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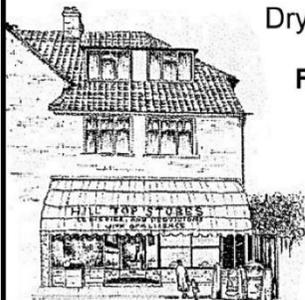
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# Activities in Box Hill Village Hall

## February – March 2020

### Box Hill Yoga (Diane Sage 07411 383430 [www.boxhillyoga.co.uk](http://www.boxhillyoga.co.uk))

➤ No classes 15th to 21st Feb, except Pregnancy Yoga on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Tuesdays: 9.15am Mixed Ability

Tuesdays: 11am Toddler Yoga; 4.45pm Yoga for Mobility; 6pm Mixed Ability

Wednesdays: 6pm Beginners

Fridays: 6pm Pregnancy Yoga; 7.30pm Mixed Ability

Restorative Yoga at 9.15am: Saturday 1st & 22nd February, & 14th March

Yoga Study Day at 9.30am: Saturday 8th February & 7th March

3 Hour Class at 9am: Saturday 29th February & 28th March

Neck & Shoulder Special at 6pm: Sunday 23rd February & 29th March

### Box Hill Social Club (Brian Hobbs 01737 844647)

Every Tuesday: 2pm-4pm

### Moves Fitness Gold (Christine Bailey 07979 973308)

Every Thursday: 11am – 12noon

### Box Hill Villagers Group (Valerie Cross 01737 843165)

3rd Thursday: 2.30-4pm

### Craft Groups (Check with Group Contact for meetings during holiday period)

Groups	Dates & Times	Contacts
<b>Ashtead Beadworkers</b>	1st Friday 9.30am - 6pm	Betty Newman T: 01372 272971 E: foxhollow@waitrose.com
<b>Spinning Yarns on Box Hill</b> (formerly Epsom Spinners)	2nd Friday 9.30am - 4pm	Roz Langendoen T: 077 313 313 33 E: spinningyarnsonboxhill@gmail.com
<b>Box Hill Knitters</b>	3rd Friday 9.30am - 4pm	Debbie Gullick T: 0208 660 2252 E: debbie.gullick@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Creative Fibres</b>	3rd Saturday 10am to 4pm	Rachel Glasgow T: 01737 642621 or 0775 901 4521 E: secretary@creativefibres.org
<b>Box Hill Craft Club</b>	4th Wed'days 2pm - 4.30pm	June Parrett T: 01737 842455

### VILLAGE HALL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman: Anthony Deavin

Telephone: 01737 842749

Lettings: Karen Nearn

Telephone: 01737 844284

### **SANTA'S SINGALONG – SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

Thank you to everyone who came along. It was great to so many people. We hoped everyone enjoyed seeing Santa's Sleigh and parade. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and sang their hearts out around the tree and then moved into the village hall for free refreshments. Thank you for supporting the raffle and we hope all the winners are enjoying their prizes. Without your support it would not be possible to run these events.

Thank you to all the helpers on the night who provided the sausage rolls, chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine. We couldn't do it without you.

### **HIGHWAYS**

The BHNC does monitor any issues and reports them to Surrey CC Highways. If residents have any concerns, they should report them to David Preedy, our District Councillor.

### **PLANNING**

Nothing to report at this time. BHNC does review any planning notices received and general matters are highlighted to Committee members if required. Any planning issues or queries should be referred to David Preedy.

### **BHNC EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>02-Mar</b>	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall
<b>01-Jun</b>	Monday	BHNC AGM, 8.00pm Village Hall
<b>05-Oct</b>	Monday	BHNC Public Meeting, 8.00pm Village Hall

### **CYCLING EVENTS**

Information not available at time of going to press

### **REPORTING A POTHOLE**

If you would like to report a pothole to Surrey County Council, you can do this online using the following website

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highway-problem/road-or-cycle-lane-issues>

### **BOX HILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

If you haven't already registered on our website, please do. It's very easy, just go to [www.boxhillcommunity.com](http://www.boxhillcommunity.com). Once registered you will receive regular emails about items of interest to the village.

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## **MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL'S JOINT ENFORCEMENT TEAM**

Having been in operation for a little over nine months, the Joint Enforcement Team has quickly established itself as an invaluable resource in Mole Valley District Council's efforts to address anti-social behaviour and low-level crime quickly and effectively.

The Joint Enforcement Team (JET), working in partnership with the Police, has investigated close to 750 reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) since April 2019. The level of awareness about how and where to report anti-social behaviour to Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) has increased since the team's introduction, leading to responding to more reports than ever before.

The JET's three enforcement officers have responded to a wide range of ASB cases since April, of which 93% have been relating to instances of abandoned vehicles, fly-tips and community ASB. The nature of the JET's role often means having to travel to locations across the district. Reflecting MVDC's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, the team have been using two new 100% electric vehicles to conduct patrols and attend sites where ASB has been reported.

In an effort to further address and put measures in place to prevent ASB, MVDC will soon be introducing 15 cameras at identified fly-tip hotspots to deter individuals from illegally dumping waste and potentially capture footage of perpetrators who choose to do so regardless.

For more information and to report anti-social behaviour, visit [www.molevalley.gov.uk/jet](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/jet).

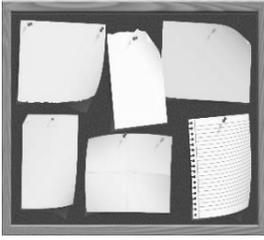
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## **FEEDBACK**

The BHNC welcomes residents to feedback any concerns they might have about the village. You can do this by emailing [admin@boxhillcommunity.com](mailto:admin@boxhillcommunity.com) or contacting any member of the BHNC: Martin Williams, Jeremy John, Julie Lever, Malcolm Ladell or Jen Martinez (Ladell). We also welcome suggestions on how the money we raise could be distributed for the benefit of the village.

Prepared & submitted by Julie Lever



# Box Hill Friendly Group

(est. Sep 2019)

Owing to the high demand from people wanting to join our group for tea parties, bingo, quizzes, raffles, minibus trips and Saturday night entertainments at the Village Hall about every 6 weeks, we are unable to accept any more members at the moment.

We have twenty members plus one on a waiting list. Our minibus holds sixteen people so it would be unfair to accept new members and then not be able to take them on our trips.

We are a friendly group; everyone has an equal say in its running, and we don't have a committee.

If you would like to join our group, please leave your name and telephone number so that we can add you to the waiting list and then contact you when a vacancy becomes available.

Mike Balch (07903 178 335)



# Box Hill Villagers Group

## Meetings in 2020

(Thursdays at 2.30pm unless otherwise stated)

Date	Talk or Event
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Talk by Brett Wainwright
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Talk by Kathy Atherton from Dorking Museum: "Dorking's Mayflower Pilgrims"
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Talk by Paul Whittle: "Lady with the Lamp – The Florence Nightingale Story"
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Social Afternoon

Thursday meetings are held in the Box Hill Village Hall. All enquiries to Valerie Cross on 01737 843165.



# BRITISH SUMMER TIME

## Starts 1am Sunday 29th March

Don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD one hour when you awake on Sunday morning 29th March.

# ActionFraud TV Licence scam

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

These emails are a phishing scam, a common type of email fraud where scammers will send bogus emails pretending to be from a respectable organisation. This is to trick you into clicking through to a fake website where you will enter your personal details.

For this scam, the emails are disguised to look like they have been sent by the TV Licensing organisation. They may say you're entitled to a refund for an overpayment or warn that your licence is about to expire. They will then ask you to respond by entering your bank details on a fake website.

Although the emails may use the TV Licensing logo and have other features that make them look authentic, **you should never trust them.**

## What should I do if I get this email?

If you see this suspicious email, don't reply with your details or open any links or documents. Delete it straight away.

You can report the phishing attempt to Action Fraud (0300 123 2040). Not all reports will be investigated, but every report will help Action Fraud better understand the scale of a problem and the methods that scammers are using.

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## Box Hill Resident's Scam Experience

One day last month, a retired Box Hill resident received a phone call from someone who said they were from BT and there was a problem with the internet connection which needed fixing. The gentleman who received this call is a regular computer user and not someone likely to be duped by a fake call. He had received similar calls before but, on those occasions, something had told him it was scam, so he had terminated the call.

But this call didn't prompt the same sense of caution and he spent almost two hours talking to two "foreign sounding" men who eventually convinced him to log into his computer and make a payment – or at least try to. Fortunately, something stopped the payment going through, and when this happened, the caller – the scammer – boldly told our Box Hill resident that the call was a scam and put the phone down.

On contacting his bank, our resident was relieved to learn that no financial loss had been incurred but he was put to the inconvenience of having to stop his bank cards and change all his bank accounts to eliminate the risk of any further efforts by the scammers to defraud him.

So, if you receive such a call, be cautious. If an unknown caller wants you to log into your computer, don't. Never give your bank details to a cold caller.

# MOBILE FRIDGE AT BOX HILL

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Please come and take a bag of food and help combat the food waste problem

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### The food is available for **FREE** to **ANYONE!**

Just meet the van at its drop off times and take whatever food you would like. There is normally surplus bread, rolls, vegetables, fruit and often drinks and frozen food. Take as much as you want, but just don't waste it. If you can make a contribution that's great but this is not essential.

### Where does the food come from?

The food is surplus, mainly from supermarkets, but also from individuals, wholesalers, manufacturers and other ad hoc suppliers such as airlines. We'll have your chutney whether it is home-made or from the shop, we don't mind. So long as it is edible and packaged food is labelled. All the supermarket and wholesaler foods are **in date**. There are many reasons why businesses give us surplus food. Often it is because the food is unsold at the end of the day, but also it may be an end of line or end of promotion item.



## Update: David Preedy

**Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill and Headley**

As I'm preparing this contribution right at the beginning of January, may I start by wishing everybody all success in 2020!!

If the theme of my previous report was Highways, this edition I want to concentrate on a couple of critical consultations that are taking place. I know that many of you have strong views on these issues, so it's really important you take your chance to have your views heard.

### **CONSULTATION: PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON CYCLE EVENT**

The first is a consultation about the future of the Prudential RideLondon cycling event and whether it should continue to be routed through Surrey.

- Residents will recall that this event was agreed by the then Surrey County Council Leader and Boris Johnson (as mayor of London) in 2012 without any local consultation.
- Since then I, Malcolm Ladell and Hazel Watson have done our best each year to communicate with the organisers to manage the event's impact locally.
- The current consultation is as to whether the event should continue for 5 more years from 2021 to 2025. You must submit your views before the consultation period closes on 16th February.
- If you are Internet-savvy, you can share your views at [surreycc.gov.uk/PRLSurrey](http://surreycc.gov.uk/PRLSurrey); otherwise you can call 03456 009 009 for a printed copy of the questionnaire or text 07860 053 465

### **CONSULTATION: MOLE VALLEY DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

As I advised two months ago, the new Draft Local Plan for Mole Valley is coming for public consultation from 3rd February till 16th March. The Plan itself is available online at [futuremolevalley.org](http://futuremolevalley.org) where you can also see the list of 13 exhibition events around the District. Probably the most convenient for Box Hill residents are:

- Saturday 15th Feb – 1pm-5:30pm – Dorking Christian Centre
- Monday 2nd March – 9:30am-1:30pm – Pippbrook, Dorking
- Friday 6th March – 4:30pm-8:30pm – Dorking Christian Centre

The draft plan sets out a scheme, devised over the last three years, which could deliver the Government-imposed housing targets for Mole Valley for the next 15 years; it also proposes various changes to local planning policies, including many addressing the challenges of countering climate change. The housing target can only be achieved by designating some sites in the Green Belt for housing. If you have strong feelings about whether this is the best approach for our community, please take some time to look at the proposals and respond to the consultation.

Continued >>

# Update: David Preedy

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill and Headley

## **CONSULTATION: MOLE VALLEY DRAFT LOCAL PLAN** (Continuation)

You may wish to comment on the proposed changes to the village boundary of Box Hill. In order to find the latest proposals on-line, you can go to <http://futuremolevalley.org/villages>. There you will find links to both the Council's proposals and the submission made by Malcolm Ladell last year following the BHNC meeting.

## **EPSOM & ST HELIER HOSPITALS CONSULTATION**

There is also a consultation event around the proposals for Epsom & St Helier hospitals. The most convenient "listening event" is at Epsom Downs Racecourse on Tuesday 11th February from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The questionnaire is on-line at [www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org](http://www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org) or you can ring 02038 800 271 in working hours.

## **HEADLEY ROADWORKS – WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

Meanwhile the water main replacement work in Headley means the closure of Church Lane for several months. **At present you can still reach St Mary's Church, the Cock Inn, Headley Village Stores and Tearooms, and Headley Village Hall from the South (i.e. via Headley Common Road) without needing a diversion.** There is no published schedule for when the closure of Headley Common Road will take place – but it is clear that this will be very disruptive for many Box Hill residents and especially those dependent on the bus service.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

I am also aware of various road flooding issues following the very heavy rain pre-Christmas and am discussing these with Surrey Highways to the extent that blocked drainage systems contributed to the problems.

Finally, we are still awaiting a planning application for the development at Headley Court.

Please feel free to get in touch with any matters affecting our communities using one of the contact options listed below.

## ***David Preedy***

Mole Valley District Councillor for Box Hill and Headley

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# Tackling the Litter Problem



I've recently moved to Box Hill and am enjoying getting to know the area. However, I've been struck by how much litter there is in our beautiful corner of Surrey, whether on the edge of roads, or on footpaths and at beauty spots in the area. I've been going out regularly in my spare time for an hour or

so, to try and chip away at some problem spots that I've come across. I wondered whether anyone might be interested in forming a 'Box Hill Litter Pickers' - type group, and meet from time-to-time?

Some places I've been picking at recently: Boxhill Road, Headley Common Road, Headley Heath, Brockham Quarry, North Downs Way at Box Hill. I'm open to suggestions of where we could go in the area. We could also talk about things like signage to educate drivers, or liaising with the National Trust, the Mole Valley District Council or other groups. If there is a group in the area already, would someone please let me know, when and where you meet! Rob Moon, email: rom64@icloud.com

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Since Rob Moon wrote the above, MVDC has announced the following campaign which may help, but there is still a lot of rubbish not being cleared by the Council.

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On 4 February 2020, Mole Valley District Council's (MVDC) Cabinet will consider a report recommending a publicity campaign aimed at discouraging drivers from

dropping litter onto road verges.

The 'Only Losers Litter' campaign would warn litterers that they could face a fine of up to £100 if they are caught in the act. In a play on the word 'loser', publicity would feature a driver throwing £10 notes out of their car as they would litter.

Signs would be placed on roads in the district, and the campaign's messages will be publicised on digital channels including MVDC's social media platforms and website. MVDC would also seek coverage in the local media and run an advertising campaign on local radio.

The facility to report littering online at <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/JET> will be heavily publicised.

Councillor Claire Malcomson, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "Our message is clear: we don't tolerate this anti-social behaviour, and those caught will be fined. Littering on road verges is a blight on Mole Valley's natural environment, and empty cans and bottles can trap small mammals and kill them. We hope that the idea of losing money will deter people from becoming a loser that litters."

The campaign would run in March.



## Box Hill Good Neighbours Christmas Party

On the 16th December we held our Christmas party in the village hall attended by 37 ladies and gentlemen. We started the afternoon with lunch followed by a show by Mr Paul O'Connell of The Magic Circle. Firstly, Paul entertained each table with card and coin tricks before entrancing us with his sleight of hand tricks using cups and balls. The raffle followed and then a Christmas quiz. Each partygoer was given a present and everyone agreed a great afternoon was had by all.



We are always happy to welcome new members to our tea party meeting on the 4th Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in St Andrews Church



**The Moves Fitness Gold class** pulled out all the stops for their final class of the year, which had a suitably Christmas feel to it. Brenda Hearn won the much-coveted trophy for her lovely reindeer outfit, we exercised to festive music and enjoyed some delicious, seasonal treats after the class.





# National Trust Box Hill

## Visitor Centre Update



Christmas and New year have been a lovely time for us in the Café and Served. In December there was a packed wreath making day with the attendees creating some incredible, natural decorations as well as enjoying a very social occasion. Turkey sandwiches, mince pies, chocolate yule logs and Christmas cake were popular choices and there were plenty of visitors buying little treats as presents. The turkey sandwiches stopped on Christmas Eve, but the visitors didn't! Apart from a rainy Boxing Day the weather held up well and the long break meant a very busy holiday period with lots of happy families visiting.

The children went back to school in January and our toddler Bugs Group started again. A bit more rain meant lots of puddle splashing and muddy walks that were great fun (for the youngsters) and the Café had the log burner going to welcome everyone back afterwards. January also saw some major filming on the Zig Zag Hill. Always a bit disruptive but fascinating to see the mass of equipment needed for just one day.

February sees us looking at our menu to bring in some changes for the start of Spring. More salads will be available, and a bigger selection of sandwiches, and we are thinking about wraps and baguettes as well as our sliced bloomer. There are some delicious sounding cakes but before we make our final selection, we will do some tasting on your behalf!

New menus should be up and running by the end of March, so we hope to see you then to try out the new recipes. Of course, you'll be very welcome anytime sooner!

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# DOG GROOMING DAYS

A huge thank you for the cards and gifts we received over the Christmas period. I personally appreciate greatly that my customers take the time and the trouble over a busy and what can be stressful time to think of their dog groomer. Again, thank you so much.

Well, after a very hectic and extremely busy three weeks before Christmas, both my assistant and I enjoyed our two-week rest. I had one “no show” even though we rang everyone the day before to remind them of their December appointment. Some of my colleagues around the country were quite stressed out by the number of “no shows” they had. I say again, this is our livelihood, please respect it.

February is usually the quietest time of my dog grooming year but at this time of year there’s still an average two week wait for an appointment – depending on the weather. However, if we do get a cancellation, we may be able to get your dog in at short notice so please call if you want a quick appointment - you never know.

Now, a catch up on other dog related matters. Anderson Moore Veterinary Specialists - the forerunners looking into the cause of Alabama Rot - have said that since 2012, there have been over 200 cases of this disease. In 2019 there were 25 confirmed cases, significantly less than the 46 case in 2018, but for pet owners who lost a pet last year, 25 cases are too many. Sadly, there is still no known cause, other than most contaminated pets appear to come down with this in very wet or very damp weather. Keep vigilant and get to your vet immediately if your pet has any skin problems.

Veterinary professionals in the UK recorded their first case of Leishmaniosis in 2019, thought to have been passed on by another dog to a Shih Tzu, rather by travel to an area where the infection is endemic. Leishmaniosis is carried by the female sand fly and transmitted by its bite.

I KNOW it’s only February, but .... if you go on holiday during any half term or the summer and you need to board your pet/s, remember that the good kennels/sitters/home boarders with a good reputation will get booked up early, so please do not leave it to the last minute and book into any place that can take your pet. If you really care about your pets, you will take the time, trouble and check these places out BEFORE you book. I always advise a short trial, before you go away on a longer break, to make sure your pet settles and you are please when you collect your pet that all is well and that they have been looked after properly. Yes, I know it will cost you a bit more by doing this, but is your pet not worth it? After all, I can assume, I hope, that you want to make sure your pets are ok while you are off enjoying yourself. In fact, a number of my customers tend to book their pets somewhere first, making sure they are ok, before they book their own holiday.

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# DOG GROOMING DAYS (Continuation)

Remember, home boarders and pet sitters need to be insured and if staying in your home, police checked. This is of course if they are running a business. If you ask a friend to look after your pets and no money is changing hands, then it is not necessary, BUT if the person looking after your pet/s has a problem caused by your pet/s then you, the pet owner, will be liable. Also, if your pet is on medication, always make sure you leave more than required, just in case your return is delayed

I have mentioned feeding wildlife before, especially foxes and the damage it can cause other animals. I need to mention it again because two of my customers' dogs have suffered epileptic fits due to eating food that had gone off, one a standard poodle and the other a cockerpool. The food was left on the heath by people who thought it would be good for the foxes, not realising other animals eat it as well. Both of these dogs could have died, so while some people are hoping to help feed the foxes and thinking they are doing something good for the wildlife, just remember you may kill someone's much loved pet as a result.

Until next time, *Maureen*

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## **Plea from a dog owner**

I just wanted to bring to people's attention the dangers of putting food out for wild animals and/or discarding any unwanted food in the woods and up on the heath. This seems to be happening much more frequently. By all means, feed the foxes, birds, badgers etc in your own garden but by putting it in public places means that our dogs will usually smell it out and eat it long before the foxes find it. We leave food either accidentally through our carelessness with rubbish, or deliberately because we think we are helping them, the wild animals. However, we are NOT acting in these animals' best interests at all. Mouldy food will not be good for any animal.

My dog was recently extremely ill (and nearly died by having a massive seizure) as a result of eating inappropriate food left out. On occasions the food has been carelessly thrown or left after a picnic, other times it seems that it has been deliberately left in a pile for animals to find - on one occasion, it looked like a whole bag of dog kibble had been emptied at the side of the path leading to High Ashurst. This is so dangerous as so many foods are toxic to dogs and if the food goes bad or mouldy, this too can be fatal.

I do beg you please to think about what you are doing when you put food down. Although it's hard to waste food and we think we are doing good, we are actually making our animals very ill and could their death. Thank you.

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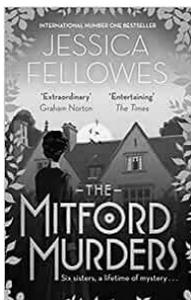
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# BOOKWORM compiled by Ann Marshall



## **My Life** by Gloria Hunniford

A very interesting autobiography by a much-loved Radio and T.V. personality. There are many photographs of family and famous people who have become family friends. It looks like a very glamorous life but there is very much hard work behind the scenes. Altogether a very readable account of a life from the bombs of Belfast to Buckingham Palace.



## **The Mitford Murders** by Jessica Fellowes

12th January 1920, on the 3.20pm train from Victoria, London, to Hastings, Florence Nightingale Shore was murdered. She was a goddaughter of Florence Nightingale. The Mitford family were of course well known for their six daughters. This crime story is the basis for a work of fiction that is to become a Series. It moves along at a good pace and I enjoyed it very much. The author has written several books about the world of Downton Abbey and is married to the author Julian Fellowes who wrote the Series for TV.

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## BANK OF ENGLAND

The new polymer £20 note is coming on 20 February 2020. It features the artist JMW Turner.



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1. Hologram image change: Tilt the note from side to side. Check the words change between 'Twenty' and 'Pounds'.
2. See-through windows: Look at the metallic image over the main window. Check the foil is blue and gold on the front of the note and silver on the back. Look for a second, smaller window in the bottom corner of the note.

### Other security features

**The Queen's portrait in the see-through window:** A portrait of the Queen is printed on the window with '£20 Bank of England' printed twice around the edge.

**Silver foil patch:** A silver foil patch contains a 3D image of the coronation crown. You will find this above the see-through window on the front of the note.

**Purple foil patch:** A round, purple foil patch contains the letter 'T'. You will find this on the back of the note, directly behind the silver crown on the front of the note.

**Feel of polymer and raised print:** The printed lines and colours on the note are sharp, clear and free from smudges or blurred edges. If you use a magnifying glass, you will see the value of the note written in small letters and numbers below the Queen's portrait.

**Ultra-violet number:** Under a good quality ultra-violet light, the number '20' appears in bright red and green on the front of the note, against a duller background.

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# The New Polymer £20 Note (Continuation)

## Design features

**Tactile feature:** On the front of the note (the side with raised print), there are three clusters of raised dots in the top left-hand corner. This tactile feature helps blind and partially sighted people identify the value of the note.

**Size:** The higher the value of a note, the larger it is. This note is approximately 139mm x 73mm.



**Unique numbering:** A unique serial number is printed horizontally and vertically on the back of the note. The horizontal number is in the bottom right corner. It is made up of multi-coloured letters and numbers, which increase in height from left to right. The vertical number runs down the left-hand side and the numbers and letters are the same height and colour.

**Copyright symbols:** The international copyright symbol is on the front and back of the note, below the 'Twenty Pounds' text.

**Historical character:** JMW Turner's self-portrait was painted circa 1799 and is currently on display at Tate Britain.

**Artwork:** "The Fighting Temeraire" (above) is one of Turner's most famous paintings. This was a tribute to the ship HMS Temeraire, which played a distinguished role in Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

**Quote:** 'Light is therefore colour' is a quote from a lecture Turner gave in 1818 and a reference to his innovative use of light, shade, colour and tone.

**Signature:** Turner's signature is from his Will, in which he left many of his paintings to the nation.

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# Computer User's Corner

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## Cookies.....without the cream

A couple of years ago, a governing body of the internet decided it needed to standardise on certain processes and be more open about what the website providers were collating. As a result, most companies on the internet were encouraged to use a code of practice about what data they collect when you log on to their website. This is done through the use of cookies.

### What is a Cookie?

A cookie is a small file, often encrypted, which allows a website to recognise a user's device. It is typically made up of letters and numbers and is downloaded on to your device when you access a website.

Cookies are generally used to help users navigate websites more efficiently and perform certain functions. Since their core role is to enhance usability and improve processes, if you disable cookies you may find that the website does not perform as well as you would expect.

When you load a particular website, a cookie is created. Every time you then revisit that specific website, the browser retrieves and sends this file to the website's server. Computer Cookies are also being created by other websites when ads, plug-ins, widgets, or other elements on the page are being loaded. These cookies regulate how the ads appear or how the widgets and other elements function on the page.

For more information see: <http://www.allaboutcookies.org/>

### Types of cookies

Some Cookies will expire at the end of a browser session, while other are stored for longer. Types of cookies include:

- **Session cookies** – these cookies are the ones which allow websites to track the various actions of a user during a browser session. They have a variety of purposes. For example, a session cookie would be working when the website you are visiting remembers what you have put in your shopping basket. Session cookies generally expire after a browser session ends.
- **Persistent cookies** – these cookies are stored on your device between browser sessions. This is useful because it enables the preferences/actions of the user to be remembered across a website. Persistent cookies are also used for a variety of purposes; however, they are most famous for being used by a website to perform target advertising.

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# Computer User's Corner

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## Types of Cookies (Continuation)

- **First and third-party cookies** – first party cookies are the cookies which are set by a specific website visited by the user. Third party cookies are set by a domain which is not the one being visited by the user. For example, if you visit a website and a separate company has set a cookie through that website this would be a third-party cookie.
- **Tracking Cookies** are a specific type of cookie that is distributed, shared, and read across two or more unrelated Web sites for the purpose of gathering information or potentially to present customized data to you. ... Tracking cookies are not harmful like malware, worms, or viruses, but they can be a privacy concern. With aggressive tracking cookies, these companies can know your location, device information, purchase history, search queries, and so much more. Sometimes, you never even know this information is being collected. However, some countries, like the UK, have adopted laws that require websites to notify users about their data being collected through cookies.

## Are these cookies secure?

Cookies are not computer viruses, they cannot be executed nor are they self-executing, they also cannot replicate and spread to other networks to execute. Since they cannot perform these functions, they fall outside the standard definition of a virus.

Because cookies store information about a user's browsing preferences and history, they can sometimes be used to act as a form of spyware. Many anti-spyware products recognize this and will flag-up certain cookies for deletion, following a scan.

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# Travel Blog: Puglia, the ‘Heal’ of Italy



Puglia has a rich history and over the years has played host to the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, Spanish and now the location for the latest James Bond Movie. This beautiful region is where we spent a delightful week in the autumn of 2019. Little did we realise that it would feature in the newest Bond Film.



*View of Matera at Dawn*

We flew to Bari and took a hire car which I was dreading thinking of how we would cope with the Italian drivers. As it was, we found the autostrada with only two lanes, so easy to cope with compared with our 3 and 4 lane motorways. There is so much less traffic, and you either leisurely drive in the slow lane, or drive like Schumacher in the fast lane.



*A Cave Dwelling street, Sassi di Matera*

Our first stop at Matera, awarded the title of 2019 European Capital of Culture with its prehistoric houses dug into the local tufa rock, remains one of the most admired cities in Italy. The fun part of this amazing city is finding your way to the allocated parking lot. Yes, it was a driver's nightmare, so many no entry roads, one-way systems, we almost turned back.

Having parked the car and found our hotel, the luxury Palazzo Gattini, we crossed the threshold and immersed ourselves in the events that the rooms tell and relived the splendour of over six centuries of history of the oldest noble Matera family ..... and this is where Daniel Craig stayed whilst filming the latest James Bond movie!

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## Travel Blog: Puglia, the ‘Heal’ of Italy (Continuation)

We had organized a private guided tour, which we always recommend for any city stay, and were taken along the windy streets, shown the cave houses, where a family would live together with their mule (the only form of transport). The amazing Churches of which there are 44 and the hilltop Cathedral. We loved the many pavement cafés where we sat for many hours watching the world go by, and drinking Aperol spritzers. The sunsets here were amazing.

We left Matera after a couple of days and drove to Lecce, known as the ‘Florence of the South’. Our drive here was on a country route, right through the oldest most

famous Olive Groves with trees that were literally hundreds of years old. The surrounding fields at this time of year were covered in white and pink mini cyclamen, it was sight to behold.



*Street in Lecce*

We reached Lecce and again with a bit of a struggle found our way to our hotel, La Fiermontina. It was located in the quiet streets of the old town. The building dates back to the 17th Century is owned by an Italian Count. The family’s private collection of bronze sculptures is dotted around the serene gardens where ancient Olive Trees, planted here by the family, give guests a peaceful secluded place to rest on sun loungers beside the swimming pool. We loved our stay in Lecce and would recommend this



*A Bedroom in La Fiermontina Hotel*

beautifully preserved city to any lover of Italian holidays.

Whilst in Lecce you can take the train along the coastline of Southern Puglia or drive to the dazzling blue seaside resorts, with beautiful harbours, amazing seafood restaurants. Just a short drive along the coast. We would love to return to spend more time along this coastline and can thoroughly recommend Puglia.

Did someone mention Bond, James Bond?

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# Weather: Our seasons



There are four seasons in the year in the UK, but what causes them and how do they affect us?

## What causes the seasons?

The Earth is like a slightly squished ball that orbits around the Sun, taking one year to make a complete orbit. Imagine a rod sticking through the Earth going from the North Pole to the South Pole. This is its axis. Each day, the Earth spins around on its axis once - this is what gives us night and day.

But the Earth doesn't spin upright, its axis is tilted, like it has fallen over a little on one side. This tilt of 23.5 degrees is what causes our seasons. As we pass round the sun, some parts of the Earth are tilted towards the Sun and they get more of its heat, while others are tilted away, and get less of the Sun's heat. This is not because they are nearer to or further away from the Sun, but because the heat from the Sun arrives in waves, which can travel through the atmosphere more directly in the areas tilted towards the Sun.

Because of this the UK has four seasons:

- **Summer**, when the northern hemisphere, where the UK is, is tilted towards the Sun
- **Autumn**, as the northern hemisphere begins to tilt away from the Sun
- **Winter**, when the northern hemisphere is fully tilted away from the Sun
- **Spring**, when the northern hemisphere begins to tilt back towards the Sun again.

## What is the solstice?

There are in fact two solstices - the summer solstice and the winter solstice.

**The summer solstice** occurs when the northern hemisphere is fully tilted towards the Sun. This occurs on the 21 or 22 June each year and gives us our longest day and shortest night.

**The winter solstice** occurs when the northern hemisphere is fully tilted away from the Sun. This occurs on the 21 or 22 December each year and gives us our shortest day and longest night.

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# Weather: Our Seasons (Continuation)

## What is the equinox?

There are two equinox and they occur half-way between the two solstices, marking the start of spring and autumn and is when the northern hemisphere is not tilted towards or away from the Sun.

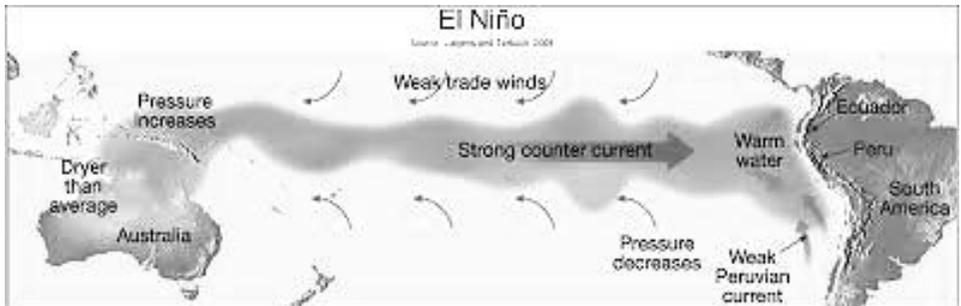
Technically the equinox marks an astronomical change in season, which is slightly different to the meteorological seasons described, mostly above due to the latitude of the UK.

## Do other countries have the same seasons?

Yes and no; the seasons are caused by the Earth's tilt, but the depending on where you are on the Earth will depend on how much the tilt affects the weather. So most countries at a similar latitude (the same distance away from the equator) to the UK will generally have the same four seasons, but other parts of the world may only have two seasons - a winter and a summer, or a wet and a dry season. Some places only have one season as there is little change to their weather throughout the year.

## Things that affect the seasons: El Niño and La Niña

The tropical Pacific Ocean has a warming and cooling cycle. This cycle is a completely natural event and usually lasts between three to seven years.



When the waters become warmer it is called El Niño, and when they become cooler it is called La Niña. During the cycle, the temperature of the ocean can change by around 3 °C between the warmest and coolest times.

People who fish off the South American coast have known about this natural event for hundreds of years. With an El Niño, they see a huge fall in the numbers of fish caught. In the UK during a La Niña year, the weather may milder, wetter and windier than normal, but this is not always true. Scientists are only just beginning to understand how the event affects Earth's weather and climate, though they do know that it causes the circulation of air to move from their normal patterns, which will cause expected weather to change during El Niño or La Niña years, and that the stronger the change in the temperatures the bigger the changes in the weather.

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As we come into a new decade, the team at Dorking Museum would like to thank visitors, supporters, volunteers and members for contributing to an eventful and exceptional year in 2019 and look forward to another exciting year in 2020. Are you making the most of this valuable local resource that celebrates the rich heritage of the town and surrounding villages?

In 2019, around 3,500 visitors were welcomed to the Museum, but that is only part of the story. The team also took 1,100 people underground on tours of the South Street Caves and 500 people on its programme of guided walks in Dorking town, on the Deepdene Trail and at Betchworth Castle. Its youth activities benefitted over 130 children and adults on school and youth group visits and welcomed 350 participants to its school holiday and half term family activities. Museum Gallery Talks and book launches attracted around 200 visitors and a similar number attended the team's talks and presentations at other venues, as well as many who saw the Museum's exhibitions 'on the road' at Dorking Halls and Brooklands Museum. In addition, there were also archive visits, oral history interviews and much more besides.

The Museum mounted three new exhibitions during the year and held two community events for Remembrance. The South Street Caves were used for filming for a BBC/PBS television series while the Museum was nominated for the Women's History Network Community History Prize for the short film 'Suffragettes in the Surrey Hills', hosted a joint community First World War digitisation event in conjunction with Oxford University's 'Lest We Forget' project and provided the Dorking content for the national Mayflower 400 website and self-guided walking app. The Museum's publishing arm, The Cockerel Press, had a bumper year, producing and publishing six new books on a range of local themes.

With online coverage taking museums to a wider national and international audience, the Museum welcomed 44,000 visitors to its website and amassed 1,100 followers on Facebook, 2,500 on Twitter and 600 on Instagram.

Museum Chairman Nigel Arch sums up the year: "Every year our reach gets wider, and more people within our community are able to benefit from our services and facilities. Dorking Museum is a real jewel in the crown for both the town and district. We reach far and wide, our activities not confined by the Museum's walls, celebrating our shared heritage."

If you would like to get involved in 2020, please visit the Museum, take part in any of our outside activities, volunteer a little time, become a member or support in any other ways. For details, please visit the Museum's website.

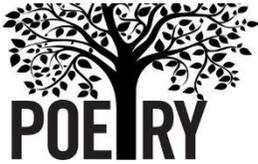
## DORKING MUSEUM – What's On (Continuation)



*Painting "On Holmwood Common" by GE Collins (Dorking Museum Collection)*

Our current Spring exhibition is '**How do we look at Dorking? The Town and its Landscapes over 150 years**'. The Museum's curator of paintings, Sandra Wedgwood, has been gathering together paintings and drawings of the area, from conventional views to interesting interpretations of the local townscape and landscape. She seeks to shed light on the questions, how have we seen our surroundings over the last 150 years? Is there a clear pattern? Do we see them as Realistic, or mostly realistic with some artistic licence? Do we want them to be Romantic or simply Beautiful? Can modern Technology help us see them anew or does it cause us to interpret them from our imagination? Evidence comes from works by prominent local artists like Charles Collins and those who visited and captured local views like Arthur C Fare as well as more contemporary interpretations such as that by Harvey and Ackroyd and even views from a drone. As Sandra says, "I want people to look closely at the images on the wall rather than to read words about them. I hope that they will find them fascinating."

The **Walking in Dorking** team has been building its programme of guided walks with a number of new themed walks developed during the year. These are available for group bookings as well as a schedule of walks for individual bookings. See Dorking in a new light with a Museum guide! The Spring programme of scheduled walks kicks off at the end of February, with itineraries including The Deepdene Trail, Hidden Dorking, Historic Pubs, Dorking in the time of the Mayflower and Betchworth Castle. The first 'open' walks will be a **Hidden Dorking Historic Walk**, February 29th, 2pm, a **Mayflower 400 Walk**, March 1st, 2pm, and a **Betchworth Castle Walk**, March 14th, 2pm. Details and bookings on the website.



# Headley Poetry Group

Explore poetry and discover new poets

Do you still have room for a New Year resolution? 2020 lies before us, so many opportunities to explore poetry and discover new poets.

Our next meetings will be on February 22nd and March 28th in Headley Village Hall starting at 2.30pm

## What goes on?

If you have ever wondered about what goes on in a poetry meeting let me say a few words because our last meeting was a good meeting.

We read and discussed twenty-one poems. The poems were varied, chosen thoughtfully and read with feeling by the members. Many of them were new to me and some of the poets too were new. Some were original work. But it's not just the poems. Most of all I would say the feeling within the group is so supportive. People are interested in sharing their knowledge and love of poetry. And we all learn something too.

Here is a taster of a poem for this season. Although it was written probably to describe a winter scene in a very different place and in a very different time, it does not take much imagination to set it in our time and in our village with one of the local horse riders stopping by nearby woods on a snowy evening. And if you like poetry that rhymes, this one is quite unusual!

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost (1874 – 1963)

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

Have a happy New Year, and when you want to, come and read your favourite poem at our favourite poetry group. Email: [charlesholme@aol.com](mailto:charlesholme@aol.com)

# LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – February 2020

Compiled by Ian Codd

1st at 12.00, Music at Midday at St Martin's church, free, 01306 884229  
1st at 5.55, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
2nd at 3.00, Barbican string quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619  
3rd at 1.30, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
4th 11th 18th 25th at 8.30, Watermill Jazz at Betchworth golf club, 07415 815784  
6th at 1.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
15th at 5.00, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Nicolas church, Great Bookham  
22nd at 7.30, piano recital at Dorking Halls, £21-25, 01306 740619  
24th at 7.00, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
25th at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
29th at 5.55, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717



In February the Barbican string quartet will play the last of their three concerts for the Dorking Concertgoers. Their programme comprises Haydn's last completed quartet, the fifth quartet of Bela Bartók and a quartet by Schumann. Later in the month, another Concertgoers concert features the brilliant young pianist Benjamin Grosvenor (left). In the first half of his recital, he pairs music by Rameau with a Beethoven sonata and then devotes the second half to Liszt, including the monumental sonata in B minor.

The Dorking Chamber Orchestra, playing in Great Bookham, has a mainly baroque programme, with music by J.S. Bach (concerto for violin and oboe), his son J.C. Bach, Quantz (concerto for two flutes) and Biber, and finishing with Haydn's 'Fire' symphony.

The lunchtime concert at St Martin's church will be given by violinist Fumi Otsuki and pianist Sarah Kershaw, making a very welcome return visit.

The Dorking Halls has several screenings in February. Opera lovers can see Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* from the Metropolitan Opera in New York (1st & 6th), Puccini's *La bohème* from the Royal Opera in London (3rd), and Handel's *Agrippina* from the Met (29th). Ballet screenings are Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* from the Bolshoi in Moscow (24th) and a double bill from the Royal Ballet – *The cellist*, based on the life and career of Jacqueline du Pre, and *Dances at a gathering*, based on music by Chopin (25th).

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## LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS – March 2020 Summary

2nd at 1.30, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st, 8.30, Watermill Jazz, Betchworth golf club, 07415 815784  
7th at 12.00, Music at Midday at St Martin's church, free, 01306 884229  
8th at 7.30, LHMFBach Mass at Dorking Halls, £15-24, 01403 240093  
14th at 9am, LHMFBach youth choir's competition day at Dorking Halls, £5  
17th at 7.15, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
18th at 7.00, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
21st at 7.30, chamber orchestra at Dorking Halls, £20-25, 01306 740619  
21st at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's church, £15, 01306 730640  
23rd at 1.30, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717  
28th at 7.30, Ashtead Choral Society at Dorking Halls, £20, 01306 881717  
30th at 7.00, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717

## WATERMILL JAZZ – February & March 2020



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#### **4th February, Nat Steele Plays 'Sonny Rollins with the MJQ'; £21 (£20/£16/£8)**

Nat Steele is well known as one of the best vibes players that the UK has ever produced and for this concert, he collaborates with visiting NYC tenor saxophonist Grant Stewart. Grant's rich tone is rooted in the sound of the jazz tenor masters like Sonny Rollins and Don Byas, yet he has a keen individuality.

#### **11th February, Byron Wallen's Four Corners; £19 (£18/£14/£7)**

Described by Jazzwise magazine as "one of the most innovative, exciting and original trumpet players alive", Byron is a seminal figure in world jazz, constantly travelling the world recording, teaching and performing.

#### **18th February, Martin Speake International Quartet; £23 (£22/£18/£9)**

Expect exciting, inventive sounds from Martin and Ethan's 2018 album Intention, which includes Martin's originals and some inspired arrangements.

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## **WATERMILL JAZZ – February & March 2020** (Continuation)



**25th February, Emilia Mårtensson - Loredana Tour; £19 (£18/£14/£7)**

Emilia (left) has built a well-deserved reputation as one of the most exciting vocalists on the UK jazz scene. Her gently expressive voice and highly personal compositions are firmly rooted within the folklore and countryside of her native southern Sweden



**3rd March, Get The Blessing + John Hegley; £25 (£24/£20/£10)**

It's 20 years since Get The Blessing first got together, and tonight celebrates this milestone with a rare live collaboration between the band and poet/comedian John Hegley.



**10th March, Brubecks Play Brubeck celebrating Dave Brubeck's Centennial year [SOLD OUT]**

**24th March, Bruce Barth Quartet featuring Peter Bernstein; £26 (£25/£21/£11)**

In their three decades on the jazz scene, Bruce and Peter (left) have collaborated occasionally, but this engagement at Watermill Jazz will be their first-ever performance together outside of New York.



**31st March, Surrey County Youth Jazz Orchestra; £19 (£18/£14/£7)**

**\*\* Tickets free for anyone under 25 \*\***

Surrey County Youth Jazz Orchestra (left) was formed over 30 years ago and is one of the flagship orchestral ensembles organised by Surrey's award-winning arts service.

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## **Unsigned Christmas Cards**

Did anyone else receive Christmas cards without a sender's name inside? Or maybe it just said "Linda" when you know half a dozen people with the name of Linda? Nice to receive, nice thought by the sender but do make sure you all sign your cards next year so the recipient can appreciate your good wishes. HAPPY NEW YEAR. Ed.

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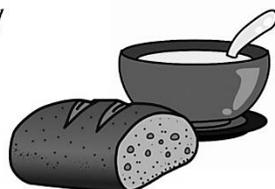
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## Letter from the Rector

**Anno Domini 2020** is a year that I am sure many advertisers, authors and even preachers have been looking forward to! All keen to get our attention with strap lines about seeing clearly and having 20/20 vision!

I found these words of definition that: “20/20 vision is a measurement of a person’s ‘visual acuity’ 20 feet away from a test chart (which is American terminology). Simply put, visual acuity measures how well you can see using the letter chart that your optician likely uses to test your eyes. Although society associates having 20/20 as perfect vision, it’s possible to have even better visual acuity. However, more suitable terminology is ‘normal vision’ rather than perfect. Also, in the UK, 6/6 is the equivalent of 20/20 vision.”

I well remember how at my prep school, aged about eleven, I began to find it rather hard to see the blackboard – or as some might say the chalkboard. After this had persisted for some time it must have been commented on as my



twin brother and I then both found ourselves in the opticians in Reigate and being diagnosed as a little short sighted and in need of spectacles. We were a little worried about being called “four eyes” so made up a little song (rather like Christopher Robin) called “Four eyes are better than two eyes.” Sadly, I only remember its title!

Sight is a very important and a very personal thing, by it we learn so much about the world and ourselves, without it the world is plunged into darkness. Those who lose it, or have never had it, often develop their other senses more. But it also serves as a good metaphor as in sometimes we fail to ‘see’ accurately. George Benson sang these words about 20/20 vision: “If I knew back then what I know now, if I understood the what, when, why and how. Now it’s clear to me what I should have done, but hindsight is 20/20 vision.”

Those of us with teenage children or grandchildren are probably very familiar with the experience of how their ‘view’ of the world and ‘perception’ of themselves or others changes quite strongly. It can be a tricky time and we have to remember we all went through some version of it. Mark Twain famously said of his Dad: “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.”

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# Letter from the Rector (Continuation)

He wrote amusingly about the way a teenage perspective changes and develops – but what if our view of God is something that needs to change in a similar way? It may take us seven years, it may take longer, for change is often slow even when we see the need for it. I am still changing.

If you want a change in 2020 towards God and would like a chat do let me know. You are always very welcome at St Andrew's or any of the Benefice churches.

Very best wishes and blessings, **Revd Harry Latham**

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If you would like to join the group for this event, please

contact Bill Donnelly on 01737 845280 to register your interest. It promises to be a lively and inspiring musical event!



## MONTHLY CHURCH SERVICES

*United Benefice of Headley and Box Hill with Walton-on-the-Hill*

### St Andrew's Church, Box Hill

Sundays: 9.30am	1st Sunday: Contemporary Worship
9.30am	3rd Sunday: Informal Family Communion
9.30am	4th Sunday: Morning Praise

There are periods of Bible Study at St Andrew's on Thursday evenings 6.30pm for 6.45pm

### St Mary's Church, Headley

Sundays: 8.00am	Prayer Book Communion
10.30am	1st and 3rd Sundays: Parish Communion
9.30am	2nd Sunday: Joint Family Communion
9.30am	4th Sunday: Family Communion

### St Peter's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill

Sundays: 8.00am	Prayer Book Communion
10.45am	1st Sunday: All-Age Service
10.45am	2nd and 4th Sundays: Parish Communion
10.45am	3rd Sunday: Family Service
	Also:
5th Sundays: 10.15am	Join Benefice Family Communion at either St Mary's, St Andrew's or St Peter's.

Please note: The above is a general statement and there are variations. It is important to refer to the detailed diary page on our websites or to the lists on the notice boards in the churches.  
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# PRIZE WORD GAME – 2 x £10 Prizes to be won!!

Thanks to all those who submitted answers for Word Game 88. There were **41** entries of which 33 had all correct answers. Great to see so many people submitting entries and getting the correct answers. Thank you!

**Game 88 answers:** BLOND (**HAIR**) DRYER, BOILING (**WATER**) FOUNTAIN, DINING (**TABLE**) MATS, FLY (**FISHING**) ROD, ICE (**HOCKEY**) STICK, KICK (**BOXING**) RING, SEVENTH (**HEAVEN**) SENT, STINGING (**NETTLE**) TEA, TRACK (**RECORD**) PLAYER, WHITE (**WEDDING**) VOWS

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## Word Game No. 89 – Good Luck Everyone!

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TIDAL	(4)	GOODBYE	<i>Compiled by QuizKid (89)</i>

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter full contact details and submit your entries to the Editor at the address shown on page 2. Thank you.

**HOW IT WORKS:** For those who haven't had a go before, it's quite simple; all you have to do is find the word in the middle column that links the word in the left column with the one in the right column. So, if the left column has BRAMLEY and the right column has PIE, the answer I'm looking for is APPLE i.e. Bramley Apple, Apple Pie. We even give you a little clue by telling you the number of letters in the missing word – so (5) for APPLE. All correct entries are folded and put into a "hat". After a good shake to make sure there's no chance of knowing who the entries are from, the winning entry is drawn. The Editor's decision is final.

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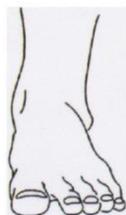
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