

# TRINITY NEWS & VIEWS



*Night of love : hear each waking  
heart letting go of fear. Night of  
love : help us play our part, saying  
'Christ is here!' (StF 211)*

**December/January 2021 Issue 53**

*We don't usually have an editorial in TNV but it seems appropriate to include an introductory word this time. Our usual two monthly series has inevitably been interrupted this year. The previous issue was published in April and in the intervening period the church has been entirely or partly closed. Thus the busy life of Trinity with which much of TNV concerns itself has been absent. So it has been a slightly strange experience putting this issue together. Some of the content is a bit different, but hopefully interesting and welcome nevertheless.*

*Throughout society, alongside all the difficulties of coping with the pandemic, this period has bred ingenuity and creativity that we wouldn't otherwise have seen. We have experienced that at Trinity thanks to the hard work of our techie team. How many of us had heard of 'Zoom' a year ago (even though its software was launched in 2013!) or imagined seeing our own church services on YouTube?*

*So this is a good opportunity to thank everyone who has worked hard to sustain the life of Trinity this year. It's invidious to name names but it would be right to highlight our leadership and pastoral teams, plus everyone involved in organising our services; and not to forget the Wombles and our garden team. Thanks too to those who have contributed to and produced the weekly newsletter - a valuable innovation which will no doubt need to continue for a while longer. We are planning to issue the next TNV at Easter.*



## A Message from Rev Sam Funnell

Dear Friends,

This is my first item for 'Trinity News & Views' and I hope it finds you keeping safe and well.

It's been a strange year so far, hasn't it, and no doubt there will be a few twists and turns yet to come before we bid farewell to 2020 and welcome in 2021.

We've faced many challenges, but I hope that our faith helps us and sustains us – because we are 'People of Light' and 'People of Hope'.

I found this lovely little story on a Church of Scotland website<sup>1</sup>:

*Once there was a candle flame. It was very small. Beside the brightness of the sun, it was tiny and she thought she wasn't very important or very good at being a flame. "The sun is so bright," she thought as she watched it creep up over the horizon early one morning. The candle's flame couldn't be seen as the day got warmer and the sun pulled itself up to the top of the sky. "I'm not very good!" whispered the flame to herself, very sad and lonely. And all afternoon she was sad and her wax wilted a little and she fizzed and sparked all afternoon. She was so sad that she didn't notice the sun sliding down the sky and over the horizon. Suddenly she was pulled out of her sadness by a voice down below the window. It was a mouse and it was saying, "Thank you." The candle was surprised, "Why are you saying thank you to me?" she*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship> (for 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020) - material supplied by kind permission of 'Spill the Beans'.

*asked. "Because it is dark and you were the only thing I could see to guide me home out of the danger of the owl." The candle looked around her and noticed everything was shadowy and she could hardly see. But the mouse said, "Even though you are a small flame, when the darkness comes, I can see you for miles. Thank you for helping me find my way home, little candle." The candle found a great big smile on her face and stood up tall and shone a little brighter knowing even though she was a small flame, even the greatest darkness couldn't hide her.*

We need to see ourselves as being like that little candle – shining out the light of Christ that we carry in us; the hope of his coming once again to us and the world this Christmas and the joy of knowing there is a God who loves us enough to give us everything...even God's very self in human form.

We may not think that we can do very much, all too aware of our 'smallness' but our 'light' only needs to make a difference to one person – and, for them, that's the greatest gift – beyond all measure!

After we celebrate Christmas the New Year follows quickly – with its New Year's Resolutions and the promises we make in our annual Covenant Service: as well as being 'People of Light' we are also 'People of Promise'. The service also acts to remind us that God is our 'God of Promise' too!

2020 was an unexpected and unprecedented year. We might well wonder what 2021 will bring. Whatever comes – may we each strive to be people of light and hope in all things and take all that we have received, so generously from God, into the New Year that lies ahead.

God is with us...Alleluia!

Sam





## Family News

The Pastoral Team and Pastoral Visitors have been busy keeping in touch with the Church Family during lockdown and beyond, and we were grateful to have the All Souls Service in the Church before the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown, to remember those we love, and those who have died. 2020 has been such a strange year for us all, and we are sad to have lost several long-term friends from Trinity. We pray for the families of those below, and ask that they find solace in prayer, and know that we continue to pray for them.

### **We celebrate and thank God for the lives of:**

Basil Slyfield

Marina Parker

Pam McCullum

Jean Taylor

Maisie Morgan

John Craig

Arthur Andrews

Evelyn Tank

We also have several members who have lost elderly parents or family members and have had difficulty keeping contact in care homes or at a distance, and we pray for them too. We pray for those who grieve. Know that God is always with you.

We also celebrate with those who have had grandchildren and great grandchildren, and hope that one day we will be back together to share all our Church Family News together!



*"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it"*

(Edith Wharton 1862 – 1937)

# Refugees

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way  
***(now read from bottom to top)***



## Christmas Greetings

.....to all our friends at Trinity from

Janet Atterbury

Kevin Bown

Jim & Margaret Chisholm

Margaret Davies

Jeff & Ann Dawson

Margaret & Peter Dorrell

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
JOYEUX NOEL  
BUON NATALE  
FELIZ NAVIDAD  
FROHE WEIHNACHTEN



Geoff & Wendy Eaton

Sam Funnell

Carole Hymers

Henk & Gerda Innemee

Daphne & David Lander

Mary & Trevor Ledger

Doreen & Maurice Lee

Lyn & David Lorberg

John & Joyce Nelson

Jean Normington

Liz & Glen Penfold

Enid & David Pullen

Joy to the  
World



David Reeve  
Leonora Salter  
Lee & Elaine Slatter  
Valerie Slyfield  
Sue & Mike Tozer  
Sue Waddell  
Graham Warr and  
Daniela Warr Schori  
Jill Willis

I am sure we all wish everyone at Trinity and their families a happy Christmas and the very best for 2021. Personal messages received by the editor are included elsewhere on these pages.



### **Christmas message from Kevin Bown**

*"May everyone have a peaceful, safe and joyful Christmas, able to count their blessings rather than calories!"*





## The Christmas stable



For the last six or seven years we have become used to seeing a row of beautiful Advent pots, telling the Christmas story, meandering through the garden terminating at a small thatched stable.

This stable was originally created from the branches of the trees that were cut down when the rather wild area on the West side of the church was cleared. Four rather twisted limbs formed the corner posts, the walls were made of reed-fencing lined with plastic sheeting and the roof was covered with bamboo from the Craig's garden and greenery from our own premises. It was effective, but a lot of work to erect every year from all these bits and pieces. Nothing fitted properly, the corner posts were getting worn and old, (as were the builders,) so this year it was decided to make something more permanent.

Step forward the Wombles. Under the leadership of Trevor and Lee, a more robust structure has been designed and created and will be in use for the first time this Christmas. The crib and star were made by a member of the Chinese congregation some years ago and will of course be part of the new display.

Obviously it would not be suitable for our Nativity scene to stay in front of the church throughout the year, so it is mounted on very sturdy wheels so that it can be moved to

summer storage. Another innovative and very useful feature is that when not in use the door can be bolted with the crib and all the other fittings inside.

As I write this, I have just heard that we are going into Lockdown for one month at least, which takes us up to the beginning of Advent. The hope is that our Christmas display, telling the Story of Christ's birth, will bring joy and a little blessing to everyone who sees it. This year more than ever we need to shine out.

**Elaine Slatter**

## **ADVENT POTS**

Come and see our Advent pots! Or view them on our website (click on the link on the Home Page). This year we doing things a little differently - and we also have a new stable (*see separate item by Elaine Slatter*).

All the pots will be out on 1st December, but the numbers and texts will be revealed each day. And lights will be switched on one pot each day around dusk until all 24 are lit. The crib will be empty until late on 24th.





## True or False?

1. Bethlehem is just over 20 miles from Jerusalem
2. Gustav Holst, who wrote the music for 'In the bleak midwinter' lived at Thaxted in Essex
3. A pheasant is one of the birds mentioned in 'The twelve days of Christmas'
4. The first Christmas tree lights were switched on at the Great Exhibition of 1851
5. After leaving Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph travelled to Egypt
6. The Calypso Carol was written and composed in Jamaica
7. In 1945 the first Christmas tree gifted by Norway was erected in Trafalgar Square
8. 'Vrolijk Kerstfeest' means 'Merry Christmas' in the Slovakian language
9. The first Christmas card is believed to have been sent by Sir Henry Cole in 1843
10. Bethlehem stands 2,550 ft above sea level
11. 'Merry Christmas Everybody, sung by Slade, was top of the UK singles chart in 1983
12. Mistletoe is nutritious to many animals but poisonous to humans
13. The world's longest Christmas cracker (recorded in 2001) measured 207 ft





14. Poinsettia plants were first discovered in Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the mid 1800s
15. There is a village in Wales called Bethlehem
16. The song 'Have yourself a merry little Christmas' features in the film 'Meet me in St Louis' (1944)

17. The story for the film 'The Snowman' was written by Roald Dahl

18. 'A Christmas Carol' was written by Charles Dickens in 1843

19. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope co-starred in the film 'White Christmas' (1954)

20. Christmas activities were banned in 1647 by Act of Parliament



**(Answers on page 29)**

**Christmas message from David Reeve**

*"Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and better year in 2021"*

**Christmas message from Margaret Davies**

*"A very happy time over our Lord's birthday and very good wishes to all for the new year"*



## Woking People of Faith (WPoF)

In 2006 the CEO of Woking Borough Council Ray Morgan, and the then Vicar of St Andrews Richard Cook with others decided to set up a Charity to celebrate the different faiths in the Borough. This arose out of an unfortunate and ignorant comment which wrongly attributed a Muslim woman as a Hindu on the cover of the WBC magazine. The outcome of this and in order to create awareness of the multi-faiths existing in Woking was WPoF.



## Woking People Of Faith

*Diverse Beliefs United Action*

The purpose of WPoF is to promote community and religious harmony for the benefit of the public in Woking and to celebrate the important contribution that religious faith makes to the lives of the local community. The main activities are to deliver public meetings, develop programmes such as educational visits, sports events and community service. Currently the faiths within the group comprise Anglican, Catholic, Non conformists, Muslim, Shia, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Bahai.

The activities of the Charity have, like so many organisations, been curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, coffee mornings and virtual cookery lessons have been held using Zoom. A cricket day was held in the Summer with teams of different faiths, (socially distanced of course) competing against each other with great success. Also the annual day of clearing some of the

intrusive and unwanted saplings on Horsell Common was held - speak to Geoff Eaton if you want to join in another year! Recently a "Buddy" scheme has been set up in which two people of different faiths undertake to speak to each other once a week in order to find out more about each other's faiths. I am buddied with a young Muslim mum and we have been talking (and laughing) with each other since September and it has been so interesting to explore and talk to each other freely about our faith. Currently there are 8 groups of buddies, all women but it is hoped that men could also be buddied in the same way soon.

I have been the representative of Trinity for the past couple of years and I serve on the Events Committee. I try to put all the events that are taking place in Trinity's weekly newsletter so do please look out for these - I'm sure you will find something of interest.

**Daphne Lander**

### **Christmas message from Jo Farmer**

*"Happy Christmas to everyone at Trinity from Jo Farmer and the budgies"*

### **Christmas Services**

At the time of going to press we are not able to publish the times of our Christmas services. Please be assured that Christmas is not cancelled, and we will let you know what the plans and times are as soon as possible.

**Leadership Team**



## Methodist Conference 2020

The Methodist Conference this year was, inevitably, held online. It was able to conduct most of its business in this way with the very notable exception of Ordination which necessarily involves 'the laying on of hands'. So Presbyters and Deacons due to be ordained have been received into Full Connexion by making their promises remotely, and the formal act of Ordination will have to take place at a later date.

For those who are interested the annual digest of Conference business can be downloaded here:  
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/18102/conference-2020-business-digest.pdf>.



The President of Conference for the year 2020/21 is the Revd Richard Teal. He was for a number of years Chair of the Cumbria District but has recently moved back into Circuit in East Yorkshire. The President chose the final words of John Wesley as his theme for this year, 'The best of all is, God is with us'. The Vice-President this year is Carolyn

Lawrence. She is currently Vice President of the Britain and Ireland unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, and part of the MWiB Executive. She currently lives in South Devon where her husband Mark is a Presbyter. She is due to visit the South East District in March.



The Conference designated the Revd Sonia Hicks to be President in 2021/22. Sonia is well known to Methodism in this area following her stint as Superintendent Minister in the Thames Valley Circuit, as well as being the wife of Rev Conrad Hicks who was our Minister Sam's predecessor as Assistant Chair of the District. The Vice President in 2021/22 is to be Mrs Barbara Easton, a former RE teacher and local preacher. She currently heads the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust.

In our own Circuit Rev Asif Das is to 'sit down' in Summer 2021. The Circuit is currently in stationing for a replacement who will be expected to take pastoral charge of Merrow, Stoughton, West Horsley and Sheerwater (alongside Rev Gillaine Holland).



### **A different Sunday morning**

In an April issue of the Trinity weekly notices we told you about an outdoor service held in Lydele Close on Easter Sunday morning. It was organised by two of our neighbours, Teresa and Tom, who attend Christ Church and are both accomplished musicians: Teresa on violin and Tom on guitar. The majority of the thirteen households in the Close were represented, and despite having to maintain social distancing, everyone enjoyed the experience including the extended chat that followed.

We assumed this had been a 'one off', but public opinion demanded otherwise: consequently we shared informal worship together at 11.30 for the next 12 Sunday mornings. A simple format was maintained, with three hymns (words emailed to us earlier in the week) interspersed with a welcome, reading, prayers (including



the Lord's Prayer) and a blessing from Teresa. In total, 24 different hymns were sung with great enthusiasm, especially 'Wide, wide as the ocean' complete with all the actions – that certainly produced a double-take from pedestrians passing the end of the Close! Apart from the occasional courier delivery van (complete with mystified driver) there was minimal traffic interruption, and the only occasional additions to the congregation were a few extra family members and the new minister at Christ Church.

With the lifting of 'lockdown' restrictions, the last service was held on 5th July, but we had enjoyed the experience so much we wanted to finish in style. This was achieved the following Saturday evening with a street party complete with lashings of food and drink, Teresa and Tom leading a sing-song on violin and keyboard, and a general knowledge quiz.



These weekly 'street services' brought our small community together socially as well as spiritually. Smiles of recognition and socially-distanced conversations replaced polite nods, and now we all feel that we are getting to know each other – no bad thing in such difficult times.

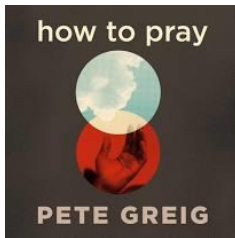
**Wendy & Geoff Eaton**

**From David Reeve, on behalf of Horsell Care**

We would like to thank Trinity for the availability of accommodation (with appropriate distancing) for our AGM during the pandemic, although the Committee decided later that the AGM would not be held in 2020.



## Praying together



I am reading *How to Pray*<sup>2</sup>, and thought I would share a few highlights from it. The book can be used alone or as part of group study and alongside a series of YouTube sessions and study questions all to be found at [www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org).

I like the fact that the focus is on the Lord's Prayer and there are prayer tools to guide you to different ways to pray, such as adoration or intercession, and discussion starters to aid thought and discussion; plus thoughts on personal application for each topic.

There is also a list of recommended books for further reading and places to find more resources such 'The Bible in One Year', an app and now a book written by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel.

The section I enjoyed the most was the prayer heroes which included Susanna Wesley. Susanna Wesley, I discovered from the website of The Methodist Churches in Derby, was born in 1669 to Rev Samuel Annesley and his second wife and was the 24<sup>th</sup> child in the Annesley family.

She met and married Samuel Wesley who later become rector at Epworth in Lincolnshire. The couple had 19 children. Sadly nine of the children died in infancy but she was involved in bringing up ten children including three

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<sup>2</sup> **How to pray** by Pete Greig *A simple guide for normal people*

boys, Samuel junior, John and Charles. All three became Anglican clergymen and John and Charles went on to become the founders of Methodism.



Susanna  
Wesley

1669  
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I had not grasped what a formidable person Susanna Wesley was. The *How to Pray* book describes how she prayed for each of her children by name each day and also set up a Sunday School where she read sermons out loud and led the singing of Psalms and the prayer time.

The local church was failing because Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth and Susanna Wesley's husband, was in prison for financial mismanagement and his replacement in the pulpit failed to preach the gospel well. So, Susannah set up the Sunday School and also schooling for each of her own children at home during the week.

One of her prayers which is written in Greig's book is

*Help me, Lord, to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church or the closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in thy Presence. So, may my every word and action have a moral content. May all the happenings of my life prove useful and beneficial to me. May all things instruct me and afford me an opportunity of exercising some virtue and daily learning and growing towards Your likeness Amen.*

Pete Greig writes a most helpful chapter called 'How to read this book in a couple of minutes' outlining the mnemonic PRAY. The disciples asked: "Lord teach us to pray". Jesus responds with the Lord's Prayer and the book goes on to explain more about the Lord's Prayer as a base for prayer throughout each day.

The 'P' of PRAY stands for *Pause* at the start of prayer time:

- Psalm 46:10  
*'He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'"* (NIV – UK)  
*'Be still and know that God is God'* (paraphrase first heard from Sandie Sneddon)
- Psalm 37:7  
*'Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him'* (NIV – UK)

*'R' – Rejoice: 'Our Father in Heaven hallowed be your name'. Enjoy praising God and in these strange times enjoy singing in your head and heart.*

*'A' – Ask: 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.'*

*'Y' – Yield – 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen'*



Pete Grieg puts it that we yield to God's presence like a field of poppies turning to the sun. We yield to God and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven through listening to God. We confess our

sins, ask for forgiveness, forgive others, and ask Father God to deliver us from evil. We say 'yes' to the will of God being done in our world by starting with asking for it to be done in our prayer time.

Prayer should be simple, honest and persistent. So, Pete Greig suggests thinking in terms of

- Keeping prayer simple

- Keeping prayer honest
- Keeping going keeping on praying.

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Here is a prayer for this Advent written by me, based on an idea from Quiet Spaces (2013):

- **What is Advent?**

A call to remember the coming of Christ but that call feels like a long time ago – is it Advent for now? How do we make it for now? Show us God how?



What is Advent? A forgotten dream and story of Christ coming discarded by people in their journey from childhood to adulthood.

A hope too painful to consider in the midst of loneliness, grief, Covid 19 fears, and economic collapse.

A dream we can still dream of God coming to earth.

- **What is Advent?**

A time of waiting for Christmas Day as we open an Advent Calendar and count the days to Christmas Day.

A time to prepare for Christmas in our hearts and in our lives.

God's word in the prophets foretelling the coming of Christ, but it can get lost in busy preparation for meals and food buying and lists of things to do.

Advent is a time of receiving cards but God's word is not limited to a Christmas card.

Advent is a time for thinking about what presents to buy?

Advent is a time of thinking about the coming of the light of the world – Jesus.

Advent is a space to ponder the coming of the Lamb of God.

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

- **What is Advent?**

Love stretching out from Heaven to earth, all-encompassing joy and excitement.

The song of the angels to the shepherds at Bethlehem.

A message from Heaven to earth, bringing God's love to earth in Jesus.

The journey of the magi in a pilgrimage to search for and find Christ.

Love coming down to earth from heaven with passion, love that is all enfolding, all embracing, all encircling.

So, the whole world is embraced by the love of God.

- **What is Advent?**

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

Advent is a time to prepare to receive love from God.

Love poured out to sustain, to welcome.

Love poured out to show itself to all who are questioning.

Love poured out to all who are fearful and frightened.

Love shared to all who are faithful to God and welcome it in.

Love poured out to those who are uncertain.

Love coming in the word made flesh.

The love of God – a Love full of hope, Amen

**Ann Dawson**



## Childhood Memories of Christmas

My brother has dementia and conversations with him are becoming more difficult especially as we can now only speak on the phone. The one thing that helps our chats is talking about the past and our childhood which he seems to remember. This week we chatted about Christmas and our memories of it. He is 5 years older than me, and we reminisced about the year he found where all our presents had been hidden and he showed me them. I let the cat out of the bag by saying to my younger sister that if she were good, she would get a spinning top for Christmas. Of course, our Mum wanted to know how I knew this, and she wasn't best pleased when she found out!



My favourite present was a Post Office set. I just loved all the little postal orders, postage stamps, an ink pad and a stamp, telegrams, and other exciting things. My brother could only remember he would get a football and a cap gun and caps (probably banned now!) and how he would frighten my sister and I with his shooting. We remembered that our Dad always put me in charge of the decorations, and I would be given 2s 6d (about 12½p now) to go and buy them. Paper chains, balloons, tinsel, and those fold up and out crepe paper bells and balls to hang from the ceiling. The one thing we remembered most was how happy we were and how loved we felt.



**Jean Normington**

## **A Prayer for MHA**

*(Revd Barbara Glasson, President of the  
Methodist Conference 2019/20)*

God of mercy

At this time of anxiety and fear  
We thank you for the dedicated work of MHA.  
We pray your blessing on all who wash feet,  
Who bring healing,  
Who sit with the dying  
Who bring comfort in confusion  
Who bring peace to the afraid  
Who is our strength and hope.  
In this we see the love of Jesus  
In whose name we pray  
Amen



**[www.mha.org.uk](http://www.mha.org.uk)**

## **Christmas message from the Penfolds**

*"Liz and Glen Penfold would like to send all their  
friends at Trinity their Christmas greetings and wish  
them all the very best for 2021"*





## A festive (cryptic) banquet menu

### Soup

- Artificial reptile
- Sun-tanned royal house

### Fish

- Zodiac sign
- Part of a foot
- A spot

### Mains

- Country in two continents
- Grumble
- An honoured joint
- Source of mankind's troubles?
- Over-the-top actor

### Vegetables

- Source of Irish famine
- Holes in pipes
- Gilbert & Sullivan theatre
- Bygones from across the Channel

### Desserts

- Of little importance
- Stanley Holloway's cannon ball
- Cockney's eyes
- Wallace & Gromit favourite

### To drink


- Part of a horse
- From chateaux in south west France
- Pretend ache

### Followed by

- One or the other first thing in the morning
- With bolts?
- Safe mooring
- Bonkers



***(Solution on page 29)***



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**Dingbats**

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**Name the Carol (anagrams of first lines)**

1. A A A A E G I M N N R W Y
2. E E F H I L N O R S T T
3. E G H I I L N N S T T
4. B E E E E F H H I L L L M N O O O T T T T W
5. E E E G H I K N R S T W
6. A A C E E F F H I L L L M O O T U Y
7. A D E E H H H I L L N O T T V Y Y
8. A A E E E F F G G H L L L M M N O O O R R R S S T Y

**(Answers on page 29. With thanks to Barbara Phillips)**



## Walks around Woking – and even further afield

In March I decided that I must walk every day weather permitting (but not if I had been doing a couple of hours gardening). I started off with a brisk pace round the lawn, out of the side gate, up and down the drive, back in the gate and back to the side of the lawn. I tried to repeat this about ten times. My neighbour was very amused and was worried I would get giddy!

So then I did walks around Kingfield – down to Sainsbury's for cash, down Moor Lane to the postbox and back along the main road – too noisy! Down to Bonners Close and down a track to an old farmhouse. On this route I stopped to chat to a deer, they usually scarper off but he stayed for about five minutes. Another walk was down Moor Lane and through the new estate – Kingsmoor – where there is another letterbox.

These lane walks got very boring so I decided to drive the car and walk new horizons. One Saturday I left the car in Maybury and walked to the Muslim Memorial Garden. This



is a very peaceful spot. I shared a seat with a woman my age and her grandson and she told me about the Bedser Trail. This goes down to the six cross roads and there is a car park on the left just before the roundabout.

I should have said the six cross roads roundabout but my parents still called it the six cross roads as they cycled across it to work at Ottershaw College before the war! The

Bedser Trail is well worth a visit and I was lucky enough to see a rare sand lizard as it crossed the path in front of me.

Another day I parked in Burpham and walked along the Riverside Park Nature Reserve. I found this very disappointing and I could not see the Blue Lake for weeds!

One very hot morning I drove to Old Woking and then set off towards Send. I turned left across fields to the river and was surprised to find a little picnic area and garden down a few steps. After a rest I walked back down the river, people in a canoe waved and I could hear, but not see, Reed Bunting chicks in the reeds.

Mayford offers a nice walk along the bourne. I walk down to the 'Drumming Snipe', formerly the Mayford Arms, and take a right turn on to the river path and return by Westfield Primary School and Bonsey Lane. Passing the school I saw the caretaker of the school at the gate and he let me take a rest on an old seat in the yard. We had a nice chat and I recuperated before setting off home.



I've driven to Woking Park for a walk on several occasions but find this very dangerous as the cyclists whizz past. Once a big rat run across my path – a man writing in the Woking News & Mail saw six in one go!

One morning I drove to Bellfields, where I was brought up, and parked at the top of the estate. I set off down Stringers Common. When I was child it was a common with bracken and heather; now it is more of a wood. Going down towards Britten's Pond a roe deer ran in front of me. I had a lovely walk round the pond which is well

maintained. When my daughter took her children there she said it wasn't big enough – so I said go round twice!

I must be the only person who can get lost round the lake at Goldsworth Park. I entered by the shops footpath and turned left. I felt very tired and finally found some seats on the lake edge. I had a rest and something to eat and then set off again. It seemed a long way and suddenly I realised I was confused. Luckily I met someone I knew who walked me back to the path leading to the shops. I had sat in front of it and didn't realise it was behind me!



One of my favourite walks is down the hill from St Edwards Church at Sutton Green. There is a beautiful view spoiled only by the skyscrapers in Woking. Still, as you walk down the hill to Sutton Green playground they disappear.

I always prepare for my walk. I take a walking stick and fill a small rucksack with mobile phone, glucose meter, jelly babies and a snack – plus mask and hand gel just to be safe. I hope my experiences may inspire others.

**Valerie Slyfield**

### **From walks to holidays.....**

After the disruption which many of us have experienced to holiday plans this year I was amused by this letter in the national press recently: *"When we were asked as kids where we going on our holidays, our Mum would answer Ardstone Edge. "Where's that?" "Sit on the doorstep and think about it" was her reply."* [Ed.]



## Quiz and puzzle answers

### Festive banquet

SOUP: Mock Turtle; Brown Windsor

FISH: Crab; Sole; Plaice or Dab

MAINS: Turkey; Grouse; Sirloin; Rib; Ham

VEGETABLES: Potatoes; Leeks; Savoy (cabbage); French Beans

DESSERTS: Trifle; Christmas Pudding; Mince Pies; Cheese

TO DRINK: Hock; Claret or Bordeaux; Champagne

FOLLOWED BY: Tea/coffee; Nuts; Port; Crackers

### Dingbats

1. Lie detector
2. Hire car
3. Living on the edge
4. Look both ways before you cross
5. Doctor's orders
6. A little bit of this and a little bit of that
7. 10 Downing Street
8. No idea

### Name the Carol

1. Away in a manger
2. The first Nowell
3. Silent Night
4. O little town of Bethlehem
5. We three Kings
6. O Come all ye faithful
7. The holly and the ivy
8. Angels from the realms of Glory

### True or False

True: 2; 5; 9; 10; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 18; 20

False: 1 (about 5 miles); 3 (partridge, turtle doves, French hens, calling birds [*blackbirds*], geese, swans); 4 (1882); 6 (England); 7 (1947); 8 (Dutch); 11 (1973); 17 (Raymond Briggs); 19 (Bing Crosby but not Bob Hope)

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## **From the Editor**

Thanks to all who have helped with the preparation and distribution of this issue of TNV. We are aiming to produce the next issue for Easter (April/May 2021) and it will be edited by Jean Normington.

**David Lander**

**The deadline for articles to be included in the next issue will be**

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