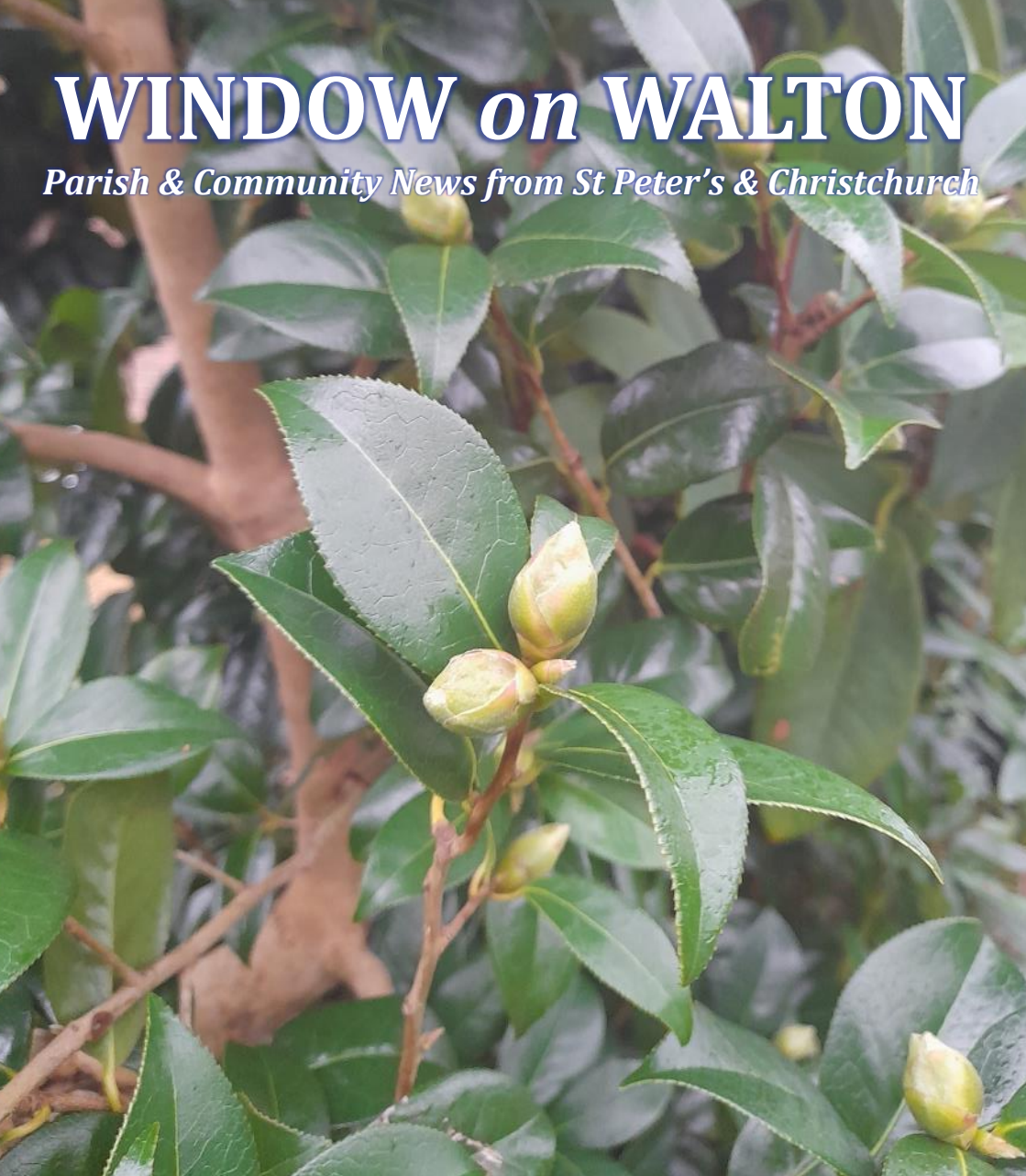


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## Editor's Note

Happy New Year and welcome to the first 2022 edition of Window on Walton, here to brighten up the gloomiest of winter days. We have insights and features from all our usual columnists (thank you all once again), a brief round up of our Christmas Services, details of services within the parish over the next couple of months, a Valentine's Day themed crossword (first person to send me a correct completed version might just win a prize!) and more.

I've been thinking about New Year's Resolutions over the last week or so. I could go for one of the on-trend big ones: dry January? Hat's off to anyone who does that but I know my limits. Besides, I'm pretty sure Co-op's profit margins depend on my visits to the wine aisle. Veganuary? That would be cheating, I did it last year, loved it so much I am still completely plant-based (and making what feels like 10 different meals a day at home to accommodate everyone's nutritional preferences.)

Back to the resolutions - I think I narrowed it down to about 15. It went something like this, in no particular order. Recycle soft plastics. Run a spring marathon. Smile more. Write a book. Talk to God more. Take up yoga. (Again). Check in more on friends and family. Be spontaneous. (Although is

By Laura Palmer



planning to be spontaneous the definition of irony?) Declutter. (My kitchen at least, the rest of the house will probably still be eligible for a Channel 5 hoardi-mentary this time next year.) Investigate shampoo bars and laundry detergent sheets in an effort to buy less plastic bottles. Leave the village more than once a week. (Although, why?!). Ditch social media. Drink less wine. Be on time. Volunteer more regularly. The list goes on.

However, when does a list of New Year resolutions become an unachievable to-do list crossed with an unhealthy examination of (some of) one's many failings? Besides, after a few days of post-Covid exhaustion I'm veering more towards resolving just to get dressed before midday.

The more I dwell on it, the more I realise that I don't need a new year or new start or dramatic gesture or unachievable declaration of intent to want to live better. I just need to be mindful of the choices I make, and strive to be the best version of me that I can.

Have a wonderful start to 2022 everyone, I do hope it's a happy and a healthy one. And don't forget if you'd like to contribute to WoW in any way do let me know.

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## Rector's Letter

*By Reverend Harry Latham*

I hope that you managed to have a good Christmas and feel able to set course into 2022 with trust in God, especially in a world that is in a mess.

According to Richard Dawkins: "life evolved out of literally nothing, some 10 billion years after the universe evolved literally out of nothing." Dawkins says, "It's an astonishing stroke of luck that we are here."

Brian Cox, less of an atheist, says more recently how it is miraculously improbable that we are here. But I am heartened that science suggests we live in an ever expanding universe that had a single beginning.

Scientists are very good at answering "how" questions, but they are often not as good at answering "why" questions. Children are great at asking "why" questions and not easily fooled into believing that it's all down to luck and the ingredients just happening to be there somehow.

As a Christian I am confident that life, as we know it, is down to a Holy Trinity of Father, Son & Holy Spirit who out of love dreamt us up and brought us into being.

This Trinity of Love made us in their image and gave us autonomy, agency, free will. They did all that in order to bless us and seek relationship with us. Yet, we decided we knew better. We interpreted kindness as control. We listened to a lie, and turned our back on God.

That is in essence the story of humanity that finds us in this world which is both beautiful and broken. It finds us amongst people made in God's likeness but fallen, capable of great



kindness and great evil. It finds us in a society that wants to exclude God from the public square and that blames Him for the problems we experience.

Yet rather than turning away from us we find that the pre-existent Son laid aside his divine advantages and stepped into this world, he experienced life as we do but lived differently.

Looking at Jesus, we see the Father clearly, listening to Jesus we find ourselves waking up spiritually. And as we say "Holy Spirit – please come into my life" we find ourselves able to call Jesus' Father our Father (our Loving Heavenly Father).

May I wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year! And one in which we all walk more closely with God and enjoy his presence.

Very best wishes,

Harry

# Services at St Peter's Church (for full Jan-Feb details see p25)

## 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.**

**Please adhere to current government guidelines with regards to face coverings.**



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

(with craft activity)



**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)



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is a UNITED BENEFICE Service**

(at either St Peter's, St Mary's or St Andrew's)

### **Read, Mark, Learn:**

Thursday evenings at 8pm at St Peter's.

**January 13th and 27th , February 10th and 24th**

### **Pete's (For Year 7—11)**

2nd Sunday of each month 10.30am—12pm, St Peter's Church Hall

**January 9th, February 13th**

# 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

2nd Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
9th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
16th Jan	10.30am	Parish Communion
23rd Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
30th Jan	11.00am	Benefice Communion at St Peter's
6th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
13th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
20th Feb	10.30am	Parish Communion
27th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion



## St Andrew's, Box Hill

2nd Jan	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
9th Jan	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
16th Jan	9.30am	Informal Communion
23rd Jan	9.30am	Morning Praise
30th Jan	11.00am	Benefice Communion at St Peter's
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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! Part 3**

In the previous edition of Window on Walton I described how the Holy Spirit guided events so the General Manager reversed the decision to exclude from the company premises all those employees who had been made redundant.

There was delight among the staff while those who had master-minded the restructuring dismissals were furious. Once I had unpacked and sorted out my desk I turned to the General Manager's request that I send him a recommendation for providing for those who cease to be employees. This was 1970 and across the country there were few retirement schemes to assist employees.

As I prayed and thought about what God would provide, I had the sense that there should be overarching care of the employee for their entire life: not just during the period of employment. I was aware that there were those who came to work for a few years and then moved on. Their needs were met by their new salary and other arrangements. My concern was with the long career men and women who dedicate their lives to the organisation, for their employment should provide remuneration for life.

The pension scheme provided the financial security. The health and community side of life was not addressed. I believe that God made men and women to live in caring families and communities. The paper I wrote recommended:

- 5-day Retirement Course five years before retirement date.
- Employee & Partner - One day Revision Course – one year before retirement date



- Pensioners Association - Annual Pensioners Day of events
- Quarterly Pensioners Magazine
- Pastoral Care – everyone who is sick for 3 months to receive regular visits

After two weeks of Prayer and research I took my recommendations to the General Manager's secretary. I went on to a meeting so it was three hours before I returned to my desk. To my surprise the document was back on my desk!

I immediately thought that it had been rejected. Then I saw writing at the top of the first page. The General Manager had written: 'To Company Secretary. These recommendations are approved. Please now provide Tom with the resources to run these Services. The Personnel department are specifically excluded. GM'

I could not believe my eyes! There had been no discussion and I had been awarded a huge responsibility. At that moment I thanked God. I wondered how I could perform these new duties for I lacked experience. A few days later an announcement was published across the company.

Over the following two years I gradually developed the services as I discovered people who were as keen as I to create a lifelong 'Company Community'. What had happened? I came to realise that the Holy Spirit's intervention in Rome went far further than I realised at the time. Initially I had been prompted to be honest with the General Manager.

The consequence was he realised that the year before he had been persuaded to sanction the harsh dismissal of loyal employees. His request for me to make



suggestions for the future was his desire to ensure that his employees received a quality portfolio of benefits. My recommendations were far ahead of benefits being provided by many companies. Clearly, I had been inspired to present such a menu of benefits. This description provides examples of the Holy Spirit creating not just a single action but providing a chain of actions and reactions that would reverberate for many years.

**What do you say?** My desire now is to encourage Window on Walton readers to not only take note of my totally honest account of these events, but to apply the knowledge that the Holy Spirit has been active in my life and that he is waiting to be invited into other lives. **How will you respond to my gentle invitation?**

*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@rhindertutt.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.**

## A Note from Norma...

### **Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.**

This year has been quite busy, well as much as it can be in these difficult times. Our last fundraiser for the Royal Marsden was a coffee morning in The Riddell Hall on Saturday 23rd October, which went very well indeed.

We sold £400 worth of Christmas cards and took £660 on refreshments, raffle and sales table. Steve, Manager at The Blue Ball, kindly gave us a meal for 1 and a bottle of wine for 1st prize in the raffle. As usual, I had a great team helping me and I thank them all.

Marilyn Reid and I sell Christmas cards for The Marsden and have done VERY WELL this year. Together we have sold over £1,500 worth. THANK YOU to everyone who supports this charity and to those who come to all the events. I always know that residents of Walton and Tadworth (and their friends) will turn up at any function. We are so lucky to live among such kind people.



Every year I collect money for The Children and Adolescent Unit at RM. This year was over £1,000 again and is made up from refreshments at John and Ivana's Open Garden (twice this year) and at the film shows run by Barrie Gilbert. We have also had a car boot sale and donations.

I recently took colouring books, play dough, games and sweets in to the hospital. Bill and I met the play specialists outside and they were delighted with the "goodies". I also purchased £400 worth of Amazon vouchers. These are given to the teenagers as a Well Done after radiotherapy treatment. I have £300 left over and will buy more items in the New Year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Stay safe.

Norma.

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.

## **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 homemade cakes are provided after the service.

As I write, the first winter snow has fallen, and I am wondering if we shall have a white Christmas? Whatever the weather, the approach of this most important Christian Festival is wonderful and faith affirming. It is the time when we all love to sing carols and remember why it is that we are Christians.

We think once again about the story of Christ's birth in the humble surroundings of a stable with animals for company; not exactly the high-tech births available to many couples today! It is amazing to think of what that humble birth has led to. I hope that all Window on Walton readers had a very blessed Christmas and that the new year will be a very happy and healthy one.

For some people, however, Christmas and New Year just mean more days of misery and despair; perhaps they are homeless, perhaps they are victims of abuse. It breaks our hearts to think of people out in the cold and wet conditions, or children being abused or neglected. Whilst we cannot personally change these people's and children's lives, we can at least donate to organisations who are able to do so.

Let us all be generous in giving to those less fortunate; it is amazing how much joy can be derived from charitable giving and knowing that you can make a difference even in a small way. Every small donation counts.

The beginning of 2022 signals the start of a new cycle of seasons, and we can already see the signs of Spring. I saw snowdrops in



bloom in November! It is a time when many make resolutions which have fallen by the wayside by the end of January. One resolution that we, as Christians, can always make is to try our best to further God's work in our community and beyond. This is another way by which small things can make a huge difference.

2020 and 2021 brought out the best in people during the terrible Covid lockdowns. Christianity in action was everywhere to be seen in gestures such as a telephone call to a lonely person, running errands, providing food and so on. We know that Covid is here to stay and that we must, therefore, learn to live with it in the same way as other coronaviruses like 'flu and colds. We can play our part in keeping the community safe by having all the vaccines and boosters on offer. That way, some herd immunity will be built, and we shall all benefit from it.

Keep safe, well and warm and look forward to the spring.

With all good wishes.  
Janet Holah  
Elder and Church Secretary.

## CHRISTCHURCH OFFICIALS

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

### Elders

Sheila Brotherwood  
Myra Baston  
Janet Holah  
Marion Pevy

### Church Secretary:

Janet Holah 01737 813494

### Church Treasurer:

Robert Holah

### HELP STILL REQUIRED!

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

## Christchurch URC in January and February

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, usually on the first Sunday of the month.

**Sunday 9th January: Mike Downing (Communion)**

**Sunday 16th January: Christopher Wright**

**Sunday 23rd January: Lynne Skinner**

**Sunday 30th January: United Benefice Service at St Peter's Church (11am start)**

**Sunday 6th February: Mike Downing (Communion)**

**Sunday 13th February: John Sinclair**

**Sunday 20th February: Jim Davis**

**Sunday 27th February: 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)



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

It is quite encouraging for me to be able to report the results of three recent events including the first one TWOAT has held indoors for 18 months! Our two John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walks in September and October have so far raised just over £1500 whilst our Annual Social Meeting & Dinner (ASM) raised just over £1200 (both totals calculated after adding 25% for Gift Aid where appropriate.) We are very grateful both to those who donated and those who took part.

My committee and I have been concerned about the refugee crisis that is afflicting many parts of the world. We already support a school for refugee children from Myanmar in a camp on the Thai border. We decided to invite Amelia Hart, a Walton resident who is currently studying at University, to talk to our ASM about her experiences as a charity volunteer working in some refugee camps on an island in the Mediterranean.

The camps are currently a place where refugees, mainly from Afghanistan, can stay whilst their applications for asylum are processed by the Greek government. Amelia had worked as part of several mixed teams of volunteers and refugees helping the distribution of food, winter clothing and the like amongst several thousand refugees on the island of Lesvos. The refugees were hoping for new lives for themselves and their families but sadly often had the two applications that the Greeks allowed them to make turned down. After that it seems that the refugees were allowed a few days to move themselves on from the island to some other place where the process of asylum seeking might begin all over again.

Amelia told us that there were very limited education opportunities for the many children at the camps as the Greek Government did not wish the camps to become their permanent home. There were also very few opportunities

for community activity. However, there were a number of Chai/Tea stations run by Amelia's charity where refugees could meet together.

TWOAT's normal role is to help poorer communities to develop rather than to provide disaster relief. In this case the committee felt that the Chai Stations are an important way for the refugees on Lesvos to develop a greater sense of community following a period of terrible disruption in their lives. We therefore agreed to send funding for 5,000 cups of Chai as our albeit small contribution. Amelia is arranging for us to receive a newsletter from the charity providing updates on the camp situation.

Please note that the online giving organisation that we use, [VirginMoneyGiving](#), is withdrawing that service from the end of November. If you wish to donate to TWOAT then you can visit our web site for details of our bank account and to download a Gift Aid form or send a cheque to the Treasurer Antony Hawker, The Holt, Alcocks Lane, KT20 6BB, or contact me.

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



Looking back, how the years have flown;  
through different seasons, how we've grown.  
When the sun shone, energy abounded;  
we made merry, trumpets sounded.  
When the rains came, feet dragged;  
keeping plodding on, spirits sagged.

Looking back, I see the work of your Spirit  
but many a day, how I longed to feel it!  
The days of thick fog - they were confusing;  
feeling so lost and feeling I was losing  
things I'd held tight to help me cope;  
but the rainbow days restored courage and hope.

Looking back at what might have been;  
so much pain, so much unseen.  
But you are there – in the past,  
you saw the things that didn't last;  
the hopes, the dreams, the longed for things,  
the ideas that never found wings.

Looking back at what was;  
so much love, joy and peace because  
you are there - in the past,  
you held us tight, you held us fast.  
You sowed the seeds and gave soil to nourish.  
You nurtured and pruned so the seeds could flourish.

Looking back is good you say.  
Remembering brings courage and strength today  
for what lies ahead ; it's in your hands.  
We can't box you in; no mind fully understands.  
But you're faithful and kind; full of truth and grace.  
Towards each one of us may you turn your face.

And what does the Lord require of me?  
To love mercy, act justly and walk humbly  
with Him.

***The below is part of a New Year prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008***

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges.

So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need.

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be.

May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to You.

This I ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.



# Local Focus: Community Choir: An On-line Debut!



The Community Choir had its inaugural rehearsal on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November in The Octagon at St Mary's Headley. With 20 people at the first rehearsal, and another 10 promising to come along the following week, it was clear we would need to move into the church itself to give us plenty of space and ventilation for our growing number of singers! The choir now meets at 7.45pm for tea and coffee in The Octagon, then moves into the church at 8pm for an hour's singing. We often go to the pub afterwards for a drink once we've finished singing. It truly is a 'Community' choir, with a real sense of friendship and support amongst the singers.

In the first term the choir worked on a variety of Christmas songs in preparation for some carol singing in our local pubs. At the time of writing we are waiting to see whether singing inside the pubs will still be permitted, but we are hoping that even if we end up singing outside, we'll still be able to share a festive joy with our local communities.

The Community Choir were delighted to be invited to take part in Headley and Box Hill's online Advent Calendar, and this was our very first performance as a group. The idea for the online Advent Calendar was birthed during lockdown last year by a group from St Mary's

Headley and St Andrew's Box Hill, and the project was put together by long-time Headley residents Robin and Lucy Hunter. The idea was to give the local community a chance to connect despite the social distancing that was in place as they journeyed together through Advent. Each day in Advent, a short new video would be posted online to the church website; a reading, story or song recorded by a member of the local community. This year the Advent Calendar was back by popular demand, with all new videos recorded and posted each day in the run-up to Christmas.

The Community Choir made two appearances on the 2021 Online Advent Calendar with 'Hey Father Christmas', a jolly swing-time round, and 'It's Christmas', an upbeat feel-good Christmas medley by Chris Tomlin. It was great fun to be part of such a joyful community project for our debut performance!

Our first rehearsal in the New Year will be Wednesday 12th January at 7.45pm. Do come along and give us a try, there's no audition, no need to read music, and no one is ever put on the spot or singled out; it's a friendly and nurturing environment in which we can enjoy making music and grow in confidence together. Contact: [revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com)



## Local Chef: Roasted Carrot and Turmeric Soup by Laura Palmer

You've got to love the humble carrot. Packed with vitamins (I still can't see in the dark though) and delicious raw, steamed, stir-fried, and of course roasted for a concentrated sweetness that marries perfectly with the smouldering depth of the brightest of all the spices, turmeric.

I've been slightly obsessed with the healing powers of turmeric for a little while now. It's anti-inflammatory properties, particularly in combination with a little ginger and black pepper, have been widely documented and I'll often turn to turmeric tablets over ibuprofen for a running injury or general aches and pains.

This soup is a brilliant way to use up any leftover carrots, especially any odd-looking ones that are aren't pretty enough to serve whole and are too tricky to cut into batons. (Take a picture and send it to me first though, as there is nothing I find funnier than a carrot with legs and a nose.)

Most importantly it's really delicious. If you don't like curry, don't be put off, turmeric in the absence of cumin makes for a deep smokiness that stops the carrot being too sweet, and adding fresh ginger, black pepper and lime at the end lifts the soup to a new level, with a more subtle heat and acidity than a chopped chilli ever could.

Makes approximately 1 litre of soup.

- 600g carrots, peeled weight (chop very large ones into chunks but leave whole where possible)
- 2 tbsp light olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- 2 level teaspoons ground turmeric
- 75ml coconut cream

- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground in a pestle and mortar
- A thumb sized piece of fresh ginger, peeled.
- 1 vegetable stock cube dissolved in 750ml water (or 750ml homemade stock, in which case I salute you).
- 1 lime

1. Put the peeled carrots in a roasting tin or lasagne dish, drizzle with 1 tbsp oil and roast at 200C for about 30-40 minutes or until almost tender.

2. Remove from the oven, add the onion, garlic, turmeric and remaining oil and toss well. Roast for a further 15 minutes, or until the onion and garlic are soft.

3. Remove from the oven again and add the stock, and coconut cream, stir to release the flavours from the tin and transfer (carefully) to a blender.

4. Blend until smooth then add the black pepper and grate in the fresh ginger.

5. Season to taste with lime juice and a little extra salt if required, then heat through and enjoy.





## **There is strength in community**

Where would we be without our wonderful volunteers?! One bright and crisp weekend in November, whilst the Forum were positioning poppies on lamp posts for Remembrance Day, we were struck again by our community and the strength it has to pull together. Norma and Bill Darter were busily litter picking, whilst John Mitchell was refining his remembrance tribute at Howard Close. We were all out together, working separately but for the same goal, our community.

John Mitchell's fantastic contribution to Remembrance Day was not only pleasing to the eye, but a true landmark, so much so, our local primary school made a special trip to pay their respects. It was a fitting tribute to those lost, perfectly complementing the poppies on the lamp posts throughout the village. More recently, I think you will agree that Gun Corner and Mere Pond were looking especially festive over Christmas.

We supported David and Val Lerner at Mereside by supplying them with the pond Christmas tree. As in previous years, David, Val and volunteers decorated it and the outside of their house beautifully. It was a true pleasure to enter the village and pass Mere Pond, continuing on through the village observing the Christmas garlands that our Forum members had locally foraged and hand crafted.

Our Walton in Bloom team, headed by Jean Bye have been working tirelessly on Gun Corner. Their commitment has really shone, we can't wait for Spring, when the corner looks especially pretty. Thanks goes out to Jean for lighting our much valued and eco-friendly Christmas tree, planted opposite Gun Corner nearly three years ago, for the purpose of such occasions. Finally, the Forum has been fortunate to again receive the generous Pfizer donation this year. The financial support that Pfizer gives us allows

the Forum to donate valuable funds to restore and maintain historical landmarks within our village. Mere Pond and Gun Corner have directly benefited from this, as well as community causes like Christchurch, The Open Group and the Primary School. Thank you very much Pfizer for your continued support of our community.

With respect to hosting our first AGM in two years, I'm afraid the ever-changing COVID pandemic keeps us on our toes, and at the time of writing it was unclear what restrictions we may face during February 2022. Of course, we'll continue to monitor the situation closely and keep everyone updated.

If you 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.

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# Walton on the Hill Primary School

By Headteacher Tim Samuel



## Proud to be 'Good'!

We have now reached the end of the longest term in our school year - 14 full school weeks and a few extra days! It was lovely to be back in school in September and to welcome our 'new recruits' into Cygnets; they have made a fantastic start and having the whole school community together is very special. Despite there still being some restrictions and protocol in place to restrict the way we work it has been a very rewarding term and we have enjoyed educational trips and visits and a wide range of fantastic learning opportunities.

In early September we had a visit from Ofsted! There is no denying that our inspection right at the start of term impacted on the first few weeks, but I would like to thank everyone in our community for their support during the inspection and when the outcomes were shared. We are 'Proud to be Good'!! At first I will share that I experienced

a huge range of emotions following the change in our classification but I am so very proud of the report and all that it contains about the things that I hold dear and that I know are the vital elements of a happy and successful school. There is a well shared agenda from Ofsted that it is trying to reduce the number of Outstanding schools to less than 10%. The bar has been raised with the term 'exceptional' forming a significant part of the criteria.

We were very pleased, but not surprised, that the fundamental elements of '**Behaviour and Attitudes**' and '**Personal Development**' in the school have been recognised as **outstanding**. The inspection team were incredibly impressed with **how the children conducted themselves**, the **exceptionally dedicated staff team** and the **wealth of opportunities** that we offer, **over and above the core curriculum**. The

inspectors commented on the consistency of **'The Walton Way'** with the recognition that **'pupils feel nurtured and learn well'** and that we are an **'ambitious and happy school community'**.

The two HMI inspectors also recognised that our **fantastic Governors** work well with leaders which creates an effective school community where pupils say they feel safe and parents praise the nurturing culture at the school. The Ofsted team were able to discern so clearly the **unique qualities** of our wonderful school community and could feel the **'Walton-ness' in everything** that takes place.

'Pupils at Walton-on-the-Hill Primary School love their lessons. They enjoy their learning because the teachers make the work interesting. They trust their teachers to help them.' It really is a great reflection of what we all feel and know – **that we are an exceptional school.** The inspection team also acknowledged that our academic outcomes across the school in the standardised, external tests are all still well above Surrey and National levels and that **the curriculum that we offer is broad, balanced and well sequenced.**

I have talked to a lot of Headteachers, education consultants, parents and colleagues in our school about the report with the overwhelming view that **we are a very special place for children to come to school.** The superlatives used to describe the behaviour of the children, the commitment of the staff to team to meet the needs of all children and the wider offer that

ensure all children receive a superb education.

A personal reflection on the current education landscape is the seemingly narrowing of focus towards the priority of deploying findings from cognitive science and decisions made by various Secretaries of State for education, resulting in a potentially formulaic approach to learning. I fully recognise that the science of learning absolutely has a place in our pedagogy and elements of it really will enhance outcomes for children, but do feel this may come at the cost of the skill and craft of teaching. My view is that it will result in a deviation from high quality, creative learning to take education back to a point where learning by rote is the preferred paradigm.

We are proud of the curriculum in our school which does aim to bring elements of fun to the children's lessons which we feel will engage them and allow us to then effectively deliver the knowledge and skills needed to be successful and lifelong learners.

We recognise some of the developmental comments made by Ofsted and we will continue to strive to develop our curriculum but not simply as a tick box exercise to meet their expectations, but to deliver the best for the children in our community.

I feel the whole labelling of schools is not wholly helpful as there are so many variables and a more effective system would be to simply recognise what you are doing well and where you could make improvements.

**However, we are proud to be 'Good'!**



## St Peter's Children's Choir



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## Light Up Walton

by Emmeline Moore

At 5.00pm on the 6th December a few lucky locals, including myself, enjoyed the company of local celebrity, Reverend Christopher Hancock as he turned on the Christmas tree lights at Mereside. We all gathered across the pond, waiting intently for the five second count down. After some much enjoyed banter from Christopher, the lights were given the go ahead and as usual, David and Val Lerner, with the help of others, managed a delightful display, decorating their house and tree beautifully, taking advantage of the reflection into the water below.

A small procession of bobbing figures with candle lit lanterns then made their way through the village admiring the handmade Christmas garlands throughout, as well as the pre-lit tree at Gun Corner. Thank you to the Walton Village Forum for all their efforts with this, a lovely idea that connects one end of the village to the other.

Finally we were guided through St Peter's lychgate by the smell of mulled wine and mince pies. As the magnificent lights around the lychgate, adjacent fir and Christmas tree were switched on, St Peter's choir treated us to some well rehearsed carols. This was shortly followed

by the band 'Low Key Affair' jollyng us along to Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. A massive thank you goes out to John Darter and his team for risking those dizzy heights to position the festive lights around the giant conifer, a true show stopper. The atmosphere was perfect. At this point Christopher Hancock announced he'd lost count of the number of mulled wines he'd had, whilst George Curry cat-walked his snazzy hi-vis vest down the church path.

Leah and her eldest daughter Jocelyn finished the evening by playing us out on the keyboard and flute to some more much loved carols. A fantastic community event raising money for TWOAT.

Our thanks go also to the Walton Village Forum for the purchase of the Mere Pond tree and to the Open Group for that of St Peter's. Both were supplied by Walton on the Hill Primary School which in turn raised funds for them. It was a fantastic community event, bringing St Peter's, The Walton Village Forum, Open group, TWOAT and the Primary school together. It was great to see so many good causes supporting each other and continuing to build upon our much loved community.





# Christmas Services Round-up

by Laura Palmer

Just like last year, it really felt that Covid-19 was out to thwart the fabulous range of Christmas services that St Peter's has to offer. Unlike 2020, however, the final score was somewhat different. Something like: St Peter's seven, Covid nil, (and that doesn't count all the 8am services throughout December.)

The Christmas season started with the lighting of the first Advent candle on the 28th November but really kicked off with the All Age Christingle on Sunday 5th December. Leah used a giant Christingle orange on loan from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, to explain the meaning of the Christingle, and leftover Christingle packs made their way as far as London where they lifted the spirits of several of Mo's grandchildren who couldn't be at the service due to isolation.



Sunday 19th saw a successful Nativity themed family service, and at 6pm we were treated to 9 Lessons and Carols, led, at the last minute, by Christopher and Leah, with several anthems from St Peter's choir, who had clearly been rehearsing hard for the occasion. Hopefully next year mulled wine and mince pies will be back!



The three Christmas Eve services went ahead with lower numbers than usual but no less enthusiasm, despite

Covid's continued efforts to dampen the occasion. The Family Carol Service and it's theme of The Little Drummer Boy was a real highlight for me.

Many thanks go to everyone who stepped in at the last minute to take services, read lessons, take intercessions, work the powerpoint on the big screen and the sound system, and of course to all those who helped out with preparing Christingle oranges, nativity costumes and volunteered for roles like sidesperson.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Reverend Sue Curtis from Christchurch, Epsom Common, who stepped in to offer Communion on Christmas Day.





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 DIARY

<b>Jan</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Pete's	St Peter's Church Hall
	11 am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
Thu 13th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
Sun 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church
Thu 27th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)ited	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Benefice Communion	St Peter's Church
<b>Feb</b>			
Sun 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	All Age Service	St Peter's Church
Thu 10th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 13th	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 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Service	St Peter's Church
Thu 24th	8.00pm	RML	St Peter's Church
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Family Communion	St Peter's Church

**From St Peter's Registers**

**Baptisms:**

Nov 21st: Florence Coombes

**Weddings:**

Nov 20th: Rosey Johnson and Vic Alfieri

## Book Club Corner: Soccer Squad

By Sterling Parnell

*Book Club Corner is Window on Walton's regular column celebrating some of the best in teen fiction. This edition features Sterling, 11, and why he loves the Soccer Squad books by Bali Rai.*

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

**Title:** Soccer Squad

**Author:** Bali Rai

**Star Rating:** 4 stars (out of 5)



### About these books:

The series of books are about four main

characters who are all best friends and they are all trying to get into the new football club in town called **THE RUSHTON REDS**. The four books are each narrated by one of the four characters. The four main characters are called Dal, Jason, Chris and Abs and they are the best boy footballers in their school.

**I like these books because:** they are all about football/soccer and I am really passionate about football/soccer.



**I didn't like:** the last book in the series because it only tells you what happened up to the semi-finals and they didn't tell you if The Rushton Reds went on to win the finals or not but other than that I thought it was a really good book.

**My favourite character** is probably Jason or Chris.

## Pete's

The St Peter's Youth Group, or Pete's, continued in November with a fantastic firework display at The Rectory on the 5th, and a fun outdoor games run around, despite the drizzle, on Headley Heath on Sunday 14th (as the second Sunday of the month saw Remembrance Service instead).

It was business as usual for a Christmas themed Pete's on the second Sunday in December, complete with Advent comics and

candy canes, and I know that all the Pete's regulars are looking forward to the first Pete's on the 9th January.

If you're in Years 7-11, do come along, you will be made to feel very welcome. Did I mention the free breakfast?

For more information on Pete's please email Leah at [revleahbates@outlook.com](mailto:revleahbates@outlook.com).



St Peter's Little Cherubs had a fabulous time in the lead up to Christmas, ending with a Christmas party enjoyed by all!

Many thanks go to all the helpers who make it such a special part of the week at St Peter's.

If you live locally and look after a pre-schooler, do pop along for crafts, music, fun and refreshments !

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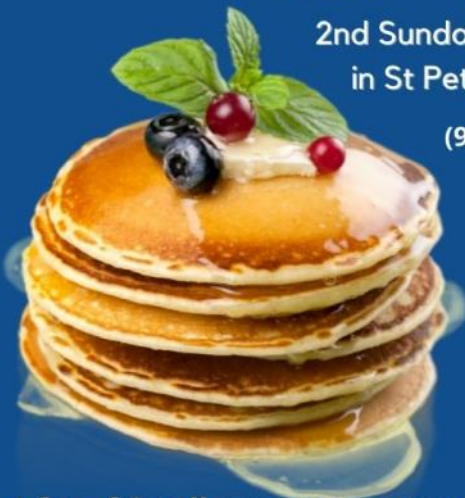


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# World Day of Prayer 2022

By Mo Atkins



## Looking ahead to the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER!**

The interdenominational **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer) takes place annually, on the first Friday in March.

This year's local service, will be held at the **CHURCH OF THE WISDOM OF GOD**, on **FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, at 2.00 pm**, followed by **TEA** in the church hall, across the road.

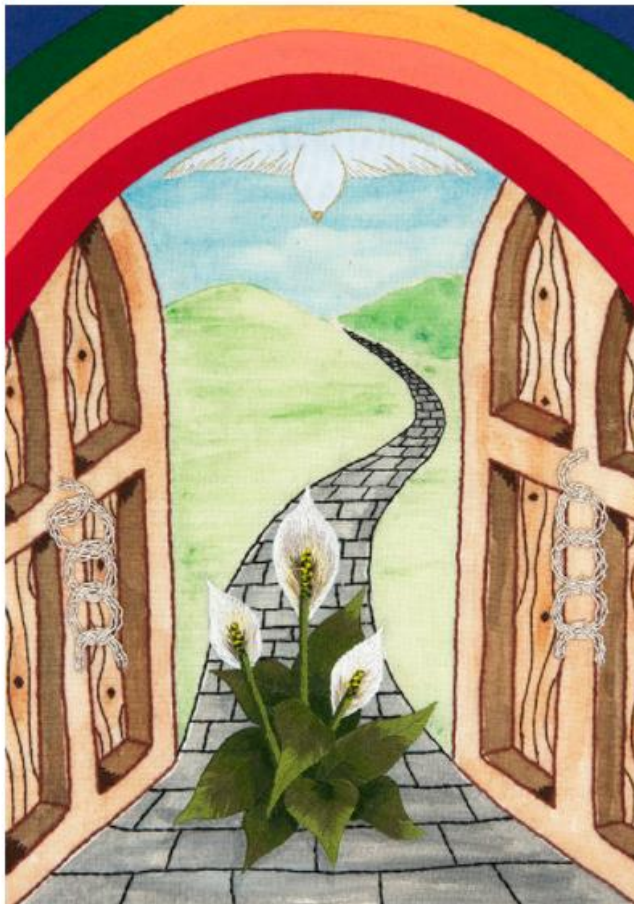
Each year a different country is chosen to prepare the service. For us, 2022 has a special significance as the service has been prepared by Christian Women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland, on the theme, **'I know the plans I have for you'**.

The local committee comprises representatives from churches in Headley, Kingswood, Tadworth and Walton on the Hill. They attend Preparation Days in the autumn and come together early in the year to plan and organise the service, according to the directions of the host country.

It is a great way to learn more about differing global cultures, socioeconomic and geopolitical issues, and the struggles experienced, not least by women.

If you would like a lift to Lower Kingswood. please ring Mo on 07799136894

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!**





In October we welcomed Leah, our new Curate to our monthly meeting and thoroughly enjoyed hearing how she grew up in a musical family and how her musical career developed alongside her academic studies as well as her journey to her call to ministry. A truly inspirational evening.

In November we welcomed Tracy Sickel, the prison chaplain of HMP Send. Thank you to Dawn for her write-up (below) of such an enlightening evening.

### Dates for your 2022 diary

**Tuesday 11th January:** 2022 MU Theme: **Transformation - NOW! HOW?**

**Tuesday 8th February** - 'Becoming and Beholding : A Reflective Journey' - speaker, Tracy Latham

ALL WELCOME - join us at St Peter's at 8 pm for refreshments first. *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.*

### IMAGO DEI Prison Ministry

By Dawn Jones

November heralded a challenging Zoom presentation from an amazing lady, Tracy Sickel on Women's Prison Ministry. She invited us into her world of prison ministry through her energy and experience, and her passion shone through in all she said. We gained an insight into what the lives of these prisoners is really like.

In 2016, after working for 6 years as a Free Church Chaplain in various prisons in the South East of England, Tracy recognized there were concerning statistics and issues relating to the women on leaving prison, that didn't seemed to be being addressed. As a Chaplain, she had been in the privileged position of being able to come alongside all sorts of "broken people" whilst they were in prison, but what was happening on the outside, on their release, that was leading to an alarmingly high rate of re-admission?

She identified some common factors, such as lack of suitable accommodation, being institutionalised, and the difficulties faced trying to find work and integrate back into society. Tracy felt compelled to set up a Christian charity which developed into IMAGO

DEI Prison Ministry, based in Tonbridge, Kent. It aims to offer practical, positive support through a range of dedicated courses and activities, starting whilst the women are in prison, helping to build up each individual's self-esteem and life skills, but with ongoing support on their release.

Exciting new projects are in the planning stages. These include Grace House for accommodation and the setting up of "She Matters" Charity shop, where work experience in the community can be gained. Many local churches are getting involved too.

At the heart of Imago Dei (ID) is the desire to see women in prison live out their true identity (ID) and purpose. They are "committed to equipping women in prison to unlock and live in their God-given potential, set free from their past and knowing their true identity in Christ."

For the recipients, God's **Grace** is demonstrated through **Growth, Resettlement, Acceptance, Comfort and Encounter.**

If you would like to know more about their work, go to [www.idprisonministry.org.uk](http://www.idprisonministry.org.uk)





## **Open Group**

Having missed so many regular activities during 2021, it was good to come together with members and friends, in Christchurch Hall, on 7th December, the first indoor meeting for months. The evening was also, in fact, a first ever for Open Group .... Never before has 'Bingo' been on the agenda! Thanks to Debbie Murray's entertaining 'calling' we were kept on our toes, especially those among us who could claim only to have played 'Housey Housey' in childhood! More seasoned Bingo devotees came equipped with their own dabbers! It was a fun and light-hearted evening, with mulled wine and seasonal refreshments in the interval.

Thanks are due to Dawn Jones who had done a great job in decorating the hall, making it feel festive and Christmassy.

The Omicron coronavirus variant had arrived, in the UK, ten days earlier and before leaving, folk were reminded of its rapid spread and advised to exercise caution over the Christmas period.

A week later, at time of writing, transmission rates are accelerating exponentially. Bearing this in mind, we are tentatively hoping to hold an Epiphany Supper, with a roundup of 2021, in Christchurch Hall, on Tuesday, 18th January, 7.30 pm, but 'watch this space'! Confirmation or otherwise will be sent by email.

Open Group has come to the end of its extended fundraising period for the Princess Alice Hospice and details of what has been raised over the past two years will be announced during the evening.

The February meeting should take place on Tuesday, 15th February but we'll see how things go before we announce plans!

Open Group's 2022 fundraising project will be the Motor Neurone Association, so please support events throughout the coming year. For further information about Open Group activities, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact

Mo on 07799136894 or Norma on 812639.

## **Village Kitchen**

The Village Kitchen made a cautious return to monthly opening in October and everyone was pleased to be back, judging by the smiling faces and cheerful exchanges.

December's Christmas Kitchen had a warm, festive atmosphere and was very well supported by friends old and new. It was a treat to have musical entertainment! Our Benefice Curate, Revd. Leah Bates played the grand piano, accompanying her daughter, Jocelyn on flute for a greatly appreciated selection of Christmas songs and carols. Thank you Leah and Jocelyn.

The 'rolling Christmas raffle' was drawn. Debbie Murray was delighted to win the much coveted 'Snowman', beautifully knitted and kindly donated by Barbara Anderson.

Huge thanks to all who have helped or supported the Village Kitchen in any way during 2021. The first Kitchen of the New Year is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 8th January,

12.00 md - 1.30 pm but will of course be subject to Government guidelines, so we shall have to wait and see.



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Friends Of St Peter's	Philip Truett	813832
Age Concern		352156
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Walton Primary School	Mrs Young	812103
Christchurch Hall	Janet Holah	813494

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The Arts Society	Mike Roshier	01372 813196
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# Local History: Early Travel and Transport in our Villages :

## A Pictorial History: Part 1

By Robert Ruddell

### Introduction

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

On the A217, the first mail coach to Brighton ran in 1784. Thereafter, the road became busy with all kinds of traffic. By 1822 it was said sixty coaches each day passed through. The last regular coach ran in 1845. Motorcars would not make their appearance until the 1890s and if any appeared, they would have ranked as peculiar rarities.

In the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the workers had bicycles and the gentry used

motorcars and garages began to appear to service these new machines. However deliveries of coal, milk, bread, etc continued to be made by horse-drawn vehicles until the 1950s.

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

### Railways and Local Stations

The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway opened Banstead Station on 22 May 1865 as part of the Epsom Downs branch line. The period of the development of the village of Walton on the Hill began following the construction of the Chipstead Valley Railway. The line from Purley to Kingswood opened in 1897 and extended to Tadworth in July 1900 with the final extension to Tattenham Corner in June 1901.



## Local History: Early Travel and Transport in our Villages: continued...

The construction of the railway and the opening in May 1904 of the golf course on Walton Heath, with a second course completed in 1913, changed the character of the village and led to a demand for high quality housing in the locality. Shops were built in both Walton and Tadworth and two private schools, St Cross in 1911 and Cinthurst in 1910 opened in the villages.

People were able to travel around more easily and golfers arriving from London were transported to the golf club by horse-drawn carriage as seen in the early postcard of Tadworth Station c. 1906 with all the carriages lined up.



On Tuesday 20 November 1906, the "World of Golf " Special Express transported spectators from London Stations to arrive at Tadworth at 9-40 am for the Challenge Foursome Golf match between Duncan, Mayo, Braid and Vardon at Walton Heath. The return journey left Tadworth at 5-10 pm arriving at Charing Cross at 6 o'clock.

### Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt & the Vanderbilt Coach

In 1907 an American multi-millionaire, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, brought over from an Oakland Farm in the United States, 26

coaching horses for the first International Horse Show. He began to entertain his friends by driving them, in his horse drawn coaches, from London to Brighton using a relay of horses. He enjoyed this coach driving so much that from 1908 he started a regular, but seasonal, London to Brighton service using a coach named "Venture".

The coach ran from London to Brighton one day and returned the next. Vanderbilt is reported to have driven the coach himself "dressed as for Ascot races, complete with grey top hat". The coach, a four-in-hand, needed two extra horses to climb the hill from Ewell. The guard sounding his long coaching horn, the "yard of tin", usually announced the coach's arrival.

Vanderbilt returned to the United States, but on 7 May 1915 he was travelling first class to England on RMS Lusitania with his valet Ronald Denyer. They were en route to a meeting of the International Horse Breeders' Association when a German submarine, the U20 torpedoed the ship. Vanderbilt and Denyer assisted many passengers, especially children, to safety and helped others into lifeboats. Vanderbilt then gallantly gave his lifejacket to save a female passenger Alice Middleton who was holding a baby in arms.



Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt

Unfortunately Vanderbilt died along with 1,197 others and his body was never recovered but there is a memorial to him on the A24 London to Worthing Road in Holmwood, just south of Dorking.



**Headley milk cart**



Early postcards show the importance of the horse and horse-drawn vehicles until the arrival of the motorcar. At the bottom end of Deans Lane [formerly Denes Lane] shows the Headley milk cart approaching the post box and the milk cart before setting out for its round.

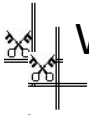
*The Charabanc*

*Horses / Horse-drawn vehicle*

During the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries the horse was the major form of transport for transporting goods and materials around the local villages. In the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century all road transport was horse drawn. The wealthier people had their own carriages - the forerunners of private cars- while others could travel on stagecoaches - the forerunners of motorbuses and referred to as omnibuses or buses for short.

A charabanc was a type of horse-drawn vehicle or early motor coach, usually open-topped, common during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was especially popular for sightseeing or "works outings" to the country or seaside, organized once a year. The name derives from the French char a bancs ["carriage with wooden benches"]. The photo shows a charabanc operated by Epsom Coaches in 1921.





# Window On Walton Crossword Number 6!

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Window on Walton crossword — the answers are at the bottom of this page.

This time is a Valentine’s Day 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 the opposite page.

If you fancy creating clues for the Mar-Apr 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 6: Valentine’s Day**

### **Across**

- 3. First name of Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*?
- 4. Greek equivalent of the Roman god Cupid?
- 6. Fruit also called a “love apple”
- 8. Translation of the Latin phrase *omnia vincit amor*? (4,8,3)
- 9. Who wrote: 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.'? (6,4,8)
- 11. Widely regarded as 'the most beautiful monument to love ever made'? (3,5)
- 13. Who sang the opening theme to the 1980s sitcom 'A Fine Romance'? (4,5)
- 16. Author of 1996 novel about the complex love life of Bridget Jones (5,8)
- 18. Which Poet Laureate wrote the poem *Valentine*? (5,3,5)
- 19. 1989 single by the B52’s (4,5)
- 21. Who does Lara fall in love with in Dr Zhivago?

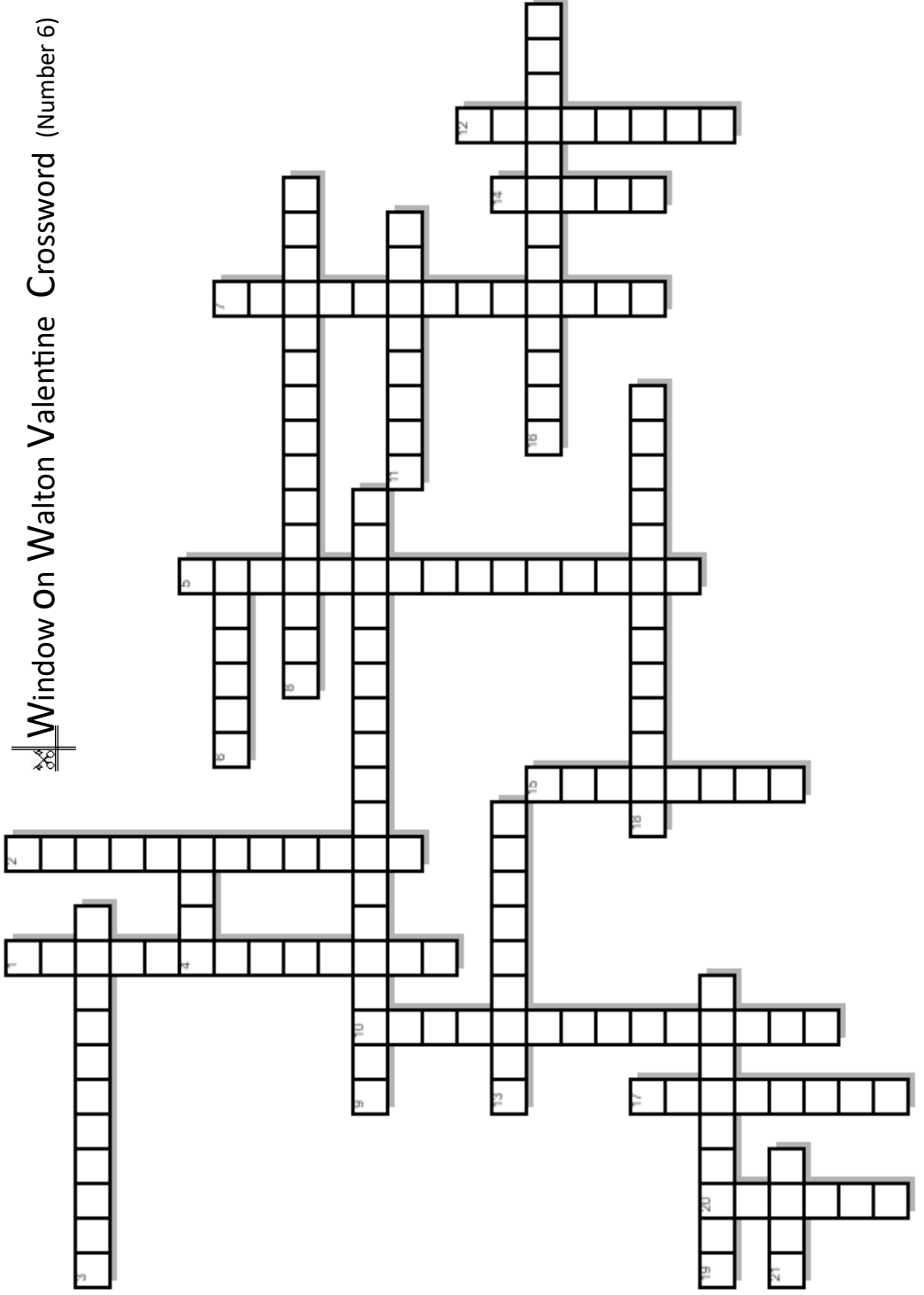
### **Down**

- 1. US hip hop group that sang 'Where Is the Love?'(5,4,4)
- 2. Long term love of Marge Bouvier (5,7)
- 5. UK number 1 for 15 weeks performed by a Scottish group in 1994? (4,2,3,6)
- 7. Actor who played William Shakespeare in the 1998 film *Shakespeare in Love* (6,7)
- 10. Writer of the song *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* (7,7)
- 12. In May 2010 the city of Paris expressed concern over the growing number of what appearing on the city’s bridges?
- 14. Roman goddess of love
- 15. One’s star sign if born on St. Valentine's Day
- 17. Capital of Turkmenistan meaning 'city of love'
- 20. Italian city home to *Romeo and Juliet*

### **Crossword Number 5 (Nov-Dec) answers:**

- ACROSS: 2. Kilted Soldiers 3. Epiphany Eve 5. Clement C Moore 6. Little Women  
11. Christmas Cracker 12. Indian 14. White Christmas 15. Wenceslas 17. Swans  
18. Estonia
- DOWN: 1. Kevin McCallister 4. Nadolig Llawen 7. Isaac Newton 8. The Snowman  
9. Japan 10. Ebenezer 13. Narnia 15. Whoville 16. Salt

# Window On Walton Valentine Crossword (Number 6)



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## Pets Place... featuring Tigger the mackerel tabby

***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.***

***Did you try to climb the Christmas tree?***  
*I enjoyed playing around the tree and hiding from my brother Wilf (he's a border terrier), sometimes I jump out from behind it and pounce on him!*



***What's your name?***  
*Tigger*

***How old are you?***  
*9*

***What's your favourite food?***

*Dreamies. I love milk too but sadly I'm lactose intolerant. I*

*do love a nice cold glass of water, but it must be from a human glass. Or the toilet.*

### ***Describe your ideal day.***

On an ideal day I spend at least 20 hours asleep on one of my human's beds; I also like to spend some time sitting in a box if there's one available; the rest of the time I like to eat (I eat a lot!) I ask for food a lot of the time, I like to talk to my humans!



### ***What was your best present?***

*My humans like to get me presents but I like nothing more than a box to sit in—or a paper bag, I'll try to get into those too, no matter how small.*

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

*Bed-tester. Although if I could be another animal for a day it would be a sloth.*



## Photo Corner

Susan Adilz sent in this excellent photo of the post box in Heath Drive. She says: "I don't know who the guerrilla knitters are, but the box has had a couple of incarnations: jolly in summer and covered with poppies for Remembrance day. The Christmas decoration takes the biscuit."



*I couldn't agree more! If you have a photo of Walton on the Hill that you would like to share please email the editor at [colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com](mailto:colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com).*



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