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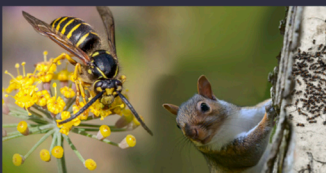
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Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

Looking out across the fields and watching harvesting in one, horses grazing in another and the kestrel overhead seeking some prey, I was reminded of a word which I probably hadn't used since school – symbiosis. This is where one animal or plant relies on another for life, either to the positive (mutual) advantage of each or negatively (harmful).

There is another word, synergy, which expresses the interconnectedness of species in the cycle of life. We tend to use this word more often when trying to give reasons for joining businesses or groups together to form a more coherent and powerful single entity.

It struck me again how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful world, where we can grow, harvest, eat, quench our thirst or even simply just admire nature. I was reminded of those areas of the world suffering drought or earthquake or flooding where life is so much more difficult.

Three things came to mind. Firstly, that I should be thankful for the world that we have. In the Bible we read: *'Then God said "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.'* (Genesis 1:11). The land was created by God, on our behalf, and it is both productive and beautiful.

Secondly, the gospel of Matthew says *'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?'* (Matthew 6:26). Plants grow without my involvement: ultimately, growth is in the hands of God.

Lastly, in Leviticus we read: *'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest . . . Leave them for the poor and the foreigner.'* (Leviticus 19:9-10). We may be surprised that God cares about how we reap and harvest, but we should not be surprised that God cares for all people, everywhere. Our attitude should be the same: to consider how we might provide for those of our community and world in need, whether through misfortune, illness or disaster. What might we set aside from our comparative riches to support those less fortunate? How might we pray, share our time, our facilities or our resources, with those who are desperate?

At Harvest, we are rightly thankful for all that we have. But, at the same time, we should ask ourselves what is our 'field', and how might we leave some of it aside for others to glean and benefit? This is human symbiosis and synergy.

With love,

David

October Diary

for St John's Church, Wonerash and St Martin's Church, Blackheath

Thurs 1	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Harvest Festival
Sun 4		18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	All-Age Harvest Service
	10am	Harvest Service [<i>see p.10</i>]
Tues 6	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 7	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 8	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 11		19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 13	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 14	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 15	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 18		20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Tues 20	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 21	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 22	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 25		21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
	6pm	'Be Still with God'
Tues 27	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 28	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 29	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)		

November

Sun 1		22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	All-Age Service
	10am	Sung Holy Communion
Tues 3	9am	Morning Prayer
Wed 4	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 5	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 8		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Remembrance Service
	10.50am	Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on the Heath



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 - Friday 9 am - 1 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 November 2026

Please submit articles for the November issue by **Tuesday 6th October**.

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

For advertising, please contact johngosden@aol.com or tel. **01483 502076**.

Children and Families

Having bidden farewell to the effervescent Clare, the usual groups restarted in September and are welcoming new parents, grandparents and carers to different forums to build networks, make friends and ensure little ones have a good time.

Mums, Bumps and Babies meets in the Vicarage on a Monday (10am -12pm) to recuperate after the weekend, to share helpful hints and just to relax together.

Chatterbox is for pre-school children to enjoy play, songs, stories - and great Fruit Loaf! This meets in Lawnsmead on Thursdays 9.30am – 11am.

Finally, **Kids Church** meets every Sunday, in the Vicarage alongside the church, and is a place to enjoy some creative arts, stories and some fun together.

And don't forget that **Light Party 2026** will be held in church on **Friday 30th October, 4.30-6pm** - booking is required [see below].

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We are pleased to announce that on 1st November we shall be joined by Pam Welch, who has 25 years experience of children's work, as our permanent Children and Families leader. Whilst the regular pattern of groups will continue, we have no doubt that there will be new areas developing as she gets to know us and brings her talents and enthusiasm to us. More details will follow in due course.



Growing Faith, Serving Community

By the time you read this, we expect that the planning applications for the work both on St John's and Lawnsmead will have been submitted. Alongside this, detailed discussions have taken place with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) regarding the proposed re-ordering of the church and the associated building works, ahead of submitting the Faculty application - the Church of England's formal approval process.

Many of you will already have seen the seven different chairs currently on display in the Lady Chapel. These have been provided so that everyone can try them and let us know which style you would prefer to see in church. If you haven't yet voted, please do take a moment to do so.

Our current estimate for the combined project cost is £1 million. We hope to raise £650,000 through the sale of the Lawnsmead site, with the remaining £350,000 coming from donations and grants. At the moment we are spending a significant amount on obtaining numerous reports which are required by the planning authority, hence our call for donations at this time. As we have explained previously, the planners require the work at St John's - including the new community hall - to be fully completed and operational before any work can begin at Lawnsmead. This means we must fund the church works upfront, before receiving the proceeds from the sale. To bridge this gap, we are exploring commercial loans, though these will come at a significant cost. We are therefore also asking whether you might be willing to provide interest-free loans for approximately one year, helping us reduce the financial burden on the church.

If you feel able to pledge support in any of the following ways, please complete the forms available in church or contact treasurer@wonershchurch.org.uk:

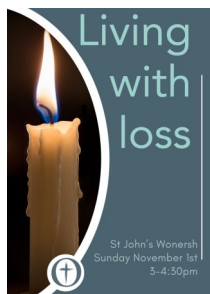
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Your generosity - whether through prayer, encouragement, or financial support - will help us deliver a renewed church and a vibrant community hall that will serve the parish for generations to come.



AI impression of new entrance, side extension
and community hall



Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November, 3 - 4.30pm

St John's Church, Womersh

Each year we hold a special service at St John's, to provide the opportunity to stop, reflect and remember those who have died, and to pray for those that grieve and live with that loss.

The service provides for quiet reflection for the first hour, with prayer stations and areas of remembrance made available for anyone who wants to spend time in the church on their own. Clergy will be available during this time for personal and private prayer if required.

Then at **4pm** we will hold a **short service for 30 minutes**, to allow us to have corporate prayer, and to listen to a reading of the names of those who have died in the last 12 months along with any provided on the day which you wish us to remember publicly. We will light a candle as a symbol of God's loving presence.

The Bereavement team at St John's are also available for continued care and pastoral support. If this might be useful for you, please contact Rev'd David Peters: vicar@womershchurch.org.uk, or call **01483 890266**.

Guildford Food Bank



We are well and truly into Autumn now. The evenings are dark and we're all spending more time indoors, which means that many of us have turned the heating on or up, and our electricity bills will be rising. Thank you for helping us to help those who are struggling to stay on top of their bills.

For our **Harvest service at St John's on 4th October**, we are requesting:

Tinned Meat	Spray Cleaner
Tinned Pasta	Deodorant (M/F)
Coffee / Tea / Drinking Chocolate	

For the rest of **October**, we are asking for:

Tinned Vegetables	Flavoured Noodles
Tinned Tomatoes	Liquid Soap
Tinned Soup	Cloths / Sponges

In addition, we always need **strong carrier bags**.

Many thanks to all who continue to support us.

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: guildfordfoodbank.org/donate, which lists the ways you can donate (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).



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Meet Steven Salmon

I have recently taken on the job of evensong organist at St Martin's, Blackheath, following Sebastian Forbes' move to Hampshire.

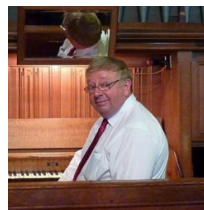
I live near the middle of Guildford with my wife of 40 years, Caroline, a former lecturer. We have two daughters: one is a professional musician, and the other is a lettings agent and mother to our two grandsons. I have retired from a career at the interface of business and politics, representing the bus and coach industry.

My church music journey began at St Nicholas' Thames Ditton, where I was a choirboy. When my voice broke I progressed to St Andrew's Surbiton, a church with a strong Anglo-Catholic tradition that has included my relations in the congregation for more than 100 years! I took lessons from the organist and soon branched out as an organist alongside a choral scholarship at Cambridge and membership of Bath Abbey Choir.

I have held posts at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Claygate and Esher, St Andrew's Surbiton, St Mary's (Quarry Street) Guildford and St Nicholas' Compton. I am currently the organist at St Nicolas Great Bookham, where I am only needed in the mornings.

I try to maximise the emotional impact of music in church, and am happiest when choirs and congregations are inspired to give of their best in a shared endeavour.

I love the peace and simplicity of St Martin's. I know that tidiness is carefully cherished, having foolishly put my hat on the organ console before a service!




Harvest Festival
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for a jolly all age service or St
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**OCT 4TH
10AM**


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Saturday 7th November



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Blackheath Focus

October 2026



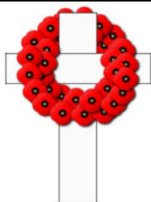
St Martin's Harvest Service and Blackheath Harvest Giving Day Sunday 4th October

We will again be supporting **Guildford Action** and **Guildford Hygiene Bank**.
All donations very welcome:

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

Please bring your gifts any time and leave them in the church porch, or bring them to the **10am Harvest Service on Sunday 4th October**.

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Do join us at the War Memorial on
the Heath for the annual

Remembrance Day Service

starting at **10.50am** on
Sunday 8th November



St Martin's Blackheath



Pray with us

**Wednesdays
9 am**

For your Diary

Blackheath Carol Service - Sunday 6th December, 6pm



Our Day at Lord's

For Blackheath Cricket Club, playing in the final of the Cawston Press Village Cup at Lord's fulfilled a 50-year dream. The club entered the very first competition back in 1972, but until this year had never made it past the quarter finals, which was reached once back in 1997.

It is a source of immense pride that nine of the club's team came through its junior section, including four teenagers.

The final was very well attended not just by club members and village residents but many hundreds of others from the area, who enjoyed a very high standard match. Although not quite the result we were hoping for, we extend our congratulations to our opponents from Cuckney Cricket Club in Nottinghamshire who won the game by 5 wickets.



View of Lord's, with spectators enjoying a wonderful day out



A fine cover drive from Benjamin Arengo-Jones, in front of our supporters [spot Billie!]

Blackheath Cemetery Tidy-Up

As previously mentioned in this magazine, the Parochial Church Council is in the process of reviewing the church cemetery plots, in accordance with the Churchyard Regulations 2022. Where items have been left on plots and those items fall outside the Regulations, they will be carefully removed and placed next to the Chapel where they will be available for collection until the end of January 2027. If items have not been collected by this time, they will be disposed of.

The aim is to preserve the prayerful, peaceful character of the Cemetery, and the sense of dignity and unity that means so much to all who visit to remember their loved ones. It will also facilitate mowing, weed control and the rural appearance of the site. In undertaking this work, we have been mindful of feedback received from members of our community.

Further information is at wonershchurch.org.uk/life.events/cemetery-regulations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask visitors to please remove any flowers once they have wilted.

With thanks for your understanding and care of this special place.

Parochial Church Council, Wonersh with Blackheath

Village News

Wonersh & District Garden Club

Our meeting on **Wednesday 7th October** starts with our AGM and will be followed by a talk by Jackie Curry: '**How to Grow Alliums**'. Jackie has held the National Collection of Alliums for the past 4 years.



On **Wednesday 4th November** we welcome Amanda Patton for a talk on 'Landscape and Garden Design'. As a garden and landscape designer with over twenty years' experience, Amanda's fine art background allows her to create garden designs that combine a beautiful, natural aesthetic with practical considerations so that spaces work functionally and intuitively.

Both meetings start from **7pm** at the **Wonersh Memorial Hall**. Visitors are welcome at £3 for each meeting. For further information, contact Hilary Goodridge: tel. **01483 535108** or email hilarygoodridge@ymail.com.

U3A Wonersh & District

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What's on in October 2026 – join us for these activities

Thurs 1	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room Latin: Godalming	Mon 19	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Play Reading: Selwyn Rm, Parish Church
Fri 2	French: Godalming Wonersh Village History Walk: meet Pharmacy	Tues 20	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Mon 5	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Wed 21	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Tues 6	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall Listening to Music: Shalford Club Room	Thurs 22	Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall Country Walk: meet Shere CP, GU5 9HE Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green Speaker's Corner: Tom Way, Lawnsmead Hall
Wed 7	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall	Fri 23	Art: Shalford Upper Hall
Thurs 8	Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green	Mon 26	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Coach Trip: Goodwood House & Boxgrove Priory
Fri 9	Quiz Afternoon: Shalford Upper Hall	Tues 27	(No Tai Chi)
Mon 12	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Book Club: Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Wed 28	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Tues 13	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall	Thurs 29	Latin: Godalming
Wed 14	Explore London: Coach trip, Old Hampstead Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall Pub Lunch: Withies Inn, Compton, GU3 1JA Poetry Group (*NEW*): Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Join us for some very interesting talks, visits and activities. Newcomers are welcome. For further details, please phone Jacqui on 07814 379294 or visit: https://wonersh.u3asite.uk	
Thurs 15	Latin: Godalming		
Fri 16	French: Godalming		

Wonersh Village Litter Pick

Saturday 3rd October, 10am - 12pm

Meet at Wonersh Sports Pavilion

You are warmly invited to join our next village litter pick. Please get in touch with Clive Ferrey (clive.ferrey@btinternet.com) to be added to the circulation list and to receive a little more information in advance of the day.

Let's see if we can collect more than in January [*see right*].

Individuals are also welcome to collect litter at any time - you may borrow a picking stick from the Parish Clerk: call 892601 or email clerk@wonershparish.gov.uk.



Wonersh Cricket Club



The cricket season has now drawn to a close for Wonersh, and another busy summer is behind us. Obviously the summer was a hot one, and whilst the outfield has been brown for months, we expect it to return to a verdant green very quickly - the flip side of the ground sometimes being quite boggy! As a result, very little cricket was lost this year.

After being promoted last season, the 1st XI secured a very respectable mid-table finish, with a number of junior players finding their way into Men's Senior cricket. The midweek team finished 3rd, just missing out on the final; and the Sunday friendly team also had an excellent summer of matches against local and touring sides.

Our partnership with the T20 Cricket Community is likely to continue into 2027, and no doubt the ground will continue to be well used again. Many thanks to our local volunteers who help prepare our pitch and maintain the Pavilion.

If anyone wishes to play cricket, volunteer on a match day, sponsor the club or support us in any way, please do email secretary@wonershcc.co.uk. All welcome!

Save the Date!

By popular demand:

**St John's Christmas Wreath Making
at Lawnsmead Hall**

Friday 4th December, 8 - 9.30pm

Saturday 5th December, 10 - 11.30am

BOOKINGS OPEN 1st November

Full details to follow in November magazine.

Update from WEAG

(Wonersh Environment Advisory Group)

What have we done so far this year?

- **Woodland management** including coppicing, tree thinning, dead hedging and fencepost splitting in Healy's Wood.
- **Fencing, gates and new benches** in Barnett Fields, including two benches near the playground.
- Conservation **sheep grazing** - overwhelmingly positive feedback.
- Regular **litter picking** - do contact clive.ferrey@btinternet.com if you wish to join future litter picks.
- Hedge and tree **watering** - almost every day, so we have only lost a small proportion due to the drought. The mulching also helped.
- Construction of the **wildlife pond** in Healy's Wood - a life-saver for animals in the drought.
- Biodiversity **surveys** in Barnett Fields and Healy's Wood - reptiles, bats, butterflies, wildflowers.
- **Himalayan balsam** removed from the ditch between Blackheath Lane and The Platt.
- **Gerald's Wood** - new entrance built and paths cut back.
- Installing **bird boxes** in Healy's Wood.

What do we plan for the rest of the year?

- Plant the new **community orchard** in the lower Barnett Field.
- Continue to remove the **black locust** near the playground.
- Start hedging planting on 80m of private land, as a **wildlife corridor**, to better connect towards Chinthurst Hill.
- Continue the **Woodland Management** of Healy's Wood - thinning, coppicing, dead hedging, etc. - and general tidy around Barnett Fields.
- Plus further litter picking around the village, replace lost hedging and perhaps tree replacement - and no doubt other things!

If you are interested in joining WEAG or BFG, please do get in touch with anthony.shutes@wonershparish.gov.uk.

Church Walking Group

In early September, ten members of the Church Walking Group enjoyed a sunny walk around Shere, stopping at the pretty church of St Peter and St Paul on the Albury estate. Following the walk, we had lunch at the White Horse in Shere.



The next walk will be on **Tuesday 17th November**. Further details from Catherine Keech: catherine@keechonline.com.

Follow Me

'Stay close to me' my guide said as through the dark he led,
His torch shone very brightly on the pathway just ahead.
When I kept within earshot his words were clear to me,
He pointed out the hazards and the things I could not see.

When I stayed close beside him I felt secure and calm,
His steady arm upheld me and kept me safe from harm.
We crossed some deep dark waters I could not cross alone,
He knew the way, he'd been before, to me it was unknown.

He showed me things that in his sight were beautiful to see . . .
The rainbow and the sunset, the ever-pounding sea,
The perfume of a cowslip, the humming of a bee,
The softness of a newborn lamb, the grandeur of a tree.

The air was warm and balmy, the pathway smoother here,
The pace of life slowed down while I had time to stop and stare . . .
To taste, to feel, to listen, to smell, to think, to see.
It pleased him that I lingered, then he whispered 'Follow Me'.

Hilary Vogel

If you're carrying something heavy,
you don't have to carry it alone.

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Life can sometimes present us with difficulties
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- The loss of someone close
- Family tensions or breakdown
- A difficult diagnosis
- Feeling isolated, exhausted, or numb

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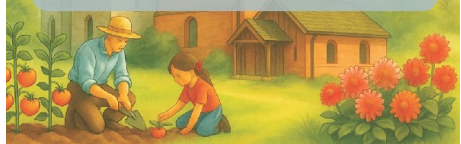


Wonersh Community Garden

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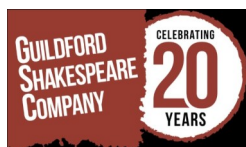
Is this a dagger which I see before me, the handle toward my hand?

Guildford Shakespeare Company's 'Macbeth' **Saturday 31st October, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)** **Wonersh Memorial Hall**

The 31st October is of course Hallowe'en, and this year there will be three witches at the Memorial Hall with a potent message for the Thane of Glamis.

Guildford Shakespeare Company is coming to the Hall with their especially adapted version of Shakespeare's Macbeth. In this 70-minute touring production, designed specifically for village halls, just four actors bring the Bard's tense thriller to life for one night only.

Tickets (£15 for adults and £12 for under-16s) are limited and available from ticketsource.com/wonershbard - book now!



Established in 2006, [Guildford Shakespeare Company](#) is one of Surrey's best-loved and largest producing theatre companies. Its aim is to reinvigorate the act of theatregoing, break down barriers and prove that everyone can access and enjoy the works of William Shakespeare.



Memory Lane

Memory Lane meetings this month will be at 2pm on **Mondays 5th and 19th October** in the Cranleigh Arts Centre.

There will be a refreshing break in the intervening week, when guests are taken around Knowle Park from 10.30am on **Monday 12th October**. This is a fun relaxing walk that anyone is welcome to join - especially if you are able to join the singalong led by Ann on one of her ukuleles, whilst all are enjoying a social coffee together.

If you would like to know more about the Memory Lane events, please call Memory Lane: 01483 274398, or email mamwild@aol.com.



Little Rays

Phyllis Tuckwell is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a grant of £30,000 from BBC Children in Need to support its specialist bereavement programme for primary school aged children. The three-year grant will provide £10,000 per year towards **Little Rays**, a six-week after-school group which Phyllis Tuckwell runs for 5-12 year old children who have experienced the death of a loved one.

To find out more about Little Rays, please visit pth.org.uk/your-care/our-services/counselling-and-bereavement.



Take Five to Stop Fraud

Fraud can happen to anyone. Criminals use emails, texts, phone calls, social media, fake websites and convincing stories to try to steal your money or personal information.

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If you receive an unexpected message, call, email or request for money or personal information, stop and think before you act. Ask yourself whether the request could be fake, and do not be rushed into making a payment, clicking a link or sharing details.

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- **Protect:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you have been scammed. Then tell the police at reportfraud.police.uk or call **0300 123 2040**.

See takefive-stopfraud.org.uk for more information and advice.



Free Coffee Concert Thursday 8th October, 11.15am - 12pm Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

We look forward to welcoming baritone **Ollie Turner** to the next of our much-loved monthly Coffee Concerts at the Cathedral.

Ollie comes from Manchester, and is currently working as a Lay Clerk at Guildford Cathedral and as a young artist with the Oxford Bach Soloists.

All are welcome to this free concert - no need to book, and free parking. Teas and coffees are served from 10.30am; concert begins at **11.15am** and finishes at 12 noon, just in time for lunch at Seasons Café!



Bake & Brew



This October, Phyllis Tuckwell is inviting you to bring friends, family and work colleagues together for a Bake & Brew. Share a slice of cake and a tea or coffee, in return for a donation to local hospice care.

Pick a date that works for you – morning or afternoon, it's entirely your choice!

Register for your free Bake & Brew fundraising pack by calling **01252 729446**, emailing fundraising@pth.org.uk or visiting pth.org.uk/bake-and-brew.

Growing in Faith



Exciting work is underway in the monastery garden at St Augustine's Abbey in Chilworth.

A new programme of planting has been gradually building in the hope of bringing new life and spiritual expression to parts of the monastery grounds. The project is being

undertaken by one of the new novice monks, Brother Ambrose, who has been overwhelmed by the kindness of people far and wide. He says: "The monastery has received financial donations, gifts in memory of loved ones, plants and flowers, expert advice. We even have one of our local garden centres looking to support us in a practical way."



The Monastic Community at Chilworth is deeply grateful for the remarkable generosity already shown. Individuals, nurseries, garden centres, businesses and other organisations are still very welcome to become involved: donations, plants, gardening materials, equipment and tools, ideas and enthusiasm would all be happily received.

A local book with a big heart

The Adventures of Petie

A new children's book from local creators

There are some stories that stay with a family for generations – told around the kitchen table, at bedtime, or on long car journeys. *The Adventures of Petie* is one such story. A much-loved tale, passed down through three generations, it has finally been brought to life in a beautifully illustrated children's book.

Petie is the central character in a new children's illustrated book written by local author **Sarah Hammond** and brought to life through the illustrations of local artist **Peter McNiven**.

The book follows Petie as he sets about building his very own den in the woodland. What begins as a simple idea soon develops into an adventure filled with fun, friendship, discoveries and a little bit of mischief along the way. Petie approaches everything with positivity and curiosity, and along the way discovers that some of the best adventures are those shared with others.

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Wonersh Pepper Pot



For almost 100 years, the Pepper Pot has graced the centre of Wonersh Village. The image opposite shows how the village centre looked in the days before the Pepper Pot was constructed.

Robert Haslam, an architect originally from Gloucestershire, who at the time was living at Wonersh Mill House donated the Pepper Pot in 1929. Robert had purchased Wonersh Mansion from Mary

Sudbury in 1925, but Mary was allowed to live out her days in the Mansion. Mary passed away in 1927 and Robert took possession of the Mansion, which was by then in a poor state of repair. Efforts to sell it were unsuccessful, so Robert had it demolished in 1929.

In September 1928 Robert had written to Wonersh Parish Council offering to erect a bus shelter where the signpost had stood in the centre of the village. His plan was submitted to Hambledon Rural District Council, where it received a thumbs down on the grounds it could be a serious danger to traffic. The Parish Council disagreed and pushed ahead with the proposal. In June 1929 Surrey County Council also took exception to the plan, but again the Parish Council pressed on. From meeting minutes of 10 October 1929, we learn that the Parish Council thanked Mr Haslam for the newly erected bus shelter, recently completed. In December that year Surrey County Council made suggestions for changes to the bus shelter, but the Parish Council resolved that the letter 'lie on the table'!



There is local belief that the oak beams of the Pepper Pot came from the demolished house and the tiles on its roof were from the mansion's ice house (close to where the new vicarage stands today). Unfortunately, there is no documentary evidence to verify this.



Over the years, the Pepper Pot has suffered damage from quite a few vehicle collisions, which perhaps suggests that the Pepper Pot was more at risk than the traffic. The image opposite shows the results of one of those collisions in the 1990s.

The original use as a bus shelter is long past, but the Pepper Pot remains an attractive focal point in the centre of Wonersh.

Wonersh History Society

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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.gov.uk.

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