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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR, REVD. JAMES ASHTON:



Summer!

Summer is very much upon us, and it is a time of warmth, relaxation and fun; well, that's the theory, anyway. There have been many attempts in art and culture to fully encompass what Summer is all about. We might sense Summer in our ears, as we listen to 'Summertime' by Ella Fitzgerald or Vivaldi's violin Concerto No.2 in The Four Seasons: these might transport us to a true feeling of Summer.

Or perhaps we have to feel Summer with our hands – whether it is sandcastles on the beach or the air getting to our toes on a evening walk. Perhaps there are significant places we always associate with Summer; a holiday destination or our favourite day out. The days are longer, and hopefully, warmer – Summer certainly brings with it a different feel. It is also a time of growth in our hedgerows, gardens and fields. We see the shrubbery and flowers change before our very eyes. Trees explode into life, and give us a different view out of our windows, or in our streets. They are teeming with life; often hidden away from our eyes. What does Summer hold for you this year? Perhaps it is a time of change and growth in our community, family or church? Are we ready to embrace it?

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR, REVD. JAMES ASHTON:

Jesus speaks about Summer in Luke's gospel – the Ancient Greek word he uses is 'theros', (the root of words such as thermometer and thermos), and he means to convey a season of heat and warmth. He talks about a fig tree, and says 'as soon as it sprouts leaves, you can see and know that Summer is near'. Do we have the same experiences in our lives? Do we see growth around us, and know that Summer is upon us?

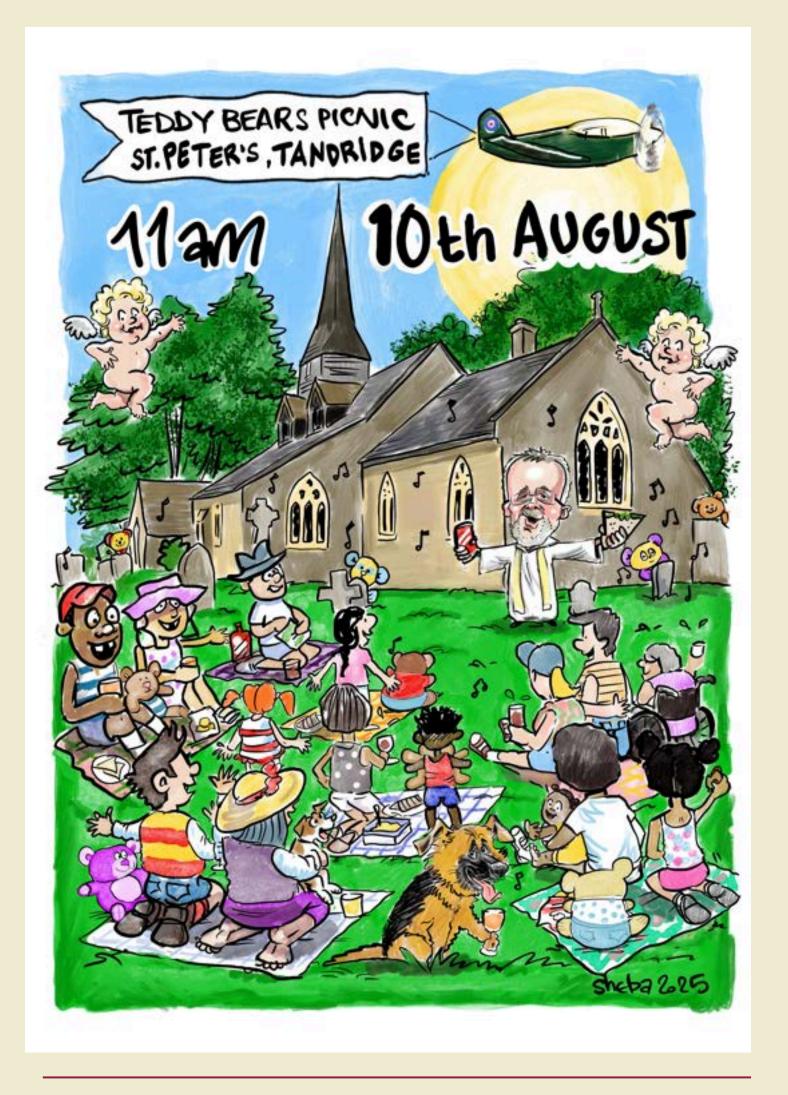
Perhaps there is a clue here as to what Summer is all about – maybe it is about growth; yes, growth in the land and plant world, but also growth in our lives. How might we grow this Summer? Grow in kindness? Grow in forgiveness? Grow in hope? Grow in love? May we see signs of this kind of growth too!

With my love and prayers

James A







FARMING NEWS AN ARTICLE FROM YESTERYEAR



Science Museum. 1916 Mogul tractor.

The "Mogul" - A peculiar looking machine was seen teaming along the main road to Marden Park Woldingham, a few days ago. It may be of interest to note that it is a "Mogul" tractor for use on the land, especially in connection with ploughing, and has been purchased by Sir Walpole Greenwell, Bart., for employment in connection with his extensive farming operations. On Tuesday last week, Sir Walpole invited a number of gentlemen and farmers and others interested in farming pursuits, to a demonstration at Paddock Hill Farm near Caterham. Amongst those present were Major Leveson Gower (M.F.H.), Miss Furley and the girls from the training school at Perrysfield and many others. The "Mogul" was seen at work ploughing and was generally voted a great success, particulraly at the three furrow work.

Surrey Mirror, 22nd December 1916

FARMING



An 8-16 IHC Mogul and Sellars plough at work near Huntly during World War 1.

Case IH (The International Harvester Company of America) has been celebrating this year, as the company was responsible for the first International tractors to arrive in UK exactly 100 years ago.

The arrival of the tractors aimed to help produce home-grown food in the perilous times of World War I.

The International Harvester Company of America was one of the pioneers in tractor production and led the way for many years. Early machines helped break up the prairies before IHC started to develop smaller tractors for smaller farms and it was these more modern and more nimble tractors that arrived in Britain.

The twin cylinder 12-25 Mogul was launched in the UK in May 1915 and had an enclosed engine and driver's canopy while the smaller single cylinder 8-16 was unveiled in September. By the close of 1915, 14 of the 8-16 Moguls had been delivered to British farms while 25 of the larger "twin" Moguls were distributed.

German U-boats and the poor harvest in 1916 forced the government to introduce initiatives to boost home food production. One was the placing of orders of US-built tractors to help mechanise British farms stripped of men and horses. Many of these tractors were operated by the Ministry of Munitions and were driven by drivers seconded from the Army Service Corps. The authorities also used many International tractors for the large-scale farming operations it undertook behind the lines in France to provide food for troops and forage for horses and mules.

With the ending of the war in November 1918 and the ending of restrictions in 1919, sales boomed for both new International tractors and for the government surplus machines offered second hand. By the 1920s The International Harvester Company had become the dominant force with 40% of the market of imported tractors and could claim nearly every British farm had some piece of IHC equipment. Another legacy created by the war to end all wars.



International Harvest Mogul Tractor 1913-1918
Science Musem

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THE EDENBRIDGE & OXTED SHOW OVER THE YEARS



Oxted Agricutural show 1930
Members of the pony club carry their saddles to the enclosure prior to the parade



HEAVY CAVALRY: Joey, aged thirteen, ridden by Mr. A. R. Waters, was second in the carthorse race. First was Miss M. Morris on Welsh Prince.

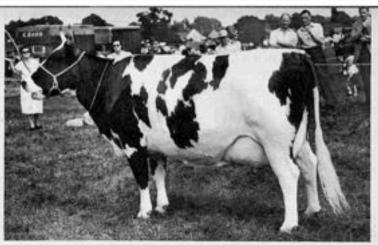
Oxted Agricutural show 1957



1925 Mrs Ritchie in the Novice Hack class

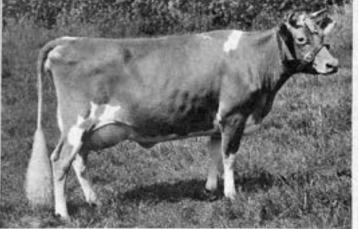


BEST BEEF ANIMAL in the show was Sir Thomas F. V. Buxton's Evening Tervil, an Aberdeen-Angus bred by Mr. Robert Adam of Angus.



CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE was Mrs. M. K. Anderson's Ayrshire Blockfield Promise, by Lessnessock Data from Macnairston Comely 22nd. She was bred by Mrs. Anderson.

Everything Happens



TREVOR BENSON CHALLENGE CUP for the best Guernsey went to Mrs. J. Wynmalen with Constanza of Hare Hatch, which she bred in 1952.



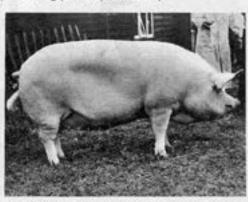
THE CARTHORSE OATS STAKES for bond-fide working carthorses "to be ridden in saddle or otherwise," was won by Mr. Skinner's Sportsman. This is a handicap to be calculated "at the discretion of the steward in charge," no easy task.



VICTORIA CROSS RACE: (Left) Two competitors on the way to the finishing-post, having picked up the dummy.



READY FOR THE "OFF": A demonstration of hound trailing, very popular in the North, took place. Lucifer, the hound on the right, came home in front.



CHAMPION PIG: Mr. A. C. Gardener's Large White Northdown Beryl 7th, which he bred at his farm at Wrotham.

MEMORY LANE PART IV

PAULINE HOPKINS REFLECTS ON BEING BOTH A ST. PETER'S, TANDRIDGE AND AN HONG KONG "BELONGER".



Hong Kong in 1930s

Pauline Hopkins very kindly extended an invitation to Annette and me to hear recollections of her extraordinary life. By the time she was 12 she had lived in Hong Kong, Melbourne and Yorkshire; had been evacuated, a refugee and a boarder at schools in The Philippines and Shropshire!

Pauline was born in 1932 in Hong Kong and for the most part, life there was idyllic. She went to Quarry Bay English School, attended St Andrews Church, Kowloon, where her father sang in the choir, and had her own devoted amah (Cantonese translation - nanny). The family lived a life of some privilege in a house which they had built just below the cloud line on the side of the Peak.

It was the typical colonial life of that time. Her father employed a range of staff at home to fulfil every duty, which included cooking English food, not Cantonese, although Pauline and her parents could speak it. There was an active social scene within the ex-pat community, with many an opportunity to sip gins and tonics on the lawns, at the various clubs, or if you were fortunate, at a garden party at Government House.

However all that changed in September 1940. Pauline had contracted chickenpox and was feeling rather unwell, when one afternoon, quite unexpectedly, her father returned home to deliver some news. He informed them that the Japanese were heading South from China, approaching Hong Kong intent on capturing it, and that all women and children had to leave the colony within 24 hours.



Hong Kong 1940

There then followed frantic activity, everyone packing as much as they could carry. Pauline remembers very well her mother and her nine month old brother swiftly departing their home and embarking for The Philippines on SS Empress of Japan, leaving their father behind, to a fate unknown.

An 8 year old Pauline, her mother and brother shared a cabin in the bowels of the ship with another family of three, in very cramped conditions. It was a traumatic experience.

After 3 perilous weeks at sea, they arrived in typhoon-whipped Manila where the Americans were there to greet them. Pauline's mother and baby brother were taken to a maternity hospital whilst Pauline was sent to a girls' boarding school, feeling completely abandoned. She didn't see her mother for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks the family were reunited, mother and daughter sharing a single bed top-



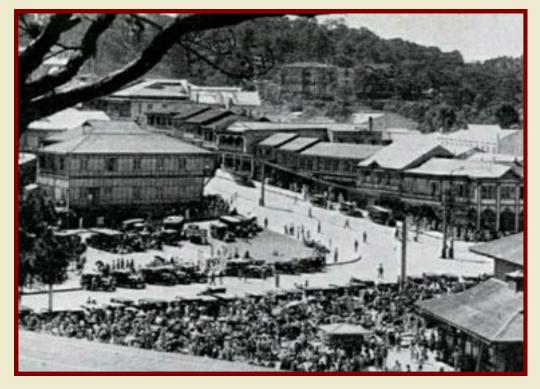




SS Empress
of Japan, departing
Hong Kong
for Manila, 1940 with
Pauline, her mother
and brother on board

to-toe and baby brother sleeping in an open drawer.

After just 6 weeks the threat of another Japanese invasion meant that a second evacuation was in order, this time to Australia. This band of three set sail for Australia on the Dutch vessel SS Slamat, (which in 1941 was hit with a 250kg bomb by the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Greece. All souls were lost.)



Baguio, The Philippines, 1940



SS Slamat during the War

After landing in Brisbane, they then sailed on to Melbourne. Pauline's mother chose Melbourne as for some unknown reason, her husband had opened a bank account there just 6 months earlier. (God moves in mysterious ways). On Christmas Day, 1941 Hong Kong fell to the Japanese.



The house Pauline and her family stayed in in Mentone,
Melbourne



Pauline, her mother and brother in Melbourne

For Pauline, Australia was a challenge at times. Firstly she had to share a single bed with a prolific bed-wetter, and secondly, she contracted scarlet fever and was taken to hospital in quite a serious condition. She was in hospital for a month and remembers seeing iron lungs everywhere, which left her feeling overwhelmed, having to witness so much suffering.

Yet, despite these set-backs, the lack of news of their father was the biggest concern. Every day since they had left Hong Kong, her mother and Pauline would listen

to the wireless and the Red Cross broadcasts each evening. They would list the names of every allied prisoner taken into enemy hands in Hong Kong. After 2 years of listening to this broadcast, in late 1943, her father's name was read out. He had been captured and was being held in a Japanese PoW camp.



Pauline in Melbourne

Being an officer he could expect better treatment than the ordinary soldier and for that he may have been extremely fortunate, but after the war, he never once spoke about his experience.

Pauline's mother wrote to her husband every day and kept a transcription of each letter ,should any "go astray". He only received a handful of them. The family still has the book where she kept a copy of each letter.

When the war ended, Pauline, her mother and brother caught the very first ship out of Australia bound for England. The journey took approximately 8 weeks. They then headed for Yorkshire, where both sets of Pauline's grandparents lived. It was there that Pauline was finally reunited with her father, 5 years and 3 continents later. (Her father was captured having joined the RNVR (Royal Navy Voluntary Reserve and was an officer on minesweepers.)

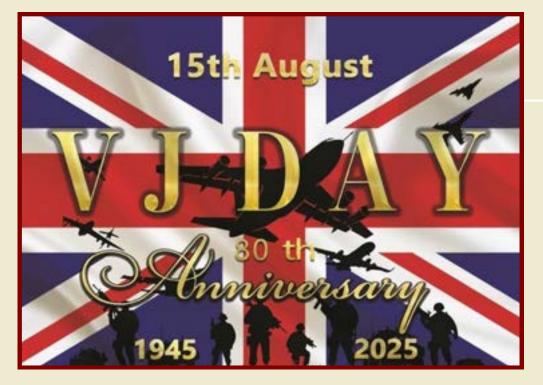
One might assume and hope that life became more settled and family-oriented at this point, but that was not to be the case. Pauline's parents and brother left for Hong Kong once again, leaving Pauline behind. A boarding school was chosen for her in Ludlow, Shrophire and in the school holidays Pauline would travel to whichever relatives were willing to take her, some more willing than others! After the conclusion of one such holiday, Pauline, aged 13, was expected to walk to the station at 5am on her own, catch a train to Crewe, change at Crewe for Shrewsbury and then make her way to school!

Eventually Pauline was reunited with her parents in Hong Kong, which is where she eventually met her future husband Tony, and where we will pick up the story next time.

(If you were born in the colony of Hong Kong you became identified as a "Belonger" which meant that every time you entered or left the Colony there was no need to produce a passport as you "belonged". It was later renamed "Hong Kong permanent resident status in 1987.)



Pauline revisits the house she was evacuated to in Mentone, Melbourne, with her husband Tony.



Tandridge Village remembered and celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day in May this year.

It seems appropriate that in this issue, we remember the 80th anniversary of VJ Day which will take place on 15th August 2025.

30,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers died at the hands of the Japanese, often in atrocious and appalling circumstances after suffering severe mistreatment. The PoW camps were places of starvation and forced labour for the (approx) 130,000 Allied PoWs that were held there.

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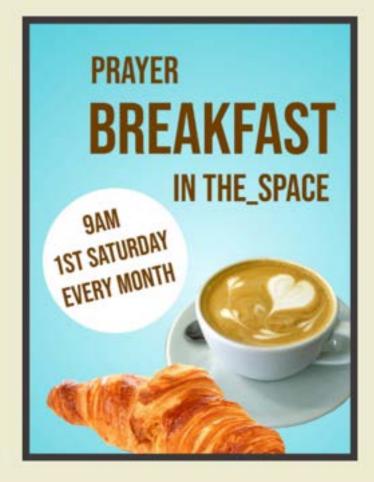






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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY TANDRIDGE VILLAGE 8TH MAY, 2025

There was a very large turnout from the village and beyond for the commemoration and celebration of the 80th anniversary of V. E. Day. Those in attendance included the Mayor of Tandridge Sue Farr, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Brigadier Mike Cornwell OBE and Superintendent Dash Mohammadi of Surrey Police.

Daphne Fairbrass gave an excellent speech, recalling her memories of the War and V. E. Day, prior to planting the commemorative Oak Tree.

The Reverend James Ashton lead a short service of remembrance accompanied by The Oxted Brass Band. Mr. Neil Burchett read aloud the names of those from Tandridge who fell in both World Wars.



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The anniversary flag was raised by The Chair of Tandridge District Council Mayor Sue Farr. Ruth d'Alessandro read a poem by Major General (ret'd) Professor Tim Hodgetts.

The party then moved to the Glebe Field where Andy Moore entertained everyone with his excellent singing.

At 9.30pm the beacon was lit by Pam Knight and Brigadier Mike Cornwell MBE.

Thank you to all those who attended and helped with the organisation.



Lottie & Adeline with the Mayor of Tandridge

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Key updates from our experts, Adam & James, on the Spring budget that affect self assessment tax returns from April 2025

- Late Payment Penalties & Interest Rate Adjustments
- Implementation of stricter penalties and higher interest rates have been introduced with immediate effect. Late payments will be subject to a 3% late payment penalty with an additional 3% added if overdue by 30 days or more. Anything overdue by 31 days or more will be charged at 10%. There is an overall increase of 1.5% on the interest rates that HMRC charge for late payment of all taxes.
- Freezing of Personal Tax Thresholds Extended

The freeze on personal tax thresholds has been extended to April 2028. This means income tax personal allowance and higher rate tax thresholds will remain unchanged for a further two years.

Adjustments to Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Rates

CGT rates have increased from 10% to 18% (for basic rate taxpayers) and from 20% to 24% (for higher rate taxpayers). Additionally, business asset disposal relief (BADR) rates have increased from 10% to 14%. BADR rates will increase further, to 18%, next year. The CGT rate that applies to property disposals remains unchanged at 18% and 24%.

Making Tax Digital (MTD)

From April 2026 sole traders and landlords with income/turnover (not profit) above £50k, will need to report their income via digital software and on a quarterly basis. From April 2027 this will apply to those with an income of +£30k and from 2028 to those with an income of +£20k. Payment dates for tax owing remain the same.

Inheritance Tax (IHT) Thresholds Frozen

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WEDDING AT ST. PETER'S, TANDRIDGE

Alice Knight, daughter of Jo and Doug, married Aaron Rowe on Saturday, June 14th at St. Peter's Church, Tandridge.



"The wedding was beautiful and it was a really wonderful day' - Jo Knight.



BAPTISMS AT ST. PETER'S

There were 4 baptisms in the last 2 months. Jonah and his sister were baptised in June in front of their godparents, family and their friends.

Ordnand Sam Baker gave the sermon, he spoke of the importance of maintaining hope. The example he gave was him waiting (and hoping) 17 years for Spurs to win the Europa League again!

Alba & Anas Martin-Vazquez McGregor were also baptised at St Peter's on 17th May.





AN ORDINAND'S DIARY

BY SAM BAKER



The last two months have gone quickly! One of the highlights was the HTB Leadership Conference at the Royal Albert Hall. To be among 5,000 church leaders from across the globe was inspiring. One of the talks that stood out most for me was from Pricilla Shirer, speaking on how to remain steadfast. You can find it on YouTube if you want to watch it too (search: LC25 Pricilla Shirer).

College life continued at a rapid pace, including another residential weekend away. These times always offer a chance to delve deeper into specific areas of ministry and to build stronger bonds with my fellow Ordinands. The sessions on pastoral ministry were particularly impactful. Learning practical approaches and theological foundations for caring for people through life's joys and challenges was invaluable. Of course, it wasn't all serious study; the end-of-term party was a fantastic way to send off the final year Ordinands as they move onto their

curacies.

In a recent sermon, I couldn't resist weaving Tottenham's recent Europa League trophy win into the message. After years of what felt like perpetual disappointment for us Spurs fans, their victory was too rare an opportunity not to use. I used it to talk about how, unlike the ups and downs of football, our hope in Jesus is a hope that ultimately does not disappoint. Jesus secured the ultimate victory for us by defeating death on the cross – a victory once and for all time, not just one season.

As I reflect on these past two months, each experience, from the grand conference to the intimate college sessions, is shaping me and preparing me for ministry. The journey continues!

God bless,

Sam

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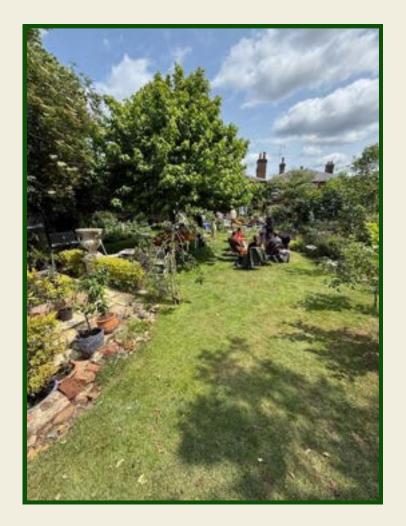
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SCHOOL NEWS

BY HEADTEACHER LENIA GREENAWAY



I think we say this every year, but where has the time gone? The school year seems to fly by. On a day-to-day basis it may not seem quite like this, but when you suddenly realise that the summer is upon you and you will be saying farewell to many of your children within the next few weeks, you wonder how it has come around so quickly. Then, you try and sum up all the things that the children and school community has achieved in the time and your mind goes blank as there has been so much. There are always a wealth of successes that have happened over the year, not least that we have wonderfully happy and healthy children who are all excited about the new adventures that lie ahead; especially the prospect of a long and hopefully hot summer holiday!

The children at St Peter's School has achieved a huge amount this year. Again we have seen fantastic academic results, the children have thoroughly enjoyed many enrichment activities and have all embarked on their own individual but fantastic school journeys and made many personal achievements.

This term we held a wonderful 'Health and Well-being Week' in June where the children (and staff) took part in a variety of healthy activities, including dancing with Darcy Bussell (well, not quite in person, but via the Sky Arts project). This concluded with a brilliant 'Bring your Dad to School' morning where the staff coordinated yoga, rounders and netball skills activities for the dads to participate in, before a whole school sports day afternoon. This was a great time where the children and families could come together to cheer on and celebrate everyone's sporting successes. I am also pleased to say that all the parent/carer races were incident free!

We held our first St Peter's School Fete organised by the 'Friends' of St Peter's (PTA) at the end of June. The Year 2 children performed traditional maypole dances and did so with enthusiasm and pride. It was brilliant to have this event up and running for the whole community to attend. It was equally lovely to hear all the wonderful comments from the community about how they enjoyed the day and the fact that it was a traditional fete. I do have to say it was a brilliant day!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and to all who supported us.





The children visited St Peter's Church for our Patronal day where they were led in a lovely worship by Reverend Ashton. They have thoroughly enjoyed seeing him weekly when he comes to school to lead Worship.

The Reception class took a trip to Gatton Park, to explore the beautiful grounds and do art in park and mini maths activities, and the Year 2 children winged their way to Tilgate Park, visiting the zoo and gardens.

We will be looking forward to the end of term with all the staff, parent/carers and pupils joining together for a final end of year church service before a final whole school picnic in the afternoon. Then a well-deserved rest!

Everyone at St Peter's School would like to thank you for all the support you have given through the year and wish you all a sun filled summer and hope that you all have the chance to enjoy the beauty of Tandridge and beyond, to take time to relax and enjoy the peace.

God Bless,

Lenia Greenaway

St Peter's, Tandridge Summer 2025 OUTDOOR services!

Come and join us for our Outdoor Services for 2025 They will all be held along the path, or close to the church All are very welcome.

Sunday 13th July 11am

Blessing of Pets service—please bring your furry, scaly, creepy or feathered friends—great fun for all the family.

Sunday 27th July 11am

Outdoor **St Peter's Songs of Praise** service— a selection of your favourite hymns or songs—yes, we can join in!

Sunday 10th August 11am

Teddy Bear's Picnic—please bring your favourite teddy and a story book—we will have opportunity to hear poems and stories that we love—for all ages!

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CLAIRE COUTINHO M.P. PROPOSED Q & A SESSION IN TANDRIDGE



Following our V.E Day event, the M.P. for East Surrey, Rt. Hon. Claire Coutinho has written asking to answer questions posed by the people of Tandridge in a Q&A session in our village hall. Claire was on maternity leave during the V.E Day event, and sent her apologies; her deputy Richard Biggs, attended in her absence.

Claire is the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and Shadow Minister for Equalities.

If you would like to attend this event, please can you indicate your interest by emailing tandridgemagazine@gmail.com

Their office will provide potential dates for this Q&A session in due course.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

TANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Surrey Local Government Reorganisation

You are probably aware that the government has instituted a review of Local Government Structures (Unitary Authorities). The Surrey County Council volunteered to be part of the first phase which was accepted by the Ministry of Housing, Community Affairs and Local Government.

This has resulted in three proposals being put forward:

1.By Reigate and Banstead, Crawley:

A cross county boundary proposal . This has been rejected for further consideration by the Minister of State.

2. By Surrey County Council, Mole Valley, Elmbridge:

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East Surrey: Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge

3.By Epsom and Ewell, Guildford, Reigate and Banstead, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley and Woking, Tandridge:

Three unitary authorities consisting of:

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North Surrey: Elmbridge, Runnymede, and Spelthorne

West Surrey: Guildford, Surrey Heath, Waverley, and Woking

Tandridge District Council strongly supports the three authorities' proposal:

- · It reflects the preferred option of a Surrey wide residents survey
- It reflects the different economic characteristics of the Surrey regions

There is a consultation on the two proposals being taken forward which is open until 5th August 2025. Google "Surrey Local Government Reorganisation" which will lead to a GOV.UK website to read documentation and either complete the online consultation or has an address to write to.

OPEN GARDEN - THE CHAUFFEUR'S FLAT, TANDRIDGE





Dear Villagers of Tandridge,

What a wonderful garden opening we've all had, but without your involvement, help and tolerance, it wouldn't have been such a joy.

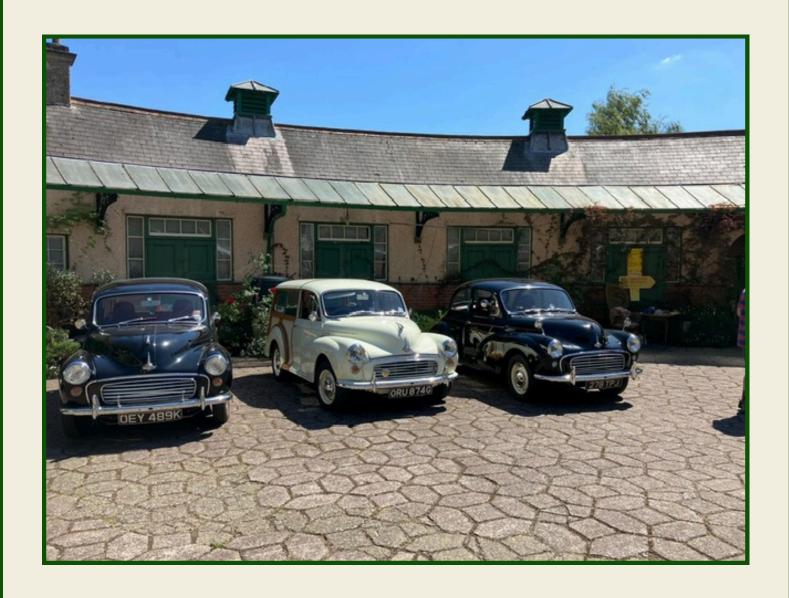
There were many highlights, not only us and the ladies serving the teas made cakes, but many people in the village followed their lead and the teas as always were magnificent. Our neighbour's beautiful vineyard was on show, adding an interesting area for visitors to see.

There is one unsung heroine I've never mentioned before, and without her, I wouldn't be writing this letter at all! Jan MacLennon, a very close friend from Nutfield showed us an article well over thirty years ago about the National Garden Scheme, having previously tried unsuccessfully to get us to open our garden to the public, we had always declined, saying to her that the weeds (wild plants) in our garden wouldn't be acceptable to the charity. She read a quote in this newspaper article saying" The NGS has accepted our garden, and we even have weeds!"

Well, after that, Jan was relentless, and we succumbed and put our garden forward to open for the National Garden Scheme and I'm so very glad we did. There have been so many benefits to opening the garden, having such a joyful time, in beautiful surroundings, that seem to improve throughout the opening. We have made lovely friends over the years and very importantly have made, through all of the efforts of friends, family, the lovely neighbours and people of Tandridge, including a sizable additional donation, for which we are extremely grateful, the absolutely magnificent sum of £15,800.92 for the charities supported by the NGS.

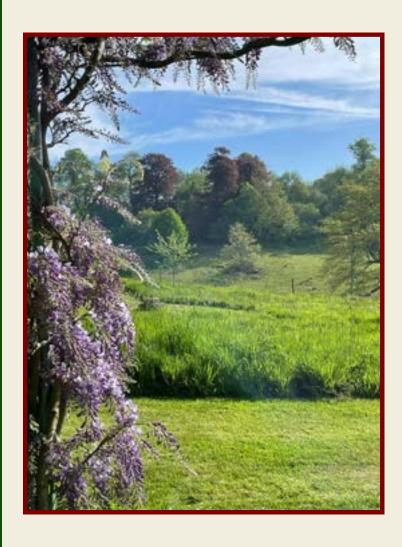
So, thank you once again, everybody, WOW! Keep up the good work!

John & Carole Richins.





The garden at the Chauffeur's Flat 2025









TANDRIDGE PETS

OUR DOG BY NOAH







This is Maggie. We rescued her from Spain 3 years ago. Mummy's friend found her as a newborn puppy left in a bin.

I love Maggie because she's cute, and playful and very gentle. We like to take her for walks and she runs along with me. I am teaching her how to fetch.

From Noah age 7.



THE GREENWELL FAMILY & TANDRIDGE

The Greenwell Family were patrons of St. Peter's Church Tandridge for almost a hundred years, up until 1997.

On 29th October, 1919, Sir Walpole Greenwell Bart. of Marden Park, Godstone and 17 Portman Square, London died at his residence, Marden Park, Woldingham at the age of 72. He was a prominent member of the Stock Exchange. A few days before he passed away, he had been out shooting on his estate and had contracted a chill.

Sir Walpole was a past president of the Royal Shire Horse Society, was well known as a breeder of pedigree stock and short-horn cattle. He had perhaps the finest stock of Shire horses in the country. He horses regularly competed against those owned by Sir Max Michaelis of Tandridge Court and both of them won innumerable championships.





Marden Park c 1917. (It is now Woldingham Girls' School)

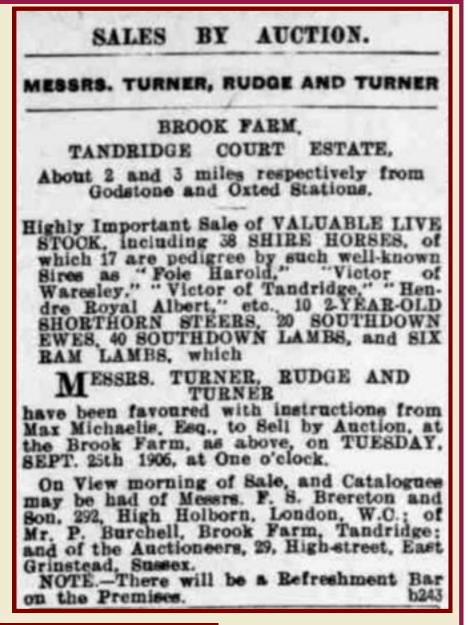
TANDRIDGE.

ENTERTAINMENT.-A very successful entertainment was given in Tandridge Schools on Monday last week by amateurs, several of whom shewed great ability. In the interval between the two pieces, Miss Greenwell, of Marden Park, gave a very choice selection on the violin to the able accompaniment of Mrs Salmon. In the first piece, " Dream faces," Miss Lambert sustained with much pathos and feeling, the character of Margaret, Mr Douglas Marriott giving a most able representation of Robert. The part, Violet, a fresh and simple girl, was played by Miss Davison, who shewed great ability and much taste, while Mr Ernest Marriott was excellent as Violet's lover. second play," Whitebait at Greenwich" was received with loud applause throughout. The part of Sister Lucretia was cleverly played by Miss Violet Barkworth. In this piece also Mr Douglas Marriott, as Benjamin Buzzard, gave another admirable display of his histrionic powers, while Mr A. F. Uniacke as Glimmer, a gay young bachelor, acted with much dash and vigour. Mr Landale as Small had a most difficult task to perform, both in the length of

his part and the violent treatment he received from the Buzzard Company, but he came out of the fray with the greatest credit. We must not forget Miss Gwen Moore, the pretty, perky, "maid of all work," who rendered her part with great vivacity. The highest praise is due to Mr Bernard McNaughton Hawes, hon secretary, for the energetic and successful way in which he managed the whole entertainment.

The Surrey Mirror, 8th March 1895

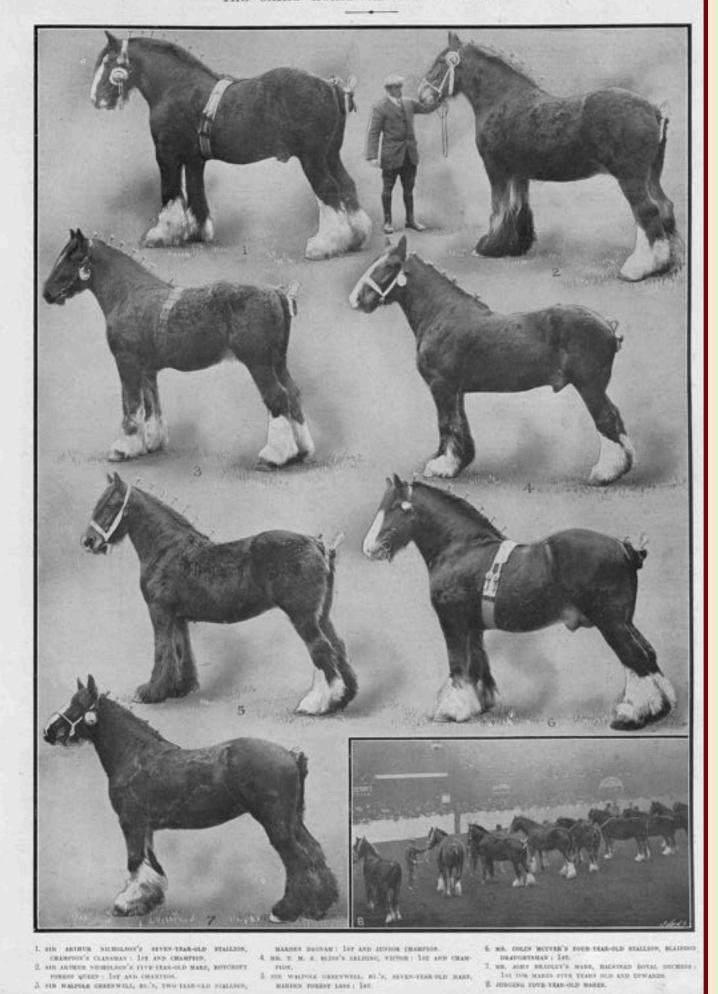
Sir Max Michaelis sells 38 Shire Horses from Brook Farm, including 'Victor of Tandridge'. Surrey Mirror, September, 1906.



SHIRE HORSES. Tandridge Challenge Cup, won by Sir Walpole Greenwell with Dunsmore Chessie. Stallion, 1 Sir Walpole Greenwell, Marden Park; 2 Max Michaelis, Tandridge Court. Brood mare, 1 Max Michaelis; 2 Leopold Salomons, Dorking; 3 A. E. Poynter, Edenbridge. Mare or gelding, 1 and 2 Sir Walpole Greenwell, 3 Leopold Salomons. Filly, foaled in 1907, 1 Leopold Salomons, 2 Max Michaelis. Filly, foaled in 1908, 1 Sir Walpole Greenwell, 2 Leopold Salomons, 3 A. E. Poynter. Filly, foaled in 1909, 1 Leopold Salomons, 2 A. E. Poynter. Foal, colt or filly foaled 1910, 1 Leopold Salo mons, 2 A. E. Poynter, 3 G. Hamlin, Shirley. Shire Horse Society's medal, Sir Walpole Greenwell.

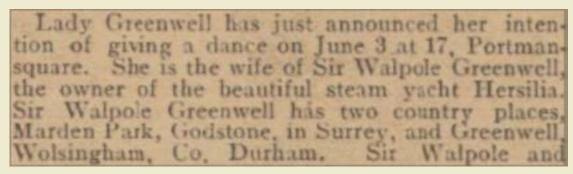
Competition
between Sir Max
Michaelis & Sir
Walpole
Greenwell. The
Westerham
Herald, June 1910

THE SHIRE HORSE SHOW AT ISLINGTON.



No. 3 & No. 5 belonging to Sir Walpole Greenwell.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.



Extracted from The Daily Mirror, 6th May, 1913



Steam yacht Hersilia model - Glasgow Museums

The **Hersilia** was built by Ramage & Ferguson at their yard in Leith (Yard No.134) and launched on 11th March 1895. At 330 gross tons she was a sizeable vessel measuring 171.0′ x 24.1′ x 13.7′ and was powered by a 93 nominal horse power triple expansion steam engine by Ramage and Ferguson. Built for the Reverend John Hutchison of Leith, she was purchased by Sir Walpole Greenwell in 1902. In the early months of World War One the vessel was requisitioned by the Admiralty for use as a naval auxiliary patrol vessel and armed with two 6 pounder deck guns.

Hersilia left Stornoway 12:15am 6th January 1916 bound for the Isle of Ornsay in Sleat Sound where the steamship Rondo had run aground with her cargo of coal. Her Royal Naval Reserve crew was commanded by Lieutenant Commander Hugh Henry McLean RNR and Lieutenant Frank Randall Carter RNR was the Navigating Officer. Course set at S ¼ W to pass east of South Rona Light and through the Inner Sound. The night was very dark with rain squalls and a gale force wind blowing from the south west.

At 2:30am South Rona Light was spotted dead ahead and Lieutenant Carter, who was in charge on the bridge at the time, ordered a course change to S ¼ E. At 3:00am Rhu Rhe Light was observed at an estimated distance of nine miles and although South Rona Light was also still visible it appears no cross bearing was taken to calculate their exact position. By this time Commander McLean had returned to the bridge and was informed of the previous course deviation.

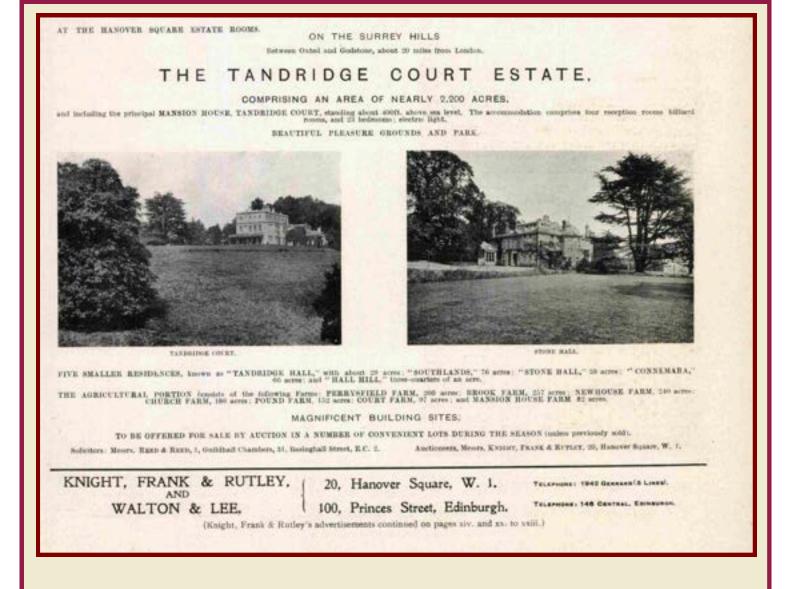
The course was re-adjusted to the original S ¼ W and speed maintained. By 4:00am South Rona Light was bearing SSW and Trodday Light was also visible but again, no cross bearing was taken. Carter was relieved as Officer of the Watch by Sub-Lieutenant Henry Fosbrooke. At 4:15am Fosbrooke took a four point bearing to attempt to establish the exact position of the ship and, with this information, McLean ordered a further course change to S by W ½ W. Forty minutes later, without warning, Hersilia crashed onto rocks in a position that was reported as between Rudha ona Fearna and Rudha Chuaig. The crew managed to scramble ashore safely.

The subsequent enquiry and court martials held that the loss of the Hersilia was entirely due to the negligent navigation of the steam yacht by Commander McLean and his Navigating Officer Lieutenant Carter.









Upon Sir Walpole Greenwell's death in 1919, he left properties valued at £1,400,000 and death duties of £460,000.

His son Sir Bernard Greenwell Bart. inherited these estates, which included significant properties in Tandridge. He too lived at Marden park and at times at Southlands, Tandridge. Sir Bernard was one of the most prominent and principal supporters of agriculture in East Surrey. He continued his father's stud of Shire Horses, as did his son Sir Peter. Sir Bernard was among the best and most regular supporters of the Oxted, Godstone and East Surrey Agricultural Association, being a Vice President up until his death.

In 1923, Sir Bernard sold a portion of Tandridge Park to allow the creation of Tandridge Golf Club.

Sir Bernard sold three quarters of an acre of allotment land in Tandridge Village in 1937 for £200 to build 6 council houses. He also gave a free way/leave for the sewer over this land.

SIR BERNARD GREENWELL

Sir Bernard Greenwell who had been member of London the Exchange for 37 years and was senior partner of W. Greenwell & Co., stockbrokers, died at his home at Godstone. Surrey, on Tuesday night. He was in He was the his 66th year. baronet and succeeded his father 1919. He married in 1902 Miss Anna daughter Elizabeth M'Clintock, of Admiral Sir Fancis M'Clintock. His only son, Captain Peter M'Clintock who was born in Greenwell, succeeds to the title, and is at present serving in the Army.

BELFAST NEWS, 30TH NOVEMBER 1939

Sir Bernard had two large country estates, Marden Park, Godstone, Surrey, where he died, and Butley Abbey Farm, Woodbridge, Suffolk. In the summer of last year the Collynie herd of short, horn cattle, valued at many thousands of pounds, was transferred from Tarves, near Aberdeen, to Marden Park. Sir Bernard was chairman of about a dozen electricity undertakings.

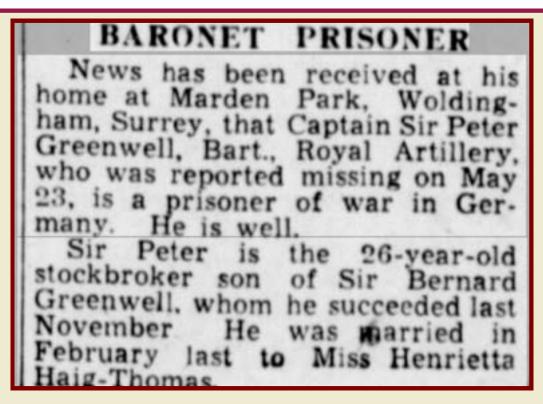
In 1939 Sir Bernard Greenwell died leaving an estate valued at £1,249,999 and death duties valued at £242,000. The estate passed to his son, Sir Peter.

The current Baronet is the 4th Baronet Sir Edward Greenwell. He wrote that, upon Sir Bernard Greewell's death in 1939 his father succeeded the baronetcy. His father was, in 1939, a prisoner of war in Colditz Castle.

The current Baronet wrote in April this year -

"My father (Sir Peter Greenwell) was a PoW for much of the war, in Colditz, from where he had to decide to sell his property in Tandridge to pay death duties on the estate of his father, who had died in 1939. A sad and testing time."

Yours, (Sir) Edward (Greenwell Bt.)



London Evening News, 30th August, 1940





PoWs at Colidtz during WW2

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Country Life, 11th November, 1939

CHURCH AND VILLAGE COMING TOGETHER FOR A CONVIVIAL COUPLE OF HOURS







We plan to have an organised late Summer, early evening tidy-up of the church yard (for an hour or two) and we'd love some help please.

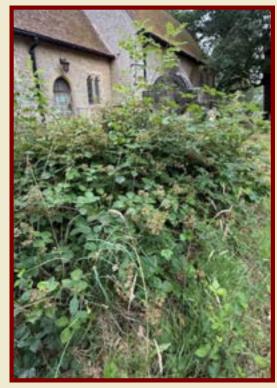
Refreshments will be provided. The congregation try and maintain it, but it's clear we need some help from the families, villagers and people who might be interested in the history of those buried here. There are England cricketers, world famous artists, young servicemen, children (some whose graves are very overgrown), important historical figures and clergymen, and of course many local people, who's families are long gone, but who may well have lived where you live now. It would be lovely to tidy their graves and not let them be forgotten and lost in the undergrowth.











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ST PETER'S CHURCH, LYCHGATE

BY ANNETTE SCHMIDT



Many who visit St Peter's Church to attend Services, Christenings, Weddings, Burials or just to view the yew and sit in the tranquil churchyard, usually pass through the Lychgate. At times of celebration Lychgates are often decorated with delightful floral displays, however, the Lychgate has morbid origins.

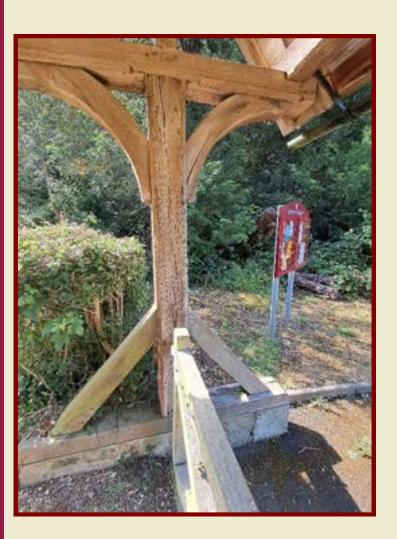
Lyche meaning "body or corpse" and yate meaning "gate". The gate (sometimes spelt lytch gate or lychgate) is usually built over the entrance to the church grounds marking the marking the division between

consecrated and unconsecrated ground, this being in St Peter's case the boundary to the carpark and land around the graveyard. The Lychgates are usually of wood, and thus subject to decay and for that reason many are fairly modern reconstructions of much older timber covered gateways. They are traditionally roofed with wooden, clay tiles, or thatch. In St Peter's case, the present gate was probably built by the Victorians in 19C, being decorative rather than practical, although there are no records to confirm this suggestion. However, a more recent renovation being the replacement of 740 clay roof tiles, which were loose and falling off!

Lychgates, are also known as resurrection gates, dating from the medieval ages before there were mortuaries. Lychgates typically had seats, a cross and a stone slab on which the coffin rested and was traditionally where the clergy met the corpse for burial. It was also a shelter for the pall bearers.

A number of churches erected, or re-erected, lychgates to mark the millennium in the year 2000.

Its thought that lychgates have existed since the 7th Century but the majority that still exist were probably built during the 14th and 15th Centuries. The oldest surviving lychgate is claimed to be the one at St George's churchyard in



Beckenham, South London, dating from the 13th Century which was restored in 1924.

In the Middle Ages most people were buried in shrouds (a length of cloth that was tightly wrapped around the body) rather than coffins. The body would be carried to the Lychgate and placed on a bier (a movable frame on which a coffin or a corpse is placed before burial) brought by bearers who may have walked some distance using footpaths across fields or along lanes. Often one or more bearer stayed with the body overnight or for a couple of days, until the funeral service, to prevent body snatchers stealing the corpse. So, it was important that the interior of the lychgate

was big enough to shelter a bier and several people, which is why some lychgates have small stone or wooden benches on either side of the passageway.

In the 1600s the Burying in Woollen Acts of Parliament (1666–80) made it compulsory for English woollen shrouds to be used for burials (except <u>plague</u> victims and the very poor) instead of using foreign made textiles. This was to support the production of woollen cloth. Seemingly it was required that an affidavit be sworn in front of a Justice of the Peace confirming burial in wool. There was a fine of £5 for non-compliance. It is interesting to note that £5 in 1680 is equivalent to £572.25 in 2017 (National Archives Currency Converter). This was not a popular law since the poor could ill afford a shroud. How stringently this law was adhered to in remote country parishes is open to speculation, but records indicate that this requirement, being difficult to administer, was generally ignored after 1770. The Act itself wasn't repealed until 1814. Anyone researching church registers dating from the late 17th Century up to the early 19th Century may come across burial records with entries marked as 'affidavit' or 'naked', this indicates that either the deceased had been buried in a woollen shroud (affidavit) or was too poor to afford one (naked) and presumably buried in a linen shroud instead.



It was the practice then for a body to be taken to the grave in the Parish Coffin and the coffin stored until required again. Coffins incidentally were not in common use for burials by any other than the rich and well to do until after the late 1700s.

After World War 1, new lychgates were erected as war memorials, commemorating

St. Nicholas's Lychgate in South Godstone

those who lost their lives and remembering those who returned home. Some now also commemorates those who lost their lives fighting in World War 2.



The plant and cake sale raised almost £900 for the village hall and church. This amount was raised in approximately 2 hours!

Thank you to everyone who brought their home-grown plants and home-made cakes to sell and to all all those who helped on the day - Diane, Liz, Steve, Ruth, Paul and Elizabeth.

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LAW & FREEDOM A VIEW FROM ST. PAUL

by REV'D JAMES ASHTON



Nigh-on 2000 years ago, Saint Paul wrote a letter to the embryonic church gathered in Galatia (part of modern day Turkey). The church members were conflicted about what this new faith was all about – they were challenged by their uncertainty. Did they still have to follow the old, Mosaic laws? Or were they now free to ignore it all, due to all that Jesus had done?

Some laws around the world can amuse us, as they seem outdated, or silly – for example:

- In Alaska, it is illegal to whisper in the ear of someone hunting a moose.
- In Samoa, it is illegal for a man to forget his wife's birthday.
- In UK, it is illegal to handle a salmon under suspicious circumstances
- In France, it is illegal to call your pig Napoleon *

These laws might seem silly, but they are entrenched in law; and presumably could be enforced by the proper authorities. This was also true of the laws given to Moses, for the people following faith in the 1st Century AD in Galatia. Techincally these laws (The 10 commandments, and such like) were still enforceable, but Jesus had come and brought a completely new way of living. In this quote from Galatians, 'Faith' is that new way of living:

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.' (Galatians 3:23)

Paul was convinced that Jesus' birth, teachings, life, death and resurrection were all that people needed for their attitude to the old law to be transformed. This new-found faith filled God's people with forgiveness, love, mercy and hope – true freedom!

It is very much the same for us today – sometimes we find ourselves captivated by an 'old way' of doing something. These old ways can be destructive and challenging in our lives. We can almost feel trapped in an old way of thinking, speaking or acting. Jesus gives that new way of being too! He gives us the ability to be free from the old way, and to know that we are free to follow him, and to make healthy and positive decisions about our lives.

May we share in this true freedom.

James A

* unverified...!





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