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<u>⊯E</u>ditor's Note

Welcome to the May-June edition of Window on Walton. Spring has sprung (and that's official) and we're in that busy time between Easter and Pentecost; gardens are coming alive, sports days are being planned and people are definitely smiling more now that the sun has finally come out.

Another reason to smile is the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May, and of course the extra bank holiday—if you're planning a street party, or even a fancy picnic on the lawn, do send in a photo or two as I'd love to feature them in the next edition of Window on Walton.

Just two weeks after that we have another coronation right here in the village, with the annual crowning of our May Queen at the Walton on the Hill May Pageant on 20th May. Who will take Tim Samuel's crown as best costume? If you are coming along be sure to visit the Friends of St Peter's bottle tombola before you spend all your money on ice cream or the bouncy slide! This year the theme is **music** and rumour has it that Walton Primary has chosen punk rock as their inspiration. I foresee a local shortage of hair product in the weeks to come.

Read on to find out more about what's coming up at St Peter's and in and around the Benefice, plus news from all our talented

by Laura Palmer

regular columnists. There's a round up of our Easter Services,



the latest from TWOAT, an insight into the activities of the Walton branch of the Arts Society, plus we welcome Emmeline Moore as our Walton Village Forum contributor. Find out more about recent activities in the MU, and if you look after a pre-schooler, Little Cherubs on a Tuesday at St Peter's is the place to be.

Don't forget to share your copy of WoW or encourage your friends and neighbours to subscribe, there is so much in which you can get involved in Walton and there are contact details here in the magazine for many of the organisations. It doesn't matter whether you're into flower arranging or trail running through bluebell carpeted woodland (or indeed both), do reach out if there's anything through which you think you would like to meet like-minded people.

As always, if you have a story, a photo, an advertisement, an opinion, a review, pet, poem, prayer, recipe, charity event or anything else you'd like to share, I'm at colourmehappykitchen@icloud.com and I would love to hear from you.

Take care and enjoy the sunshine!

Laura.

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<u>R</u>ector's Letter

On May 6^{th} many of us will celebrate the first Coronation of our lifetime when Charles III is crowned as King. His mother was crowned on the 2^{nd} of June 1953 in Westminster Abbey. Charles will be the 40^{th} Sovereign to be crowned there. As I write this, people are wondering how many street parties there will be. Questions are being asked about the content of the service and the role of those from other faiths.

In 1953 this country could be described as quite a bit more Christian than it is today. Certainly a greater proportion of the population attended Church. Today less than 50% of the nation identify as Christian.

But the Coronation is steeped in a Christian understanding of the world and prioritises Christian vision and values. Our Monarchs (since Henry VIII) have had the title of Defender of the Faith, a gift from the Pope that Henry kept after breaking with Rome. King Charles has for a long time wanted to support 'faiths' more generally – so we will see how that is reflected in the service.

Charles has certainly been "Monarch in Waiting" for a very long time and continues to have a great work ethic when most of his peers are enjoying retirement. I wish him and the Queen Consort well and praying for him at our 8am Communion service week by week has been a good experience. My hope and desire is that he will be strengthened in 'The Faith' as his late mother was and supported by the prayers of the Church. The context for his Kingship is that of acknowledging Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

When Jesus is questioned by Pilate before his crucifixion, we read this dialogue in John's Gospel. "Pilate summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus answered: 'My kingdom is not from this world... the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth.

by Reverend Harry Latham



Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is at hand – the rule or reign of God being seen or manifested on earth and being within reach! Clearly this was the case when Jesus was walking round the Holy Land... but it still is the case as he means the Kingdom to be seen through us!

He also taught that Kingdom of God is within us, as his followers. A helpful understanding is the one that prays that Jesus should come and dwell in our hearts; because that is where we need him to be.

We are also to pray thy Kingdom Come. It is a radical prayer because it is a prayer for change, it is asking for Heaven to change earth. In the Roman Empire to say, "Jesus is Lord" was treasonous because you were meant to say, "Caesar is Lord." In the same way the Lord's Prayer was treasonous in that it was asking for another Kingdom to come and displace what already existed.

But our desire and our prayer is that life on earth would change to resemble the realities of Heaven more closely! A very great deal of what we see on earth is not His will, is not what God wants and is nothing like what happens in Heaven.

If we want to see God in action on earth, then we look to Jesus. And as we look we see the love and kindness of heaven, we see the honesty and integrity of heaven, we see the power to heal the sick, deliver the possessed and do the seemingly impossible.

It fits with His message and His teaching; it connects with the ache in our souls... we say "Yes" that is how it should be! So that is to be our prayer: for more of the realities of Heaven to be seen on earth – and we have a role to play in being part of the answer to that prayer!

Very best wishes, Harry.

OUR Prayer for Growth

Prayers

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 led by the Rector & PCC)

Mothers Union CORONATION PRAYER...

Almighty God, on this joyous occasion we, the members of Mothers' Union, offer our prayers for the reign of King Charles III. May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit guide him to govern with righteousness, that all may live in peace and harmony. We pray your blessing on the King, the Queen and the Royal Family as they share in the privilege and responsibilities of service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Find out more about Mothers and Uthers, the MU in Walton, on P28-30

A Prayer for KING CHARLES III

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Grant unto thy servant CHARLES, our King, the Spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that in his time thy Church may be in safety, and Christian devotion may continue in peace; that so persevering in good works unto the end, he may by thy mercy come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



Services at St Peter's Church (for full May-Jun details see p23)

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.



1st **Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service** (with craft activity)



2nd Sunday is a FAMILY COMMUNION Service (less traditional)



3rd Sunday is a FAMILY Service



4th Sunday is a PARISH COMMUNION Service (more traditional)



5th Sunday is a UNITED BENEFICE Service (at either St Peter's, St Mary's or St Andrew's)

Baptisms March 5th Brian, Phoebe and Bliss Buttery Funerals March 9th David Luke March 30th Val Cullen April 12th Roger Ponsford

From the Registers

Memorials March 21st Pam Budd

Prayer & Pastries

St Andrew's Box Hill

A short 20 min reflective space for prayer and quiet followed by tasty pastries, coffee and chat!

Fridays 9.15am

21 Apr - 26 May & 9 June - 7 July



Healing Prayer

at St Andrew's Box Hill A short time to come together and pray for God's healing for others Weds 24 May & 28 June 10-11am

Healing Communion at St Mary's Headley

A short communion service with the opportunity to receive prayer for healing and anointing with oil. All are welcome.





First Friday Coffee Morning

in The Octagon at St Mary's Headley



A chance to meet, chat and connect over coffee & cake on the Coronation weekend! 🔹

Friday 5 May 10.30am - 12pm and Friday 2 June



Pilgrim

Coffee, chat, bible study & prayer with Rev Harry Latham

Thursdays 8 - 9.30pm in St Peter's Walton on the Hill

Fridays 10.30am - 12pm in The Octagon, St Mary's Headley

More info and dates from Harry: rector@hilltopbenefice.org

Services Within Our Benefice at Headley & Box Hill

Please see Headley and Box Hill website for up to date services. www.headleyboxhillchurches.org.uk

Headley

7th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
14th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
21st May	10.30am	Parish Communion
28th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion
4th Jun	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
11th Jun	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion with St Andrew's
18th Jun	10.30am	Parish Communion
25th Jun	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	9.30am	Family Communion

Box Hill

<u>Box Hill</u>		
7th May	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
14th May	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
18th May	6.30am	Ascension Day Service at Box Hill Viewpoint
21st May	9.30am	Informal Communion
28th May	10.00am	Morning Prayer
4th Jun	9.30am	Contemporary Worship
11th Jun	9.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's
18th Jun	9.30am	Informal Communion
25th Jun	10am	Communion



\mathbf{W} Walton on the Hill Primary School

by Headteacher Tim Samuel



Summer Term Plans...

We are now two thirds of the way through the school year and SO much has taken place. In our recent INSET day the teachers spent time reflecting on things that have gone well this year and what we would like to develop. We looked back to some expectations we had developed in 2019 for children and the wider school community. The hiatus of the COVID lockdown and gradual return to normality has meant that some of these expectations have been lost and over the next term we will be revisiting these with the children and whole school community through our 'Tweaks for the Week', which will focus on basic manners and universal approaches to handling situations.

As a school we have 6 core values which we encourage the children to develop through

their learning and interactions with others. The children are aware of these but we feel it is important to communicate these to all members of the school and wider community.

Collaboration: The staff team at Walton on the Hill Primary School are quite simply amazing! Working together and collaborating is seen every day in school and we are lucky to enjoy excellent working relationships with parents and carers. It is a team effort to ensure children get the best from school and we will be revisiting the key roles of the school in balance with those that should be undertaken by other stakeholders to maintain focus on our core purpose. It is time for the school and society to recalibrate and specific responsibilities to be realigned to other agencies to allow us as a school more time and space for education.

Collaboration...Resilience...Respect...Compassion...Creativity...Curiosity

Resilience: We want children to share and show their feelings, not be so resilient that they bottle things up to their detriment! The development of resilience in school is about taking on learning challenges, interacting with a wide range of people in school and developing independence. Through the next term we will be considering this alongside the important work we are doing around children's mental health. In the last term I have been hugely humbled by the way in which members of our school community have overcome significant challenges while remaining focused on their school or parental roles. I have been lucky to be well supported and cared for by members of our school community through tough times and it reminds me that we must all consider how our actions may have an impact on others. Behind the scenes there is often much more going on than it appears.

Respect: Our school community recognises and celebrates achievements and diversity across the school. The past term has seen such a rich and wonderful range of activities. sporting events and learning opportunities within our school that really reflect our commitment to a Global School Vision. We have talked with the children and staff about how we act as a role model in every interaction we have. We will be working with the children and whole school community to ensure everyone is treating one another respectfully at all times. Of course it is right to challenge each other but it must be done in a respectful and helpful way. The Governors and Leadership in the school are very keen to ensure we have this as a focus for interactions across all elements of our school.

Compassion: I was heartened to witness the most amazing act of compassion in our school. Recently a child in the school had made a bad choice which had impacted on a member of this class *(not in a serious way more of an inconvenience)*. The child who had made the mistake was clearly upset about their loss of control and the other child comforted them, giving them really thoughtful advice about making better choices. This level of compassion is something we can all learn from! I do not think that anyone goes through life without making mistakes, I certainly make plenty! As shared, our amazing staff team work incredibly hard to go 'Above and Beyond' the Walton Way to support children, their families and each other. We need to reflect with compassion on anything that might not be exactly as we would like it to be.

Creativity – Our school is filled with music, dance, drama, poetry, creative writing and so much more taking place in all year groups. We want to encourage all children to step as far out of their comfort zone as they feel able, to try new things and demonstrate their creativity in as many ways as they can. This term we are hoping to open up a range of opportunities that will broaden the children's experience in school and hopefully allow them to develop their creative interests.

Curiosity - Straight after our Easter break we held our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week with a range of amazing learning opportunities for the children. STEM week utilises all of the values we focus on in school...and more! Allowing children to be curious, ask questions without fear of being judged and to open their minds to challenge is so important. It is always so lovely to hear children Agree, Build or Challenge in their classrooms and let their curiosity run wild as they explore the wonderful diversity of our world through their learning.

<u>a</u> Insight

Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE, our 96-year-old lay minister at St Peter's, shares his thoughts and experiences

One Way Street

My previous article concluded with these words:

control of our lives, You and I decide if more focussed on personal interests and God is to come to us! Ignore God and you activities. Fifty years ago people were spending will be left alone!

I finished with my usual invitation for readers to respond by letter or email or have a word with me when we meet in Church or elsewhere. I did not receive a single response! This lack of engagement goes much further.

Forty-five years ago, in Epsom, I was starting to lay the foundations of a new charity to work with, and support, 'learning disabled people'. I started to build up a team of volunteers. In three months, I had twenty women and men keen to give us a couple of evenings a week. Indeed a few were ready to devote ten or more hours a week to further our work.

Recently, at The Sunnybank Trust AGM, in Epsom, we learnt that today by far the largest expense is that of staff salaries. The reason is provide real community for all who will respond.

by Tom Rhind-Tutt MBE



that today we cannot find people who are willing to serve as

volunteers and help in our activities so now we have to employ suitable people.

Society has really changed in the past fifty years for there has been a huge surge of interest in 'The simple reality is this. You and I are in technology and travel, while attitudes are much much more time in their local community and there were the local newspapers and many flourishing local organisations. Today the 'local newspaper' is almost non-existent so it is not easy to keep in touch with local happenings *(offline—Ed),* This is where *Window on* Walton provides a really valuable service to our local community. A big thank you is due to Laura Palmer (ah, thanks Tom-Ed) and all those who contribute to this worthy publication.

> My experience is that beyond 'Window on *Walton'* there is often a deep silence. Not quite like outer space for in our Village there are some really inspiring activities and I honour and greatly respect those who really benefit our community. Just look through the pages of this edition and you will find those who are today working hard to

Tom @ 45

On the 13th May 1978 Tom Rhind-Tutt was licensed by David the Bishop of Guildford to be a Lay Minister in the Church of England. We now celebrate forty five years of faithful ministry in five local Churches.

The members of St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill, along with local residents, are invited by Tom to share in this happy anniversary on Sunday 14th May 2023

11.00am Family Communion Service in St Peter's Church including an Interview with Tom

12.15pm: Buffet Luncheon at Walton Heath Manor, Hurst Drive

Lunch Admission by Ticket only as space in Tom's home is limited. Free Tickets are available after Sunday Services from Sunday 16th April.

More information from Tom Rhind-Tutt tom@rhindtutt.com

The recent closure of *Christchurch URC Church* is am inviting members of St Peter's to join me at but the latest example of the way in which our the 11 am Morning Service and afterwards to Society is changing. The Coronation of King come to my home, 'Walton Heath Manor' for a Charles will provoke a National Debate about the buffet lunch. This event marks the forty fifth value of religion within our National life, I expect anniversary when I became a Lay Minister in the for to significant arguments see Disestablishment of the Church of England on opportunity for us all to be together, for at the the grounds that so few people attend or believe heart of all we do is that sense of being together in a Christian God. The reality from my position, as a family. We are limited for numbers so please as a very old person, is that unless the citizens of obtain your lunch ticket in the church porch after our land invest more of their time in the Church a Sunday Service. and follow its teachings the Christian Church will inevitably become a minority activity available in just a few places.

may be the prompt you need to take what the society. Christian Faith is all about far more seriously. The time to let others provide the support and interest has passed.

the Church of England. My aim is to provide an

Next time I will discuss how we might respond to the challenges of complacency and indifference across Society. This will probably include If what I say surprises, or even shocks, you this wondering what place the Bible has in today's

Your Invitation – if you would like to talk about what Tom has described iust email 'tom@rhindtutt.com' and he will aladlv As a contribution to this debate, on the 14th May I respond or you could speak with Tom in church.



PRAYER GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10am-11.30am

Do you REALLY know how to pray? Would you like to?

This is your invitation to come to Walton Heath Manor – where I live – so I can share my experience of prayer.

I promise you really interesting and helpful times as together we share experiences and pray.

Prayer is amazing for those who give some time and attention to listening and talking to God.

I have 'prayed' regularly since I was about age 12. I do not claim to be an 'expert' but I do know how to receive guidance and help from God.

I invite you to come and hear of the discoveries and support that comes when we give time to the most important person in the world.

Join us at Walton Heath Manor, (Room One), Hurst Drive, Walton on the Hill, KT20 70T.

Please contact Tom at tom@rhindtutt.com 01737 811730

TWOAT: Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust by Mike Fox

We had some concerning news at our February TWOAT Committee Meeting when our Treasurer reported that TWOAT promises of donations to the projects we support are approaching £30,000 for this year. That means that we need to raise on average £600 per week to be able to fund them. We also had a plea from The Little Sapphires Mothers' Union School in Madagascar for an additional £1600 of funding. This reflects both the cost of living increases, which are impacting the whole world and not just the UK, and that their government has decreed that the minimum wage for a teacher should be £50 per month whilst the school currently only pays and has budgeted for £30 per month.

On a more positive note we have been told that the Epilepsy Clinic which we helped to establish and now fund at Berega Hospital in Tanzania, organised visits to a number of more remote villages in their catchment area. These visits resulted in 28 new patients being diagnosed as suffering from Epilepsy. These patients can now be treated with relatively low cost drugs which should remove or ameliorate their symptoms. potentially transforming their lives.

Unfortunately our hopes of organising a St George's Night Singalong on April 22nd had to be postponed until another year as we could not world. The relatively flat routes from 4 to 6 miles in length have stunning views of The North Downs, bluebell woods, a deer park, ancient churches and manor houses. If you are fit and able, please consider taking part yourself, also please tell as many friends as possible about the walks or ask them to sponsor you by donating through www.TWOAT.org or direct to our Treasurer (see below).

Our target is to raise over £2500 for the children we support in The Gambia, Ukraine, Nepal, Madagascar, Myanmar and many other parts of Africa. Please contact Dick Shelley on 01737 817930 or email <u>dickshelley@ntlworld.com</u> for further details and registration. If you are able to sponsor the walk in general and Dick in particular you can also use our online CAF Donate site (details at the end of this article).

The main project that we support with money raised by these walks is St John's School in The Gambia as this was one of John Allinson's favourites. This is the only school in the country that specifically caters for deaf children. I have recently been corresponding with the Head Teacher, Daniel Mendy, as we have the possibility of acquiring a number of solar powered hearing aids for use by the children.

We are staging our two annual "John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walks" during the mornings of Saturday 13th May and Friday 19th May, exploring Betchworth from the

get together enough members

for our planned choir.

ancient Red Lion where we can start and subsequently end for lunch!

This will be the 20th year of walks inspired by John Allinson to raise money especially for the education of poor children in our



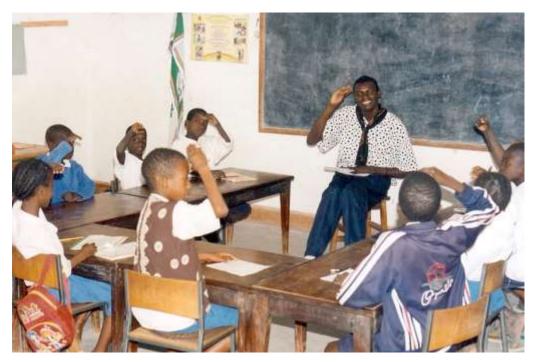
Daniel has told me that none of the children The beautiful garden at Shieling in The Warren, currently have any hearing aids and most of them Kingswood, KT20 6PQ is being generously are so deaf that they would require aids with a opened in aid of TWOAT from 2 - 5pm on June powerful gain. The fact that they are solar 25th and we will be selling teas in the garden at powered is ideal as specialised hearing aid 41 Shelvers Way on July 30th when it is opened batteries are not available in the areas where for NGS. In both cases admission is £5. most of the children live.

The aids will cost between £30 and £40 each address depending on how many we purchase. Ideally, Treasurer Antony Hawker is: The Holt, Alcocks we would like to send 100 as there is a possibility Lane, KT20 6BB and our NatWest account details of joint funding with one of Surrey's Rotary Clubs for transfers are: Epsom Branch; Account No. and we hope to allocate £1500 from the money 42988667, Sort Code 60-08-01. Our online raised by the walk for this purpose.

TWOAT will have its usual Bottle Stall at the https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22337 or via our Walton May Fayre on Saturday May 20th. If you web site www.TWOAT.org. are able to donate bottles for us, anything from bath salts to brandy, you can drop them off at Nethercott's Opticians in Station Approach Tadworth or phone me on 01737 350452 and I will arrange to collect them. You can also bring them to our stall at the Fayre but, ideally, we like to stick raffle tickets on them in advance.

If you are able to support us at this time, the for sendina cheaues to our donation facility can be found at

Finally I should note that leaving bequests to charities in your Will can create a big reduction in Inheritance Tax for the remaining taxable part of vour estate. For a more detailed explanation visit the donate section of the TWOAT website.



Children learn sign language at St John's School in The Gambia

Wellbeing: Spring

Spring: the taste of genuine joy and hope.

In the last edition I wrote about the gift of winter and the idea of making space for seasons of fallowness, grieving and retreat. Spring is a season that is often connected with more hopeful, joyful feelings and events and I think the idea of making space is one that applies to these too. Spring was very slow in coming this year and I felt rather desperate for its arrival. I would look eagerly for small signs it was on its way. Joy is something that can feel quite elusive at times too and I find myself wondering why?

Brene Brown offers one possible explanation in her book 'Daring Greatly.' She says '*we are desperate for more joy but at the same time we can't tolerate vulnerability.*' She goes on to suggest that '*there is an uncomfortable quality of vulnerability that accompanies joyful moments ... we are afraid the feelings of joy won't last, or there won't be enough, or that the transition to disappointment will be too difficult.'* She also suggests that '*we struggle with the worthiness issue; do we deserve joy given our inadequacies and imperfections?*'

Another reason we can find it hard to open ourselves up to hope and joy is because we have been fed a type of toxic positivity that leaves us distrustful positive emotions. of these Toxic positivity is invalidating of genuine struggles and the important role of emotions like sadness. It says things like 'smile - crying won't help' or 'just think positive'. It is a bit like saving 'pretend it's sunny even if you're cold and wet from the rain and battered and bruised by the storms.' Genuine optimism has a very different flavour and makes joy and hope far more palatable. It nourishes rather than depletes by being real about life.

Life can be far more challenging than we hoped; the disappointments we experience are real. Sometimes we are disappointed by events or by others and sometimes with ourselves. Spring is a welcome relief after winter but finding joy after or alongside disappointment is hard and an art not a science. Finding healing and hope that helps us to get up and out and offer ourselves (with all our unpredictabilities) to life (with all its unpredictability) afresh after it has hurt or disappointed us can be challenging. In the same way that making space to pour out words of lament and cries of anguish is important so too is making space to speak out words of gratitude and taking time to notice and savour small or big things or moments that bring joy, pleasure, wonder and delight. Berating ourselves for finding it hard is not helpful, but gently encouraging ourselves to '*soften into joy*' can be very healing.

I find these words from the writer and poet Gideon Heugh to be an honest expression of the reality of life's joys and disappointments and the challenge of embracing life which really does contain both.

toxic positivity	Genuine optimism
being negative won't help you	it's important to let it out. Is there anything I can do to make this easier for you?
good vibes only	i love you through all your emotion al states
you'll get over it	you are so resiliant, and your strength will get you through it
other people have it a lot worse	you are not alone, and there is support to help you
smile, crying won't help	it's okay to cry, we all do. can i get you a tissue or a hug?
Just stay positive	things are tough right now. do you wanna talk about it, or do something lighthearted?

"Dreams really do come true... except when Toxic positivity doesn't help anyone. But they don't. You can achieve anything you set neither does cynicism. To be human is to your mind to ... except when you can't. know the bitter and the beautiful; to accept Miracles happen all the time... and so do that they both belong. Mourning can turn into tragedies.

Some things will turn out better than This doesn't make us love life any less, but expected. Some things will turn out worse, love it all the more, It is precious because at There will be joy, pleasure, wonder and any moment it could break. So we embrace it; delight. And there will be grief, agony, anxiety because of the miracles, and because of the and despair. There will be moments that take tragedies." your breath away, and there will be moments when it feels as though you can't breathe.

Chinthurst School Report

Excellent in All Areas

findings of the Independent School Inspectorate by the inspectors in the report. They reported who visited the school in February. During their that Chinthurst children were highly confident three-day visit, a team of three inspectors communicators with exemplary attitudes to observed multiple lessons, thoroughly checked learning. They found the school's pastoral care our systems, and spoke to different groups of to be exceptionally strong and the relationships staff and children. Following this rigorously between pupils and teachers excellent. In fact, review, they judged Chinthurst to be 'Excellent in they were absolutely delighted by the children's All Areas' which is the highest category they can kindness, maturity award to a school. This is a wonderful outcome described the children as stunning. Isn't that and a lovely accolade for the whole Chinthurst wonderful?! community to receive.

dancing. Dancing can turn into mourning.

by Susan Trantor

Chinthurst is delighted to be able to share the We are extremely proud of the comments made and happiness! They



Local Focus: The Arts Society

The Arts Society was founded in 1968 as NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts, and renamed in 2017. The Society encourages arts education and heritage preservation through a network of local societies within the UK.

In Walton on the Hill, we are proud to have a thriving and friendly Arts Society, which meets on the third Thursday of each month (except August) for tea and coffee followed by a lecture given by an accredited expert in their field on an arts-related topic.

At each meeting, there is also the opportunity to catch up with friends, check out the trips, outings, future lectures, special interest days, and other social events also on offer, all arranged committee capably by а of volunteers from within the society. Volunteers serve tea and coffee, arrange flowers, manage the car park, set up technical equipment and welcome the speaker, members and quests. Others manage the website, newsletter, minutes and membership. All help is gratefully received. Afterwards, the flowers are given to members who are unwell or to Walton Heath Manor.

In 2022, Mark Hill gave a lecture on 20th Century Glass, Joanna Banham a lecture on The Roaring 20's, and more recently Brian Stater elaborated on Photography as Fine Art. Coming up in the next few months: May 18th Gavin Plumley will lecture on Bruegel, the Seasons and the World and June 15th Bertie Pearce on The Art of Visual Deception.

Twice a year a lunch follows the lecture. In December, for the last three years, members have attended Matthew Bourne's ballet productions at Sadler's Wells, preceded by dinner in a restaurant. Last summer, there was a superb outing to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight on a beautifully sunny day. In the Autumn, members visited Bletchley Park, and in March 2023, Mottisfont and Romsey Abbey.

An annual tour is offered, alternating between UK and overseas destinations. Last year, members went to Harrogate, visiting houses

The Arts Society was founded in 1968 as and gardens in the local area. This year's trip NADFAS, the National Association of is to Normandy and will visit Monet's Garden, Decorative and Fine Arts, and renamed in various chateaux and Honfleur.

Special Interest Days enrich the programme: Daniel Snowman expanded on the history of Covent Garden Piazza. Marc Allum discussed the Psychology of Collecting; members brought objects to be assessed and valued. Tom Duncan unfolded the English Landscape Garden and picturesque.

In January 2022, members logged in at home to a virtual tour of Chatsworth, Blenheim and Althorp given by Viv Haxby, and this January visited online to examine Tourism, the British in Rome, with Stuart Harvey. See website for further details.

The Society has a dedicated fund of £500 per annum for promotion of the arts and creative development of young people, which can be applied for. For details ring me on 01737 819458. In 2020, the funds went to Eagle House School for musical instruments and, in 2022, to Kingswood Primary for building blocks for their Reception and Year 1 classes.

We have a dedicated group of Heritage Volunteers, who, in conjunction with the Arts Society East Surrey Area, have created period costumes at Polesden Lacey. These costumes are worn by stewards for special events at the house. A beautiful recreation of Mrs Greville's dress that took 2,000 hours to make is on the website. In 2018, the Arts Society Walton on the Hill celebrated its 50th anniversary by staging an Art Exhibition in the Riddell Hall showcasing work of its members: including costumes, paintings, ceramics and crafts.

For more information about the Society, please contact Mike Roshier, the Membership Secretary on 01372 813196. Guests may attend 3 lectures a year at a cost of £5 per lecture (except April AGM). Those wishing to join the Society may also take part in other events if tickets are available. We look forward to meeting you.

Susan Adilz is the Young Arts Representative for Arts Volunteering, The Arts Society, Walton on the Hill .



The Arts Society Walton on the Hill meets

Riddell Hall, Deans Lane, Walton on the Hill, KT20 7UL Third Thursday each month



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Kingswood Primary School Reception & Year 1 pupils play with large and small construction blocks sponsored by the Arts Society Walton on the Hill, Young Arts Grant.

by Laura Palmer

Easter Services Roundup

"Don't the trees look like crowns of thorns?" said a small voice next to me as we walked to Mere Pond on the morning of Good Friday. And so they did, as the sun shone down on a waterside congregation of thirty or so people for a beautiful start to the St Peter's Good Friday service, led by Harry and Christopher. After hymns and readings we proceeded quietly and reflectively to St Peter's for the second part of the service, which finished with hot drinks and hot cross buns, of course.



Saturday was all about making sure that St Once again, many thanks to everyone Peter's, having been flowerless for Lent, was involved in helping to make Holy Week and ready to celebrate on Easter Day, and we Easter such a thought-provoking and joyous thank everyone involved, especially Pat Justice time in St Peter's and around the Benefice.

for her beautiful pedestal, Penelope Dring for all her work coordinating the flower rota and the Easter Lilies, Barbara for her beautiful porch display and Sylvia for the arrangement on the font. What an incredible place to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and conclude a packed Holy Week in the Benefice.

Leah led a wonderful Easter Communion





Service attended by over а hundred worshippers and the choir, led by the talented Esther Jones, sounded beautiful. The happy fact that lots of younger children were at the Easter Service this year meant that the annual St Peter's Easter Egg Hunt wasn't too taxing, but lots of fun nonetheless. Thank you to Barnes for hiding eggs in plain sight and not too far from the church! There were some very happy and chocolatey faces leaving the church in the sunshine to enjoy the rest of their Easter Weekend.





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May			
	Time	Service/Event	Place
Sun 7th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Coronation Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 14th	8.00am 11am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
	6pm	Explore & Connect (followed by E&C Youth)	St Mary's, Headley
Thu 18th	6.30am	Ascension Day Service	Box Hill Viewpoint
Sun 21st	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Pageant Family Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 28th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Pentecost Parish Communion	St Peter's Church St Mary's, Headley
	6pm	Explore & Connect (followed by E&C Youth)	Headley
June			
Sun 4th	8.00am 11am	Holy Communion (1662) All Age Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 11th	8.00am 11 am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
	6pm	Explore & Connect (followed by E&C Youth)	Headley
Sun 18th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Family Service	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
Sun 25th	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion	St Peter's Church St Peter's Church
	6pm	Explore & Connect (followed by E&C Youth)	Headley



Don't forget, we have the Friends of St And in the Autumn we are Peter's Annual Update with live music on looking forward already to Friday 12th May.

Come and be entertained by this award winning Quartet.

We look forward to a relaxing evening, with light refreshments, and a brief résumé of Friends' contribution to the churchyard and fabric of St. Peter's.

Tickets £10.00.



The following weekend please do come and find us at our bottle tombola stall at the Walton on the Hill May Pageant - we'll be in our usual spot with a fantastic array of prizes to be won! We welcome donations of bottles too, please drop any off at the St Peter's church office during opening times or leave them in the porch.

our annual wine tasting event...



FRIDAY, 17th NOVEMBER

WINE TASTING

LORD RIDDELL MEMORIAL HALL

A fun village evening and a chance to support Friends of St Peter's. Details to follow.



For further information regarding Friends of St. Peter's tickets, please contact

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New Friends of St Peter's are always welcome—to find out more or sign up please go to https://www.stpeterswoth.org/friends-of-st-peters/

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For more info contact Karen Rand: karenrand@gmail.com

The Hilltop Community Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays 8-9pm in The Octagon and St Mary's Headley

Summer term: April 26 - July 5

Do you love singing?

Whether you've not sung for years, have only ever sung in the shower, or are an experienced singer, all are warmly welcome. Come and join our friendly community choir! (No audition).

Info/bookings Leah Bates: leah@hilltopbenefice.org

Local Focus: Little Cherubs

by Karen Rand

What a great Spring term we had at Little Cherubs! From snack time to circle time and all the fun, dancing, crafts and friendship in between. We even made cress sheep!

If you look after a pre-schooler on a Tuesday morning do come and join the fun—details are in the advertisement opposite.







ST PETER'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Does your child love to sing?

St Peter's is always looking for new talent for its Junior Choir.

Please contact Jenny on 07733107672 or tuttle.jenny@gmail.com if your child would like to join in.







March 2023

The March meeting of Mothers and Uthers was a gentle Lenten Reflection led by Margaret Marsh, a former Rector at St Peter's. The turnout was strong with new members and those who remembered Margaret well, Musical extracts, and Horatius Bonar's words to a hymn, were used to encourage us to stop, rest and be joyful; to observe how our relationship with water can reveal how we can be in touch with God; and how faith can lift us from so much of the darkness around us. While souls were enriched by these reflections, body was not forgotten. There was, as always, a generous supply of good things to eat, for those who had not given up cake for six weeks.

April 2023

On a sunny afternoon in early April sixty, yes sixty, children with parents and grandparents gathered in the Breech Lane school playing field for craft, buns and an Easter egg hunt. This was the second Easter fun time organised by Mothers and Uthers and it looks like becoming an annual event. Many thanks to Walton Primary School for the use of the field and to those who donated to MU charities. A great time was had by all.

Our next meetings are on 9th May, when our topic is Women of the Bible, and 13th June, topic to be confirmed.

For more details about MU please contact Karen Rand.

Prison Visiting Update: Making Connections by Lucasta

Through a contact in the Mothers Union I discovered a mentoring project in women's prisons called Making Connections. This project provides support for women in the last six months of their sentence, helping them plan for a positive future with a new life

away from the prison system. The project is run and funded by a Christian charity called The Nazareth Way and they provide training and support for volunteer mentors. The scheme provides a mixture of emotional and practical support to give these women the best possible chances when they leave. It has been running at Send prison near Guildford for some time and is currently being established at Downview in Banstead.

I am shadowing other mentors and doing some training whilst going through a rigorous vetting process. I have also been part of a training session run for the prisoners called Sycamore Tree. This is a course where the prisoners learn about the impact of their crimes on their victims and consider restorative justice. Many of these women are incredibly vulnerable and have heartbreakingly sad life stories. It was very moving to see them acknowledging the impact of their behaviour and committing to a different future. These courses are run by The Prison Fellowship which is another Christian charity. It is wonderful to see the church plaving such an active role in working with prisoners and they are always looking for volunteers to assist in a range of ways.

On 25th May the prison chaplain of HMP Send, Revd Tracy Sickel will be speaking at the MU bi-annual Members' meeting. If you are interested in going please contact karenrand@gmail.com

Cakes and Conversation

At our March C&C Anne Edwards gave a short talk about her work on the fabric of the church entitled *'From Sarcophagus to Sewage'*; 20 people came and were treated to a very entertaining as well as informative talk. Thank you Anne!



CAKES & CONVERSATION A get together for the senior members of our village

community

Please join us in the morning on the last Wednesday of the month for chats, coffee, tea, cakes and sometimes more.

Everyone is very welcome. When: From 10.30 to 12.00 pm. Wednesday

May 31st, Wednesday April 26th

Where: St Peter's Church, Breech Lane.

Hosted by: Mothers and Uthers – the Walton on

the Hill branch of Mothers' Union.



Mothers & Uthers

OUR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK NEEDS YOU...

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Items urgently needed are:

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Any donations left in the church porch food bins will be collected by Norma who is happy to deliver to Merland Rise church.

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name.

Amen



Mothers and Uthers contd...

by Karen Rand

MU Lady Day Service – March 2023

Jean, Ros and I drove to Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 25th March to take part in the annual Mothers' Union Lady Day service which was thoroughly enjoyed. It was delightful to see so many of the Branch Banners taking part in the procession up the central aisle. (Sadly our own WOTH banner is in need of repair so if anyone has good sewing skills and would like to attempt to repair the banner it would be greatly appreciated.

We heard three testimonies from representatives of the prisoners, the refuge and the parenting course and it was heartwarming to hear what a difference the support and commitment of MU members had made in the lives of others.

One comment I remember was "*It has been a lifeline"*. We all enjoyed singing some well know hymns: *Lord the light of your love is shining, Tell out, my soul, I, The Lord of sea and sky, and Love divine,* finishing up with coffee and biscuits after the service and talking to old friends.

A further highlight was to see the Knife Angel which is doing the rounds of cathedrals at the moment and it just happened to be at Guildford until the end of March. This Angel is made up of 100,000 blades removed from UK streets and stands over 20 feet tall.



Easter Lilies and Flowers at St Peter's

Many thanks to all those who dedicated a remembrance lily at Easter in St. Peter's.

The lilies looked absolutely beautiful and over £100 was raised for St Peter's. Thanks also go to A & S Flower Studio in Lower Kingswood, who are always very helpful.

by Penelope Dring



Local Chef: Simple Celeriac Salad with Grapefruit

This is a really simple, easy salad that makes **Method**: a lovely lunch. Roasting the celeriac gives it a fantastic sweet flavour and a yielding softness when you bite into it. Grapefruit is unusual in a salad but adds a refreshing balance of tartness and sweetness with a hint of bitterness. Avocado provides a hit of richness and healthy fat, though if you are avoiding it for reasons of sustainability (I try to only buy it monthly rather than weekly now), some cucumber sliced prettily into half moons would go perfectly in this salad.

Zingy coriander and a soy-sesame twist to the dressing add an Eastern twist, and if you've never tried popping pumpkin seeds you are in for a treat; not only are they a delicious, crunchy source of protein but watching them jump happily in the pan is therapy in itself.

The recipe feeds two as a main and 4 as a starter or part of a buffet and is easy to double or even triple for more people.

Preheat the oven to 200C. Toss the celeriac in the flavourless oil and roast until soft and slightly caramelised.

Put the pumpkin seeds into a dry frying pan and heat gently until they start to pop. Take care not to burn them as they will become bitter. When most of them are popped and slightly browned, tip onto a plate to cool.

Arrange the salad leaves in a dish. Scatter over the sliced avocado or cucumber, the grapefruit, onion and coriander leaves.

Top with the celeriac wedges and scatter over the seeds.

Take the reserved grapefruit juice, add a splash of soy or tamari, the sesame oil and lemon juice and taste. Add more tamari or lemon to balance the acidity/saltiness.

Drizzle over the salad or serve alongside. Serve with crusty bread or as part of a mezze or upscale for a buffet table.

Ingredients:

250g celeriac, peeled and cut into thin wedges, no more than half a centimetre thick

1 tablespoon flavourless oil

1/4 teaspoon sea salt flakes

1 large avocado, sliced

1 large pink grapefruit, peeled and segmented, juice reserved

3 spring onions, sliced

handful of coriander, Α leaves picked

A bag of mixed salad leaves

A handful of pumpkin seeds

1 tablespoon sesame oil

Juice of half a lemon

Light soy sauce or tamari, to taste



Walton Village Forum Update by Emmeline Moore

As I'm writing this, the wind is howling and central focus was to express the rain is beating down, it's hard to think that how important it is that we will on on the little Spring is upon us. However, Mere Pond is as a community understand looking healthy and full, and Gun Corner has a beautiful display of daffodils, thanks to Jean Bve and her Walton in Bloom team.

Our whole committee came together at the end of March for our Annual General Meeting at Breech Lane Community Centre. We were extremely pleased with the number of people that attended and had a very delightful problem of having to find more chairs!

During our meeting we were pleased to announce that our bid for funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been successful and that we have been awarded £120,000 towards the cost of a new pavilion at Howard Close. Thanks goes to Edward Moore and Marilyn Ridgewell for their perseverance in this. Now that approximately three quarters of the funding has been obtained, discussions into the purpose of the building can begin, as well as more detailed cost estimations gathered. The aim is for the work to begin during 2024 with a completion target of end 2024/start 2025.

David Larner and the Greenspaces team were also successful in pushing forward with Mere Pond for desilt funding, their determination has proven successful and along with a requested 'No Dumping Fish' sign, Mere Pond will likely see some changes over the next few years.

On the subject of CIL funding, our local tennis court at Howard Close has also been granted funding for refurbishment. A thank you to all our local councillors who helped drive progress, working with the local authority towards the funding for our village.

Lucy O'Shea, Clerk of the Banstead Common Conservators (BCC), kindly visited us at our last meeting and gave an interesting update on the work of the BCC and her role, Lucy's



our local wildlife and biodiversity, in order to be able to conserve our ancient woodland and protected grasslands. Thank you Lucy, for taking the time to contribute at our meeting. The Walton Village Forum has donated f500 to the BCC: the valuable work their team and their volunteers carry out is vital.

One evening in April, a small group gathered at the Fox and Hounds to wave goodbye to Grant Webster, who will be a much missed friend. The occasion was held with mixed feelings; sadness at the loss of such a dedicated team member, yet appreciation of the adventure Grant and his wife, Anne, are about to embark on. On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish them all the best in their new home on the coast. Grant led the WVF team for five years, working auietlv behind the scenes, building relationships with councillors, local businesses and schools, all with one aim in mind, our village and its future. The Committee gifted Grant a framed photograph by Andrew Wilson of Mere Pond along with a case of his favourite wine. Thank you for all your hard work Grant, it is, and always will be, much appreciated.

If you or anyone you know is interested in making a difference to our village and joining our team as chair or secretary then please get in contact, your interest will be received aenerously.

Follow and support US on Facebook. Instagram or Twitter or feel free to reach out on www.waltonvillageforum.org



_____Walton in Bloom

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter weekend, I haven't looked back. With think we were so lucky with the weather and encouragement we continue to make a mark on personally I got a lot of gardening done.

A few shrubs have been burnt by heavy frosts Grant, best wishes to you and your wife in your this year but looking carefully near the base, a new home by the coast. few new green leaves are beginning to sprout. Never give up on any plants that look to have suffered from severe frosts.

The daffodils and tulips planted in the village have been looking wonderful, remember to deadhead faded flower heads by snipping them off to encourage their energy back into the bulb.

Get on top of weeding now and dig out carefully perennial weeds but do leave dandelion flowers for a short while longer as this is a good source of Spring food for bees.

I am pleased to announce our hanging baskets this year will be red, white and blue to celebrate the King's Coronation and we will be hanging bunting around Gun Corner again.

Finally a big thank you and goodbye to Grant Webster who invited WIB to join WVF and we

by Jean Bye

support and the village for everyone to enjoy.

From the volunteers and myself.

Jean Bye





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A Note from Norma...

I will start with a correction on my article in Hope to see you at some of the the last WOW. I said that the Food Bank was events. Take care, started in the UK by Carol and Paddy Henderson in 2021, it was in fact 2000. Sorry about that.

I have included 2 photos that I took recently. 4 years ago Walton Open Group had a meeting where Sue Edwards planted a lasagna of bulbs. As usual her talk and demonstration was very interesting. I, luckily, won the pot that was raffled and it looked lovely when the plants bloomed in the first spring. Bill has managed to keep it going (he's not sure what the secret is!)

The other photo is of the start of the breakfast queue in our garden. We also have 2 dunnocks and 2 blackbirds coming every day. Very time consuming watching them trying to get in before the jackdaws and pigeons!

It's a busy time coming up with The Coronation weekend, musical evening at St Peter's, 2 Village Kitchens, May Pageant, and Open Gardens in June. I also have family coming from Canada and Australia, it will be great to see them. Makes me tired thinking about it all!



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.

Mo's News...

OPEN GROUP

We are very grateful to Pat Williams for hosting the March meeting at 'White Lodge'. The glorious log fire was a welcome sight, given that a thunderstorm was raging as folk arrived! It was a cosy evening with cheese and wine, a little poetry reading and an impressive recitation of Lewis Carroll's 'Jabberwocky', by Marilyn Reid!

by Mo Atkins



April's meeting was a fascinating, if somewhat chilly, `Walk Through

Colour', around Sue Edwards' pretty spring garden, at The Firs. As we strolled, Sue explained the thinking and planning behind the planting, in terms of colour and structure. The stunning pink camellia was complemented by a tub of toning pink tulips. Stems and flowers of blue muscari blended with tall rustic bells in a pot

to charming effect. Sue pointed out pleasing little touches, such as the 'pheasant' eye of a narcissus toning with a nearby orangey-vellow bloom. A profusion of primroses reminded us that Spring is This year, the 'Six Soup Saturdays' during Lent here, in spite of the wind and unseasonal temperature.

It was reassuring to see that, even in Sue's garden, the odd wrong colour tulip pops up, uninvited and where it's not wanted!

welcome, after our leisurely meander, and Sue raffle tickets and homemade marmalade (thanks was thanked with a bunch of red tulips!

OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY, 16th MAY, 7.30 pm

St. PETER'S CHURCH

'THE SALVATION ARMY' it's background and work, by Major Gordon Cotterill.

Refreshments will be served. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

Donations will be invited towards the work

STRAWBERRIES at REDHOLM

TUESDAY, 20th JUNE

Details to follow in the newsletter.

MAY PAGEANT

SATURDAY, 20th MAY, from 2.00 pm

HOWARD CLOSE FIELD

Open Group members will be serving homemade cakes at the May Pageant, beside the FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S 'POSH BOTTLE STALL', in the corner by the children's playground.

Do come and find us!

Offers of cakes will be welcomed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

VILLAGE KITCHEN

were held, for the first time, in the Riddell Hall. Huge thanks are due to all those who made it happen, and the list is long: the hall had to be set up and cleared away; shopping done; soups made and raffle prizes donated. Then there were kitchen duties ... food preparation, serving and Refreshments and a warmup indoors were very washing up: the greeting of visitors; selling of to Mary Heath and Debbie Murray!) not to mention general organising (especially the great co-ordination by Norma!) and the provision of lifts by drivers.

> None of this would have happened without a willing team of volunteers, so THANK YOU to each and every one. This year's team was smaller than usual but it was great to welcome efficient new helpers! A big thank you also, to Alison Love and the Riddell Hall committee for accommodating us so helpfully.

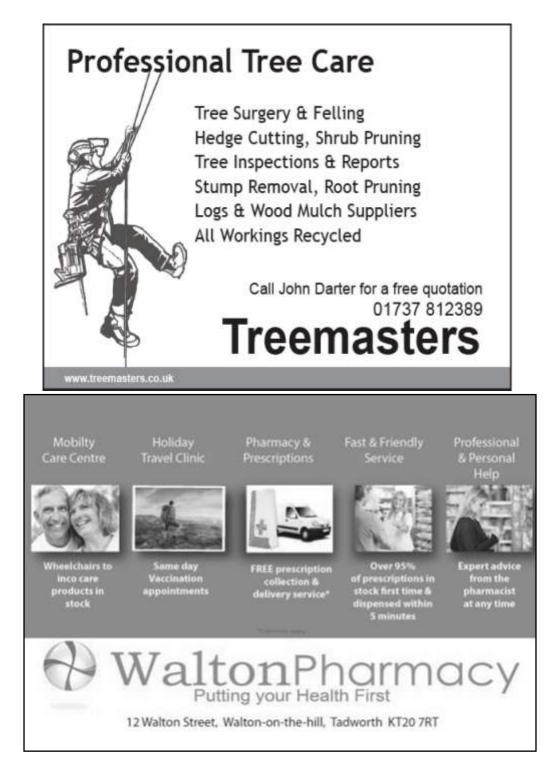
> Finally, of course, and very importantly, a big THANK YOU to all who came and supported the lunches each week and enjoyed food and camaraderie, in a warm and welcoming environment.

> After expenses and a donation to the Riddell Hall committee, towards heating and electricity, we expect to have raised £1500 for the Open Group Salvation Army project.

> The monthly VILLAGE KITCHEN will recommence, also in the RIDDELL HALL, on SATURDAY, 13th MAY, 12.00 - 1.30 pm and thereafter on second Saturdays, so on SATURDAY, 10th JUNE.

> Please put the dates in your diaries and let us know if you would like to be involved. Lots of opportunities, for example, helping, driving or baking!

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



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

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

How can we help?

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

We Want to Help.





Walton on the Hill has celebrated May with a Pageant since its revival in 1969. The modern pageantry follows ancient traditions and symbolises the departure of winter and the coming of spring.

The May Queen is escorted by her six girl attendants and the Spirit of May, the Chimney Sweep, who sweeps away the winter gloom, and Jack of the Green who carries the crown for his Lady. The new May Queen is crowned by the incumbent and will perform various duties throughout her reign.

The pageant is a fun family day out, come rain or shine, well supported by local residents and those of the surrounding areas of Tadworth, Kingswood and Epsom.

May Pageant Day & Fayre begins early in the morning when the local shopkeepers and residents on the procession route decorate their premises to the Procession Theme.

Judging of the Best Dressed Shop Display, Best Dressed Home, Best Display Along The Route and Best Dressed Pub will take place at 12 noon on Pageant Day, 20th May 2023, by the reigning May Queen, FLEUR WHITEHEAD, with two other judges.

As Youngs Brewery Dray is no longer able to attend, we have an excellent replacement with Billy O'Halloran's Tractor. Local schools and organisations involved in the procession assemble outside The Blue Ball and the colourful procession sets off for the Pageant Green at 2pm, led by the fancy dress ponies followed by the tractor carrying the May Queen and her attendants.

On arrival at the Pageant Green the TS Sturdy Band will lead the new May Queen into the

Walton on the Hill has celebrated May with a Arena for the Crowning Ceremony while the Pageant since its revival in 1969. The modern local press take photographs.

After the crowning the Arena Programme begins, comprising: Maypole Dancing by the 1st Walton on the Hill Brownie Pack, performances by Teri Jayne's School of Dance, Crystal Elite Cheerleaders, Huxley's Birds of Prey, Omni Terrier Racing, the Raffle Draw, and, finally, a Fun Dog Show.

Outside the Arena the Fayre is in full swing with Craft and Charity Stalls, refreshments (The Open Group Tea Tent, Beer, Pimms & Prosecco Tent, WATBHA's BBQ Tent, Ice Cream Vans & Donut Van), entertainment (Face Painting, Roundabout Rides, Bunjee Trampolines, Land Spheres, Western Town, Punch & Judy, Football Games), and, not forgetting, the portable loos!

This year the Walton on the Hill May Pageant Day closes with music by El Rocco DJ from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

All proceeds from Walton May Pageant will be donated to national and local charities.

A SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH AT 11.00 AM ON SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023 FEATURING THE MAY QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS

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