

St Mary's 1629 bell-tower window, with local red building- and rubber-bricks

# WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS October 2018

St Martin's Church - 1920

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## A message from Huw

#### We will remember

In 1966 I was 7, and I managed to scare myself quite badly. Some simple maths had told me that 21 years after World War One finished, in 1918, World War Two began, in 1939. That finished in 1945; 21 years on from that brought us to 1966. Was war going to break out again?

Of course it didn't and I was worrying needlessly. But it is a reminder that the long peace we have all enjoyed is an extraordinary thing, no matter how much we take it for granted. For the vast majority of the population war is not even a distant memory. With the honourable exception of those who have served in the armed forces, no one under 70 has lived through war at all. When was the last time this was true in Britain? Has it ever been true before?

In November we will be marking the ending of the Great War, and remembering with pride all those who worked, suffered and died for the sake of the peace we now enjoy. But they are not the only ones we should be grateful to. Politicians and diplomats have worked for many years to deepen ties between nations, to make war an unlikely prospect. (At this point I'm only thinking about Europe – we all know there are many parts of the world that still suffer from violence.) The more we see other nations as neighbours, rather than enemies, the safer we all are.

Sadly there are political currents, here and around the world, that are reversing this positive trend. Once again we are hearing inflammatory speeches from irresponsible politicians that seem to be stirring up fear and suspicion of people who are "other" – those who dress differently, who talk with a different accent, or even in another language, those with a different skin colour. Not only is this a cheap appeal to the worst side of human nature, but it goes clean across the teachings of Jesus.

In the New Testament – indeed, in the teachings of Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism, and all the major world religions – we see barriers being broken down. Jesus himself reached out to people whoever they were, without bothering about nationality, and his followers continued to do this, in ways that sometimes shocked their contemporaries. He was born 2000 years ago into a whole mixture of prejudices and dislikes –every group, at every period in history has had their own assortment of those. Except that Jesus ignored such labels; he saw individuals in need and reached out to help them. At a time when so much of the national debate seems driven by a fear of the "other", we need to have the courage to put our own fears to one side, and reach out in the same way.

### From the Parish Registers

#### Funerals etc.

A funeral service for the late Mrs May Kelly was held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

A memorial service for the late Mr Peter Vaughan was held at St Mary's church on Friday  $24^{th}$  August 2018.

An interment of ashes for the late Mrs Irmgard K F Austin was held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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#### Bits and Pieces

#### Office opening hours

Now Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon.

#### **Contact info**

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If you are arranging an event, please contact Alison Burt in the Church Office, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and mentioned on the website. Alison will endeavour to keep track of activities and timings etc. You may view event details on the website given above.

Prayers are held every week at 9:15am on:

- ❖ Monday at St Peter's
- Tuesday at St Martin's
- ❖ Wednesday at St Mary's
- Thursday at St Martin's

For further details please contact the church office. All are welcome to attend.

#### Parish Magazine compilation and collation

The collation date for the November Parish Mag is Friday **26 October**. The deadline for articles etc. is **10 October**.

If any one would like to come and help us with the Parish Mag collation for an hour or so, please contact Margaret Smith (Tel: 01344 882433 or mobile: 07709 285291 or email margaret@rosie25.plus.com). We also need someone to manage the distribution of the printed magazine: please contact the church office at the contact details above

#### Visit the Parish Mag online: www.fosmw.com/parishmag

This webpage gives quick access to a lot of parish activity, by giving convenient access to event flyers, to the Parish Who's Who and to a list of regular events. If you have a local public event coming up, we may be able to post a flyer for it – please be in touch with the editors at aeh@xdotd.com

## Events, Notices and Dates for your Diaries Ranelagh School Applications for September 2019

(The Benefice of Winkfield and Cranbourne)

Three more Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries for September 2019 intake are to be held at the Church Office, by appointment only, all from 10am to 12noon, on the following dates:

- 1. Wednesday 3 October 2018
- 2. Saturday 6 October 2018
- 3. Wednesday 10 October 2018

Please email the Church Office, (telephone bookings will not be accepted) to book an appointment. If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Church Office.

Email: admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

#### **Chavey Down Women's Institute**

Our monthly meeting will take place on Monday 15 October at 7:45pm in St Martins Church Hall as usual. This is an open meeting so all visitors, and friends are most welcome to attend.

Known to many of us, David Fletcher will be returning from the Antarctic as our speaker, after several years away. His slides and talk are always a rare treat.

His talk this time is titled 'A new look at Antarctica'. So please do come along.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Janey Bethune-Williams 883854

#### Family Matins at St Mary's- second Sundays at 10am

Family Matins is a short BCP Morning prayer service with the children doing the readings and taking part in a short play during the sermon slot.

➤ 14 October Harvest. Please bring your harvest gifts to this service. They will be taken to altar during the first song. The children will take part in the harvest story

- 11 November Remembrance
- 9 December Nativity

There is usually a short rehearsal for the children on the Thursday before the service at 3:45pm in St Mary's church.

Anyone interested in their children taking part please contact Lesley Philpot – lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com or 01344 427561

Music and Merriment concert – 1st December 2018

#### "We had had no idea that such an amazing event took place in our church!!"

St Mary's popular fund-raising Christmas concert will take place on Saturday 1 December 2018, bringing its exciting mix of musical talent, young and old, including our very own handbells, readings, audience carols, and, of course, mulled wine and mince pies! Put it down in your diaries NOW please!!

Tickets will be available online from the Friends website.

To celebrate young talent, this year we will again feature violinist Sarah, who (then aged 8) was given a standing ovation in 2017. We plan also for two fine young wind-players to perform for us, one an oboist and the other a saxophonist.



Joining the Junior Concert Choir is a lot of fun – you join in a team of young people and learn what a confidence-building experience it is to perform to a large audience to a high standard. No experience is needed to join – only keenness to sing with a successful confidence-building team.

The choir is open to children from Y4 to Y7+ – and Y3 is possible for musical children, possibly with an older sibling. An hour's training and rehearsal will take place at 6-

7pm for each of the four Sunday evenings preceding the concert, starting 4/11/18, with a short rehearsal in the morning of the concert. Contact Anthony Hodson at <a href="mailto:aeh@xdotd.com">aeh@xdotd.com</a> for more information or to apply for membership.

## Nusic & Merriment Christmas Concert 7:30pm Saturday 1 December St Mary's Church Church Road, Winkfield SL4 4SF

#### **Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week**

This year's Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week (The Arts Week) runs throughout the October half term holiday 21-28 October 2018. Fully funded and run by the three Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield, there are over 40 free-to-book arts and crafts events for locals of all ages in venues across the three Parishes. Full details at www.arts-week.org. Tickets are available from Sunday October 7th 2018. You can book online or by telephone – details on the Parish Mag webpage www.fosmw.com/parishmag

## **Binfield Warfield Winkfield**

## ARTS WEEK

Sun 21st - Sun 28th October 2018

Local FREE arts & crafts events www.arts-week.org

#### What's it about?

The Arts Week is for the enjoyment and appreciation of the wonderful arts and crafts available in our local area and of course to promote and encourage active participation – whether it's silver metal work, trying computer animation, playing the ukulele, joining a Community Orchestra or making large papier maché monster masks, there are some events for adults and others for children.

#### Arts Week Music - Sarah Aizawa to perform on 21/10/18

Of particular interest will be the appearance of violinist Sarah Aizawa, aged 9, who made her local debut as a talented concert performer at the Music & Merriment concert last December. Sarah will be performing in Arts Week on Sunday 21 October in the YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT at 5:30pm to 7pm in St Peter's Church. Sarah will also be performing at this year's Music and Merriment Concert on 1 December (see page 4).

#### The 2018 Arts and Craft Exhibition

For three days Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October there is the extensive art and crafts exhibition at Brownlow Hall. It showcases more than 300 exhibits by leading local artists and art groups. There are so many local art groups to join! And there is an experienced professional judge to provide incisive critique and feedback and guide the developing artists.

#### **Contact Details**

Website www.arts-week.org

Booking online starts 2.30pm on Sunday 7 October by accessing this web-address: http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsweek Or you can telephone 01344 885110 during normal office hours from Monday 8 October.

#### 'When We are Married' performed by CADS

Cranbourne Amateur Dramatic Society is performing the classic comedy 'When We are Married' by J.B. Priestley at 7:45pm on 25, 26 and 27 October 2018 at St Peter's Hall in Hatchet Lane SL4 2EG. Tickets are £9. You can book by calling 01344 886456 or online at www.cadsact.org.uk

In the early 1900s three couples, who married on the same day 25 years ago, are smugly celebrating their silver wedding anniversary when they discover they are not legally married. There is shock and horror as these pillars of the community reveal their true characters at this news, wondering what they can do about it and what it could mean for their marriages. Mischievous servants and the arrival of the local press, booked to capture the happy occasion, add to the fun.

A great cast of local actors, including Revd Huw Mordecai, are directed by Maggie Ashley for what promises to be a very entertaining evening!

## CRANBOURNE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY proudly presents

**CADS** 

## When We Are Married

Written by J.B. Priestley and Directed by Maggie Ashley





7:45pm 25th, 26th and 27th October 2018

St. Peter's Hall, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne SL4 2EG

#### TO BOOK TICKETS ON LINE

Go to our website www.cadsact.org.uk

Box Office 01344 886456 Tickets £9

#### Picture This – an invitation from Patricia Powell

I'm writing a booklet about St Mary's at the behest of Reverend Huw and Churchwarden Lesley. Only 720 years to consider! Text yes, but ideally illustrated by internal and external photographs of St Mary's. A raft of views and close-ups to choose from would be most welcome.

Of particular interest are: the lych gate, the churchyard, including one or more of four War Graves, any unusual plants, brick/flint walls, the Duke of York bell-tower plaque, the font, windows, the five oak columns, some wall memorials, pink and white tiles the in altar area, the stone frieze behind the altar, and photos of services and bell-ringers.

We'd be very grateful and would happily attribute the selected pictures. If you can help, please e-mail them to me at powell.pa@btopenworld.com. Many thanks in advance.

Patricia Powell

#### Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours Scheme

We are always looking for people to join us as drivers. If you have some spare time, are patient, caring and in good health, you could volunteer and make a big difference to local people. Interested? Please contact Lynne Wilkes on 01344-884947 or email to lynnebobben@btinternet.com



#### SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

#### St Mary's, Winkfield - October services

Date	Day	Time	Service
		9:30am	Family Praise
7	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		12:45pm	Holy Baptisms
14	20th Sunday after Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
'-		10am	Family Matins - HARVEST
21	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Praise
21		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
28	Last Sunday after Trinity - All Saints/All Souls	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:30am	Messy Church
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#### St Martin's, Chavey Down – October services

Date	Day	Time	Service
7	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Altogether - HARVEST
14	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion
21	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Prayer
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### Flowers & Cleaning Rotas

#### St Mary's - October 2018

Dates	Flowers
5 and 12 October	Penny Cardwell and Doreen Potter (HARVEST 12th) and Church Flower arrangers
19 and 26 October	Esther Bond and Doreen Potter

#### St Martin's - October 2018

Dates	Flowers	Cleaning
7 October	HARVEST-ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS	Mrs Paramor
14 October	Mrs Zerilli / Mrs Randall	Mrs Paramor
21 October	Mrs Timbrell/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Jenkins
28 October	ALL SAINTS: Mrs Timbrell/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Jenkins

St Martin's church still requires two more flower arrangers. Please help if you can. Training and assistance will be given if needed. Ruth Timbrell

### What's on in October 2018

#### **Special events**

Day	Oct	Event	Time/place
Wed	3	Ranelagh School Verification Surgery 10am to 12noon	By appointment only (by email to Church Office – no telephone appointments). See p3 for details
Sat	6	Ranelagh School Verification Surgeries 10am to 12noon	By appointment only. See p3 for details.
Sun	7	Online booking opens for Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week: http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsweek - see p6	
Wed	10	Ranelagh School Verification Surgery 10am to 12noon	By appointment only. See p3 for details.
		Deadline for Parish Magazine editorial articles	
Sun	14	Special Harvest family service	10am St Mary's Church see p3

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Sun to Sun	21 to 28	Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield ARTS WEEK – 49 events (the events at St Peter's only are listed in summary below). Full details: http://arts-week.org/ Tickets (after 7/10/18): https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsweek/	
Sun	21	Young Musician Concert (BWW ARTS WEEK)	5:30-7:15pm, St Peter's Church including Sarah Aizawa, violin.
Mon	22	The Darker Side of Dickens (BWW ARTS WEEK)	7:15-9pm, St Peter's Church with Revd Huw Mordecai
Tues	23	Galliard Band workshop for recorder players (BWW ARTS WEEK)	2-4pm, St Peter's Church - learn traditional recorder music
Thur - Sat	25 to 27	CADS perform 'When We are Married' by J.B. Priestley	7:45pm St Peter's Hall, tickets www.cadsact.org.uk or see p6
Fri	26	Galliard Band concert: recorders and guests (BWW ARTS WEEK)	7:15-9pm, St Peter's Church
		Collation day for Parish Magazine	
Sat	27	Concert: Cranbourne and Winkfield Community Orchestra (BWW ARTS WEEK)	7:15-9pm, St Peter's Church with Carl Lister
Sun	28	Westminster Chamber Orchestra (BWW ARTS WEEK)	5:30-7:15pm, St Peter's Church Chamber music with Peter Davies and Marian Givens

For your diaries: 1/12/18 Music & Merriment Christmas Concert - see p4

## Regular events (see also www.fosmw.com/parishmag)

Day	Event
	Ascot Bridge Club – Chavey Down, Ascot. For more information please call David Calcutt on 886412, or visit the web site www.ascotbridge.org.uk
Mondays not including Bank Holidays	Pilates with Amanda Mann at St Martin's Church from 9:30-10:30am & 10:45-11:45am. Visit the website: www.amandamann.uk.com or email info@amandamann.uk.com or call Amanda on 07767 816499

Day	Event
Mondays not including Bank	Ballet With Victoria Lyons at St Peters Hall. For more information call 638538.
Holidays (cont.)	Ascot Yoga 7:45-9pm at Carnation hall. Visit www.AscotFitness.co.uk for more info or contact Flo Young on 07711 077038 email Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk
2nd Monday of the month	Whist Drive at 7:30pm in the White Hart, Church Road, SL4 4SE
	Short Mat Bowls at Carnation Hall at 7pm. For more information please ring 882137 and 301158
Tuesdays	Cranbourne and Winkfield Community Orchestra – Rehearsal - At St Peters at 7:30 – 9 pm. Whether you are just starting out on a new musical adventure, a lapsed player or a proficient musician you can join us. School age, working, retired, all are welcome. If you are interested phone or email me. Carl Lister - 0793 263 2114 - carlister@btinternet.com
1st Tuesday of the month	St Mary's Women's Guild meeting at 2:30pm, now always at St Mary's church.
	EXTEND – fun, fitness & movement classes for the over-60s. 10:30-11:30am at St Martin's Church Hall, SL5 8RR. Please contact Elizabeth Wright AISTID tel: 883078 or email: lizziewright25@hotmail.com
	Zumba gold class at St Peter's church hall 7-8pm
	Chavey Down Association Bingo Club at St Martin's Hall (fortnightly) at 8pm contact Monica or David on 884348.
Wednesdays	The NOMADS Table Tennis Club at Carnation Hall, For more information contact Mike on 773939.
	Pilates classes at Carnation Hall: Contact Rebecca on 0774 860 3145, email: pilatesascot@btinternet.com or visit www.pilatesascot.co.uk.
	Soft Furnishing/Dressmaking Courses on Wednesdays. Day and evening courses. Places available. Please contact Sally Beer on tel no: 01344 882528 for further details, the venue schedule and timings.

Day	Event
2nd Wednesday of the month	Ascot Horticultural Society meets at 7:45pm in King Edward's Hall, North Ascot (unless otherwise stated). All welcome. Admission: members £1 and visitors £2.50. Details on www.ascothorticulturalsociety.org.uk or call Peter Cleare on 01344 622086.
	CHAT & CRAFT – now including Chess, Scrabble and Bridge. Between 2 and 4pm at St Peters Church. Entry £1. Open to all. Finish that project, enjoy a good game, or just come for a cuppa and chat. For more information please contact Anne Crewe on 01344 885091 or email: annecrewe83@gmail.com
Thursdays	The Carnation Badminton Club plays on Thursdays at Carnation Hall, 8-10pm. New members welcome.
	CLUBBERCISE Dance Fitness class at Carnation Hall 7-8pm, For more info, please see www.Ascot Fitness.co.uk or contact Flo Young on 0771 1077038 or Flo@AscotFitness.co.uk
1st Sunday of the month	Exodus - Benefice Youth Group – Meeting on the first Sunday of the month (term time only) from 6-7pm. For all the young people of the Benefice, and their friends, in Years 6-9. A mixture of fun and Christian teaching. Please let Revd Huw Mordecai, know if you would like to come. Tel: 01344 893973. Email ID: beneficeminister@gmail.com From April-September: at St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne, SL4 2EG. From October - March at: Tanglewood, Birch Lane, Long Hill Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RF)

## News from around the Parish

#### Friends of St Mary's Winkfield (FOSMW)

The restoration of the organ continues and it is hard to believe that two months have passed since work started. As the work progresses regular updates will be available and published on the website (www.fosmw.com) and notice board.

#### **Family Funday**

The Family FunDay organised in conjunction with the Guild raised just over £1,300 for church funds. Many thanks to all who assisted on the day and to those who bought tickets. Particular; thanks to the very generous sponsors, who covered the outgoings of the FunDay.

#### **Photographic Competition**

At the time of going to press some photographs of the church had been received but not as many as we had hoped. The closing date was 23 September. All winners will be notified in early October and the photographs displayed in the church or on the FOSMW website (or both).

#### **Music & Merriment concert**

The Music and Merriment concert will take place on Saturday 1 December. The programme is already taking shape. Tickets will be available online. See also page 4.

We need more young singers for the Junior Concert Choir. If you have children, grandchildren, or just friends, who might be interested, please invite them to look at the article on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**.

#### Other FOSMW activity

The FOSMW Trustees met in September to discuss the next major project, which is the Electrical rewiring of St Mary's church.

Thank you to those who have recently joined FOSMW. If you haven't yet joined then please consider doing so. Application forms available in the Church and online.

Lesley Philpot, Chairman

#### **Bell Ringers Report September 2018**

The bell ringers enjoyed their annual BBQ and again we were lucky with the weather – thanks to Debby for hosting the event.

The tower ringers were pleased to ring for Peter Vaughan's memorial service, which celebrate the life of a long serving and very active member of St Mary's. Many of the ringers had known Peter and his family for many years and we all send heart felt condolences.

Several of the bell ringers participated in the annual Family Fun Day where great fun was had by all who attended. As well as games outside there was a tombola, raffle, book stall and a stall selling fine china, pictures, toys of all sorts (even a scooter), and lots in between. The cakes in the competition all looked very professional – well done to Caroline whose cake was the people's winner. The children also entered cakes and presented some beautiful flower arrangements.

We have enjoyed a tower ringers outing where we visited five local towers for a ring, with a delicious lunch at Dorney Court Kitchen – thanks to Sue B for organising a super day. We finished with a pint in the pub sitting out in the late afternoon sun!

The bell ringers were pleased to be a part of the first Heritage Day where an impromptu session on the hand bells was great fun and several people showed an interest in joining us on Wednesday evenings – so if you fancy having a go come along at 7:30pm, as we will be starting with some basic teaching to get people going.

The tower, as usual, was also popular with visitors – if you fancy having a go in the tower then come along on a Monday evening!

Bell Sunday was interesting and busy; we loved the interest shown by the congregation for our bells – both hand and tower. However it was really busy so if anyone did not manage to try the bells or see the tower then let us know and we will see what we can do.

Looking forwards we will be ringing the hand bells, as usual, on the fifth Sunday at the end of September and we are delighted to be asked to perform at both the Harvest Supper on 11 October and the Music & Merriment concert on 1 December.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

#### St Mary's Choirs - Adult and Junior

The choir returned to the choir stalls on Sunday September 2 with several of our extra singers attending on that day.

Junior Choir rehearsals began again on Thursday 6 September and performed beautifully at the Family Matins service on Sunday 9 September.

If anyone would like to join either choir please do contact me.

Lesley Philpot

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#### St Mary's Women's Guild - September meeting

Oriol Lady Bowden and Mrs Rosalind Grace were welcomed to the meeting.

The Rev. Huw Mordecai wanted to place on record his grateful thanks to all the Guild members who were involved in the Family FunDay. Although the numbers were down a little on last year just over £1,000 was raised for the church with one or two donations still to come. This event was run in conjunction with the Friends of St Mary's. Margaret Blackburn who, once again organised the catering, thanked the members who prepared the food at her home before transporting it to the hall and serving the guests. Lesley Philpot thanked Margaret and the catering team and all the stall holders for their

commitment and hard work and Jonathan Hemsley who very kindly assisted with everything else.

Members were reminded that the visit to Oxford Cathedral is Tuesday 23 October. There are still a few places available.

Members indicated their availability for assistance on the Heritage Days -8 and 15 September.

Moira Gaw has very kindly agreed to prepare the food for the Harvest Festival supper on Saturday 13 October in Popels Hall. This will follow Evensong in the church at 6pm.

The theme for the talk at the meeting was Memories of the Coronation. Pamela Brown explained that as Her Majesty was crowned before she was born she had watched subsequent coverage of the event with many questions in her mind. She invited Guild members with happy memories of this glorious occasion to share these at the meeting.

The longest and, possibly, the greatest reign in our history was the first major event to be televised. Pamela used both archive film footage and on-line research to devise a short introductory quiz. To encourage discussion Pamela read from her notes "Memories from a maid of honour" – Lady Anne Glenconner. Several Guild members gave their own accounts of what they remembered of the day. It was a fascinating afternoon and hard to believe that members of several families gathered in one room to watch this magnificent event on black and white 9" television screens. Many thanks to Pamela and Jean for devising such an interesting afternoon.

The Rev. Huw Mordecai closed the meeting with prayer.

Lesley Philpot President

#### **Ascot Horticultural Society**

I have heard that grape vines, with their wide-ranging root systems able to access pockets of moisture trapped within the soil, have certainly benefitted from the long hot dry summer this year, and are set to deliver a bumper harvest. Some outstanding English vintages are predicted. Similarly many top-fruit trees, also quite extensively rooted, have produced well, leaving the ground beneath now ankle-deep in fallen fruit - a joy to creatures great and small.

Sadly not all crops have fared so well. Farmers have looked with dismay upon their arable fields and a number of essential staples for both man and beast are now likely to be in short supply this coming winter.

Altogether, in most parts of Britain, it's been an extremely challenging and often disappointing spring and summer for the grower, perhaps a sign of conditions

to expect more often as the planet gradually becomes warmer. Not surprisingly, horticultural entries at our Summer and Autumn Shows were noticeably reduced. The picture has improved somewhat with the onset of autumnal temperatures and a little rain. Garden shrubs and annuals no longer droop miserably. Inevitably though there have been numerous plant casualties.

Nuts, though (unfortunately not palatable to everyone), are some of autumn's usually dependable bounties, and they will be the subject when the Horticultural Society meets on Wednesday 10 October. The guest speaker, Jacqueline Aviolet, will be travelling all the way from Kent to share her enthusiasm for plants and present her talk entitled 'Nuts from around the World - history & cultivation'.

The Society AGM will take place on Wednesday 14 November. It is a chance for members to take stock of what has undoubtedly been a remarkable year and plan ahead, with gardeners' characteristic optimism.

Members and friends will be gathering at Mill Ride Golf Club on Sunday 9th December for a traditional Christmas lunch and a few days later in King Edward's Hall on Wednesday 12th December the Christmas Show and festive Social evening will mark the conclusion of another very busy Society year.

Our events and activities are open to all. For further details log on to www.ascothorticulturalsociety.org.uk or call 01344 622086.

#### Peter Cleare



#### Winkfield St Mary's School: The Janet Swain Quiet Garden

The children of St Mary's school lost some of their playground and stage to a surge classroom that was built last year. So they came up with the idea that they wanted a place to which they could go sit, think and chat.

The children presented their idea to the PTA, saying that this is something they really wanted and needed, especially as the field is often unusable. They wanted a 'Quiet Garden'.

The PTA was enthusiastic. Claire Reid, the treasurer of the PTA took on the project, and organised a team of parent volunteers to clear the area. To help raise funds for the Quiet Garden. the PTA turned to Tesco's Bags Of Help scheme. This went to the stores in October 2017, and Tesco's awarded a £4,000 grant. The project was completed by June 2018.

Very sadly, on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017 the School lost Janet Swain to cancer. Mrs Swain had been a key member of staff at the school for many years, particularly as a teaching assistant to the Reception class. She was happiest when surrounded by children and nothing was too much trouble. She has been very much missed by the school and the community (she was a PCC member at the time of her death).



It seemed only right that the children's Quiet Garden would be a perfect memorial to a much loved lady in our community. And so it came about.

The Councillor Alvin Finch, Mayor of Bracknell Forest, came to open the Mrs Swain Quiet Garden on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and the ceremony was attended by Janet's husband Neville, by her mother, father and brother and other members of her family; Tesco North was represented by Store Manager Robert Folly and other staff, including School parents. Mark Fraser, Chairman of the PTA attended, with Claire Reed, who had done so much to bring it all about, and Head Teacher Julia Evans was there with many children and parents.

Winkfield St. Mary's PTA and children wish to thank Tesco's Bracknell North for their generous grant: without this the Mrs Swain Quiet Garden would still be in planning. And without the parent volunteers, this project would still be in the dreams of the children. Thank you all for making this community project happen.

### Thoughts of all sorts

#### The Parish Mag web page: www.fosmw.com/parishmag

There is nothing like the physical copy of the Parish Mag. And yet, the web version is always there, always accessible, especially if you cannot quickly put your hand on the paper copy. Looking for past editions? They are there. Wanting to find out about a local event, and possibly hoping for online ticketing? You may well be able to find what you are looking for, and more. You'll also like having the photos and graphics in the mag in glorious colour.

## Cats Protection Bracknell and Wokingham Districts Branch





## Christmas Fair 2018

Date: Saturday 10th November 2018

Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Rd,

Winkfield, Berkshire, RG42 7PA

**Entrance** 

Fee: £1.00 admission per person

or a donation of cat food

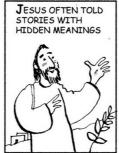
Cats Protection goods, Cat collectables, Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery, Membership stand, delicious cakes and food, free parking.

Come and see some of the lovely cats that we have looking for new homes!

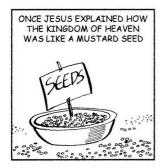
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#### Children's Corner

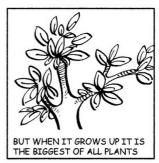
The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast







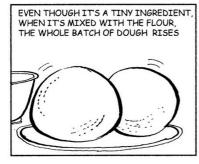








JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.





THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

Other posters





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