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## September 2024

#### Vicar's letter . . .



Dear Friends,

The meteorological season of Autumn begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>, although I am sure that we prefer the Astronomical calendar, which sees Summer extend until September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Autumn equinox. Either way, we begin to see the pattern of growth change, the days draw in and the sun lose its strength; it is the start of something new.

It is of course also the time when schools return and the school uniform is pressed and tidy, shoes are unscuffed and sports kit has not yet been left behind in the changing room. For some children it will be the first time they have spent a whole day away from home in a new environment.

The Bible is full of situations when the people of God encountered a new experience and travelled somewhere that they had not seen before. We also experience situations, sometimes it seems on a daily basis, which are outside our comfort zone, outside our control and of which we may be afraid.

The wonder of God, however, is that God is always present, always willing to listen to our cry for help and always willing to express love for us. We read in Psalm 139: "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there."

This is not to say that we will be kept from difficult circumstances, but that God promises to be with us in them. Joshua also knew this on his journey as Moses gave him the word of God: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

And for us, as the new term or season begins, we can know the presence of God with us at all times; we simply need to ask and be open to God's voice and presence leading and guiding. Are we prepared to 'let go' and 'let God'?

With love.

David

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## **September Diary**

for St John's Church, Wonersh

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Sun 1	10000	14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	10am	All-Age Worship followed by Family Fun Day in Vicarage garden [see p.5]			
Tues 3	9.30am	Morning Prayer			
	10.30am				
Thurs 5	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Sun 8		15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
	10am	Morning Worship [Kids Church resumes in Vicarage]			
Tues 10	9.30am	Morning Prayer			
Thurs 12	10.30am	Morning Worship			
Sun 15		16 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	10am	Holy Communion			
Tues 17	9.30am	Morning Prayer			
Thurs 19	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)			
Sun 22		17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	8am	Holy Communion (CW)			
	10am	Morning Worship			
Tues 24	9.30am	Morning Prayer			
Thurs 26	10.30am	Discovery Service - 'Hymns We Love'			
Sun 29		18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	10am	Holy Communion			
Octob	er				
Tues 1	9.30am	Morning Prayer			
Thurs 3	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Sun 6 19 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRI		19 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
	10am	All-Age Harvest Service, with Baptism			
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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)					



Thursday services take place in the church and are followed by coffee and a chat in the Selwyn Room.

Transport is provided for those needing it, and many say that this quiet and reflective service is the highlight of their week.

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#### **Connect Groups**

We want to encourage each other to grow in faith. Our small groups offer a place where we can learn and develop in an informal environment.

Groups of around 10-12 people meet on a regular basis (usually weekly) in local homes to study the Bible, pray, get to know each other and develop deeper friendships. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some during the day.

If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, then please contact **David Peters** (vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk / 07521 090179).

#### **Church Office**

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

Monday 9 am - 2 pm Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Friday 9 am - 2 pm

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email **office@wonershchurch.org.uk**.

#### **Copy Deadline for October 2024**

Please submit articles for the October issue by <u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</u>.

E-mail address for copy is **magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk**.

For advertising, please contact John Gosden (JohnGosden@aol.com or tel.502076).

#### **Children and Families Update**

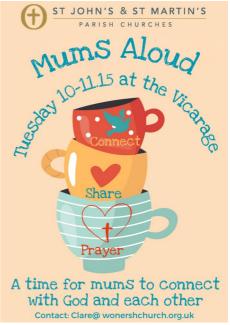
As I sit writing in the hot sunshine of mid-August, it's hard to believe that a new academic year is just around the corner. Whether your children are starting a new nursery, school or class within their current setting, things are changing - and change can feel big. How this manifests is different for each child; for some it will be the highs of excitement, while for others it may be trouble getting to sleep and that 'squiggly' tummy ache that they're perhaps too young to recognise as anxiety. At Sunday Kids Church we talk a lot about giving God our worries and how having Jesus as a friend means we don't need to feel afraid. Simple bedtime prayers in particular are a good chance for children to verbalise their thoughts – their 'thank yous', 'pleases' and 'sorries' - and hand them over before they sleep. 'Try praying' as the phrase goes, because so often this can really help.

At St. John's we're marking the new school year on 1st September. We begin with our All-Age Service, 10-11am, during which Rev'd David will be blessing the children. You are so welcome to come, even if you've never been before: these services are light, interactive and fun. From this we go into our Family Fun Day, 11.30am-3pm in the Vicarage garden, with our amazing balloon man, bouncy castle, face painting etc. and delicious bbq. Suggested voluntary donation of £5 per adult.

Term-time activities start back with Chatterbox on 5<sup>th</sup> September; Mums, Bumps and Babies on 9<sup>th</sup> September; and Mums Aloud support group on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you again!

Love and blessings, Clare x (clare@wonershchurch.org.uk)





#### **Baptism Mornings**

Our next Baptism service will be held in the All-Age service on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, and therefore the Baptism preparation mornings will be on **Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup> September**. These are happy occasions when we have breakfast together in the vicarage before exploring the meaning and purpose of baptism. A creche is provided for young children and the whole morning runs from 8.30-10am so the day is still your own!

If you are interested in having your child (or adult) baptised, do feel free to let me know and join us for those two mornings. And by the way, we are planning an openair baptism for adults in the River Wey – is that something for you?

David Peters (07521 090179)



### **News from our Village School**

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The Summer term was full of activity and lots of fun! There were themed days at school, trips and residentials - including Roman Day, Castle Day, a leavers service at Guildford Cathedral, Wintershall theatre experience, Ironbridge, Arundel Castle, Henley Fort and Christian Youth Enterprise. We were also very proud to achieve a Gold Award at Guildford in Bloom.

The children eagerly participated in a host of sports fixtures - netball against Tillingbourne, a tennis festival at Shalford Tennis Club, rounders at Broadwater, athletics festival at Longacre and an abundance of cricket - with excellent results across all ages. Congratulations to the school on becoming the Surrey County champions of hardball cricket and winner of the annual District Sports Competition.

#### **North Guildford Food Bank**

The summer months have been quieter at the Foodbank but, overall, the need has been increasing, significantly exceeding the previous two years. The reasons for referral have changed over the years, the highest number currently being due to Cost of Living, followed by



Low Income and Benefit Delay. Our main referrers are Guildford Borough Council, followed by Home School Link Workers and Citizens Advice Bureau. In the first half of the year we had 1031 referrals and helped 2670 adults and children.

On behalf of all our clients, we want to say a huge thank you for the support that you give to the North Guildford Food Bank. Without our loyal supporters and volunteers, we could not provide the support we do.

Our Harvest Service at St John's will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is such an important time in the Foodbank year when we can increase our stock in readiness for the busy winter months. We would be grateful for any of the usual tinned and non-perishable items, basic toiletries or cleaning liquids.

Meanwhile, our requests for **September** are:

Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Fish
Laundry Detergent
Shampoo/Conditioner
Washing-up Liquid

In addition, we always need strong carrier bags/bags for life.

Donated items can be left in the foyer of St John's church, or in the crate on Rosie Couzens' doorstep (10 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, GU4 8JY).

If you would rather make a financial donation, please refer to our website: **northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk** which lists the ways you can donate (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).

Many thanks as always to everyone who supports us in any way.

#### Heritage Open Event -St John the Baptist Church Saturday 14th September, 10am - 1pm



Once again, St John the Baptist Church may be visited as part of the annual <u>Heritage Open Days</u>. Thought to be Saxon in origin, the church was rebuilt soon after the Norman Conquest and, despite two significant restorations in 1793 and 1901, it still retains many of its Norman characteristics.

Members of the History Society will be on hand to point out many items of interest and to answer visitors' questions.

Leaflets describing the 45-minute self-guided walk around the village will also be available.

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#### **Jazz Picnic**

The rain cleared and the evening sun shone as we gathered outside St John's Church on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July for a welcome glass of prosecco at the start of a jazz concert and picnic in aid of Wonersh Church Green Trust. And what a concert it was! Arranged and conducted by Liz Hayley, the performers included some of Liz's students at the Royal Marines School of Music, as well as others of her students, including two outstanding young vocalists, both not yet out of their teens, Jeremy Aikins and Iris Skilbeck. The musicians had not all met before, let alone performed together, but they treated us to a fabulous evening of jazz music and song – a wonderful and joyous musical treat that we all greatly enjoyed.





The interval saw us all picnicking in the evening sun on the Green, making the most of this wonderful open space in the village, and looking forward to a stupendous second half of the concert, before wending our way home after a magical evening in aid of a key part of Wonersh's landscape. Our thanks go to Liz for the concert, and to David and Marion Peters for their hospitality, without which the evening would not have taken place.

We are delighted to report that we raised approximately £800 for Church Green Trust, and convey sincere thanks to everyone who came, for their enthusiastic support of this fantastic evening.

Wonersh Church Green Trust is the charitable trust that looks after Church Green, the green area adjacent to the church behind the magnificent gatehouse on The Street. If you would like to donate to the Trust towards the upkeep of Church Green as a green space open to all, please email the Secretary, Penny Crouch, at wongreen44@gmail.com.

We are hoping to produce another Jazz concert towards the end of January 2025 - watch this space!

Penny Crouch & Liz Hayley

#### **Church Walking Group**

The date of the next Church Walk has been changed to **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Further details available from Catherine Keech (catherine@keechonline.com)

#### St John's Churchyard

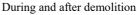
In a previous article describing the condition of the churchyard walls at St John's, it was noted that as the churchyard was closed for burials in 1861 the maintenance of the walls, gravestones and grass is now the legal responsibility of Wonersh Parish Council (WPC).

The wall between the churchyard and the Vicarage was deemed too unstable to consider the use of buttresses and, following discussion with Waverley Borough Council, a Faculty was submitted to the Diocese for permission to demolish the wall. This was approved after consultation with Historic England and The Victorian Society. The work has now been completed, as can be seen from the photographs below. A new black estate fence has been installed, birch trees planted and the area will be sown with grass seed in the autumn.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) decided that, due to immediate safety concerns, they would cover the costs even though officially not being responsible. The section of wall along the western side of the churchyard is also leaning slightly, and the rest of the wall, which is Grade II listed, requires repairs. Consideration of the best outcome for these walls is currently under discussion, and it is hoped this will be resolved shortly.

The wall before demolition









#### Heritage Open Day at St Andrew's Church, Grafham Saturday 14th September, 10am - 4pm

Come and enjoy tea and cake in our beautiful Victorian gem of a church - designed, built and lavishly decorated by the renowned Guildford-born architect Henry Woodyer - and learn about its fascinating history.

Visitors will also have a chance to see **Grafham's Radio Hams** (<u>www.qrz.com/db/GB0HWG</u>) in operation in the churchyard.

Parking at the Grafham Room (GU5 0LJ), 300 yards north of St Andrew's on the A281.



## Blackheath Focus September 2024



#### **Services at St Martin's**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>	10am
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Services in Wonersh	8am / 10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Choral Evensong	6pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	'Be Still with God'	6pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Taizé-style Service	6pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service [see below]	10am



After the Harvest Service at St Martin's on **6**<sup>th</sup> **October**, please join us for coffee and cakes in the church.

We will be supporting **Guildford Action** and **Guildford Hygiene Bank**.

All donations very welcome: tinned items, fresh fruit and vegetables for Guildford Action; and hygiene products, washing powder, toothpaste and toilet paper for the Hygiene Bank.

Every donation gratefully received!

Please bring your gifts anytime on **Sunday 6**<sup>th</sup> **October** and leave them in the church porch, or bring them to the 10am **Harvest Service**.

Produce to decorate the church would also be very welcome. These can be left in the Church on Friday, or on Saturday morning.



# Study Morning: St John Henry Newman Saturday 21st September, 10.30am - 12.20pm

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Members of the public, of all faiths and none, are invited to learn about St John Henry Newman, the Convert. Fr John Seddon OSB, resident Benedictine monk at the monastery, will show Bishop Barron's video on Catholicism's Pivotal Players, and then lead the discussion about it afterwards.



You need no prior knowledge, do not have to be Catholic and don't have to contribute anything to the discussion if you prefer.

For more information, and to book, visit www.chilworthbenedictines.com.

## **Village News**

#### **Wonersh History Society**

Gilbert White, born in 1720 at Selborne, is regarded by many as England's first ecologist. After studying at Oriel College, Oxford, he was fully ordained in 1749, holding several curacies in Hampshire and Wiltshire. He moved back into the family home in Selborne following the death of his father in 1758. It was here that, over many years, he studied the local flora and fauna which led to the publication of his seminal work "The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne".

Society members will learn much more about White when Kimberley James presents "Gilbert White of Selborne House" at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. Guests are welcome for a fee of £3.

To find out more about the Society, including how to become a member, see www.wonershhistory.co.uk.



#### Wonersh United Reformed Church

Minister: Revd Graham Hoslett (tel: 07425 569807) Facebook - Wonersh United Reformed Church

#### September 2024 - News

Please see details below of our activities at Wonersh URC, including **Film Club** on **1**<sup>st</sup> **September** ('**The Phantom of the Open'** - a comedy-drama about Maurice Flitcroft, "the World's Worst Golfer"). As a treat, we will also be offering a meal of Sausages & Mash with peas, served at 7pm before the film. To advise of any dietary requirements, and book your place, please ring Chris on **01483 892579** - donations invited: £5 for meal and film, or £2 for film only.

And don't forget the **Taizé Service** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**; and **Tea@3** on Thursdays at 3pm.

God bless. Revd Graham Hoslett

DATES	DETAILS		
Sunday, 1st September	10.30am: Recorded Service - Revd Graham Hoslett		
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm: Film Club - Meal + 'The Phantom of the Open'		
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am: Communion Service - Revd Graham Hoslett, followed by Church Meeting		
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am: Morning Worship - Andrew Gibb		
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm: Taizé Service - Revd Graham Hoslett		
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.30am: Morning Worship - Graham Pearcey		
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rosemary Lee		

#### **Wonersh Cricket Club (WCC)**

We are entering the last quarter of the season. The Saturday league season finished on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Sunday XI continue until 22<sup>nd</sup> September with everyone hoping for an Indian Summer which, based on this year, I think we all deserve!



It's been a mixed season for Wonersh in the league: occasionally struggling for players on Saturdays meant points were dropped, leading to a likely finish in the bottom half of the table. However, that has been offset by the successful start of a Second XI which aims to bring in younger players to start their adventure in Adult 'open-age' cricket. The team had 6 games over the summer, with some very good performances from a number of the U16 contingent at the club. The aim is to continue this in the coming seasons.

After the first century of the season in June, like buses two more arrived in the next month. Rupert Miller added another with 100 not out and Josh Hill hit 119 in our win at Abinger.

The end of July also saw around 17 of the club's players descend on The New Forest for our second tour there. The tourists scored good wins against Christchurch CC and Ashling CC, before playing out a very exciting tie on the final game of the tour against New Milton. The weather, in total contrast to the washed-out weekend last year, was gloriously warm and sunny which makes everything more enjoyable.

There are many ways to get involved in the club, and we now offer a £10 social membership which raises valuable funds for the club and hopefully helps to create a community atmosphere at matches. If you are feeling extra generous then we are still looking for a matchday ball sponsor which costs £450. Any contribution to this would be much appreciated.

Keep a look out for further news and updates on our Instagram page: <u>@wonershcricketclub</u>; or our website, which includes all our contacts, fixtures and results: <u>wonersh.play-cricket.com</u>. As always if you are keen to join the club please get in contact! For more information, email <u>secretary@wonershcc.co.uk</u>.



#### 'KNOW YOUR WONERSH'

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm Wonersh Memorial Hall

Come and find out about everything that goes on in Wonersh, whether you are new to the village or have lived here for many years. Everyone is welcome to join us for drinks and snacks at any time during the afternoon. Come and meet all the village Clubs and Societies and catch up with friends and neighbours.

We are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Hall and the re-launch of the Wonersh Connections website.

#### **Meet Rob Crossing**



My wife Lucy and I have lived in Wonersh for 6 years and in the local area with our two children, now adults, for the past 20 years. As a young farmer 30 years ago in rural Australia, I never could have imagined living on the other side of the world! However here we are, very happy to call Wonersh our home. We have two Labradors, Chester and Fern.

Several years ago I became involved with the Wonersh Environment Advisory Group (WEAG). I have met so many likeminded people in the parish with a passion for the environment and wildlife, and for involvement in the community in the decisions and care for the natural environment around us.

I have been interested in nature all my life. I grew up on a 5000 acre cattle grazing property in central NSW and after several years at college and Jackarooing I came home to help manage the family farm for 10 years. I happily spent a lot of time outdoors and on horseback mustering cattle, repairing fences and all the other stuff that goes along with running a farm business. However, in retrospect, I think I was more interested in animal behaviour with my working dogs, horses and cattle and the wildlife around me. To see a Goanna [monitor lizard] scarper up a gum tree or hear the deafening screech of a flock of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos is truly amazing.

Moving to England seems a bit crazy when I look back; however it gave me the chance to move my career over to environmental management. A degree in environmental protection and conservation started my 25 years (to date) of sustainability, carbon credits, environmental auditing and, my current favourite, wildlife surveying. If you are walking through Healy's Wood or around the recently acquired Barnett Fields you may notice a series of footprint tunnels in some of the trees. I hope we will find some Dormouse footprints.

I am the current lead person for the Barnett Fields Group (BFG). We are working with the Wonersh Parish Council to manage the fields and woodland for the benefit of the community and wildlife. I feel privileged to be involved in looking after the natural environment around Wonersh and look forward to meeting and volunteering with many more people in our community.

Favourite app: Merlin Bird ID. We tend to hear many birds before we see them.

Book I am reading: 'The World Atlas of Coffee' by James Hoffmann. No matter how much I read about coffee there is still so much more to learn of what makes a cup of coffee taste great. My favourite bean at the moment is El Salvador Diamante (SHG).

Sport: Mountain biking. I am part of a gang of middle-aged men who venture out into the Surrey Hills on weekends, sometimes with lights when the days are short. Four of us recently had an enjoyable 3 days bike-packing the Isle of Wight. Highlights were acres of Pyramid Orchids and hearing, but not seeing, the Yellowhammer.

# Donate a Gate or a Tree Barnett Fields and Healy's Wood

The resident-led Barnett Fields Group (BFG) plans for the newly acquired fields and woods (now known as Healy's Wood) have been agreed in principle by the Parish Council. Thank you to the BFG and of course the Wonersh Environmental Advisory Group (WEAG) of volunteers who will do much of the work. The plans include completing baseline wildlife and plant surveys, paths through the woods, hedging, new trees, new gates and fencing, coppicing and thinning, and dead-hedging. Other options to be evaluated include a pond, orchard and possibly even short term grazing by Highland cattle. Barnett Hill Hotel has agreed to a connecting gate between the hotel and Healy's Wood.

We also plan new signage (sponsored by our Surrey County Councillor) and have received a generous grant from the Wonersh Fair for seating. Most of the funding is expected to come from grants and sponsorship.

All the community are very welcome to join in volunteer activities, and have the opportunity to **sponsor one of the gates or a new tree** (example plaque shown right) by contacting

anthony.shutes@wonershparish.org or clerk@wonershparish.org.



#### Faulkner's Shop



It was fifty years ago on 23<sup>rd</sup> June that Faulkner's newsagents shop on Wonersh Common closed its doors for the last time. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner had run a shop in Wonersh from the 1930s to 1974. It was a popular place, and not just for newspapers as it also sold tobacco, stationery, groceries, fruit and vegetables. When they started the business they had just three customers for newspapers, which grew to over 650 by 1974.

#### Photo credit – Surrey Advertiser 18/06/1974

At the time of closing the business in 1974, according to the report in the Surrey Advertiser, the cost of the Sunday Times had risen to 12p from 1½d when they started the shop (the current price is £4.50!). Back in those days Wonersh was well served for shops, the little row on the edge of the Common could boast a butchers (Grinsteads – run by Mr. Bacon!), a bakers (T. H. Elwin), a Fishmonger & Poulterer (E. J. Woods) and an off-licence (Hollands, later 'Mrs Butts') at the Bottle & Basket, which had also served as the village Post Office for a while.

Many people still remember the Faulkners, and those days, with much fondness.



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Memory Lane

#### **Memory Lane News**

Last month over twenty people enjoyed an outdoor activity, the popular 'Walk In the Park', a stroll around Knowle Park, Cranleigh

for people experiencing dementia and their carers. Later in August, the Carers well appreciated an excellent talk by Dr Jill Rasmussen, a National Adviser on Alzheimer's to the Government and Royal College of General Practitioners.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Carer Guests will have the second of a series of talks entitled 'Living with Our Plan' helping to understand Dementia and how best to support their partner. As a complete contrast, 16<sup>th</sup> September will be fun and comfort, led by Megan Rose Taylor with an amazing 'Performing Dog'. In addition, there will be 'Tea with a Pony' on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 'Walk in the Park' on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

But the big event this month will be a concert planned over many months by the talented Memory Lane Music Team. 'Joy In Music' is coming to Cranleigh Village Hall at 2pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September with tea and cakes provided during the interval. Tickets have been selling fast over the last two months, to people with memory loss and those in Care Groups from Guildford to Horsham and beyond, for what sounds like a concert not to be missed. Book <u>now</u> on 01483 274398.

Memory Lane meets regularly at 2.15pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. For further details of meetings and events, please contact Memory Lane: **01483** 274398 or manwild@aol.com.

#### **U3A Wonersh & District**

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#### What's on in September 2024 - join us for these activities

Mon 2	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Thurs 19	Long Walk: meet Loxwood Canal Centre	
Tues 3	Big Band Music: Turner Room,		car park	
	Lawnsmead, Wonersh		Latin Advanced: Godalming	
Wed 4	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn		Current Affairs: Turner Room, Lawnsmead	
Thurs 5	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room		French: Godalming	
	Latin Advanced: Godalming	Mon 23	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	
Fri 6	French: Godalming	Tues 24	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall	
Mon 9	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh		Listening to Music: Turner Room,	
	Book Club: Selwyn Room,		Lawnsmead, Wonersh	
	Wonersh Parish Church	Wed 25	Coach Outing: Ightham Moat (NT), Kent	
Tues 10	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall		Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
Wed 11	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Thurs 26	Latin Intermediate: Godalming	
Thurs 12	rs 12 Line Dancing *NEW*: Arbuthnot Hall,		Art: Bramley Village Hall	
	Shamley Green	Mon 30	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	

Join us for some very interesting talks, visits and activities. Newcomers are welcome. For further details, please phone Deirdre on 07792 741749, or visit https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh

Wed 18 **Table Tennis:** Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn **Pub Lunch:** The White Horse, Hascombe

Latin Intermediate: Godalming

Tues 17 Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall

Mon 16 Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall. Wonersh



## Feeling lonely? Fancy a tasty lunch and a friendly chat?

Then join the Villages Wednesday Club. We meet at Blunden Court, Bramley every Wednesday 10am-2.30pm

For only £6 you get morning coffee, a freshly prepared lunch, entertainment and afternoon tea For older people living in Shamley Green, Wonersh, Bramley and the surrounding willages it's a lovely day out and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones!



#### The VILLAGES WEDNESDAY CLUE

#### open to anyone living in Bramley, Wonersh, Blackheath, Shamley Green and surrounding villages



For more information contact the manager Nicola Mendelssohn on 01403 470895 or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk or just pop in any Wednesday for a chat Get in touch now either for yourself or for a member of your family.

We may be able to help with transport – please ask more details on www.fourvillages.co.uk

#### Stringfever - Live in Concert Saturday 14th September, 5 - 7pm Blackheath Cricket Ground

Join electric string group **Stringfever** and soprano Christina Johnston for "The Last Night of the Proms", a family-friendly outdoor concert.

Bring your own seat and picnic to this idyllic location, surrounded by the forest, and experience a mix of Stringfever's usual favourites - The Very Best of Tchaikovsky, Music from the Movies, 'The History of Music in 5 Minutes'; along with the traditional Last Night of the Proms classics - Jerusalem, Elgar's 'Pomp & Circumstance March No 1' - and also Mozart's 'Queen of the Night' from The Magic Flute.



"Their mix of music and comedy is so potent" (Paul Merton, comedian)
Tickets: £20 Adults, £15 Concessions, £55 Family (2 adults and up to 3 children).
Book online at <a href="www.stringfever.co">www.stringfever.co</a> uk, or call the box office on 07968 718970.

#### Sunday Afternoon Sing-Along Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 3pm St Thomas More Church, Bramley, GU5 0HG

By popular demand, we have another sing-along with songs from the shows and elsewhere, led again by the **Wintershall Singers**. No singing ability is required! Song sheets will be provided, as well as tea and cake.

No charge, but donations at the end will be welcome to the two charities: **Embrace** the Middle East and Margaret Clitherow Trust.

Please tell Stuart White if you are coming (stuartwhite2023@gmail.com or 01483 892645), for catering purposes.

#### **Wonersh Beavers**

Wonersh Beavers is a club for boys and girls aged 6-8 years old, where they play games, learn craft skills and work together, both as a group and in smaller teams. They also learn essential life skills. The group meets for an hour a week, currently on a Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm.

Wonersh Beavers desperately need a **new leader for September!** All training and support for sessions is provided. A job-share with a friend would be ideal.

If you think you could help, please get in touch with Robin who runs the unit:

1stwonershgsl@gmail.com.

Thank you - we really don't want to close Beavers!

#### Cranleigh Repair Café Saturday 7th September, 10am - 1pm Cranleigh Baptist Church, GU6 8RT

Our first session in August was a great success! Just bring along a broken item and one of our volunteers will try to work their magic to fix it. There is no charge for this service unless a part is required.

The repair skills which will be available for our September session are:

electrical - electronics - mechanical - bikes - ceramics - toys - woodwork

We will also have a volunteer who can wipe data from your old phone or laptop so that it can be recycled. Please charge your device beforehand and bring your charging cable with you.

Refreshments will be available while your item is being repaired.

We will be open to walk-ins, but bookings would be useful to give us an idea of numbers - email **cranleighrepaircafe@gmail.com**.

When you arrive, please enter the Baptist Church via the door in St James's Place, rather than via the High Street entrance.

A further date is planned for **Saturday** 5<sup>th</sup> **October** - please visit <u>Cranleigh Repair</u> <u>Café</u> for up-to-date information on the types of repairs which will be available.

#### **Confused about Recycling?**

It's always a good idea to 'know before you throw' as putting the wrong items in the recycling bin can spoil the rest of the recycling (known as 'wish-cycling'). This is expensive for local councils to sort out, negatively affects Surrey's recycling rate and is damaging for the environment. But with local variations as to what can be recycled – and how – it's not always straightforward!

That's why we've put together these five quick tips for your recycling bin:

- Some items look recyclable but aren't; recycling instructions on packaging can be misleading. Avoid putting the wrong things in your recycling by checking first use the <u>Surrey Recycles search tool</u> or download the free app.
- Check what you can recycle separately. In most areas of Surrey, food waste, garden waste, small electricals, batteries and textiles recycling are collected separately they don't go in your recycling bin. Again, use our recycling search tool or free Surrey Recycles app to check how to recycle in your area.
- No food or drink residue as moisture and grease will ruin cardboard and paper and make it unrecyclable. Give food and drink packaging a quick rinse by dunking it into soaking pans before placing in your recycling bin.
- Place all items loose in your recycling bin nothing inside bags, sacks or bin liners, please.
- Play to bin try our <u>drag-and-drop waste sorting game</u> today!



#### 'From Darkness to Light' Saturday 7th September, 7pm Holy Trinity Church, Bramley

The next Bramley Music concert will be a piano recital by Patrick Hemmerlé (<u>patrickhemmerle.com</u>), one of Europe's foremost concert pianists, with music by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin.

We will be supporting a very local charity - the Villages Wednesday Club which meets in Blunden Court, Bramley.



It provides older people living in Bramley, Wonersh, Blackheath, Shamley Green and other surrounding villages with a lovely day out each Wednesday - morning coffee and a chance to chat with friends old and new, a freshly prepared lunch, entertainment and afternoon tea.

Tickets (£10, students and under-18s £5) are available for payment online from bramleymusic2012@gmail.com; or in person (cash only) from Robertson's in Bramley. Enjoy a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval!

# A Novel Idea Godalming's only charity book and vinyl shop

Located on Queen Street, just off the High Street, the shop stocks a wide range of pre-loved books, records and CDs. A **Novel Idea** is run mainly by volunteers, with all profits going to <u>Catalyst Support</u> - a local charity which works to promote the mental health and wellbeing of people in Surrey, improving lives with the aim of reducing harm to themselves, their families and the community.

There are books for everyone, both adults and children. Typically, paperbacks are priced at £2 and hardbacks at £2.50.

The shop also offers an extensive collection of vinyl, CDs and sheet music that are checked for quality by the team. CDs start from £2, singles and albums vary but are competitively priced.

Catalyst is always looking for new volunteers to join their friendly team. If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Development Manager, Mark Burton: email mark.burton@catalystsupport.org.uk or call 07714 744150.

Visit A Novel Idea at 9 Queen Street, Godalming, GU7 1BA.

Opening times are Tuesday-Thursday 10am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm.



#### **Retail Volunteers Needed**

Phyllis Tuckwell needs more retail volunteers so, if you're looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend a few hours, this could be it! You'll serve customers, use the till, sort through new donations and price stock, as part of a friendly team.

For more details, call 01252 729400 or email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk.

VICAR: Rev'd David Peters

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#### Village Contact Points

Wonersh & Shamley Green CE Primary School

892345

Headteacher: Mr Tim Cheesman

Police: Emergency 999 or 112

waverlev@surrev.police.uk

Non-emergency 101

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Inspector Rob Brian (ID 3048)

Sergeant Phil Bayman (ID 40264)

PC Gavin Greenaway (ID 40221) PCSO Felicity Lock (ID 14267)

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Waverley Borough Councillor: Michael Goodridge MBE 535108

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Memorial Hall: Hilary Solt

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Wonersh Connections www.wonershconnections.org

#### 1st Wonersh Scout Group



**Group Scout Leader: Robin Beeson** 07766 641777

email: 1stwonershgsl@gmail.com

## Wonersh Parish Council







Your councillors:

Please telephone any of us if you have a local issue you would like to discuss.

The Parish Office, located at Wonersh Sports Pavilion, is open by appointment - call the Parish Clerk (Lisa Davison) on 892601 or email clerk@wonershparish.org.

Email and telephone messages are monitored Monday to Thursday.

Anthony Shutes (Cha	890831	
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