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#### July / August 2024

#### Vicar's letter . . .



Dear Friends,

Officially, Summer started on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. That may come as something of a relief after the wettest Spring since 1986 and the sixth wettest on record. That said, we have had the warmest May and Spring since records began. Perhaps now we will be singing the old Beatles refrain "Here comes the sun, and I say it's all right".

For us, Summer sees the sun at its strongest. The Sun's gravity holds the solar system together, keeping everything, from the biggest planets to the smallest particles of debris, in its orbit. The connection and interactions between the Sun and Earth drive the seasons, ocean currents, weather, climate, and auroras. The Sun is the centre of everything, drawing us to itself, giving us light and warmth and life.

This is how God made the solar system and, in an interesting corollary, God made us in the same way: attracted to, drawn to, finding light, warmth and life in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Many of us will try to go away over the summer for a well-earned break. Some of us will be seeking the sun, most of us just wanting a break from the routine of daily life and a new experience. Wherever we go, and whatever we do, we will continue to be drawn to the Son.

We read in Psalm 139 – "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast".

As we seek the sun this Summer and look for the light of its presence, let us also seek the Son and be drawn into the presence of God who made all things and loves each one of us so dearly.

I wish you a very happy holiday!

With love,

David

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## **July/August Diary**

for St John's Church, Wonersh

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July			
Tues 2	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 4	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sun 7	10am	6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY All-Age Worship	
Tues 9	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 11	10.30am	Morning Worship	
Sun 14	8am 10am	7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship	
Tues 16	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 18	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sun 21	10am	8 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion	
Tues 23	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 25	10.30am	Discovery Service - 'Hymns We Love'	
Sun 28	8am 10am	9 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion (CW) Morning Worship	
Tues 30	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Augus	<b>t</b>		
Thurs 1	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sun 4	10am	10 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY All-Age Worship	
Tues 6	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 8	10.30am	Morning Worship	
CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)			

Sun 11	8am 10am	11 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship	
Tues 13	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 15	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sun 18	10am	12 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion	
Tues 20	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 22	10.30am	Discovery Service	
Sun 25	8am 10am	13 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Holy Communion (CW) Morning Worship	
Tues 27	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 29	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Septer	nber		
Sun 1	10am	14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY All-Age Worship	
Tues 3	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Thurs 5	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	

#### **Church Office**

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

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

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

#### **Copy Deadline for September 2024**

Please submit articles for the September issue by <u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August</u>.

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

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







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

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

Everyone is welcome!

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

At the beginning of June we celebrated one year of Mums, Bumps and Babies by throwing a garden party at the Vicarage. What a joy it was to see families get together again and how amazing to see some of the babies, who we first met at the group as tiny newborns, now taking their first steps. We were struck again by how many mums and babies have passed through the vicarage doors over the past year, and what a privilege it is to walk alongside them at this precious time in their lives.

Now we turn our attention to the Summer holidays, and our offerings for local families from July until September. We've had fun coming up with a plan! Please find our pull-out calendar style booklet in the middle of the magazine for more details.

Our newest activity is an afternoon session called 'God's Big Story' for under-5s, and for this we ask that you book, as we only have space for 10 children and their adults. We will be reading a much-loved Bible story, followed by related craft, refreshments and games in the garden. Please email me (see below) to book; please include any relevant additional info (special needs, allergens etc.).

Summer Kids Church, 'Fun in the Sun', will be based in the vicarage garden over August, so we can enjoy God's creation with games and nature-based craft. Come and find us just before 10am - all ages between 2 and 10 are warmly welcome. Do email for more details.

And finally, as our last event of the Summer and back by popular demand, we have our **Family Fun Day** on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September! Come and join us at the vicarage for a BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting and lots more.

Happy holidays! Clare x

(clare@wonershchurch.org.uk)



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

As I write this, the children have just gone back to school after a disappointingly wet half-term. When you read it, I hope we will be enjoying some warmer weather, and the children will be looking forward to the summer holidays. Whatever the weather, school



holidays are an extra pressure on tight budgets so we expect to be helping many families who will find it hard to provide an extra midday meal. We, and the families we support, are so grateful to everyone that donates. Thank you, and enjoy the summer!

Our requests this month are for:

Jars of Pasta / Curry Sauce Teabags
Tinned Tomatoes Fruit Squash
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes (Adult/Child)

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

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

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



#### **FREE Music Events throughout the Summer**

The annual Music in the Park was launched in 2006 to provide local people and visitors alike with an occasion at which they could enjoy a range of outdoor concerts – and to provide these free for music lovers to enjoy.

With a diverse range of amateur and professional bands and performers to choose from, the concerts – which are held every Sunday afternoon from May until September – attract enthusiastic crowds who enjoy watching the performances in the company of friends and family.

Music in the Park is held on the Godalming Bandstand on The Burys (GU7 1DY) next to St Peter's and St Paul's Church, come rain or shine – although in extreme weather we may decamp to the parish church next door!

See godalmingbandstand.co.uk for more details and times of concerts.

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#### Blackheath Focus July/August 2024



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	Services at St Martin's			
	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>	10am	
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Services in Wonersh	8am / 10am	
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Choral Evensong	6pm	
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	'Be Still with God'	6pm	
	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>	10am	
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Services in Wonersh	8am / 10am	
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Morning Prayer	9.30am	
	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Choral Evensong	6pm	
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	'Be Still with God'	6pm	
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Morning Prayer	9.30am	
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#### Catholicism: The Pivotal Players St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR

**Sung Holy Communion** 

The next two sessions in Bishop Barron's magnificent series on significant and influential figures from the Church's history will be:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July - St Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August - St Catherine of Siena, the Mystic

Fr John Seddon OSB, resident Benedictine monk at the monastery, will show the videos and then lead the discussion about them afterwards. You can get an idea about the course content in a short video here.

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

To book, visit www.chilworthbenedictines.com.

Sunday 1st September



## JULY-SEPTEMBER



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## AUGUST

THURSDAY 1ST: CHATTER IN THE PARK
WONERSH COMMON PLAYGROUND, 9.30-11.00AM
TODDLERS & SIBLINGS- REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

SUNDAY 4TH: ALL AGE SERVICE 10.00-10.45AM; A FUN, INTERACTIVE SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

SUNDAY 11TH: FUN IN THE SUN SUMMER KIDS CHURCH; ST JOHN'S VICARAGE, 10.00-11.15ISH

MONDAY 12TH: MUMS, BUMPS, & BABIES (O-CRAWLING); ST JOHN'S VICARAGE, 10AM-12PM

TUESDAY 13TH: GOD'S BIG STORY FOR UNDER 55, 3.00-4.30PM (SEE JULY)

THURSDAY 15TH: SUMMER CHATTERBOX;
LAWNSMEAD HALL, 9.30-11.00AM. TODDLERS & SIBLINGS
£2 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PER FAMILY

SUNDAY 18TH: SUMMER KIDS CHURCH (SEE ABOVE)

MONDAY 19TH: MUMS, BUMPS & BABIES (SEE ABOVE)

## SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 1ST: ALL AGE SERVICE 10-11AM

SUNDAY 1ST: FAMILY FUN DAY ! 11.30AM-3.00PM BBQ, BOUNCY CASTLE, BALLOON MAN, AND MUCH MORE! (VOLUNTARY DONATION, SUGGESTED £5 PER ADULT, CHILDREN FREE)

SUNDAY 8TH: TERM -TIME KIDS CHURCH RESUMES ST JOHN'S VICARAGE, 10-11.15AM ISH CHILDREN AGED 2-10; ALL WELCOME!







#### **Meet Ann Beresford**

'Music reaches where words fail.'

I grew up in a home where singing and making music was a natural part of life. No one had formal qualifications, just the experience of harmonising vocally and improvising on whatever instruments we'd inherited or could find - comb and paper, spoons, washboard! When I was eight, my 13-year old brother died of leukaemia. I witnessed the depths of grief but also the love and comfort my parents' strong Christian faith brought, along with the blessing of music to heal.

It was mainly through the encouragement of my husband Paddy that I had the confidence to write songs. Mostly, my songs were born out of struggles in life, disappointments, grief - but encountering God through those dark times.

One such time for us was not being able to have children. As we trusted in God's plans, we were led to adoption. First a 5-month old girl; three years later, after fostering a boy for 10 months, sadly we had to hand him back. I also had a miscarriage the same week. This was a very deep time but again I found songwriting helped - a lullaby for Gabrielle and later recording a CD called "Healing My Aching Heart".

God doesn't always answer our 'Why?' but we can receive his peace in their place. This he did for me miraculously one morning in that time. I will never forget the power of music to lift my spirit out of the depths as I listened to a soaring trumpet introduction to 'All hail the power of Jesus' name'. I was able to trust again. A year later we adopted Charlotte.

Later in life, I trained as a Music Therapist and am passionate about the impact of music therapy in every area – physical, mental, social and spiritual. I have worked in palliative care, with those experiencing dementia, children and young people with autism and severe learning disabilities. It is amazing how music can communicate so deeply from one person to another without the use of words.

One special memory was playing my harp at a hospice bedside and the patient opening her eyes – the first time for a while. Then a half hour or so later the daughter came to find me to say that she had just died: "It was as if your playing enabled Mum to let go".



Singing together is so powerful in bonding and healing, so I run music sessions for parents and toddlers, Toddler Praise, and music time at 'Memory Lane', a group for those with dementia and their carers - both in Cranleigh.



I regularly lead worship at St John's, Wonersh, and love to draw people together into the presence of our Father God through music.

If you would like to contact Ann about any of the above, her details are: ajberesford53@gmail.com or 07813 011555.

### **Village News**

#### **Wonersh History Society**

Does STS 4 mean anything to you? It certainly does to Paul McCue who will be making a welcome return to give a presentation on "Winterfold and the SOE". STS 4 was the designation given to the SOE training school set up at Winterfold House during WWII. Among the many recruits who passed through the school were Muriel Byck, Andrée Borrel, Denise Bloch and Violette Szabo GC - the latter being the subject of the film 'Carve Her Name with Pride'.

Paul's talk will take place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at Wonersh Memorial Hall, commencing at **8pm**. Guests are welcome for a fee of £3. Find out more about the Society, including how to become a member, at <a href="https://www.wonershhistory.co.uk">www.wonershhistory.co.uk</a>.



#### Wonersh United Reformed Church

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

#### July/August 2024 - News

Please see details below of our activities at Wonersh URC, including Film Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> July ('Chariots of Fire') and 7<sup>th</sup> August (film TBA); and the Taizé Service on 17<sup>th</sup> July - a time of reflection and refilling.

And don't forget Tea@3 on Thursdays at 3pm - always a good time of fun and friendship.



Revd Graham Hoslett



DATES	DETAILS
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7pm: Film Club - 'Chariots of Fire'
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	NO SERVICE; Book Stall at Wonersh Fair
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm: Songs of Praise, with Godalming Band
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm: Taizé Service - Revd Graham Hoslett
Sunday, 21st July	10.30am: Livestreamed Service
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am: Morning Worship - Jane Briggs
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am: Livestreamed Service
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm: Film Club (film TBA)
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am: Communion Service - Revd Helen Everard
Sunday, 18th August	10.30am: Morning Worship - Neil Coode
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am: Morning Worship - Alison Sage

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

With the weather improving so has WCC's form, with two wins in the Surrey Downs League and a win against local rivals Shamley Green in a



Sunday friendly. The first century of the season was scored by R. Miller, supported by J. Hill's 93 not out, in a monstrous total of 237/1 off 35 overs against Ashtead CC. This was followed by a nail-biting victory against Beddington Village CC the following weekend, with just 7 balls to spare.

The common remains busy with both senior and junior cricket, which is great for the community. At WCC we aim to deliver cricket for everyone and I think this has been reflected in the number of junior cricketers that are now playing senior cricket, thanks to the success of the junior programme which runs on Friday nights.

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

Keep a look out for further news and updates on our Instagram page: <u>@wonershcricketclub</u>; or our website, which includes all our contacts, fixtures and results: <u>wonersh.play-cricket.com</u>.

As always if you are keen to join the club please get in contact! You can email us at <u>secretary@wonershcc.co.uk</u> for more information. You can also use the QR code on the right to link



#### **Volunteering in the Countryside**

Waverley's countryside rangers lead practical conservation tasks across the borough, all year round, with the help of our dedicated volunteers. Together, they are involved in the management of many of Waverley's fantastic open spaces, including Blackheath Common.

#### Why volunteer?

to our Social Membership page.

- Help improve your local wildlife habitats and make a real difference to the animals and plants that live there.
- Meet new people interested in looking after the countryside.
- Conservation volunteering is a great way of keeping fit, getting fresh air and relieving stress.

Volunteer sessions on Blackheath Common take place from 10am - 3pm on the second Wednesday and last Friday of the month. So far this year we have been repairing the Blackheath Lane car park fence; and coming up there is a Butterfly survey on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**, and a Reptile survey on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**.

For more details, including how to become a volunteer, see Waverley BC's **Volunteering in the Countryside** webpage.



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#### **Memory Lane News**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July we welcome back Sally from Action for Carers to give guidance to the Carer Guests which they find most helpful.

This is followed on 15<sup>th</sup> July by the first of six sessions entitled "Living Well, Our Plan" The course, which continues each month until 18<sup>th</sup> November, has been produced by Julia Pitkin of Dementia Sense and will be presented to Memory Lane by Rosemary Hurtley. To apply for the course, please contact Memory Lane on 01483 274398 or mamwild@aol.com.

As the Arts Centre is closed for the beginning of August, there will be just one meeting, on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August**. This is rather a special meeting when Dr Jill Rasmussen returns to speak to Carers. Dr Rasmussen, who is the NHS Commissioner, is also National Adviser to the Royal College of General Practitioners. As the Government adviser for Dementia she is much appreciated and will be welcomed back by the Memory Lane Team and their Carer Guests.

Memory Lane meets at 2.15pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. Everyone is made most welcome – just call **01483 274398** or email **mamwild@aol.com** for further details.

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

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#### What's on in July/August 2024 - join us for these activities

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JULY		Fri 26	Art: Bramley Village Hall	
Mon 1	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Mon 29	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	
Tues 2	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall	Tues 30	(No Tai Chi)	
Wed 3	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Wed 31	Coach Trip: Belmont House &	
Thurs 4	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room		Provender House, Kent	
	Latin Advanced: Godalming		Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
Fri 5	French: Godalming	AUGUST		
Mon 8	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Thurs 1	Latin Advanced: Godalming	
	Book Club: Selwyn Room,	Mon 5	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	
	Wonersh Parish Church	Wed 7	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
Tues 9	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall	Thurs 8	Latin Intermediate: Godalming	
Wed 10	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Mon 12	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	
Thurs 11	Latin Intermediate: Godalming	Wed 14	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
	Pottery: Farley Green		Pub Lunch: The Refectory, Milford	
Mon 15	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Thurs 15	Short Walk: venue TBA	
Tues 16	Tai Chi Improver/Inter: Lawnsmead Hall		Latin Advanced: Godalming	
	Long Walk: meet Thursley,	Wed 21	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
	Dykehouse Road car park	Thurs 22	Latin Intermediate: Godalming	
Wed 17	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	Wed 28	Chichester Theatre: 'Oliver' matinee,	
	Summer Thai BBQ: Wonersh		coach trip	
	Cricket Pavilion		Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn	
Thurs 18	Latin Advanced: Godalming			
Fri 19	French: Godalming			
Mon 22	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh			
Tues 23	Tues 23 (No Tai Chi)		Join us for some very interesting talks,	
Wed 24	Table Tennis: Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Gn		visits and activities.	
			Newcomers are welcome.	

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

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Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh

## Bellringing nging is fun. challenging and rewarding

Thurs 25 Latin Intermediate: Godalming

Pottery: Farley Green

Speaker's Corner - Tom Way:

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Please contact Stephen Darvill (<u>stephen.darvill@btinternet.com</u> or **01483 894606**) or come to any Wednesday practice night at 8 pm to learn more.

#### Wonersh Bowling Club -Clubhouse Rebuild & New Community Hub



Wonersh Bowling Club will reach its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2025. To mark this special occasion we are in the process of fundraising to rebuild our Clubhouse which is now in a state of disrepair and in much need of updating by the addition of disabled access, toilets and a new Community Hub.

We are extremely fortunate to have members with a vast array of skills, knowledge and trades who are all willing to help when the funding becomes available; to give their time, work hard and to take on the project themselves, saving the club a significant amount of cost.

As well as fundraising we have obtained CASC status (no CH12604), enabling us to secure an <u>additional 25%</u> in funds from individual donations made by UK taxpayers. To achieve our goal, we have to be realistic and not rely on any funding applications we are currently in the process of submitting, as we may or may not be granted them.

#### Here are a couple of ways you can help us achieve our goal

- **Buy a Brick** campaign with each brick slip costing £125.
- **Donation Form:** you or your business can make a donation of any amount you wish small or large, it will all be gratefully received and take us a step closer to our ultimate goal.

If you can help us with a donation, or wish to find out more information, please reply to our funding e-mail address **funding-wbc@outlook.com** with the amount you are able to give, so we can keep a note of what we'll be adding to our fundraising total. Please note that any donations and their amounts will be strictly confidential, only being known to the Treasurer and the Clubhouse Funding Team.

## Shooting Stars Open Garden (NGS) Sunday 18th August, 12 - 5pm Christopher's, Old Portsmouth Road, Artington, Guildford, GU3 1LP

Shooting Star Children's Hospices are a leading children's hospice charity supporting over 700 children and their families, across Surrey and West London, 365 days a year. The gardens at the Guildford Hospice are enjoyed by families year-round, having been specifically designed with the needs of children in mind, from adapted play equipment and sensory trails to tranquil open areas for remembrance and reflection. They are maintained by a dedicated team of volunteer gardeners.

Adult admission £5; children FREE. You can book tickets on the **National Garden Scheme** website, or pay at the gate on the day. 100% of profits raised from admission will go to the National Garden Scheme.

Refreshments available, in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices.

#### **Church Walking Group**

Fourteen members of the Church Walking Group recently enjoyed a 5-mile walk through Bramley and Peasmarsh, followed by lunch at the Jolly Farmer in Bramley.

The next walk will be on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Further details available from Catherine Keech (catherine@keechonline.com)



#### 'Walking in the Light'

Living in the shadow of St. Martha's in Chilworth, I usually complete walks or energetic assignments without injuring my back, but May's church walk did not go well for me. As the morning went on, my back went into spasm and eventually I was only able to walk painfully and slowly. I waved away offers of help until I could stand (it) no longer and a taxi was called to take me to our lunch at the Jolly Farmer in Bramley. Catherine, who makes the detailed arrangements for these walks, had persuaded me to drop out before I could complete the five-mile hike. And it was the ever strong and dependable Clive who supported me at the end.

Others were kind in their comments over lunch, especially Christine - a very experienced walker - who had lent me her Nordic poles for the final part of my walk. I reflected afterwards on people's kindness: if indeed life is a 'journey', they were also metaphorical fellow pilgrims who gained their reward through perseverance, while taking care - like the Good Samaritan - of an injured party.

Everyone in the Wonersh community is welcome to take part in these walks, whether or not they are regular attendees at St. John's or at St. Martin's, Blackheath. The problems I myself experienced on this occasion were largely alleviated by companions who showed real Christian love, truly 'walking in the light', and thereby providing both physical and spiritual encouragement. They continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. the Light of the World.

John Thompson



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## BABY CATS | SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July | For 0 - 4 yrs

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St Catherine's Summer term ends on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, and the Autumn term begins on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer!

#### **Wonersh Good Companions Club**

On 25<sup>th</sup> September 1957, the inaugural meeting of the Wonersh Over 60s Club was held in Wonersh Memorial Hall. The meeting was chaired by the Rev. Bellerby and was attended by about 60 people. The Club name was changed soon afterwards to Wonersh Good Companions. The Club lasted for 30 years or so, certainly well into the 1980s, in which time the members enjoyed many outings and trips.

Below are a couple of photos taken on Club holidays in Weymouth, Dorset. The photo with the iron railings was taken in 1978 and the other one in 1983. If readers can put names to any of the faces in the photos, we would love to hear from you.





Wonersh Summer Fair will soon be with us and Wonersh History Society will be displaying old photographs and information about Clubs, Societies and Organisations based or operating in Wonersh over the decades, including the Good Companions. If you have any old photos to share, please get in touch with us by emailing wonershhistory@gmail.com.

Our website is **www.wonershhistory.co.uk**.

## LOOKING AHEAD Bramley Music Concert Saturday 7th September, 7pm Holy Trinity Church, Bramley



The next Bramley Music concert will be a piano recital by Patrick Hemmerlé (<u>patrickhemmerle.com</u>) entitled 'From Darkness to Light', with music by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. The charity we will be supporting is the Villages Wednesday Club which serves the communities of Bramley, Wonersh, Blackheath, Shamley Green and other surrounding villages.

Tickets (£10, under-18s £5) are available from **bramleymusic2012@gmail.com** now; and nearer the time will be available in person from Robertson's in Bramley.

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### Wonersh Parish Council







Your councillors:

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

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

Email and telephone messages are monitored Monday to Thursday.

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