

# ST PETER'S CHURCH, & TANDRIDGE VILLAGE PARISH MAGAZINE

## NOT TO BE MISSED EVENTS IN TANDRIDGE!



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR, REVD. JAMES ASHTON:



LIVING  
HOPE

Lent begins this year on March 5th; a season of the church, which lasts for 40 days, and takes us to the joyful celebrations of Easter. But why do we mark this season? What is it all about? Here are three possible ways that we could engage with something new this Lent:

### ***Put down strong roots***

Lent is often a time for giving something up, or for revitalising a healthy positive choice in our lives. We use the 40 days to improve ourselves in some way. One of the best ways to start is to have a moment of honesty and reality – to ask ourselves where we need some kind of transformation. Plants and trees need strong roots to grow effectively, so Lent could be the time to put down strong roots in something new !

### ***Journey together***

We are in this together, and it is a journey. We cannot be transformed overnight (well, not always anyway...), there will often be moments of failure or disappointment. That is why it is wonderful to have friends and companions. Not just for Lent, but for our whole lives – may we find companions who will help those roots establish and grow.

### **Find hope for the future**

This Lent, the Church of England is encouraging us to look at 'Living Hope' – the idea that God brings hope to the world, and to our lives. Hope for those caught in warzones, hope for those who don't have enough, hope for victims of abuse and... hope for each one of us. May our hope in God take root this Lent, and grow as we journey together.

With my love and prayers,  
James A

## MEMORY LANE PART II

### PAM KNIGHT REFLECTS ON 85 YEARS IN TANDRIDGE VILLAGE

In the last issue we read how Pam and her friends had fun playing in the village. Now Pam recollects a few more stories of her escapades. From the age of 6, Pam and her friends travelled far and wide exploring the local area and having adventures. Walking to Woldingham to visit a friend was quite normal. They would pack a picnic and be out for the day and return at tea time.

Pam recalls walking with her friends up to the railway tunnel above Oxted and lying just above the tunnel entrance, waiting for the steam trains to come. It was quite a sight and an experience. She would come home covered in coal smuts and her mother would be appalled.

(You can watch the London Victoria to Oxted steam train journey in this film from 1961. At 5 minutes and 30 seconds into the film, the train departs Woldingham for Oxted and then stops at Oxted to re-fill etc.)

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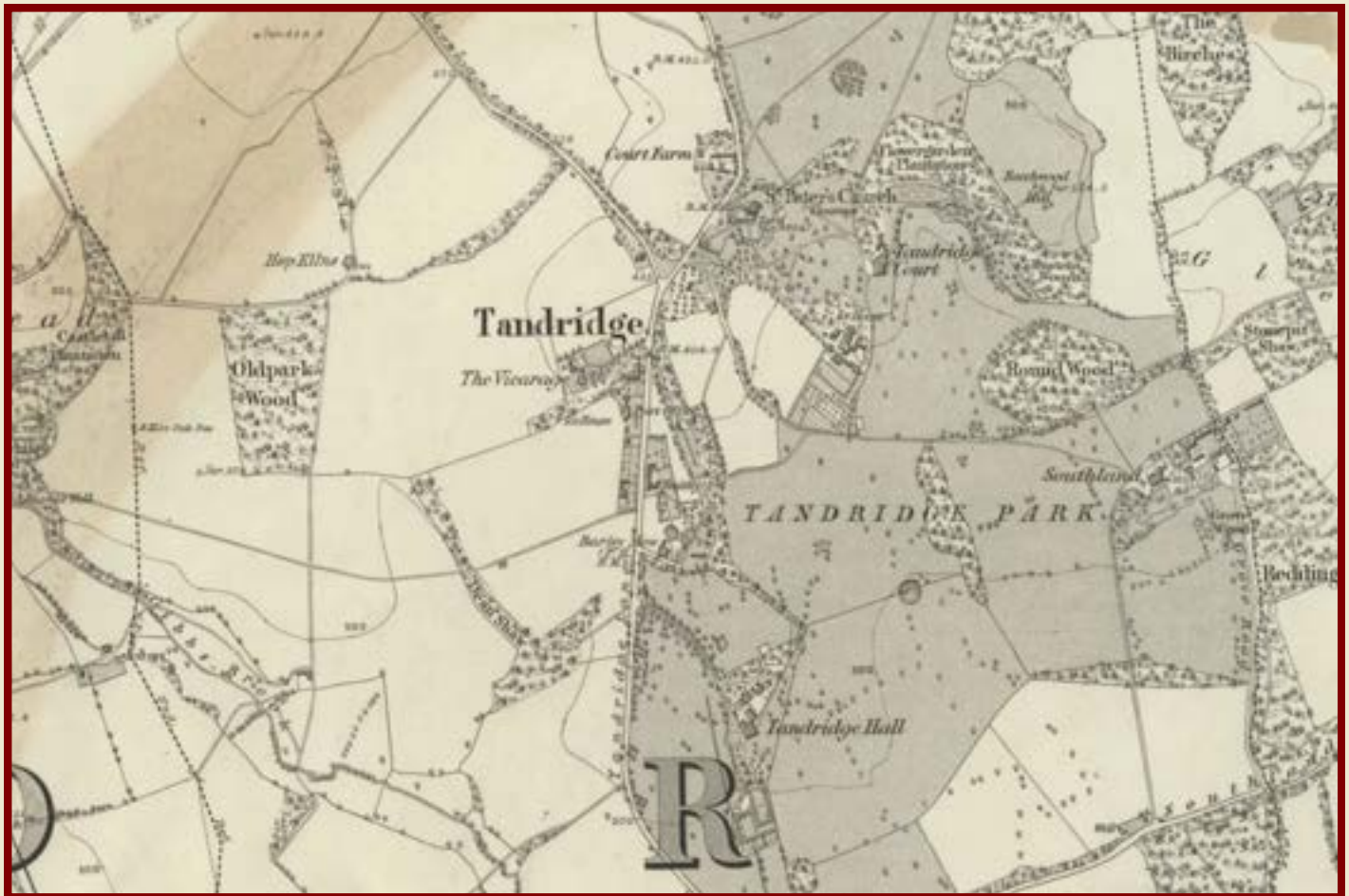
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A Class 389 Burgess Hill at Oxted



On another occasion, her and her friends were playing in the brook after it had flooded. The water was quite high and a tree had come down over the brook. Pam decided to traverse it. Off she went, holding quite a long stick to help with her balance. She called back to her friend Jean to follow along, but Jean was too scared and wouldn't budge. Exasperated at her friend's unwillingness to join her, she shouted back to say that the water wasn't that deep...Look, she said, my stick can touch the bottom. With that she plunged her stick into the icy water, only to find that it didn't reach it. The stick kept going down, quickly followed by Pam! Jean was horrified and ran back to Pam's home to tell her mother what had happened to her daughter. This time she returned home soaked through.



Part of Tandrige 1868, showing Gibbs Brook and Diana's Well (Centre left)

A favourite place for them to visit was the local beauty spot, Diana's Fountain near Godstone. (This is now a trout farm). There wasn't the A22 to cross, Pam and her friends would walk there with a picnic and a cup to drink the water, as they were told that if they drank the water out of Diana's Fountain they would grow up to be beautiful and marry a prince!

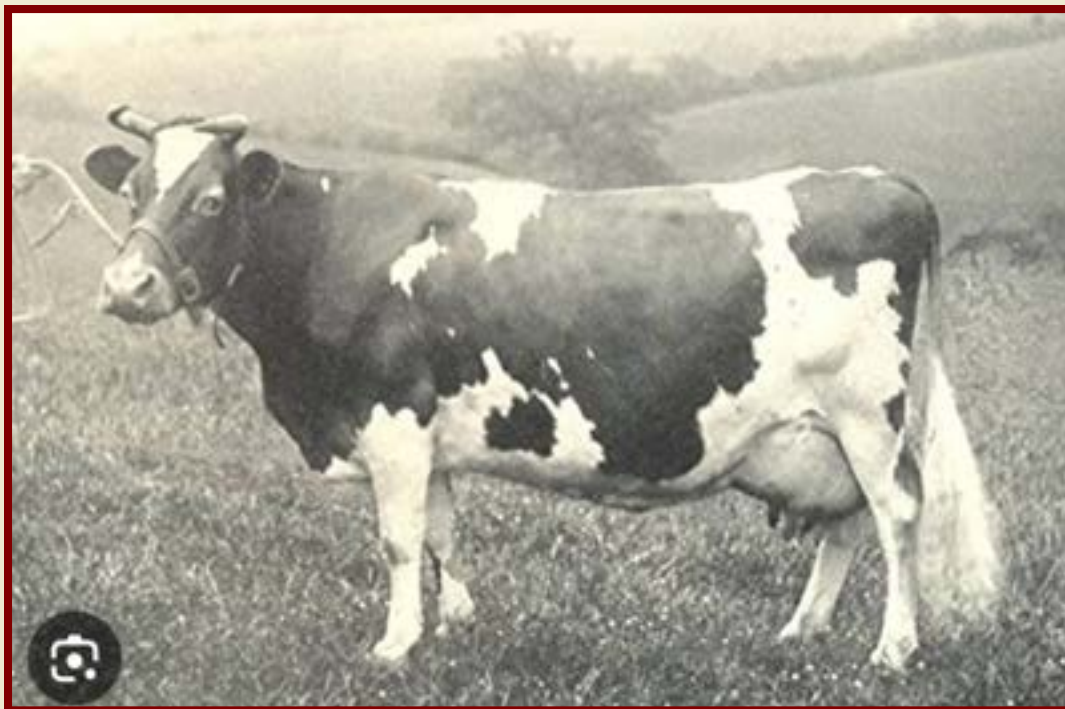
At this time, there were very few cars about. People either walked or took the bus. If a stranger appeared, they were soon noticed and word would quickly spread. So the safety of the children wasn't such a concern, from that point of view.

For Pam, life was a lot quieter and simpler back then. Every morning at 8am the milk would be delivered direct from the farm - From Tandridge Court Farm to be precise. The farmer there had Guernsey cows and the milk was creamy and delicious. Bread was delivered each morning too. The fish man would come to the village one a week. As there were no fridges back then, in the Summer months a small galvanised bath would hold cold water for the milk to stand in, and a larger galvanised bath would come out once a week for baths.

A visit to the shops in Oxted meant quite long walks across the golf course, or a bus journey and a shorter walk. The bus didn't come into the village.



Diana's Fountain 1907



Tandridge Court Farm was a proper working farm back then. Guy Walker ran the farm and as well as his Guernsey cows, he had a bull pen, pigs, and a multitude of fowl - geese, various breeds of chicken and guinea fowl, which all roamed his yard. There were so many of them. He would always keep his farm gates open, so if you walked past, you had to take your chance with the geese!

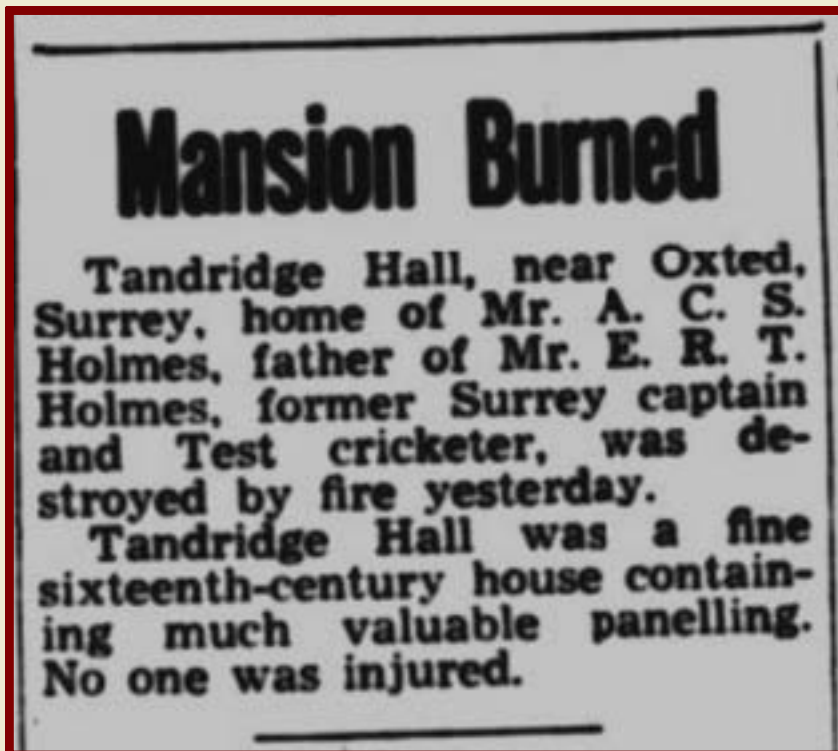
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From The Maidstone Telegraph, 21st May, 1976



In the last issue, Pam recalled the time, when during the war, Canadian troupes were billeted close to Tandridge Hall. Whilst being stationed there, they caused a fire which resulted in a significant amount of damage. Not long before the fire, Pam had been told that there was a tunnel leading from Tandridge Hall to St Peter's and then onto The Priory. It was said that it had been used during the English Civil War to allow the Royalists to escape the Roundheads.

Being a curious child, and seeking the truth, Pam knocked on the front door of Tandridge Hall looking for some hard evidence. The Holmes family were residing there at this time. Mrs Holmes answered the door and answered Pam's question. Yes it was true, said Mrs Holmes and led Pam into the Hall. Mrs Holmes then showed Pam a door and opened it to reveal..... a cupboard! She explained that the tunnel had become dangerous and had fallen in in places, so she had converted a small part of it into a cupboard.



London Daily News, 8th November, 1941.



The England test cricketer E.R T Holmes was Mrs Holmes's son and lived at the Hall. (Also captain of Surrey CC and the MCC.)

Even when Pam had children of her own, the village still felt very safe and secure. On Sunday, Pam would go to church and leave Doug in his pram under the Yew Tree, so that his crying did not disrupt the service.

Lester Horne had the task of counting the congregation each week. He would count the adults, then the children and then add, "1 pram for Doug".

There was a children's service, called Junior Church, which ran from 10.15am until 10.45am. At this service one of the children was tasked with ringing the bells, one would read the lesson and two would take the collection.

Junior Church was followed at 11am by Matins, which the children called the 'old ladies service!' Matins was very popular, as no other church offered it. It was begun by the Reverend Dennis Lane, who was a well-liked figure in the village and grew the congregation of St. Peter's during his time there.

## Vicar is grateful for 'loving service'

The Rev Dennis Lane, Vicar of St Peter's, Tandridge, expressed his thanks to the many parishioners who had given "loving service" to the church when he addressed the recent annual meeting at the Institute. He said he was particularly grateful to the organisers of the Summer Fête who by their efforts had raised a sum of nearly £400 towards the Church School. "A new classroom had been built and was now in use," he said, "and improved toilets were being installed."

Gratefully acknowledging, on behalf of the parochial church council, the support of members of the congregation he said: "We have lost a generous contributor in the Earl of Cottenham who now lies peacefully at rest in the family vault in our little churchyard."

Mr Lane spoke of the broadening interest in St Peter's and said that during the past year communicants had increased by over one hundred to nearly 2,000.

On future events he said they were all looking forward to the visit of the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev Mervyn Stockwood who was taking on the rôle of "Vicar of Tandridge" for 24 hours and would conduct the services on Sunday, June 8.

*Surrey Mirror,  
2nd May, 1969*





## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SATURDAY, 3RD MAY  
TANDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL PLANT & CAKE SALE**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A STALL SELLING UNWANTED GARDEN TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & GARDEN ORNAMENTS, SO PLEASE BRING ANYTHING ALONG YOU'D LIKE TO RECYCLE.**



**PLEASE BRING YOUR PLANTS, CAKES AND GARDEN IMPLEMENTS TO THE HALL BETWEEN 10.30AM - 11AM.  
THE SALE WILL START AT 11AM.  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**



**PLEASE START PLANTING NOW!  
EVERYTHING TO BE SOLD IN AID OF  
THE TANDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FUND**







## UPCOMING EVENTS:

# **VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY AN EVENING OF COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION IN TANDRIDGE VILLAGE 8TH MAY**

**7.00pm - Planting of a commemorative oak tree.**

**7.30pm- A short service of remembrance and  
thanksgiving by the war memorial.**

**9pm - Lighting of the beacon.**

**Live music, refreshments  
and a bar on the Glebe Field.**

**Free entry and parking.**

**Very special guests and surprises!**

## THE BIGWOOD ESTATE UPDATE



BY KATE  
BIGWOOD

As an eternal optimist, I forever turn my attention towards thoughts of positivity and hope and either run a mile or turn my back on tales of woe and despair which so frequently surround us. My children, or one in particular, find it irritating that in their moments of complaining and off-loading, my habit is to point out the bright side and see what good is coming from their challenging day. I have learnt that I am better to just listen, empathise and bite my tongue. I am not sure if we are hard-wired as optimists or pessimists or if it's something that we are influenced by from those around us and we then choose to be one or the other. I feel as though I don't have a choice; I simply can't cope if the picture seems bleak.

The last week or so there have been glimmers of spring trying to peep through only to be thwarted back by the winter not quite ready to let go. Winter seems to have been long and very wet, but at least it has provided the necessary slowing down, semi-hibernating required of us all. In winter we need to rest more, recuperate and preserve our energy for the upcoming hive of activity of the other three seasons. Nature is just the same: the pace slows or goes dormant. A chance to find the stillness within; it is always there, but we need to slow down enough to feel it.



### BARN OWL

The days are getting longer again, not yet bringing warmth, but there is at least more daylight. The great tits are bursting with territorial song and I just heard the first woodpecker drumming its mating call to a recipient not much further away. Our wetlands have been a hive of activity of various birds and have shown just how much flooded grassland is needed for numerous species to be sustained throughout winter. At least two, if not three, barn owls have been joyfully watched all winter in the early mornings on the estate and last night I heard the tawny owls have paired up, declaring their famous tw-it (female) t-woo (male). Where our pigs have turned over lots of the soil, we have rich habitat for field voles and shrews who are thriving as they are surrounded by the nooks and crannies of overturned soil and lots of long grasses, hence so are the owls. Hopefully it won't be long until the first summer migrants arrive: chiffchaffs, swallows, swifts, cuckoos, blackcaps and nightingales (if we are lucky - their numbers are dropping alarmingly fast) are our usual visitors. Our land management approach here is working to increase the numbers of insects which provides plenty of food for them all, encouraging them to nest and multiply. Fingers crossed.





### *OUR PIGLETS*

Our pigs are in-pig so there will soon be an abundance of piglets. I adore piglets. The gestation for pigs is a wonderful 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days - how did they come up with something so neat, I wonder? Last year one of our first time sows made the most beautiful 'nest' from grass and mud to birth her piglets (to farrow is the correct term). This time she is within woodland so it will be interesting to see what she creates for her ideal spot. The cattle are in the barn. Not our favourite but it gives the very heavy clay a chance to not have to support the movement of seventeen heavy cattle over the very wet winter. I am looking forward to getting them outdoors again though, as I am sure they are. In April we are getting a Riggitt Galloway bull. We are sharing him with the Ashdown Forest who don't want a bull over the summer months. For us that is the best time so we are looking forward to his arrival and then the calves that will follow 9 months later. We are reluctantly moving away from our beloved Highland cattle but these Riggits that we got last year have been a joy and they're very beautiful. Do look out for them on your walks around our newly fenced and hedged footpaths.

Our education centre is ready for use too. We will be holding several workshops from March onwards which will appeal to a variety of people of all ages. Guided bird watching, learn to grow your own veg, needle felting, nature journaling, willow weaving, beeswax wrap making to name just a few. Please take a look at our website ([www.bigwoodestate.co.uk](http://www.bigwoodestate.co.uk)) for all that we are offering and please come along and support us in all that we are doing to help restore nature alongside producing food. Together, with a dose of optimism, we can make this part of the world a healthier, happier place to live and thrive for all species.

## LIFE AS AN ORDINAND

BY SAM BAKER



Life as an Ordinand (a trainee Vicar) in Tandridge and Oxted has been a lot of fun since September. Some of the highlights have included leading the Advent reflection community lunches, which sparked some really interesting conversations afterwards. I've enjoyed all sorts of community events, from school visits to meeting residents in the retirement home. Attending the burial of ashes with James was a moving experience. The men's curry night was a great laugh, and Baby Space has been a gentle space to meet families.

I've enjoyed preaching at various services, and leading the Christingle services was a joy! I'm learning lots from James and the experience in Oxted so far, and thank you to everyone for making me and my family feel so welcome. One of my biggest and most important observations, though, is the amount of homemade cake at every event! You're never more than 6ft away from a piece of cake in Oxted it, seems!

Alongside my placement experience, I study full-time at St Mellitus College, which involves a lot of theology and a lot of essay writing. So far, so good. Above, is a photo of me sharing a testimony at college recently.

God bless,  
Sam



Your paragraph text

## GARDENING

BY DOUG KNIGHT



### GROWING FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES FROM SEED

Most plants can be grown from seed but most of us stick to annuals, for filling out borders and vegetables.

Some seeds can be sown direct, where they are to grow and, for most of these, sowing is delayed until Mid-March, with the majority sown in April and others later into May.



But some plants need a longer growing season than we have outdoors, and we start them, in the greenhouse or on the windowsill, a little earlier. These include early crops of cabbage, lettuce and cauliflowers as well as frost-tender crops like tomatoes and flowers that are classified as 'half-hardy annuals' (HHA).

Unless you have a heated greenhouse, it is best not to sow too early. You need to think where you are going to put all the seedlings once they are up and transplanted into trays.

To start your seeds indoors you need minimal equipment.



### **Trays and pots**

It is essential that any containers are clean. Dirty pots will spread disease and can cause death of seedlings. If using old trays and pots, make sure they are washed and are clean. Containers for seedlings do not need to be deep 'cell trays' are ideal, but you can use standard seed trays.

### **Compost**

It is essential that you use clean, fresh compost. Do not use old bags that have been open and outside over winter because they can be wet and contaminated with seeds or disease. Buy good quality compost, you will not need much for seed sowing but will need a lot more when you transplant the seedlings.

### **Propagators**

In the most basic form, a propagator is just a clear lid that maintains humidity around the seeds. Most seeds need 'artificial' heat to germinate in early spring, so a heated propagator is an advantage



The most basic provide steady heat once switched on but if the room is warm or the sun shines on them the temperature can become excessive so one with a thermostat is an advantage. Placing an unheated propagator on a windowsill above a radiator may work for some seeds but because the radiators may be 'off' at night the temperature of the compost may fluctuate wildly, and this will not suit some 'difficult' seeds.

### **Vermiculite or Perlite**

Most seeds benefit from being covered after sowing. But some seeds need light to germinate. For this reason, it is a good idea to cover most seeds with perlite or vermiculite after sowing. It is clean and easy to lightly cover seeds without the need for a sieve. You can also mix it with compost to improve drainage for plants that hate waterlogging



### **Labels**

Never be fooled into thinking you will remember the names of all your seeds if you don't label them. Get some new labels so you can mark the seed trays immediately with the name of the plant, date of sowing and, perhaps, number of seeds and seed company.

Our full ranges of seeds and propagation equipment are now on show.

**Happy Gardening!**



## SCHOOL NEWS

BY HEADTEACHER  
LENIA GREENAWAY

Spring is nearly upon us (although it may not always feel like it) and as such the children have been engaged in many new and exciting activities which have allowed them to blossom and develop over this (academically called) spring term. In their RE studies both Year 1 and Year 2 children have been studying the Jewish Faith. Forming part of this was the opportunity to visit the North West Surrey Synagogue in Weybridge. The children had an amazing time looking at all the different artefacts that can be found in a synagogue from The Ark to the Torah Scrolls. They looked at different artefacts used in specific festivals and even had a go at trying to blow a shofar horn. (The shofar is blown in synagogue services on Rosh Hashanah [Jewish New Year] and at the end of Yom Kippur; it is also blown every weekday morning in the month of Elul running up to Rosh Hashanah) The Ladybird class on their visit even performed a Jewish dance and had the most fantastic time doing this.







The Year 2 children had a fantastic surprise when they received a response to a letter they had written to His Majesty the King back in the autumn term. The class both wrote a letter and designed some innovative kings pants inspired by the Book 'The Kings Pants' by Nicholas Allen. As this was a while ago now, the reply came as a lovely but unexpected surprise to the class. In the letter they were told that the King had thoroughly enjoyed looking at their illustrations of designer pants and had read the thoughtful questions they had written asking what it was like to be the King. What a wonderful surprise to have come from Buckingham Palace.

The whole school participated in fantastic Chinese dancing workshops near the end of the first half term. They found out how the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac were chosen before learning about celebrations at Chinese New Year and why red is predominantly the colour seen at this time; being seen as a lucky colour and able to ward off evil. They learned and performed the Lion dance and the temple dance, and later used parasols to enhance their performances, which was amazing.





The rest of the spring term looks to be equally exciting. The children will have a Science based week around the theme of Time and Year 1 will be visiting Big Wood Estate to continue their learning about the seasons. They will all be preparing for Lent with a special 'Pause Day' looking at the meaning of Lent for Christians, which links in beautifully with our Christian value of 'Forgiveness' this term. The children have been thinking about forgiveness and what this means to them and others. We have been thinking about how being forgiven is more than just saying 'sorry' or accepting this word. It is about being repentant and the reconciliation of friendships and relationships.

Finally we will be celebrating Easter with not only lots of fun easter egg hunts and an Easter bonnet parade, but with a special Easter service at St Peter's church led by Reverend Ashton.

God Bless.

Lenia Greenaway and the St Peter's school team.

Headteacher





7.30 PM, FRIDAY 11 APRIL 25  
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# FRONTLINES & LIFELINES

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## FROM THE SURREY MIRROR SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1888



Tandridge Hall 1901

### TANDRIDGE

By the kindness of Mr. W. H. Charlesworth, the annual school treat took place in Tandridge Hall Park, on Wednesday last. The day being very fine added greatly to the enjoyment of the little ones. Meeting at the school at 2.30pm, the children marched to church, where a short service was conducted by the vicar.

Tandridge Hall was reached about 3.30, when they were all photographed by the village photographer. Tea was laid exactly at four, when the children, to the number of about 90, sat down to enjoy the good things provided, their wants being attended to by some very kind friends of Miss Charlesworth. Tea over, the usual games were indulged in, the marionettes, and dancing, to the strains of the Edenbridge band, taking a prominent part until 7.30, when a grand display of fireworks took place, which gave great delight, not only to the littles ones, but also to the adults, who had by this time assembled in large numbers. Great praise is due to Mr. Charlesworth for his good judgement in choosing such pretty fireworks, and also to those who let them off. The children were now assembled and marched to the front of the house, where Mr and Miss Charlesworth met them, and gave each a present and a cake, after which the Rev. G. H. Hamilton spoke a few kind words to them, and thanked Mr and Miss Charlesworth for their great kindness, and the trouble they had taken to entertain them. Cheers were now given, after which Mr. Charlesworth responded by saying he was extremely pleased to see them, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and that they must come and see him again. Thus ended a very pleasant and happy day - a day that will not easily escape the memory of the children.

## 1914 CHRISTENING AT ST PETER'S



### The Sketch, Wednesday, 13th May, 1914

Sir Herbert Tree becomes a grandfather: A group outside Tandridge Church at the christening of the famous actor's eldest daughter's son.

The infant son of Mrs Alan Parsons (formerly Miss Viola Tree) was christened the other day at Tandridge Church, Surrey, by his paternal grandfather, the Rev. F. W. Parsons. He was given the names Alexander Denys Herbert. The sponsors were the Prime Minister, Sir James Barrie, Sir George Alexander, Lady Anglesey, Lady Diana Manners and Lady Jekyll. In the photograph on the left are seen the baby and his nurse.



## PAST WEDDINGS AT ST PETER'S



### **The Sphere, Saturday 10th August, 1935**

Miss Elizabeth Benn, daughter of Sir Ernest, the well-known publisher & Mr Paul Shinkman, a New York journalist, whose wedding took place at St. Peter's Tandridge.

Surrey Mirror, Friday, 14th May, 1915.  
On Saturday last, at St. Peter's Church, Tandridge the marriage took place between Carl David Alfred Michaelis, R.G.A., elder son of Max Michaelis, of Tandridge Court, and Ella, eldest daughter of Mrs Berendt, of Tandridge Hall. Owing to the war the ceremony was a very quiet one, and there was no reception



### **Tatler, Wednesday 6th February, 1957**

Grimm-Andreae. Mr George Gascoyne Grimm, younger son of Mr Stanley Grimm R.P. R.O.I. and Mrs Grimm of Trafalgar Studios, Chelsea, married Miss Janet Frances Andreae third daughter of Mr. Ed. P. Andreae PHD and Mrs Andreae of Tandridge Court, Oxted at Tandridge Church.



*After finding the article in the Surrey Mirror (page 23), and noting the absence of Mrs Charlesworth, I researched her name and came across this article.*

**FROM THE  
SURREY MIRROR  
SATURDAY, 18th  
OCTOBER, 1887**



Tandridge Hall 1821

**TANDRIDGE**

On Monday, the remains of Mrs Charlesworth, wife of Mr Charlesworth, of Tandridge Hall were interred in the Parish Churchyard with unusual ceremonial. A procession started from the Hall at 1.30. First came a cross-bearer, with an acolyte on either side, then six choir boys and two choir-men. Following was the Rev. A. Tooth, of Woodside Croydon, and by his side walked acolytes with lighted tapers. The bier came, next covered with a magnificent pall; and then the mourners, Mr Charlesworth, (the husband), Mr H. Charlesworth, Miss Charlesworth, and Master B. Charlesworth, the Misses Charlesworth, Masters A. and E. Charlesworth, and Miss Lloyd, Rev. G. H. Hamilton, Mr. Charlesworth (Nutfield), and friend, Mrs Aubert (mother of the deceased), Misses F. and E. Charlesworth, of Chiselhurst and Bexley, Rev. F. Parnell, Rev. Downes, Drs Holman and Bournes, and other friends, also the servants of the household. Passages of the burial service were read along the road, and, arriving at the church, the coffin was placed within the chancel, where six tapers were burning. The organist for the occasion was Mr. F. Rogers, and the choir sang the hymn, "Jesus lives", and the service was proceeded with. The grave was most beautifully decorated with moss, and at the bottom was a cross of chrysanthemums. The coffin, which was covered with wreaths from Miss Strikes and Dr. Bournes, and a splendid cross from Mrs. Aubert, was of plain oak, with brass cross running the whole length of the lid, and bore the inscription on the plate -

**Laura Anne Charlesworth**

**Born 13th Jan., 1844:**

**At rest 26th Oct., 1887**



## **UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES HOLY WEEK**

**Monday 14th April 7pm - Holy Week Prayers**

**Tuesday 15th April 7pm - Holy Week Prayers**

**Wednesday 16th April 7pm - Holy Week Prayers**

**Good Friday 18th April 12noon - 'Seven Saying of Jesus at the Cross' - a service of reflection and organ music**

**There will be our usual Sunday services on 13th and 20th, suitable for all the family.**

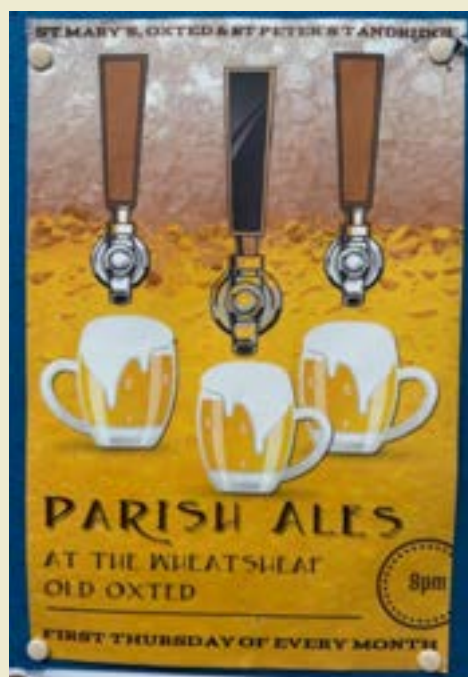




## CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HEROS

### ADELINE ROBERTS & SARAH NICHOLSON

Adeline wanted to earn some pocket money at the weekend, so her granny (Sarah Nicholson) suggested litter picking alongside New Road from Brook Farm to the brook. Adeline was very thorough with her “picker” and together they filled two bags with plastic and glass bottles, food wrappers, sweet papers, cigarette ends, vape cartons, baby wipes, coffee cups and lids etc etc. **It was a great team effort!**







# QUIZ NIGHT

THE TANDRIDGE VILLAGE QUIZ  
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BETWEEN 7.30PM AND 9.30PM  
*OR B.Y.O - FOOD & DRINK*

# TANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Annual Parish Meeting at Tandrige Village Hall  
Tuesday, 1st April, 2025 @ 7.30pm.**

**There will be a talk on “The use of a defibrillator and basic CPR.**

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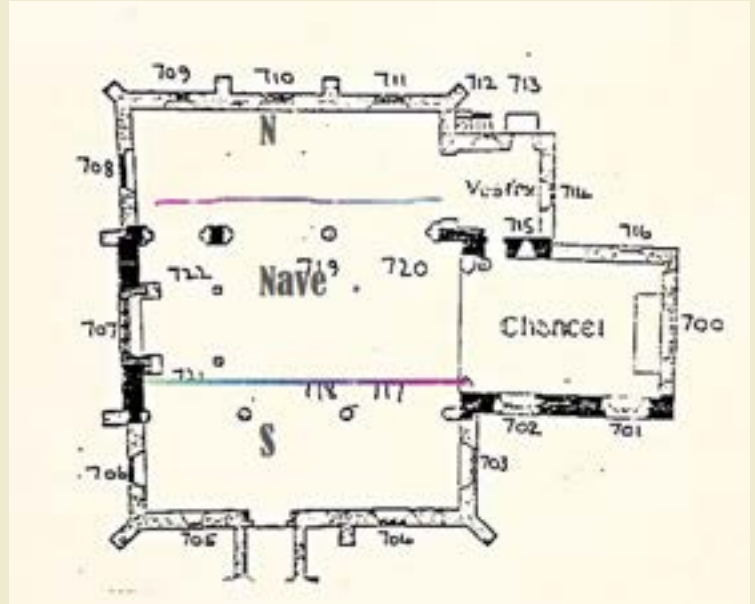


## ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE - THE BUILDING

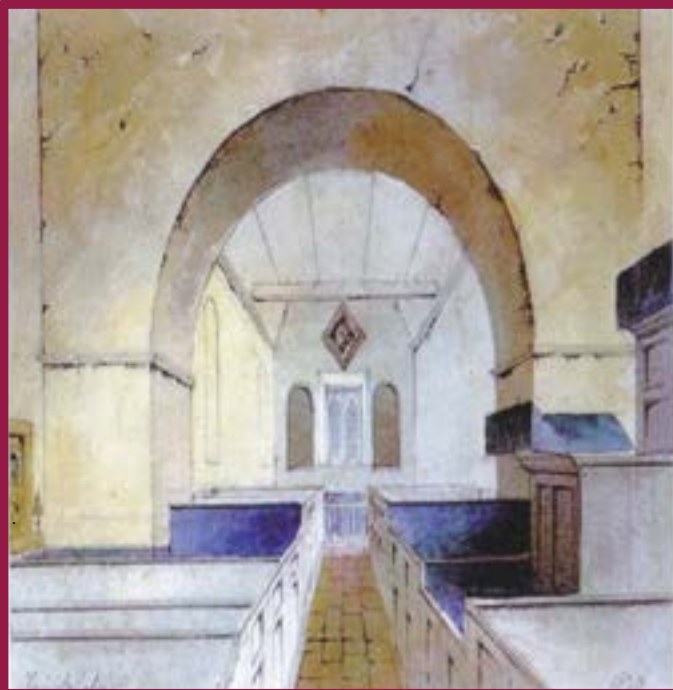
BY ANNETTE SCHMIDT

It was thought that the position of the 11th Century St Peter's Church was originally in the centre of one of the thirteen Hundred districts in which Surrey was divided. A possible Anglo-Saxon church was set on, what was then, a prominent position, although there is no documented or archaeological evidence.

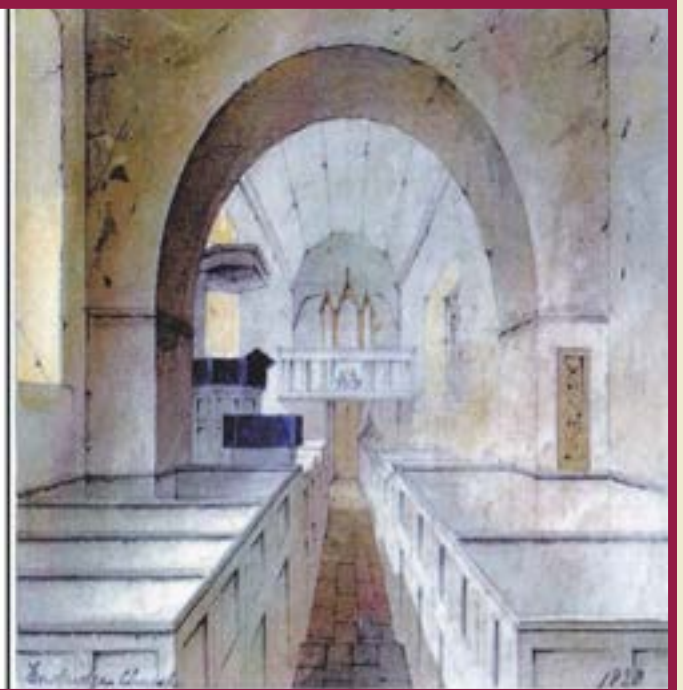
Tandridge also appears in The Domesday Book of 1086 as Tenrige.



St Peter's Church was originally of a simple Norman architecture, with a curved arch dividing Chancel and Nave. On the plan, (above right), this is indicated by the black walls.



1823 painting by J Hassell primarily C12 of the Norman arch towards the altar in the chancel



Towards the bell tower in the nave, where the organ was placed on a gallery



Looking towards the altar, showing the 1844 & 1874 reconstruction by Victorian architect Sir Gilbert Scott, who made changes to the Gothic Arch and added more decorative adornments



Towards the bell tower - the organ has been repositioned in the Chancel and the roof timbers have been exposed



The oldest parts of the existing church are the priest's door which used to be on an outside wall and the associated window, which now is the division between the chancel and vestry.

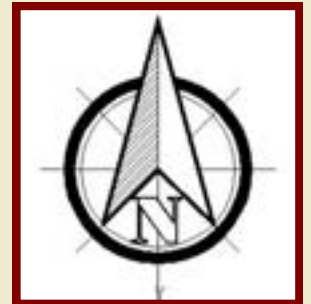
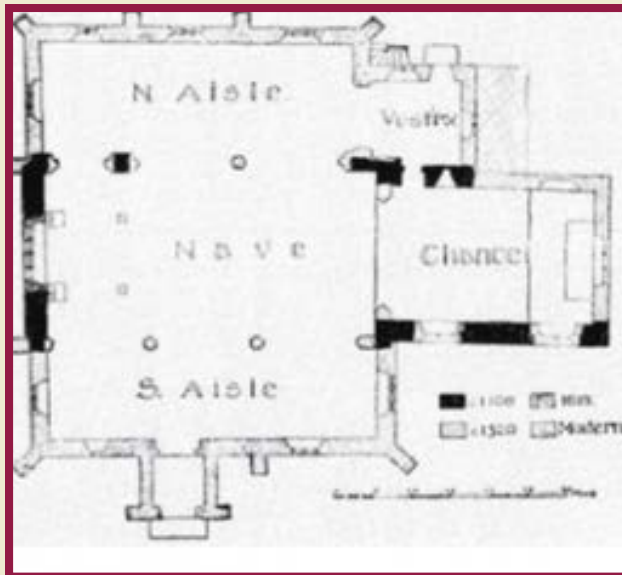
The priest door & window are thought to be the last quarter of the 11th Century.







The aisles were added by Sir George Gilbert Scott, in his Victorian restoration of the church in 1844 and 1874. On the left is the North Aisle which was built in 1874.



The south aisle was built in 1844, where the original 14C door and porch were repositioned.



The blue painted iron rood screen above with twisted standards and decorative scroll work is dated 1930.



The modern 19C square font is of white stone on a central shaft with green compound marble corner pillars.





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- PRACTICAL WAYS TO HELP**
- \*Filling in a few pot holes in the car park
  - \*Small decorating projects
  - \*Making good after water ingress



**PLEASE CALL 723041 OR 07906 600 437 IF YOU CAN HELP  
THANK YOU**

## WAYS TO GIVE

OVER THE CENTURIES, GENEROUS CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE LEFT GIFTS IN THEIR WILLS TO ST PETER'S CHURCH. THESE GIFTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL IN HELPING OUR PARISH WITH IT'S MINISTRY, IT'S SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING IT'S UNIQUE HERITAGE. ST PETER'S IS PART OF THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE AND COMMUNITY, PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO ST PETER'S - NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL.

## SUPPORTING THE UPKEEP OF OUR HISTORIC CHURCH

OUR CHURCH IS, IN PART, ALMOST 1000 YEARS OLD. THE CLOCK TOWER DATES BACK TO 14TH CENTURY. IT IS A GRADE I LISTED BUILDING WHICH WAS EXTENDED IN 1827 AND IN 1875 BY THE ARCHITECT SIR GILBERT SCOTT, WHO ALSO BUILT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL AND THE ALBERT MEMORIAL.

IT COSTS MORE THAN £1,000 A WEEK TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPERATING. THEREFORE, THE GENEROSITY OF THE PARISHONERS AND THOSE WITH CONNECTIONS TO THE CHURCH IS ESSENTIAL IN ENSURING IT'S MAINTENANCE AND CONTINUANCE. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO IT'S WORK AND PRESERVATION WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

## WAYS TO GIVE

YOU CAN GIVE RIGHT NOW BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE ON YOUR PHONE AND SELECTING AN AMOUNT TO DONATE.

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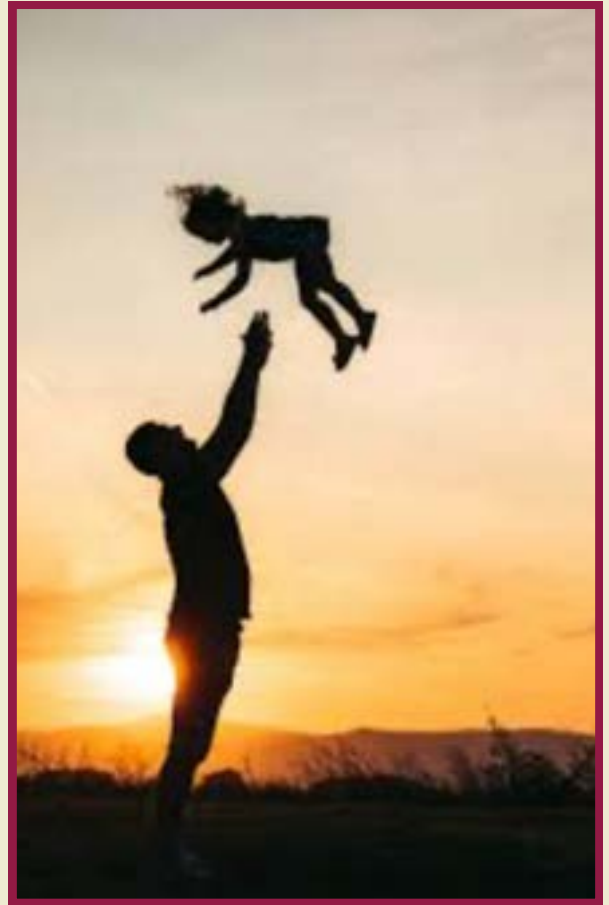
## FAITH AND BELIEF

by REVEREND JAMES ASHTON

### FAITH AND BELIEF – What is the difference?

This image might help us with exploring the difference between faith and belief. Many of us have done what is depicted here; in playful control thrown our beloved child into the air, and safely caught them again.

But what does the child think? The child may have full belief that Mummy or Daddy will catch them. They might tell everyone that this is the case – ‘I know they will catch me!’ is a statement of belief; it might be based on empirical data or tested experience. Belief is rooted in knowledge and an acceptance of fact.



But does the child trust that Daddy or Mummy will catch them? That is another matter! We only find out the answer when they accept to be thrown..the child in our example could believe that they would be caught, but could still not take the risk. This could be due to fear or just erring on the side of caution. The child's faith in their parent is only shown when they are in the air. For that split-second, empirical data and tested experience fade away; they are fully reliant and trusting of someone who loves and cares for them. It can be a bit like this with faith and belief in God – our heads can be filled with the knowledge of God, and the teachings of Jesus; these our excellent things. But our relationship with God goes deeper when we trust him, and have faith in him. Sometimes our theories of God are put to the test in our lives. When this happens we can pray that our faith comes to the forefront, and we can take that step to not only believe in God, but to trust him, and be fully reliant on him.

If you would like to chat more about faith, please be in touch.

James A



# CALLING ALL COOKS



**IT'S TIME FOR A SECOND EDITION OF THE TANDRIDGE VILLAGE COOKBOOK, AND WE NEED YOUR RECIPES. LOTS OF THEM.**

**WE WOULD LIKE A WIDE SELECTION OF RECIPES PLEASE. STARTERS, MEAT, FISH, VEGETARIAN, SWEETS AND SAVOURIES.**

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR MOST DELICIOUS, FLAVOURSOME RECIPES TO: [TANDRIDGEMAGAZINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TANDRIDGEMAGAZINE@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU CAN, PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOUR DISH, AS COOKED BY YOU, (NOT BY GORDON RAMSEY!)**





## TANDRIDGE PETS

MY PETS BY LOTTIE, AGED 8



These are my cute guinea pigs, Ginger and Multi (short for multi-coloured). They are very special, cuddly and squeaky! They really, really like to eat all of the time! Grass, hay and broccoli are their favourites. They like to sit on my lap for cuddles and grooming. I have to put them on a towel in case they need the toilet!!



Dexta is a sprocker spaniel and is a big sleeper but when he is awake he always makes the most of it even though he is 15! he is quite amazing and I give him a gold medal. He loves a dip in the stream, the problem is you can never get him out!



Mini is the most lovely and chatty farm cat and her favourite thing to do is to catch mice and rats. She also likes to lay in the sunshine on mummy's car bonnet!

## OUR WORKING LIVES

### TWO SHIPS PASSING IN THE NIGHT

By Martin Lloyd



One evening in April 1974 (aged 21), I was on the 8pm-12pm watch as the Third Officer (or in Board of Trade parlance; the 'Third Mate') responsible to the Master for the safe navigation of a 15,000 tonnes deadweight ship for four hours when the Second officer would take over from me to do the 12am to 4am watch. As the sun had just set, I waited for the optimum time for both identifying six stars, and using the sextant, bringing each star down to the horizon by reading the angle on the arc of the sextant, read the time in GMT off the ships Chronometer and then spend the next 30 minutes calculating your position on the chart. This kept boredom away from, what can be, a long four hours of staring into nothing. It was the usual practice for young officers to pass this time of boredom by using an Aldis Lamp (a lightweight signalling lamp with a very bright lamp (light bulb) which could flash sequence of dots and dashes (by squeezing a trigger to close over the lamp or reveal the lamp and signalling 'What ship, where bound' to another ship, also to practise Morse code for the inevitable next round of Board of Trade exams - the pass mark was 95%! If there was a Cadet (a future officer in training) allocated to the ship, he would often be put on the 8-12 watch with the Third Officer who was strongly encouraged to take the lead as,

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signalling to a real ship over a distance of 10 miles was far more realistic (and difficult) than a darkened examination room. This was my first voyage as a Third Officer and, sadly, I was not allocated a Deck Cadet on this voyage leg. If I had a cadet with me, I was expected to encourage him to practice, practice and do more practice. Of course, it would keep my signalling techniques up to speed in sure hope of obtaining that minimum pass mark of 95%.

On this very clear night, we were sailing due South off the coast of Senegal West Africa and Cape Verde islands heading for the Cape of Good Hope (the actual most southerly point of Africa is Cape Agulhas) when a ship came over the horizon at a distance of about 25 miles (it was a very clear night). This was one of several ships heading for Europe.



Suddenly, “AA” “AA” “AA” which was the calling signal in Morse Code from this one tiny cluster of masthead lights some 25miles distant. I could just make out his red port hand navigation light. I wouldn't see the green starboard and neither would I wish to, as that would mean he was heading straight for me! I acknowledged with a long flash.

Then the 'what ship, where bound' came through in a rather staccato way indicating that it was probably a cadet who was practising his Morse. I replied 'Shahristan, \*Gulf\*' then I asked the same question. The reply came back 'British Ex?lo?er' so I asked for a repeat when suddenly the VHF radio burst into life and we switched to another channel so as not to block the Emergency Channel 16.

I then said that we were the P&O ship Shahrstan heading for the Gulf. The other ship said that they were the BP tanker "British Explorer" bound from the Gulf to the BP Angle Bay Ocean Terminal in Milford Haven. I said that I knew the Milford Haven very well as I live in Pembroke Dock. The voice came back 'Is that Martin Lloyd?' My jaw fell to the deck. Here we were at night in the Atlantic Ocean, two ships come over the horizon at the same time and with a number of southbound ships from which to choose, he chose me by chance, started to communicate, and he guesses my name! I said 'yes' and asked 'how did he know my name'? He replied that his name was Malcolm Masters and that we were at Nautical College (Rearden Smith Nautical Collage, Cardiff) together and I was the only person he knew who worked for P&O and lived in Pembroke Dock. What a small world!

*"The Gulf" The body of water is historically and internationally known as the Persian Gulf. Arab governments refer to it as the Arabian Gulf or The Gulf, and other countries and organisations have begun using Arabian Gulf. The name Gulf of Iran (Persian Gulf) is used by the International Hydrographic Organization.*

*The dispute in naming has become especially prevalent since the 1960s. Rivalry between Iran and some Arab states, along with the emergence of pan-Arabism and Arab nationalism, has seen the name "Arabian Gulf" become predominant in most Arab countries.*

*(with acknowledgments to Wikipedia)*

*Martin LLoyd*

 <p><b>The_Space</b> Oxted Community Hall Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation, all Welcome Every Friday 9:30 - 11.30 AM</p>	<p><b>St Peter's Church</b></p>  <p>If you are interested in helping in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please call or email us: 01883 714263 <a href="mailto:stmaryoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com">stmaryoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com</a></p>	 <p><b>Coffee &amp; Cake with other parents with babies under one</b> Oxted Community Hall Thursday 10 - 11.30 AM 16:00-18:00</p>
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# PLANNING APPEAL PERRYSFIELD FARM



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**SITE APPLICATION  
APPEAL REFERENCE  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Perrysfield Farm, Gibbs Brook Lane, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9PG  
2023/1249**

**APP/M3645/W/24/3352066**

**Erection of 29 dwellings (including 10 affordable and 10 homes for active older persons) through conversions, demolition and erection of dwellings, plus associated parking, drainage infrastructure, access improvements, new footpath, landscaping and associated works (Revised Plans)**

Further to my previous letter informing you of the above appeal, I am now writing to confirm the details of when the appeal will be considered.

Name of Inspector: D Wyborn BSc(Hons) MPhil MRTPI  
Date and time of event: 27 March 2025 at 10:00  
Venue of event: Tandridge District Council, 8 Station Road East, Oxted, RH8 0BT



The appeal documents are available for inspection at [www.tandridge.gov.uk](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk).

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Bicycles

Oxted Scouts Pram and Bike sale

The Bike Project for Ukraine

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Rocking horse bin in OCH car park

Books

Oxted Railway station for Royal Marsden

Books (Children's)

For customer use

Bras

St Mary's Monkeys (for Africa)

Cameras

St Catherine's Hospice Redhill

Candles

The Recycled Candle company

Cassettes and Discs

Rocking Horse bin in OCH car park

Cellophane Greetings Card envelopes

St Mary's Church

Clean milk bottle tops

St Mary's Monkeys

Contact Lens packaging

Bairstow's Optician Station Rd East

Electrical items purchased from Boots

Boots

False teeth

Dentist may accept for re-modelling

Foreign coins

Oxted Rotary

Furniture

Small items charity shops\* will collect

Larger items      Red Cross East Grinstead, Redhill \*

British Heart Foundation East Croydon\* Furnistore\*

Hair (cut length 8 to 14 in 17 to 35cm) Princess Trust      Cancer UK

Hearing Aids

Health Centre

Jigsaws

The Factory Shop for Jigsaw Club, Library

Light bulbs

Recycling Centre Caterham

M &amp; S Clothes

At Oxfam or M &amp; S shop for £5 voucher

Medication

Playden's or Health Centre will dispose

Mobile phones

Water Aid and many other charities

All plastic packaging including crisp packets      Morrisons

Plastic film and crisp packets

Co-op

Plastic film and used vapes

Waitrose

Plastic plant pots

B&amp;Q, Knights Garden Centre at Nags Hall

Postcards (used and unused)

St Mary's Church for MAF)

Printer cartridges

Woodhouse Centre

Serviceable Sewing machines

Woodhouse Centre (for Africa)

Shoes

Simply Sports (for children's charity)

Toiletries (used and new)

Boots

Vapes (used)

Sainsbury's and Waitrose

Wood, tools, part used new paint

Woodhouse Centre (Men in Sheds)

Wool, fabric, trimmings coloured card

Woodhouse Centre

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**Charity Shops:**

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Hospice, Sue Ryder.      All in Station Road East.

take items that can be re-sold ie.clothing, shoes, books,

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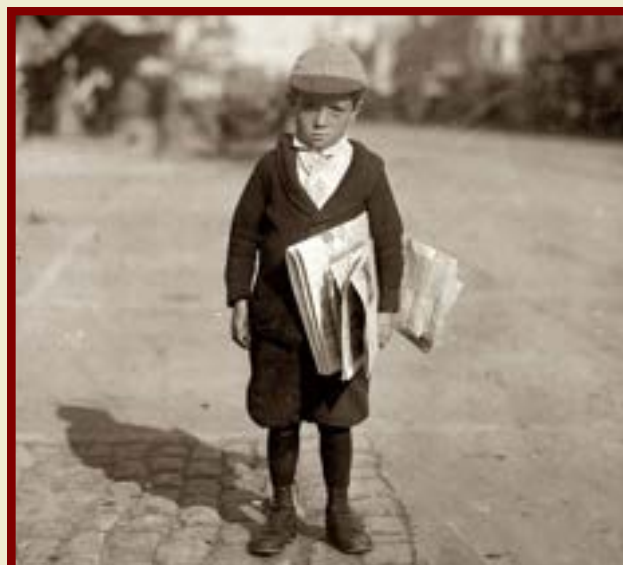






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11.00 AM Family Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

11:00 AM All Age Worship (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

6.30 PM Evensong. With Holy Communion every 3rd Sunday.

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