realised this was the Holy Spirit speaking to me.

Three weeks later, whilst the Management were away playing golf, some of the Redundant Staff came up the back fire escape and into the canteen for the 'Tea Party', and these regular secret gatherings, in which redundant staff shared advice and experience for future gain, were born.

Then when I was in Rome running a Conference. I walked round the Colosseum, and I unexpectedly met our Canadian President of the Company. Three times the Spirit said, 'Tell him about the Tea Parties', and eventually I told him. He congratulated me on a great idea and said that he would use the idea in Canada, where he was making staff redundant. I asked that he did not tell my General Manager and he promised not to reveal my confidence.

It took my General Manager three times of asking before I would disclose the truth about the Tea Parties, when I described the devastating effect of the redundancy programme. As I continued the GM became very sad and asked for my forgiveness, but it was not for me to forgive him. The GM said that he was in the wrong. The former staff would in future be welcome in our buildings and their Tea Parties would now be held in the Management Dining Room!



On our return to the UK I looked out of the aircraft window as the plane flew over the City of Rome. The Eternal City in all its magnificence! I was relieved that the Conference had been a success with everyone returning with a sense of confidence in the future. Our highest hopes had been achieved.

Now, my mind turned to those amazing conversations that took place in the Colosseum.

First the Voice that had spoken to me three times, to such effect. The more I thought, the more I realised, that it could only be the Holy Spirit directing me. I was glad I had the courage to speak up. Some would say that the Holy Spirit only appears in the Bible and that He is not around today. Perhaps I had imagined the whole thing!

BUT there is something bigger happening here - just think back. I had the Voice prompting me to set up the 'Tea Parties' right under the eyes of everyone in the office. I took a huge risk with the distinct possibility of losing my job for disobeying the company instructions.

So, there are at least two key factors in these events: 1. The presence of the Holy Spirit. 2. My own belief and attitude. The Holy Spirit is the active presence of God to human beings. The Bible describes many events where the Holy Spirit is active.

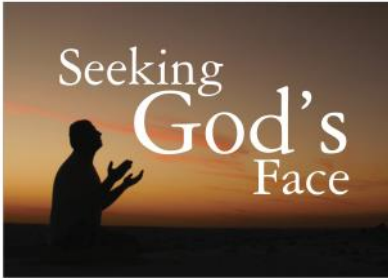
The history of Christianity in every age offers many examples of how women and men have been inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. My question is, 'How many readers of this magazine would say, "I know, in my own experience, that the Holy Spirit is active in mine and other lives"?'

My own lifetime experience is that the Bible is true as it describes the Holy Spirit as being

God's presence with us. I do not feel that this is an ominous presence hovering around me. Far from it. As I continue with these articles, I will endeavour to show you that I really have been guided at key moments in my life.

There have also, sadly, been times when I have failed to follow the 'divine prompts' but in the main I have tried to be obedient!

*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.**

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

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

### **Open Group:**

At time of going to print, it is almost a month into autumn, although leaves on trees are only just changing colour and gardens are still boasting summer roses, cosmos and other delights. Even picked two little bunches of sweet peas this week!

We are looking forward to our first afternoon meeting for a while. Sue Edwards has kindly invited us to 'Explore autumn colours in her garden', where she will give one of her popular 'Jam Jar' talks.

We are coming to the end of our extended fundraising period for the Princess Alice Hospice and proceeds will be towards this project.

Hoping that it will be dry, but whatever the weather, a cuppa and chat will be welcome!

Members and friends will be notified by email of further events in November and December.

### **The Village Kitchen**

The monthly, second Saturday, Village Kitchen reopened tentatively, in September and October, while some home deliveries continued.

It was joyous to welcome folk in person to Christchurch Hall and there were lots of smiling faces!

Some tidying up has been going on at the hall. Janet and Robert Holah have been working hard behind the scenes and we are very grateful to David Larnar, for putting up cupboard shelves.

The next Village Kitchen dates are Saturday, 13 November and Saturday, 11 December, 12.00 - 1.30 pm. Looking forward to welcoming you for light lunches, tea and coffee.



# 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. Tea, coffee, and cakes are provided after the service.

Well, Autumn is well and truly upon us, and the Harvest Festivals have all taken place. Winter is rapidly approaching when we all hunker down in the warmth of our homes, reluctant to venture far because of the cold and/or wet weather.

However, there are some who do not have such a choice – they are homeless and have to live and sleep outside whatever the temperature and whatever the weather. Many of these people are damaged by life one way or another and many have mental health difficulties which make it hard for them to settle and some are even afraid to be indoors.

Some are both damaged by life and also suffer mental health difficulties. I am thinking of our forces' veterans who have probably seen more terrible incidents than is healthy for anyone and have developed PTSD as a result. As we approach Remembrance Day, it is appropriate that we should give generously and try to help as many veterans as we can; even the smallest donation can make a huge difference.

It may even mean that, eventually, some of them can enjoy the luxury of hunkering down in the warmth of their own homes like us. How fortunate most of us are that we do not have to think about such things as where to sleep and where our next morsel of food is coming from, and we need to thank God for our good fortune.



Christchurch Harvest Service asked for donations of food for the Trussell Trust food bank and the offertory was donated to WaterAid. Both of these are excellent causes but how sad that they are necessary. The Trussell Trust is doing a fantastic job feeding those who cannot afford to buy food, which is hard to comprehend in a civilised country like ours.

It is also terrible to think that there are people around the world who do not have access to clean water and have to dig holes in the ground and scoop out filthy water to drink and with which to cook and wash. It is no wonder that there is so much illness in these countries. Thank goodness that WaterAid drill deep boreholes and provide standpipes with wholesome fresh water for them to use. Sadly, there aren't enough yet, so every penny donated counts.

As the UK prepares to host the Cop26 Climate Conference we pray that the world leaders will be able to come to an agreement on how to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and to agree major targets to reduce

the world's carbon footprint. The consequences of not doing so are unthinkable. All of us, as individuals, have a responsibility too. It cannot all be left to governments and other people; we all need to reduce our waste and learn to live more sustainably.

We in Walton have every reason to thank God for our blessings and good fortune. Whilst enjoying these, let us all pray that we can help bring about real change in the lives of those less fortunate.

With all good wishes.

Janet Holah  
Elder and Church Secretary

## CHRISTCHURCH OFFICIALS

*For information, the officers of Christchurch URC are now:*

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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!

## Christchurch URC in November and December

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 7th November: Mike Downing (Communion)**

**Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Service at St Peter's (10.50am start)**

**Sunday 21st November: Tom Hackett**

**Sunday 28th November: Jim Davis**

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

**Sunday 12th December: Joyce Brissett**

**Sunday 19th December: CAROL SERVICE**

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)



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

The most recent report from Emmanuel School, where we pay for lunches for children from Myanmar, told us that COVID has reached the refugee camp where the school is located. Two of the five teachers contracted the disease and the school has had to be temporarily closed. We have told the project to use our lunch funds to carry on providing food for the children if that is possible and to pay furlough type wages to the staff who normally prepare the lunches.

Despite COVID disruptions, St. Agnes College, the Trade School where we fund 2 teachers and 6 students in Tanzania, is developing well. It is expanding its vocational courses to include hotel management as well as tailoring and electrical engineering. The graduating students are all getting very good jobs when they leave so that is very encouraging.

The John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walk, which we ran in September, attracted over 20 participants to follow hilly paths in the beautiful Chipstead Valley. The walk has raised enough money so that we can continue to help pay for the school bus at St John's School in The Gambia. The bus is used to collect deaf children from a wide area to attend learning sessions designed for their special needs. The second

walk in October will help us to continue to support other projects including St. Agnes College.

We are currently reviewing which of our normal Christmas activities might be possible this year. So many of our projects are experiencing extra costs and disruption due to COVID it seems inevitable that our Christmas Appeal will have to be for funds to help with that emergency. Virgin Money Giving is ceasing to provide its online giving facilities to charities with effect from the end of November. This has been particularly useful as they claimed appropriate Gift Aid and added that to the amount they passed to charities.

Please visit [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) where you can find TWOAT's bank account details for direct donation, and, if you have not already given us one, please download a Gift Aid declaration form and return it to us as indicated. We can then claim an extra 25% from the government to be added to your donations to TWOAT if you are a UK tax payer.

For further information about TWOAT please contact Mike Fox on 01737 350452 or via [mike.fox2@ntlworld.com](mailto:mike.fox2@ntlworld.com)



Staff prepare school lunches funded by TWOAT for refugee children from Myanmar.

This photo was taken in June before the school had to close due to COVID reaching the camp.



I wonder how you are finding the pace of life right now? Over the last 19 months the pace of our lives has often been at the mercy of external authorities and factors outside our control and for most people that has been challenging.

But it can also be a challenge setting the pace in our own lives. Making choices about what to say yes to and what to say no to can be hard. And even in more 'normal' times there are many things that we have to do. I remember hearing a speaker point out that we have 1440 minutes to use each day and every choice precludes another. His intention was to motivate us to reflect on our priorities and choose wisely, but it is hard.

There seem to me to be many things that are important. I notice within me the often conflicting desires to savour and subdue; to enjoy life and creation as the gift that it is but also to make a difference. I am reminded that it is our ego that has a desire to make opposites of everything. God's kingdom does not.

One thing I know for myself is that when I have too many balls to juggle or plates to spin I lose my ability to enjoy anything. Rather than 'too blessed to be stressed' I become 'too stressed to feel blessed' and I am no fun to be around! It does seem to me that different seasons of our lives have different tempos and rhythms and the transitional times can be particularly challenging.

Sometimes we are slow to realise or reluctant to accept that the music has changed and a new rhythm is required and we can feel 'out of synch' with ourselves and life. Taking time to 'listen' for the beat and learn a new dance can be very challenging but also rewarding. In these times of transition it can be easy to feel cross with ourselves as we lack the skill and ease we used to feel. But kindness and encouragement are better companions than criticism and comparison and normally facilitate better progress.

### ***My daily bread***

*It's running through my fingers, I want to stop and drink.  
I hate this wretched feeling that I'm always on the brink.  
I want to stop and savour all that's on the table.  
I want to be less overwhelmed and a bit more stable.  
It's like I can't enjoy it because of the ceaseless noise;  
External and internal, and all the endless choice.*

*Lord you've put so much before me; so much to taste and see,  
From the cup of plenty I want to drink abundantly.  
I want to feast with you my Lord and to choose wisely  
For you have prepared a table so mindfully of me.  
Neither fearfully refusing all to prove I can abstain,  
Nor indulging avoidantly to try and numb the pain.  
I'd love to trust your provision not to wax and wane  
And have confidence in your faithfulness to abundantly sustain  
Me.*

# Living the Green: Tadworth Athletics Club:

An Interview with Chairman Mark Lowther

*Tadworth Athletics Club is Walton on the Hill's local running club. Here Chairman Mark tells us a bit more.*

## **How did you get into running?**

I only got into running when I moved to Tadworth 8 years ago. Before that I played for Richmond RFC & Teddington RFC so running was just something I did as part of my fitness training. By my early 40's I was unfit and looking at going up a jeans size so I did the C25K (couch to 5km) challenge with a few work friends and we then started doing parkrun.

## **Why do you like running?**

I like my food and I like a beer! I'm busy and also a bit lazy so travelling to the gym doesn't work. Running is a great all-round exercise, just step out of the door and you've started! Living in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty means there are plenty of great off-road routes; Banstead Woods parkrun is very friendly and a great way to start a weekend. Sunday morning running up and around the local lanes is just magical and then there are the awesome views from Box Hill, Colley Hill and Reigate Hill to name a few. I personally find running relaxing. A connection to nature is vital for a healthy mind and body and five minutes after leaving the house my head is clear.

## **What's so special about TAC?**

Tadworth is a very friendly club with a great running pedigree and true depth of experience and talent. Beginner, regular or lapsed runner, it's hard not to improve by joining TAC, and you'll meet a fabulous group of local runners. Our members range in age from their 20's through to their 8th decade and the club has just celebrated its 40th anniversary. And it is never too late to start running!

## **Do I need any fancy equipment?**

No, just a decent pair of shoes. (Though if you get really into running you might end up with more running shoes than any other type.) When I started I had just a pair of shorts and one shirt. I now have gear for warm weather, cold weather, wet weather and for when I'm not quite sure what the weather is doing. I recently counted 12 pairs of shoes (road, off road, cross country spikes, all in varying degrees of wear and tear.)

The other really useful item is a GPS watch to track your routes and times. I started with the Strava app on my phone and then learnt that since every kilo counts I got a GPS watch. As a runner it's easy to become obsessed with shoes and times!

## **Aren't running shoes very expensive?**

Shoes can be expensive but there are a number of websites that sell last years shoes at a good discount. If you are new to running I would recommend a professional to check out your running style to get a shoe that's right for you. Up & Running in Surbiton offer gait analysis, have really knowledgeable staff and offer a discount to TAC members.

## **How much does it cost to join TAC?**

It's incredibly good value! Individual membership is £25 per year, family membership is £30 per year. If you would like to have EA (England Athletics) membership too, that's an extra £15 per year, and this gives you discounts off races and lets you take part in the cross country events.

## **Is TAC anything to do with the Tadworth 10 mile race?**

Yes. We organise the Tad10 which is usually the 1st Sunday in January. The event benefits from a spectacular start and finishes on Epsom racecourse at the two-furlong point. The course is a two-lap circuit over Walton Downs and through Walton on the Hill.



Despite the challenge of the tough climb at Ebbisham Lane and a none too easy multi-terrain course, many competitors return year after year, and the race has had rave reviews from participants. We donate a proportion of money raised through to charities such as The Sunnybank Trust and The Woodland Trust.

### ***What other events does TAC offer?***

Lots! In summer we compete in both Surrey



A small band of TAC runners at a summer relay event at Imber Court

Road League and some fun relay events against other clubs. In the winter the four inter-club Cross Country (XC) races are a great opportunity to take part in team running and we are always looking for more members to take part in both the womens and men's events.

We also offer a range of member-only events over the year, like the Summer Handicap series over 6 events in different local (and beautiful) evening locations. The courses are roughly 5km, the slower runners have up to a 20-minute start on the faster runners. The aim is to all finish together, with the winner scoring 50 pts, 2nd 49 pts etc. There are prizes on the night and a trophy for the season winner. Sometimes the final 200m is a mad dash to the line!

Our members range from ultra-runners to fast 10k eventers, to those to who prefer a

leisurely 3 miles at parkrun. We have a very successful record at The London Marathon, the club qualifies for a free place each year and we usually have good representation as a number of members have fast enough times to qualify as good for age.

We also hold really great social events like the barn dance we staged recently to celebrate the club's 40th birthday, and our annual Christmas bash, plus of course the more impromptu trips to various local drinking establishments in the local area.

### ***Have you ever run a marathon?***

Yes. I ran my first marathon the day after my 50th birthday, (3hrs 30mins) in my home town of Brighton. The training is challenging for a marathon and some of our members originally joined TAC to find similar runners to share advice and experience and gain companionship over the long runs.

### ***What's your favourite race distance?***

Mine is the Half Marathon (13.1 miles). They say we are either built for speed or endurance and I'm definitely the latter. It's less then 2 hours so on a race day I'm home by lunch and the training is a lot less intense than a marathon.

To find out more about Tadworth Athletics Club please search for us on facebook or go to [www.tadworthac.org](http://www.tadworthac.org)



Mark in action at the Hog's Back Race, Guildford

## Local Chef: 15 Minute Toffee Sponge Pudding.... by Laura Palmer

This is a lighter version of a sticky toffee pudding, still using dates, vanilla and golden syrup to get that toffee flavour but without feeling like you need a small crane to lift you from the table to the sofa after indulging. Plus it's really easy, and really quick to make, no steaming for hours or preheating the oven, just 5 minutes in the microwave.



Serves 6

### *For the sponge:*

60g plain/vanilla yogurt (I used Alpro Vanilla)  
80g dates, finely chopped  
25ml hot water  
60g butter (I used Flora Plant Butter)  
25g golden syrup  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tsp lemon juice  
75g light brown muscovado sugar  
100g self-raising flour (if gluten free use Doves Farm self-raising plus an extra 1/4 teaspoon xanthan gum)  
Large pinch of salt  
1/4 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

### *For the sauce:*

80g butter (or vegan butter)  
100g light brown muscovado sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
50g golden syrup  
75ml tbspc cream (I used Alpro single cream).

Lightly oil a microwaveable 1 litre pudding bowl, preferably with a lid but if not find a plate that fits flush over the top.

Put the banana, salt, water, half the dates, vanilla, syrup, lemon juice and sugar in the base of a stick blender and blitz well.

Mix the flour with the xanthan (if using) and the bicarbonate of soda, plus the rest of the chopped dates and fold these into the wet mixture. Scoop into the pudding bowl, smooth the top, add the lid (or plate) and microwave on full power for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small pan, heat the butter, sugar, syrup until the sugar has dissolved. Let stand for 5 minutes then add the cream and stir gently.

Turn out the pudding onto a plate and pour half the sauce around the edge of the pudding, saving some to serve separately.

Add custard, vanilla ice cream or squirty cream as desired (no-one's judging.)

Note: Microwave ovens do vary, so if yours is particularly slow or fast, add or subtract a minute from the cooking time.

Always take care when removing the lid as there will be a build up of steam in the pudding container.



## A Note from Norma...

I had a great 80th birthday with lots of different celebrations. On Tuesday 17th of August Mo and Pauline arranged a surprise Open Group afternoon in Mo and David's garden. I had no idea!

It was good to see so many friends together. Pauline's delicious scones, chocolate strawberries, a lovely birthday cake made by Debbie and bubbly served by Harry, David and Kevin. What more do you need?!

On 21st August we had a charity coffee morning in The Riddell Hall, which was very successful. We raised £1,100 for MNDA and £330 for the children's unit at the Royal Marsden. On the 22nd (my actual birthday) 12 of us went for lunch at The Pheasant. A very tasty lunch and we were well looked after by the staff. A cup of tea and a slice of cake in Dave and Val's garden finished off a perfect day.

On the 29th I did a car boot sale with Margaret and Sandra, making £80 for the charity.

The last event was a present from Debbie. Two tickets for the 4th test at The Oval against India! What a memorable day we had, from James picking us up and taking us to Purley station, then picking us up at Epsom, the whole day was great.

It was a day to remember, with tickets for the Green Room (which took a bit of getting used to) where Michael Vaughan came over to wish me a happy birthday, to the very vocal Indian gentleman sitting next to me in the stands. Every time India scored a 4 he was up and dancing in

the aisle. He thought Bill and I were lovely and offered me £10,000 to bring him home with me! I must say I declined the offer as I couldn't have coped with him and, obviously he had had quite a few drinks!

I just want to say thank you to everyone who helped make this birthday so special, and to all who always support me.

Norma.

PS. Cherry and Tess emailed family and friends for support for MNDA. They also had a great result so together we were able to give £2,415 to the charity. Good team work.



### THE ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY.

If you wish to support this charity by buying their Christmas cards, please call me as I keep a stock of them at home. I will be happy to show them to you.

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.

## Protecting Our Conservation Area

As 2021 draws to a close, I'm sure there are many who look forward to welcoming the New Year with open arms, optimistic at the prospect of a return to a more normal day to day life.

The pandemic has impacted each of us in different ways, however as a community we've been able to rally around the common purpose of ensuring that our village continues to maintain the various qualities and characteristics that make it such a special place to live.

In late August the Walton Village Forum were made aware of a planning application to erect a 15m (45ft) 5G mast with a cabinet at its base near Gun Corner, in the heart of the village conservation area. Whilst the Forum and its members aren't opposed to improving our infrastructure, the proposed location of this mast couldn't have been chosen more unsympathetically.

We launched a campaign to mobilise as many people in the village and local area as



Gun Corner

possible, to lend support by objecting to the planning application, and I'm pleased to let you know that the application was refused on Friday 8th October 2021.

This is a real win for all of us as a local community and demonstrates the power of unity and common purpose. Whilst we are all aware that a 5G mast will need to be erected somewhere in the local vicinity, we are relieved it's not going to be in the heart of the village conservation area.

Before the end of the year as a committee we have decided to conduct an online feedback survey to gather residents' views covering:

- Their understanding of the value provided by the Walton Village Forum
- Their priorities for the village
- The role that they would like the Forum to play in meeting those priorities

We are very excited to get all your feedback so keep an eye out for the email in the coming weeks. We wanted to make everyone aware that Walton Pharmacy will be part of the NHS effort to provide COVID Booster jabs to those that qualify, and this service is already being provided. Thanks to all those local volunteers that help daily ensuring that the service runs smoothly.

We have had a few enquiries about when the next Walton Forum meeting will be hosted. As a committee we've recently met and decided that we'll look to resume normal service next year. In past years we've hosted an AGM in February followed by meetings in June and October.

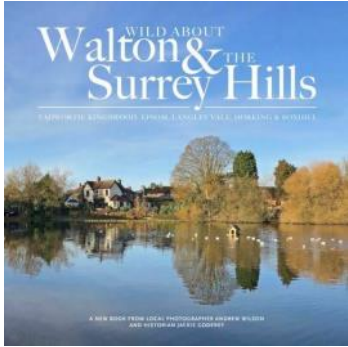
However, on the basis that we are just emerging from the pandemic and flu season

upon us we thought we'd hold out a little longer and kick things off in 2022. We plan to 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, but we are conscious people may not be terribly keen to meet in a large group indoors just yet.

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.

We are still carrying copies of Wild About Grant.



Walton and Surrey Hills that we continue to sell to raise funds for the village, at £23.99 a copy. This might make a lovely gift for someone with

Christmas just around the corner!



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# Walton on the Hill Primary School

By Headteacher Tim Samuel



Winter is here and the people of Walton on the Hill continue to provide the warmth and cheer to keep the spirit of our special community alive; for that I thank all residents and neighbours of our wonderful village.

Following nearly two years of limited interactions as a school community it has been a delight to be able to come together again over the Autumn term. It has been a chance to come back together as a school and although some limitations remain we have been able to have real live assemblies where you can see the smiles on the children's faces; compete against other schools at sport; and come together for our fantastic fireworks display kindly organised by our Friends of Walton on the Hill Primary School.

The commitment and cooperation of the staff, parents and the children has made all of this possible and clearly demonstrates the unity of the school.

A friend recently shared that for a year they have had a full sized turkey in their relatively small freezer compartment. It has been a constant reminder of the sadness of last Christmas when all of a sudden plans to see friends and family had to be "put on ice".

My own family spent our Christmas morning together, 'zooming' in to the service at our church and then going on a long family walk. In many ways it made it a very special day, but I am sure like many others we are hoping that this year we are able to spend time with our loved ones and enjoying a more normal Christmas.

In the lead up to Christmas we are hoping to be able to organise our Christmas performances and other celebrations which mean so much to all in our school in as 'normal' a way as possible. We will still be observing specific guidelines to keep everyone safe but we are hopeful we will be able to have parents coming in to school to

enjoy the festivities. Additionally, we would like to share some Christmas joy around the village so will aiming to establish if we can safely carol sing outside of Walton Heath Manor.

At school we will be talking to the children about how important it is to think about others at Christmas and the value of 'presence' not necessarily 'presents'. We will be living out our school motto of

**'Global School Vision – Village School Values'**

with fundraising for both local charities and our international charity:

**'Health Improvement Project Zanzibar'**  
(<https://hipz.org.uk/>).

This will include a 'Christmas Gift' stall at our Christmas Fair and we would ask that if any member of the wider village community has any suitable items for this stall that they contact me at the school (head@walton-on-the-hill.surrey.sch.uk).

Please also listen out for some Christmas busking around the village!



**Walton on the Hill Primary School**

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the local community to our school Christmas Fair on

***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 3pm.***

Stalls will be located around the school playground and appropriate COVID-19 precautions will be in place to ensure we keep everyone safe.



# Wine Tasting in Walton with Friends

by Emmeline Moore

*Friday 8th October saw the return of St Peter's Wine tasting, hosted by the Vineking from Reigate. Our events columnist Emm spills the beans...*



light and easily drinkable 2020 Muscadet Sevre et Maine. We continued with a salad or vegetarian pairing before a selection of delicious cheese and biscuits.

It was a surprisingly mild October evening as we walked through the village to the Riddell Hall. There was an air of excitement, this was to be, the first time in two years we would all be together in one room.

We were greeted at the entrance by a lovely glass of 2014 Taltarni Tache which only added to our excitement. As we walked across a room full of nearly ninety people to our allocated table, we delighted in the familiar faces surrounding us that we'd not seen for sometime.

As we hoped, Philip Truett opened the evening with one of his well humoured speeches, flattering us by referring to our table as lovely and young, just what we all needed to hear after months family time, you are too kind Philip!

The evening continued well, with a wine pairing for seafood, my favourite being the dangerously

At this point we were served a red mystery wine, which turned out to be a delicious 2020 Merlot from Chile. The Vineking served a further four red wines, all excellent and all suggested as perfect Autumn drinking! At this point I abandoned my table with my glass, to mingle with some long lost friends.

Charles Harvey declared a visit to a night club afterwards and promised to convince Andrew Brown, Mo Atkins and Philip Truett to join us. Unfortunately for Charles, all the night clubs in Walton on the Hill were fully booked so we had to make do with the Blue Ball. Hiding his dismay well, Charles sent Christopher Thompson in his place.

Well done Friends of St Peter's, a much needed and very successful evening, your efforts were much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by the lovely young table at the front. Book us in for next year please.



"Out Out" at Riddell Hall!





THE TADWORTH & WALTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PROUDLY ANNOUNCE

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING EVENT

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2021  
**November/  
 December**   
**St.  
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 CHURCH**  
 DIARY

<b>Nov</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun 7th	8.00am 11am	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 11th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 14th	8.00am 10.50am	Holy Communion (1662) Remembrance Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 21st	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 28th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
<b>Dec</b>			
Sun 5th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Christingle Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Thu 9th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 12th	8.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Pete's Parish Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church Hall St Peter's Church
Sun 19th	8.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service with Nativity 9 Lessons and Carols	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Fri 24th	3.00pm 5.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Family Carol Service Midnight Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sat 25th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 26th	8.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion (1662) Benefice Communion	St Peter's Church St Mary's, Headley

From St Peter's Registers

# **St Peter's Christmas services**

**Sun 5th Dec**

**11am - All Age Christingle**

**Sun 19th Dec**

**11am - Family service with Nativity**

**6pm - 9 Lessons and Carols**

**Christmas Eve**

**3pm - Crib Service** (ideal for preschoolers)

**5pm - Family Carol Service**

**11.30pm - Midnight Communion**

**Christmas Day**

**8am - BCP Communion**

**10am - Family Communion**

**Sun 26th Dec**

**8am - BCP Communion**

**10.30am - Benefice Communion**

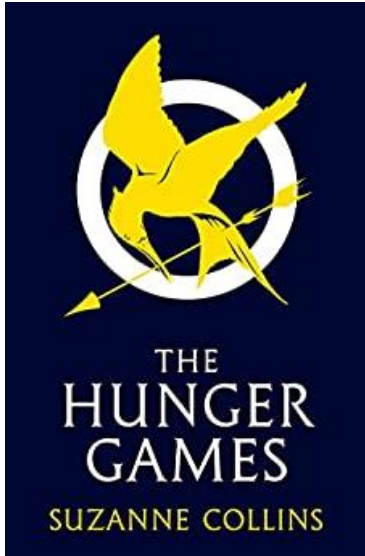
**(at St Mary's, Headley)**

## Book Club Corner: The Hunger Games

By Rosie Skinner

*Book Club Corner is Window on Walton's regular column celebrating some of the best in teen fiction. This edition features Rosie, 12, and why she loves the Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins.*

*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:** The Hunger Games

**Author:** Suzanne Collins

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

**About this book:** This book is about 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives with her mother and younger sister, Prim, after her father was killed in a mine accident.

Many years ago, there was a great war which resulted in the Capitol being in control of 12 districts, each with a unique purpose. To remind them who is in charge, each year, the Capitol selects one boy and one girl to be in the hunger games.

The hunger games are a brutal battle where losing means death. After entering the arena,

Katniss realises that everyone has hidden strength.

**My thoughts about the books:** The hunger games are a three-book series but in my opinion the first book is the best. I have also watched the films but I would recommend reading the books first.

I really enjoyed reading The Hunger Games as it was action-packed but also makes you think about things like life and death. I think this book is written for teenagers and tweenagers but adults enjoy it as well!

I would definitely recommend this story to people who like action and dystopian books.



# Pete's

The St Peter's Youth Group, or Pete's, started on 12th September and continued on October 10th with great success, and about 14 founder members. I say success, I know this from the smiles I see on the faces of the year 7's, 8's and 9's walking back down the road after leaving, and from the fact that my own pre-teen founder member didn't seem to want to leave the table football when I went to collect her last time. "She has been so chatty," say some of the fabulous volunteers who help run Pete's, make and serve the breakfast (did I mention there is a FREE BREAKFAST!) and clear up. "Wonderful", I think. "I'll write a bit in WoW about it."

This is pretty much the follow up post-Pete's conversation in our house.

"How was Pete's?" "Brilliant."

"What did you do?" "Can't really remember. There was a parable and a lost son though."

"What did you have for breakfast?" "Waffles. No, that was last time. A bacon sandwich. I

think. Maybe."

"Lovely! Who else was there?" "Lots of people. Can I go on the iPad?"

"Yes." "Are you going

back next month?" "Definitely. What's for lunch?"



I can only assume that what happens at Pete's, stays at Pete's. But I do know that big thanks go to Tracy, Leah and family, Mo, Karen and Pauline and all the others who help out to make the launch of the first St Peter's Youth Club such a resounding success.

There is no Pete's on the 14th November (Remembrance Sunday), however there will be outdoor games on Headley Heath instead, to join please contact Leah by email at [revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com). There is also a small firework display at The Rectory on Friday 5th November, please contact Harry for details.



## St Peter's Children's Choir

Do you (or does your child) love to sing?

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Peter's Children's Choir to sing in our seasonal

services. Please contact Jenny:

[tuttle.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:tuttle.jenny@gmail.com) or

WhatsApp 07733 107672 for more details.

The choir is open to children in Years 2-7 and we

rehearse for upcoming services on a Friday

afternoon at 4.45pm for 30 mins. Parents/carers are

welcome to stay and

listen.



St Peter's Little Cherubs have loved being back together again and had lots of fun this half term!

The opposite page shows the schedule leading up to Christmas—if you live locally and look after a pre-schooler, do pop along for crafts, music, fun and refreshments!



Ringling the St Peter's Bell



At the craft table

Date	Bible Story	Activity
02-Nov	Jesus calls Zacchaeus	Handprint of tree/cut out Zacchaeus
09-Nov	Remembrance	Poppies (thumbprint/tissue/playdoh)
16-Nov	The Pharisee & Tax Collector	Mr Proud and Mr Sorry
23-Nov	Jesus calms a storm	Cut out shapes to make a boat/clouds/ large cardboard box to sit in!
30-Nov	Advent Season	Calendars/candles
07-Dec	Christmas	Shepherds/stars/kings
14-Dec	Christmas	Nativity/Party

# Little Cherubs Christmas Party!

(For under 5s and their carers)

**Tuesday 14 December**  
**St Peter's Church**

**10.30am - 12pm**

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# Community Choir

Coming soon!



Rehearsals in The Octagon at St Mary's Headley

All are welcome! For more info contact Leah Bates:

[revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com)

## Communion

with prayers for healing



10-11am in St Mary's Headley

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# TADWORTH 10

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**Sunday 16th January 2022**

**11:30am at Epsom Downs**

**10 Mile mixed terrain race**

**ENTRY VIA**

**<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Tadworth102022>**

**£18 attached / £20 unattached / Until 31st October**

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# Leap of Faith: Abseiling for Alzheimers... by Michael Dunk

What to do on Bank Holiday Monday after Easter Sunday? Attend an auction and enjoy the fun of watching other people bid for lots they could have paid less for had they gone direct to the donor! I cast my eye over the catalogue and thought it would be fun to bid for a lot donated by Mary Banfield for a 100 metre abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. Was this a good idea I wondered after my successful bid?

My wife Rosemarie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's over nine years ago and to see her in such a sorry state, and knowing that there are thousands more who suffer this cruel life denying condition, I decided to ask family and friends to help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. I have been delighted with the response with over £6000 raised, including Gift Aid, from 140 supporters. One fellow abseiler gave me £100 in memory of his grandmother.

I received many messages of support and encouragement. Here are a few of the more unusual ones:

***I was expecting you to do it without ropes!***

***Have always thought of you as ascending...***

***To infinity and beyond - just like Buzz Lightyear!***

***Abseiling is falling with style ...***

***For Rosemarie! Good luck Michael. We'll be right behind (below) you vicar!***

***Take your time as you come down to earth.***

***Michael's a wonderful thing and like Tigger he's bouncy - keep bouncing Michael.***

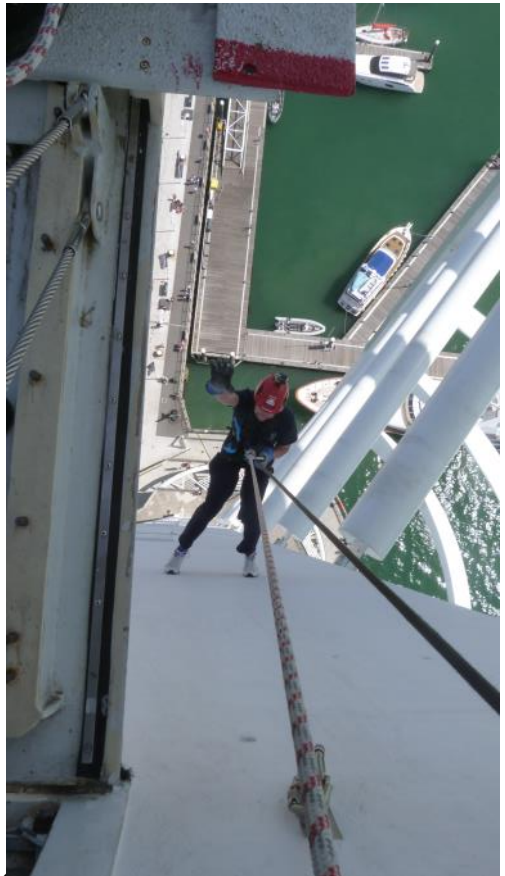
***Madness but enjoy the view .***

***Why not stop for a cup of tea half way down!***

***Hope your "boss" smiles on you that day!!!***

The sun did smile on me on the 17<sup>th</sup> July as more than 40 family and friends joined me in Portsmouth. Not a cloud in the sky and only a gentle breeze. There were six fellow abseilers and we were given a briefing (Health & Safety+++) and told what to expect.

My harness was double checked and it was then my turn to step out onto the platform which had looked from the ground to be the size of a tea tray.



I placed one foot in front of the other on the edge of the platform and then moved gently sideways onto the wall of the Spinnaker Tower. My head told me it would be alright but my heart was beating a lot faster than usual. I was in control of the speed of my descent and the instructor was in charge of a second rope.

Moving slowly down the tower I looked from left to right to take in the splendid views which my video camera recorded. I was so concentrating on the descent that my audio recording doesn't do justice to how I was feeling! It took only ten minutes to reach terra firma although it felt like half an hour.

I am very appreciative of the support I received from friends in Mickleham who travelled to Portsmouth to watch me take a leap of faith!



*This article first appeared in the Mickleham Parish Magazine. If you would like to contribute to Michael's fundraising efforts, please go to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search Michael Dunk.*

## Mother's Union *By Karen Rand*



This year **Mothers' Union Annual Gathering** took place virtually which has the advantage of anyone, anywhere, being able to log on so do please take a look at the short video and see what the Mothers Union is doing around the world. The video is in two parts and can be found by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and entering "Mother's Union Annual Gathering 2021" in the search bar.

**Global Day 2021** is on Saturday 27th November and is Mothers' Union's response to the call for **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence**. Global Day is centred around the disturbing figure that "1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse" and that Mothers' Union as a leading women's organisation believe this to be unacceptable. If you would like to find out more about the 16 Days of Activism calling for an end to violence and abuse around the world (25

Nov to 10 Dec 2021) please take a look at [www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)

### **Coming up in November and December:**

**Tuesday 9th November** at 8 p.m. (on Zoom) - **Tracy Sickel - Free Church Chaplain, HMP Send**. Tracy is also Director of Imago Dei (ID) Prison Ministry. Please take a look at the website to see the inspirational work that is being done [www.idprisonministry.org.uk](http://www.idprisonministry.org.uk)

**Tuesday 14th December** at 8 p.m. (venue tbc) **Revd David Skitt - Advent Reflection**

*Please email [karenrand@gmail.com](mailto:karenrand@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more about the MU. Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8pm.*

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## Local History: Aviation In Lower Kingswood...By Robert Ruddell

In the last issue of Window On Walton in Part 3 of my article on The Brighton Road: The Classic Highway to the South, I mentioned Kingswood Knoll and Brian Field. I queried whether this was the same airstrip that The Prince of Wales, who was a member of nearby Walton Heath Golf Club and their Captain in 1936 would have landed his aeroplane when he came to play at Walton?

I believe that I have now discovered the answer. I recently came across an article written by John Havers in March 1992 that appeared in the newsletter of the Walton and District Local History Society titled 'Aviation in Lower Kingswood'.

John Havers writes, "Aviation Activities in Lower Kingswood, that's news to me, is the reaction of most people. Some have a vague notion, while a few say they had their first flight with Sir Alan Cobham's Air Circus from Rookery Farm.

"Because of my life long interest in anything aviation, on moving to Lower Kingswood in 1985 I set out to discover what lay behind the rumours of aeroplanes flying from the village in the 1930s. Little did I expect to find that there was so much?

"Principally there were three sites involved, with the main one at Kingswood Knoll where Brian Field, a very ingenious engineer overhauled and flew Avro 504 and later Hawker Tomtit aircraft. The only survivor of the latter is with the Shuttleworth Trust at Old Warden in Bedfordshire. Among

his activities was a project to produce an aeroplane able to capture the World Speed Record. With WW2 he moved into test flying and sadly lost his life in 1943.

"Rookery Farm in the heart of the village was the venue between 1932 and 1936 for annual visits by an Air Circus. This was mainly Sir Alan Cobham, but the British Hospitals Air Pageant and some others also appeared, mainly in the summer months.

**Another site on Rookery Farm, close to Red Lodge, was used by the Prince of Wales to land his aeroplane in the 1930s, so that he could play on Walton Heath!**

"The above is only a brief outline, for there were other incidents of aviation related activities - the German Me 109 fighter that crashed opposite St Andrews Church in September 1940, Lysander aircraft flying from Walton or Headley Heath in co-operation with Canadian forces in 1940-41, a QF site [dummy fires] on Walton Heath and then just over the village boundary, the Flying Fortress crash on Reigate Hill in March 1945."



## Local History: Aviation In Lower Kingswood: continued...

Sir Alan Cobham (pictured) pioneered long distance flight and aircraft technology. He became famous for his exploits in the interwar years by making civil aviation accessible and popular throughout the world.



Rookery Farm, Lower Kingswood was used as a temporary aerodrome and the period of operation covered Alan Cobham's National Aviation UK Display Tour: 5<sup>th</sup> August 1932,

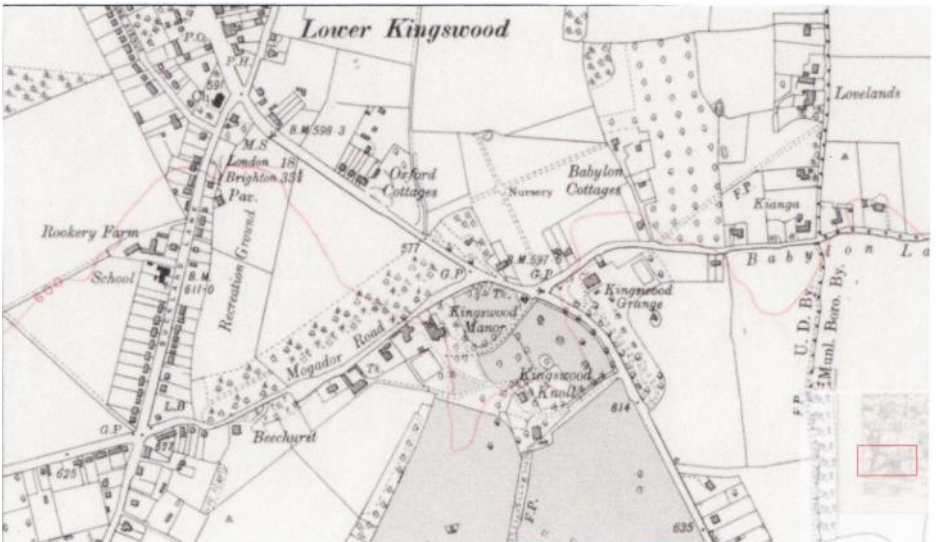
26<sup>th</sup> April 1933, and 27<sup>th</sup> June 1935, British Hospitals Air Pageant Tour of the UK: 17<sup>th</sup> July 1933, Sky Devils Air Circus Tour of the UK: 24<sup>th</sup> April 1934, and British Empire Air Display Tour of the UK: 25<sup>th</sup> July 1936.

There was a problem in that the Flying Circus' operators would use a field not only close by, but on occasion across the road from an established airfield. It appears it all depended on the best financial deal available as often as not – civil aerodromes, did not have ATZs [Air Traffic Zones] which came about following WW2.

In 1929, Granville W Borlase, MA, Rector of St Peter's, in his book 'The History of Walton and Walton Heath' wrote 'Golf and the motor-car have wrought great changes in Walton, perhaps the next development will be due to activity in the air'.

How right he was with aviation taking place in Lower Kingswood in the 1930s!

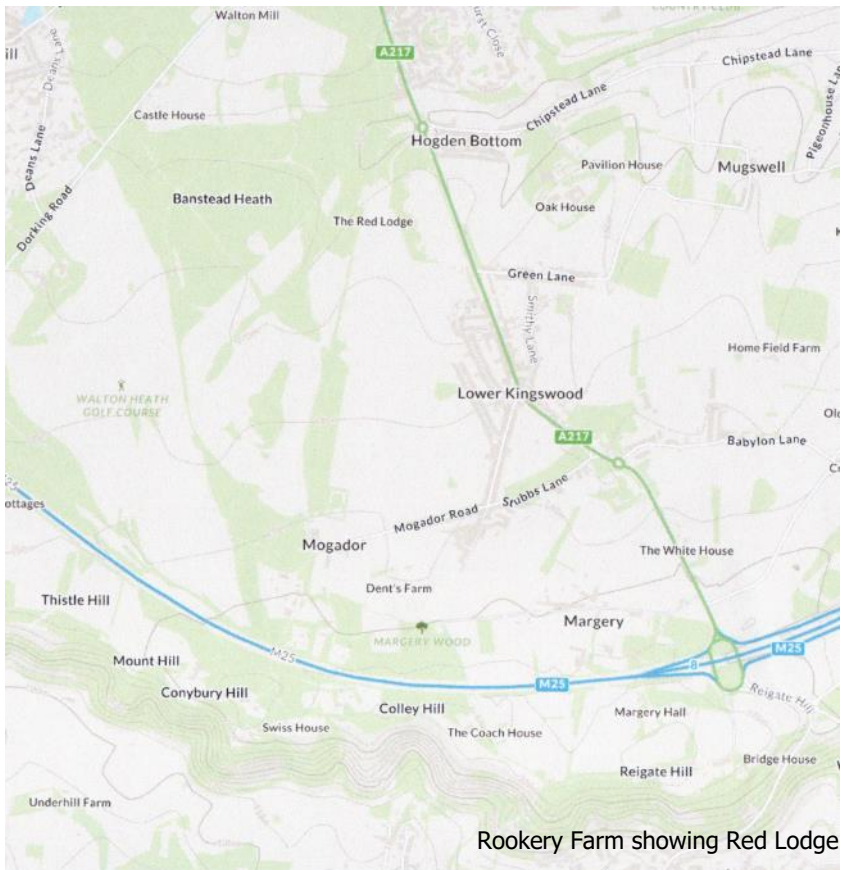
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Lower Kingswood OS Map [Rookery Farm and Kingswood Knoll]



Brian Field's Hawker Tomtit.



Rookery Farm showing Red Lodge



# Window On Walton Crossword Number 5!

I hope you enjoyed the Back to School Window on Walton crossword — the answers are at the bottom of this page. Congratulations to Emmeline Moore who was first to send me a photo of her correctly completed crossword.

This time is a Christmas themed puzzle—let me know 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 Jan-Feb 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 5: Christmas!**

### **Across**

2. What are "pigs in blankets" called in Scotland?
3. Another name for Twelfth Night
5. Who wrote the poem "The Night Before Christmas" in 1823?
6. Which classic novel opens with "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."
11. Which item did Tom Smith invent in the early 1850's
12. Which ocean can Christmas Island be found in?
14. The best-selling Christmas song of all time .
15. Which King looked out over the Feast of Stephen?
17. What did my true love give to me on the seventh day of Christmas?
18. Where is it traditional for a family to take a sauna together on Christmas Eve?

### **Down**

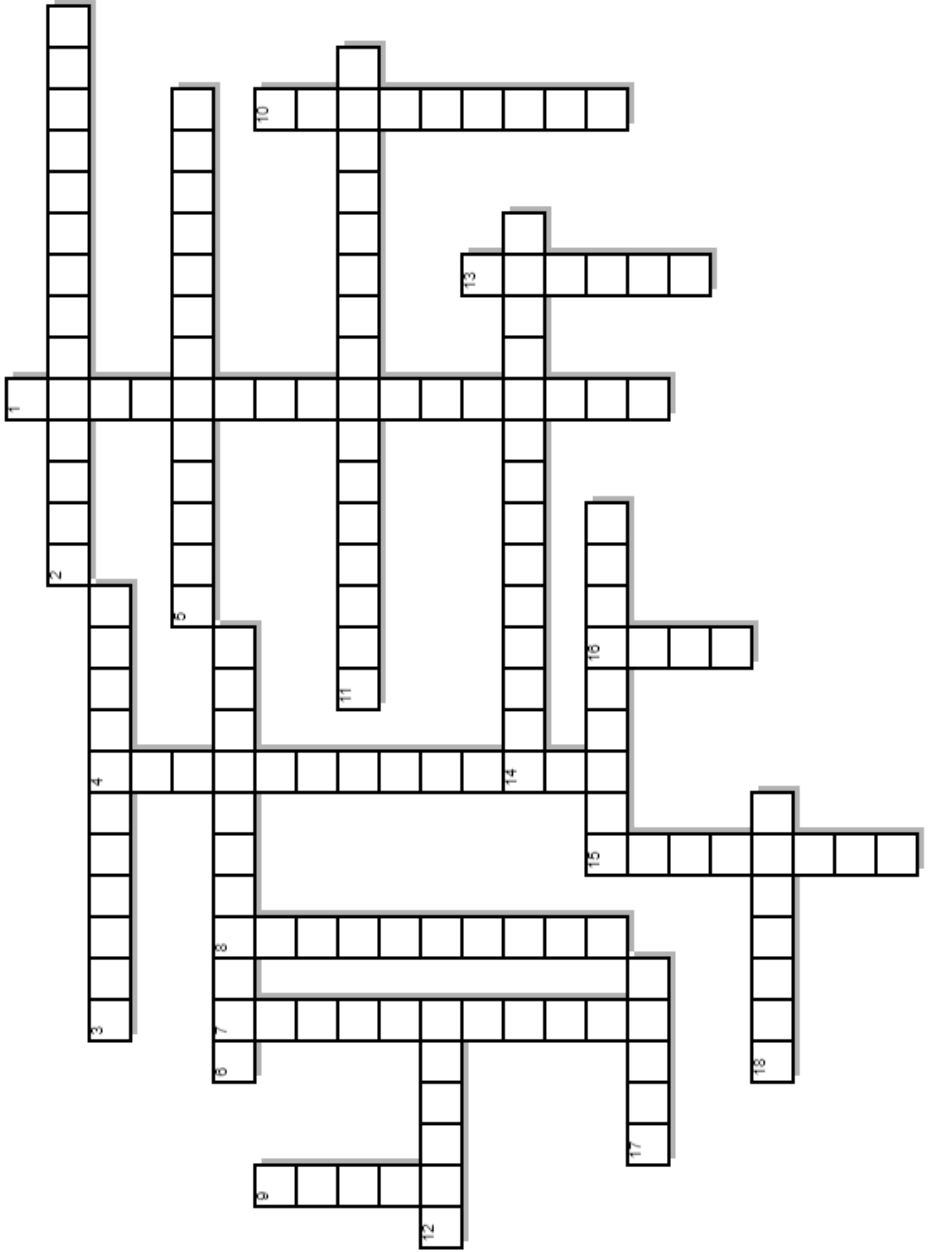
1. Full name of the central 8 year old character in "Home Alone".
4. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Welsh?
7. Famous scientist born on Christmas Day in 1642.
8. Which classic was shown on TV for the first time on Christmas Day in 1982?
9. In what country is Kentucky Fried Chicken hugely popular at Christmastime.
10. Scrooge's first name.
13. In which fictional place is it "always winter but never Christmas"?
15. Which town did the Grinch try to steal Christmas from?
16. What can you add to the brandy you pour over your Christmas pudding to make it burn more spectacularly?

### **Crossword Number 4 (Sept-Oct) answers:**

- ACROSS: 4. Alpine 6. Mantle 8. Cation 10. Red Star 11. Density 12. Spanish Civil War  
14. Gamma 16. Hindusim 17. Orders 18. Argon 19. Methane
- DOWN: 1. Sonnet 2. Thirty 3. Spoodle 5. France 7. Twenty three 9. Hydrogen  
10. Rossini 13. Arthur 15. Mountain



# Window On Walton Christmas Crossword (Number 5)



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## Pets Place... featuring Hector the black labrador

*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?*

Hector

*How old are you?*

I'm 3 but in dog years I'm 21. I'm no longer a teenager which my owners are very pleased about, but occasionally I do still mistake my tail for a squirrel.

*What's your favourite food?*

I love cheese!! I can smell it before it has even been taken out of the packet. Cheddar is my favourite, the stronger the better.

*Describe your ideal day..*

I get very excited about a walk to school in the morning, mostly because I might bump into my best friend Daisy. We play and race in the woods together, which totally exhausts me. I like to sleep most of the day, I do always wake briefly around lunchtime hoping for something tasty. I try staring really hard at my owners, sitting nicely or even giving them a little nudge with my nose but they never budge before four o'clock. Another walk in the afternoon trying to catch squirrels, if I'm really lucky I'll find a ball. Then after tea it's into the living room for a wrestle.

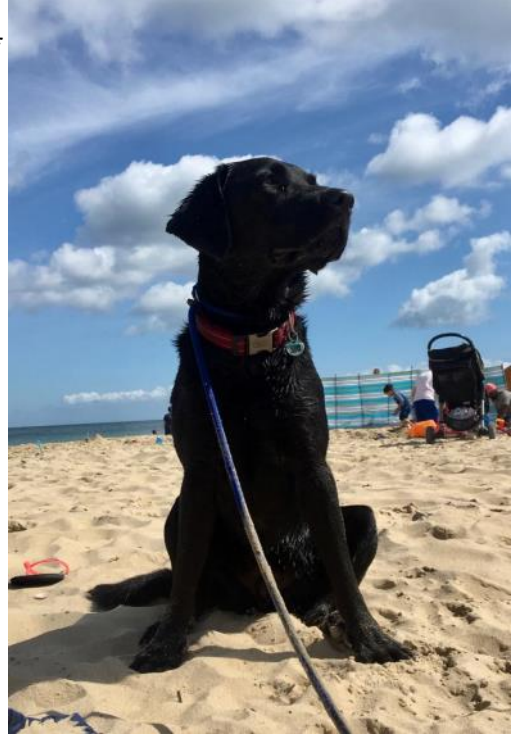
*Is there any truth in the rumour you once stole a kids meal off the table in the pub?*

Absolutely not! I am not greedy, it's just sometimes things fall into my mouth.

*Do you like living in Walton?* Yes, I get lots of attention and strokes, whether the human wants to or not

*If you could do any job what would it be?*

A ball boy at Wimbledon. I'm very good at sniffing them out.



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