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May 2020 – EDITORIAL

— and now for something completely different. Instead of reports on all the exciting things we've been doing and the events being planned for this month, we bring you articles from our contributors about their clubs.

We hope to deliver as many hard copies as possible, but it will also be published on the village website (see p.11).

I'm starting to gather together entries for the new advertising section in September. Please email adverts@allsaintsheadley.plus.com if you would like to place an ad with us.

There may still be no events to report on next month, but we will accept any articles (within reason) that you think are worth sharing.

Christine Leonard

On behalf of the editorial team and all our readership our heartfelt thanks are extended to anyone who is still working to keep life bearable; obviously all those in the NHS but also delivery drivers, shop workers, postmen, milkmen, refuse collectors, newspaper deliverers, home carers – the list is endless and apologies to those not mentioned. Keep making a noise at 8pm every Thursday to acknowledge their commitment. I'm ringing All Saints Church bells.

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Dark Times and Faith

Virus Update – “In a time of fear, we must all be Good Samaritans”

So wrote Archbishops of Canterbury and York some weeks ago. The UK has a culture of caring expressed in many ways, not just by the NHS, but of each other. A healthy and informed fear helps us to be aware of and care for those at risk, without grumbling but with fortitude. Last month's magazine went out largely before the major effects of Covid-19 were felt. In this one we try to be more positive. The parable of the Good Samaritan directs us away from panic hoarding towards recognising the weak and vulnerable in society – towards a positive Loving your Neighbour as yourself.

The challenges of 2020 will remain for some length of time. Look at that parable in St Luke's Gospel chapter 10 verses 30-37.

Accordingly, and with great regret All Saints is closed for Corporate Worship. I hope it will be open as soon as possible. Graveside funerals with very limited attendance is still possible as I write.

A Happier Note

Two people are in my mind as they leave their posts after hard work over many years, and they more than deserve a mention.

Olwen Parton has given faithful service for just over 30 years as Parish Office Secretary at the frontline, meeting the enormous number of queries, requests and, yes, grumbles for those wishing to contact All Saints'. Weddings, funerals and baptisms were all booked through her, and as the first port of call I guess most of you will know her pleasant smiling welcome into the office, even though she might be doing the weekly sheet or the next magazine entry. She has seen many Rectors come and go, and over the years demands and choices have grown as the post has got more complex. We will thank her for her many years of faithful service when this crisis is over and we have the APCM, the church's annual meeting after the morning services.

Olwen retires on May 1 and we welcome Sam Gridgeman to the post. You may recognise Sam as she worked at the Badgerswood Chemist for a while. Olwen will be around when we restart (maybe with Sam for a handover) to give advice on the knottier problems that arise and to help Sam get her feet under the table. The PCC and I very much welcome Sam.

Ruth Worswick has been the Head Teacher at The Holme for almost six years now and came to Headley a few weeks before I did. She inherited a school in Special Measures. The size of the school has risen by nearly 50% in that time, but with very long hours, hard work and determination it is now rated by SIAMS (the church's inspectors) and OFSTED as 'good'. Ruth dedication to duty is immense and, as with most excellent Heads, is met with a desire to keep teaching, something that Educationalists sometimes fail to grasp. Ruth will take up a post in Portsmouth, nearer home, for a similar school and she will start there in September. The staff, parents, pupils and local Governors will be very, very sad to see her go – and with the hub reorganisation pending for the 15 schools in the Good Shepherd Trust (which is an offshoot of Guildford Diocese), they particularly want to determine a continuation of the level of teaching and nurture to pupils at the School. As for Ruth, with tears we know that the new school will have gained an excellent Head Teacher.



Keep the Faith – Pray for those in Need and Our Country, its Leaders and the Prime Minister.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Bates

Website and Facebook – the clergy aren't allowed into the church to take any kind of service, but our website and Facebook page have lots of thoughts, prayers and some streaming Services from the Rectory. Do check it out!

All Saints Headley – a personal look at history

On around the 24th June 1348, a seaman arrived on a ship at Weymouth, and it moored next to a ship from Bristol. The seaman fell ill and became the first reported case of the Black Death plague (referred to in the *Grey*

Friars Chronicle as ‘the terrible pestilence’). Several other hotspots occurred soon after, but by December 1349 it had largely fizzled out as it spread from ports including Bristol. However, 40-60% of the 6 million population died! Although isolation was actually understood, it was often too late. Priests would go and say prayers with the dying; nearly half of them died too, and a call for priests a few years later was met with a huge, and positive response. In lists of Rectors in churches the arrival of plague is often seen in a rather rapid turnover of Rectors (in the 1470s All Saints had four!).

The bacterial agent causing this came it appears from *China*, brought along the Silk Road carried by fleas on rats! It returned in the 15th Century. In fact, plague was part of the problems of life. The Book of Common Prayer from 1549 reflects this in its prayer for plague and pestilence. In it the main line reads: *have pity upon us miserable sinners, who are now visited with this great sickness and mortality ... may it now please Thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness*. They saw God as allowing this, without understanding how, but asked folk, above everything else, to examine and amend life. We too do this in looking for more healthy and positive ways of living and it is a wake-up call for an ever faster and disintegrated world society.

There was probably a wooden building on the site of our present church but after the time of the Black Death the tower and a small church were built.

Several things are worth mentioning about the church. First, the Nave has several large memorial shields in stone of notable folk. Almost all are in the burial book as being buried ‘in the tower’! When you look in the tower you have to descend four steps, and it has been said that this was the original church level. I don’t think that is quite true, for looking further at the burial books you realise that around the tower (esp to the South) there are large areas with no burials. ‘In the tower’ seems to imply that these people were put in a vault or vaults around the tower accessed from it. It was last used in the early 19th century. Mrs Holme, wife of Rector George Holme who started the school here, is buried there too. Interestingly, George’s burial there isn’t recorded – it may be that it was simply common knowledge that he was, for it seems odd if he wasn’t buried with his beloved wife!

Next the Clock: This was erected in 1899 and started on Christmas Eve. It keeps perfect time when the temperature is about 5°C but loses 1 to 4

minutes a week at higher temperatures. It must have been cold when they installed it!

When we renewed the clockface a couple of years ago it was hanging by just two weak bolts! It is secured by four sturdy stainless-steel bolts now.

Fire: On Ascension Day, 12 May 1836, All Saints caught fire (allegedly from burning straw which children were said to be playing with), and the (then) wooden spire was set alight. The bells fell and the Nave caught fire, but it was brought under control near the rear part of the Nave. The Rector then, Robert Dickinson, who had lost his wife Maria four years before, was a large and jolly man. When he died 11 years after the fire, they forgot to put his name on his wife’s memorial tablet in church, and they buried him where the fire stopped outside the church with a *small* pink memorial stone! You can see it today.

Rectors Ballantine-Dykes and Laverty in the 19th century built on to the Nave and added an organ and reredos (1882) and Screen (1892) to bring the church to looking much as it is today. The pews went in between the World Wars. Since I came, we have renewed the drainage which removed the dampness, and the new Lighting and the refurbished Sound System is now the best in the Diocese according to the Archdeacon of Surrey! With new painting in 2019 we now have All Saints looking better than it ever has in its history, to the Glory of God.



Parish Register

BAPTISMS

15th March Tobias John William Eling
 Vincent John Bridgland

FUNERALS & BURIALS

18th March	Doreen Flowers	77	Bordon
19th March	Richard Johnstone Ledlie Hewson	75	Headley
14th April	Olive Lampport	97	Headley
16th April	Jennifer Margaret Lee (Jenny)	72	Headley
24th April	Clifford Pitman	59	Bordon

We have also been informed of the death on 1st March of
Derek McCallum Johnson, aged 81 of Headley

St Francis Community Church News



<https://stfrancisheadleydown.com/media>
for all on-line services and events

CHURCH – BUT NOT AS WE WERE EXPECTING!

A policeman in Brighton said that he never imagined in his wildest dreams, that he would be patrolling the beach, instructing sunbathers to move on. If we were able to go to the start of the year and tell our past counterparts about how our lives were about to change, they would have thought we were mad!

But here we are now, with movement restrictions and a ban of meeting in groups of more than two, to mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This means the church premises are now only used for the Food Bank with social distancing measures in place on Thursday between 3 & 4pm.

For everything else, we have moved on-line. We bring you the Sunday services via YouTube, with a follow up coffee and chat via the Zoom meeting platform.



On Good Friday, we were able to hold the Communion service on Zoom (a “Zoomunion”?) and had a go at unmuting everyone for saying the Lord’s Prayer and singing the closing song. In spite of the audio jitter, this recreated the atmosphere of a real service better than anything else we had done on-line before.



The on-line Big Breakfast debuted on Palm Sunday, with everyone preparing their Bacon rolls and Croissants at home, Professor Popcorn showing us how to make a palm cross from a sheet of A4 paper and ASH Puppets doing the Clip Clop Beat.

The upside is that the YouTube services are reaching an audience in the lower hundreds. This is more than we would be accommodate in our church building. It has also been found that more people are entering “God” as a search term in Google than ever before. We may be on the edge of significant church growth with more people starting on a relationship with God than before.

ON-LINE SERVICES FOR MAY



All services below will on-line via YouTube and Zoom video and NOT at the church. Links will be posted on our website (see above) and on The St Francis Headley Down Facebook group. You can also contact us via the site to ask for email alerts.

Apart from the Food Banks, there will be no services or gatherings at the church until the Covid-19 risk of infection is reduced to a sufficiently low level that the government is able to permit public worship to resume.

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3 SUNDAY	10.15am	The BIG Breakfast <i>“Church but not as you know it”</i>
10 SUNDAY	10.15am	Holy Communion
17 SUNDAY	10.15am	Coffee & Cake Service
24 SUNDAY	10.15am	Holy Communion
31 SUNDAY	10.15am	Coffee & Cake Service

Morning Prayers - Every Wednesday 9.00 – 9.30am

Note that the on-line services listed above on YouTube will remain available after the published time and dates, so if you miss one, you have the benefit of being able to catch up later

Did You Guess?

The picture on last month’s cover was of the memorial tablet in the south wall of the church tower, commemorating its use as a lookout post during WW2.

A Brief History of Lindford Church

The first record of a sanctuary in Lindford was in 1828. It was on wheels and known locally as "The Ark". It soon became dilapidated and was replaced in 1833 with an unpretentious building in which the preacher, Henry White, did most of the carpentry himself. The Certificate of Worship was taken out on the 5th July 1854 and the land on which the chapel stood was conveyed to William Warren on 22nd February 1856 for the modest sum of £3.

The foundation stone for the present chapel was laid on the 5th March 1870. The builder, Mr Thomas Kemp, erected the building in less than 3 months for a cost of £124.

For a period of 94 years the chapel stood unaltered in size and shape, save for a small wooden lean-to which housed a kitchen and primitive toilets.

In 1965 Mr Hawkins purchased a large wooden hut from the army which he presented to the church for use as a schoolroom. 1986 saw a Covenant signed with the Anglican Parish of Headley to produce a place at Lindford where all Christians could worship.

In 1991 an extension providing an entrance vestibule with toilets and a kitchen and a kitchen was built. Then in 1995 the vestry was refurbished and extended.

Early in 1996 the church members decided to replace the wooden hut with a new hall. The wooden hut is now an exhibition hut at the Rural Life Museum at Tilford. Building on the new hall started in November 1996 and it was opened on 6th April 1997. This hall has been a real asset to the church and community and is still the home of Pollyanna Pre-school.

Towards the end of 2019 the entrance to the church was altered to create a welcoming, accessible lobby with glass frontage and door opening on to Chase Road. This was planned to fit in with the 150th Anniversary of the church – 5th March 2020.

The church managed to hold two weekends of 150th birthday celebrations before the lockdown! The church may have left the building for the time being, but it is still alive and well!

More information at www.lindfordchurch.co.uk



Lindford Church today



The 150th birthday celebrations

Mobile Bank & Post Office

**Mobile services are currently suspended
– but the Post Office in Lindford remains open**

Advance notice of Headley Parish Coach Trip to Lacock Abbey & medieval village

Tuesday 15th September 2020

I am hoping that we may be able to run this trip but obviously it will be kept under review. I am able to cancel it at quite short notice.

The coach will leave Headley Church Centre at 9am, leaving Lacock at 4pm. Traffic permitting, the journey should be not more than two hours.

The cost will be £15 per person for the coach. Entrance to the Abbey, Cloisters, Abbey grounds, the Fox Talbot museum & other places of interest in the village are free to National Trust members, otherwise at cost.

A two-course pre-booked meal at the Red Lion pub in Lacock village will be available at c.£15 per head; alternatively, there are several other places where refreshments are available, plus attractions and shops – see the web site below for a wealth of further information.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock-abbey-fox-talbot-museum-and-village

To book a place please contact: Jill Howard-Duff
01428 714073 or jillhowardduff@btinternet.com

Website addresses

www.allsaintsheadley.org.uk – All Saints Parish Church

www.headley-village.com – Headley Village website

www.hants.gov.uk – Hampshire County Council

www.easthants.gov.uk – East Hampshire District Council

headleyparish.com – Headley Parish Council

www.lindfordpc.org.uk – Lindford Parish Council

Dates for your Diary

IMPORTANT!

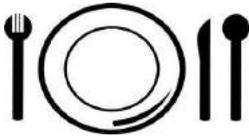
With many advertised events being cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic, it's important to keep people advised of the current situation. We suggest that organisers tell the village website of any changes (email website@headley-village.com) so that we may all check there as to what's on and what's off.

Check www.headley-village.com for up-to-date information

PS. While social distancing is the order of the day, we shall be hosting the Parish Magazine on this website so that those who do not receive their normal copy may view it here.

Please pass the message on.

Parish Lunch



This is a monthly occasion and a pleasant way to meet and get to know fellow parishioners. Everyone is very welcome.

Unfortunately, due to the virus these are now cancelled with perhaps a review for the end of June or July

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jill Howard-Duff **01428 714073** or jillhowardduff@btinternet.com

SAFARI SUPPER

A new date will be announced at a future point when all will be able to enjoy this event.

Arford WI

A History

The Women's Institute was founded in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. It was set up to help isolated young pioneer farmer's wives who were struggling on their own.

In 1915 the Women's Institute was formed in the UK, first in Wales and then in England, mainly to help life in rural communities and encourage women to help produce food for the war effort. It is a well-structured organisation starting at village level, then County and National Federation. The annual subscription is proportioned out to each of the three. It is now the largest voluntary movement for women in the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand.

The main aims of WI are friendship, education and support. These aims are maintained by speakers on varied subjects at monthly meetings, events held by the Institutes such as planned rambles, monthly lunches, craft groups, fund raising events, etc. An Annual meeting is held each year at a different venue across the country, with every Institute represented. Institutes are asked to propose a resolution to be discussed at this meeting, and after they have discussed and decided which resolution they wish to go forward, they are voted on at the Annual meeting. Many of these resolutions have been taken on board by the government.

The Headley Women's Institute was formed in 1921, and from 1925 met in the afternoon in Headley Village Hall. The President's chair is still there, but sadly after 80 years, due to an ageing membership unable to sustain a President and committee, this group folded in 2001.

Several younger members of the Headley WI with young children to fetch from school had found it difficult to meet in the afternoon, and in 1968 they decided to form Arford WI, which meets in the evening. Arford WI is still an active group with several younger members joining in the last few years, thus enabling the WI to continue in the future. In fact several of these new ladies are already serving on the committee.

Joyce Stevens was born in 1914 at *Suters*, situated in Headley High Street. *Suters* had been bought by her grandfather and at the time Joyce was born the house was divided into 3 dwellings, becoming a single dwelling

later when it belonged to Joyce. She grew up in Headley, going to the village school (now *Victorian Dreams* owned by the daughter of one of the founders of Arford WI), furthering her education in Alton, and becoming an English teacher. She married at the start of World War 2 but sadly her husband was killed and Joyce never remarried or left *Suters*. After her father died and her mother developed dementia, her good friend came to live with her and stayed until Joyce died in 2007.

Joyce loved Headley and was always fully involved in all activities taking place. She could be relied upon to help with any information about the village, and there is now a plaque in the Village Hall to her memory.

In 1985, Hampshire County set a project for the WIs in Hampshire to investigate an ancient dwelling in their village. As a then member of Arford WI, Joyce headed a group to research Headley Grange which had been built in 1795 as the local Workhouse. After an interesting time investigating this building the group produced a booklet. Joyce was asked to continue with the WI group, but decided instead to start the Headley Society for all in the village.

With life at lockdown we are fortunate to be able to keep in touch with each other by telephone, email and Facebook, and members are doing all they can to support each other. We look forward to happier times, when we can all get on with our lives and put this dreadful virus behind us. So until then, keep safe and keep busy at home.

To find out more about Arford WI please contact President Samantha Downs on **07949 596878** or at Arfordwi.president@headley-village.com.

PLEASE SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME

**Many local businesses remain open to offer you vital provisions.
Please seek them out. They appreciate your custom.
(And you may get used to using them more in the future!)**

Headley Walks

All organised walks are currently suspended due to the government restrictions.

Watch this space or check relevant websites for further information.

Liphook & District Ramblers

HOW LIPHOOK RAMBLERS CAME INTO BEING

In 1980 the Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council agreed to lead guided walks to encourage more people to walk, backed up with notes of walks in the quarterly *Community Magazine*. One of the first such walks was 'Round the Houses' which takes place on New Year's Day. It goes from Chiltley Lane in Liphook, through Heyshott and Bramshott and was still on the programme in 2020.



The Council's footpath chairman, David Clark, edited the Preservation Society's book of *Walks Around Liphook* in 1983. At the same time, with the support of the Council and the Preservation Society, meetings were held to set up a group to provide more regular walks and report on footpath problems in the area. The first walks programme was introduced in October 1983 with an 8 mile walk at Iping.

Following an inaugural meeting early in January 1984, the first committee meeting was held later that month and the Liphook & District Ramblers was on its way.

Amongst the highlights of the early days were walks of varying length on Saturday and Sundays, walks on summer evenings and some mid-week walks, and that is the case today. They made a particular effort to get as many people as possible to lead walks, unlike some groups where only a handful ever lead a walk.

**For details visit www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
or email liphookramblers@btinternet.com.**

The Headley Society

**Respect the past, Care about the present,
Look to the future**

When Joyce Stevens founded The Headley Society in 1985, she was determined that it would not be “just an historical Society”. Rather, she was keen to promote and encourage “forward-looking plans within the parish of Headley which would be of lasting benefit to present and future generations”.

However, at that time there were already two local Residents Associations in existence, and so the new Society filled a gap between the day-to-day concerns of these and simply a ‘looking-back’ historical perspective. It began a monthly series of meetings at which a speaker would be invited to talk on matters of local interest. And, with the range of topics now somewhat broadened from the original concept, this is still what we do.

But over the years, in the absence of any other organisation forming, we have encroached into Historical Society territory and we are now the official guardians of the Headley Archives (filed in a walk-in cupboard above the Parish Office at the Village Hall) and have contributed many hours to the collection and transcription of historical data now held on the websites available to view at www.headley-village.com/history. Have a look for yourself if you are at a loose end during self-isolation, and see the array of information we hold on Headley. You may be surprised.

The future is foremost in our minds now and this will, no doubt, determine the emphasis of topics in our forthcoming programme of meetings. Our current members have played leading roles in a wide range of ideas and technologies that are now part of our everyday life, be it advances in medicine, mobile phones, laws, television, publishing, agriculture, aeronautics, etc.

If you are not a member, why not join The Headley Society? You can influence the decisions that will ensure the Headley area continues to be an outstanding location to live for our future generations.

Membership of The Headley Society costs just £6 annually; for more information, e-mail headleysociety@gmail.com or visit our web page at www.headley-village.com/society.

Headley Theatre Club

'RetrospectiVE', July 17th & 18th

Will it, won't it? Who knows if restrictions will lift early enough for us to get the Summer Show on the boards. But we intend to work up a script which needs minimum rehearsal time (ie. things we largely already know!) if we get the all-clear for the show dates but not time for many rehearsals, so we can still put something on to cheer our supporters.

Dramatic Walk on Hindhead, Sunday 13 September

We've been asked by the organisers of the Haslemere Walking Weekend to do the Dramatic Walk on Hindhead again – assuming such things are allowed by then – so put it in your diaries. It may turn out to be the next thing we do!

Autumn Show, October 9, 10 &/or 16, 17

The current plan is to do the Murder Mystery (originally planned for April) in October – unless the Summer Show is cancelled, in which case we'll do that in October and move the Murder mystery on to next Spring.

Pantomime, January 15, 16 & 22, 23

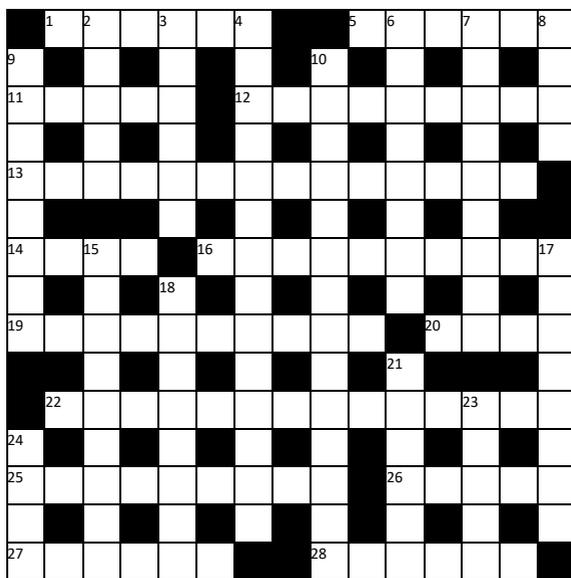
Due to falling audience numbers over several years (we haven't had a full house for a panto since 2009) the committee has decided to experiment with new start times for these shows. Fridays will remain an 8pm start, but Saturdays will be a 2pm matinée followed by a 6.30pm evening show. More news later as to what the show might be.

Never a cross word!

Our Wordsmith has devised a Theatre Club-themed crossword to tax or intrigue you during lock-down. It's also on our website. Answers next month!

For further information on what we're planning to do in the future, see our website www.headley-village.com/drama.

HEADLEY THEATRE CLUB – CROSSWORD April 2020



Across:

- 1 Tangled cable ends in hospital. Needed to get stains out of costumes. (6)
- 5 Luvvies? Morning belongs to us. (4)
- 11 Bolder? Shorter. What we feel when we think of Headley Theatre Club being 68. (5)
- 12 His nose knows he's in the wrong pantomime. (9)
- 13 Peels back in grand loveliness to reveal this character. (8,6)
- 14 Unprepared boy band Bros gives balls. (4)
- 16 'I fill tights.' What our electrician might say, with Noel in the mix! (1,3,6)
- 19 Flora's Grayshott; her pasture after it's warm. (10)
- 20 May have been the first player in a damn long time. (4)
- 22 Panto's mangled curse: 'O follow the bird, my boy.' (8,6)
- 25 Musical item by little Mick in company with messy snog. (5,4)
- 26 French maybe on stage, losing key within part of service article. (5)
- 27 Vocalist used by a sewer? (6)
- 28 Stage with pelvic movement. (6)

Down:

- 2 Spoon included with salad leaf? Souper! (5)
- 3 Will our show come to such an end if we rub Pat up the wrong way? (6)
- 4 You come to our supper evening with this mixed wish: poor naf hog! (6,3,1,4)
- 6 Engineer Al's departure from Shakespeare's bottom. (8)
- 7 A plot unrevealed, like a whole egg. (9)
- 8 Could be a slipper – say 'go away!' (4)
- 9 Bardic exclamation, truth to tell. (8)
- 10 If 4 disappoints, perhaps come again when incorrectly betting on earth. (2,1,6,5)
- 15 You want an archer's part? Make a woman ebb! (2,1,6)
- 17 We have both sides the same? My my, I rest uneasily without one. (8)
- 18 Desperate actors wait for it. Cut here, I am undone! (5,3)
- 21 Needed when we go on tour. A Minnie, if we're lucky. (6)
- 23 Puss may pull them up inside his boots – but if he changes a letter, it's a flop! (5)
- 24 You'll find them in Cats. (4)

Answers next month

Ludshott Photographic Club

A Brief History and Background

in August 1994 a small group of like-minded photographic enthusiasts began regular meetings in each other's homes. This group of six was led by two experienced amateurs, Phil Peddy and Jim Henson†. They were all keen to find a forum to help them make better use of their cameras and to improve the quality of their photographs.

The group increased in size in the next few months until it became unrealistic to continue meeting in private houses, so the decision was made to set up a properly constituted Photographic Club. Most of the group lived in the Beacon Hill, Hindhead, Grayshott, Headley Down and Headley areas.

An inaugural meeting took place on 23 January 1995 with about 25 people present. Several names were proposed (including Snapshott!) but in the end Ludshott Photographic Club was chosen as it did not pin the club to a particular village. Instead it is the general area from which potential membership was likely to come.

Following this successful first year the Club continued to welcome new members who were interested in all forms of still photography. Members soon realised the meetings provided a medium for the exchange of ideas as well as a chance to improve their knowledge of photography. From 2003 the club met at **St Luke's church rooms**.

Our first digital critique evening was held in December 2005, run by Bryan Powell. In the first half members' images were displayed, and in the second half Bryan showed us how to fix some common errors. We were still running slide competitions at this point, but from September 2006 slides were shown in the first part of the evening, and Projected Digital Images (PDIs) in the second part. By January the slide entry had dwindled to four, so PDIs only were accepted. Print competitions had not changed since the club started.

The first annual club dinner was held at the Robin Hood pub in Stanford on 28 February 2007, an annual event which has continued although at a different venue as well as the summer BBQ.

In 2019 it was decided to move from St Luke's after 16 years. It was becoming crowded for the increased number of members, and the low

ceiling meant that the screen could not be viewed easily from the back rows. A slot on Monday evening at Headley Village Hall became available, so the opportunity was taken to move to a larger hall with a high ceiling from September 2019.

This has resulted in an increase in membership, not surprisingly from the Headley area, resulting in the current membership being 66 members. Despite the current self-isolation, the club continues to operate via the Internet. Training links are on our web site for members to improve their photography – also, competitions which would normally be prints are currently digital images and our Judges are evaluating the images from home and providing written comments together with their choice of winning images.



“The Hat and the Cat”



“Daydreaming”



“Proteus”

The first such competition was Judged by Royston Williamson from home. In the Entry Class 10 points we awarded to “Daydreaming” by Jonathan Plummer together with “Red Arrows” by Jack Crook and “Watching the Watcher” By Stuart Frohmaier. In the intermediate Class the top marks of 10 were awarded to “Proteus” by Yvonne Lindup and “The Hat and the Cat” by John Wilson. In the advanced Class 10s were awarded to “Bees View of a Lily” by Ken Lindup, “Mating Marbled White” by Gordon Rae CPAGB and “Parakeets at Home” by Kathleen Bird CPAGB.

We normally meet on the first and third Monday of the month 7.30 for 8pm at Headley Village Hall. With bigger premises we now have room for new members. If you are interested in, or wish to improve your photography look us up at ludshottpc.org.uk and contact our Welcomer Diana Grant at **01428 713706**.

† *We regret to announce that after a long illness Jim Henson died on 8th April 2020. See our website for further information.*

Headley Twinning Association



We were very sad to have to cancel fixtures and also to postpone the visit planned for our friends from Corné this May. We have decided to wait a full year and plan that they will now visit us from **May 13th to 16th 2021**. We will make it a very special visit so please mark the dates ready for next year's diary.

Headley Twinning Association started thirty-two years ago when we were twinned with Corné in the Loire Valley. Since then we have exchanged visits every year, with the exception of 2001 when Foot & Mouth in the UK made visitors from these shores rather unwelcome in France.

We arrange accommodation for people from Headley to stay as guests with host families in Corné and the following year we host our friends from Corné. Host families supply free accommodation, food and visits out, although in recent years our visitors have arranged for a coach trip to London and we have used our coach to visit chateaux along the Loire Valley, art galleries and places of interest over there.

It is a wonderful way to make new friends, visit new places and see France as it really is. Staying *en famille* one is able to pick up the French way of life, cookery tips, and also brush up on French conversation, though many of our hosts speak excellent English and it's often difficult to practise speaking French as they all love to speak English!

Throughout the year we run fund-raising events which subsidise our travel to Corné and entertainments for our French friends when they visit us. We have held Skittles Evenings, Wine tasting, Quizzes, and in past years a very popular Burns Night. We have also received very generous grants from Headley Parish Council and East Hants District Council to promote international friendships. These subsidise our travel, so our visits to Corné are amazing value.

The French are very friendly and enthusiastic. We try to arrange for people to stay with a different couple each time they visit Corné so that they get to know other host families, and then host the couple that we stayed with when they come over here – so that there is a change every two years.

I have made close friendships with my host families. I exchange letters, cards, emails and have been invited to stay at times other than Twinning exchange times. Corné is a delightful country town and nearby Angers has a castle dating from the 9th century and extended to its current size in the 13th Century. The Loire Valley is a beautiful part of France and well worth a visit.

Once the Covid-19 pandemic is over why not join us at one of our social and fund-raising events? We would be happy to tell you more about Twinning.

Linda Dixon

Gardening Question Corner

Q ***Should blueberry plants be watered during dry weather?***
Blueberries have shallow, fibrous root systems. Plants quickly become stressed during hot, dry weather. To help retain moisture and control weeds, apply 2 to 4 inches of mulch around blueberry plants. Sawdust, wood chips, pine needles, and shredded leaves are excellent mulching materials. During dry weather, water plants every 7 to 10 days.

Q ***When can I move daffodil bulbs?***
Daffodils can be dug up and replanted as soon as the foliage dies back (turns brown) in early summer. Daffodils can also be dug up and replanted in autumn (October). If you would like to move daffodil bulbs in autumn, mark the site when the foliage is present so the bulbs can be located in October. Daffodils perform best when planted in a well-drained soil in full sun.

Q ***What is the proper way to plant onion plants?***
Plant onion plants from early April to early May. Place plants 1 to 1½ inches deep in rows 12 to 15 inches apart. To produce large, dry onions, space plants 2 to 3 inches apart.

Onions perform best in well-drained, slightly acidic, fertile soils in full sun. The planting site should receive at least 6 hours of direct sun each day. Heavy soils can be improved by incorporating organic matter, such as compost, into the soil. Onions require higher fertility levels than most other vegetables. Apply an all-purpose garden fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, per 100 square feet and till into the soil prior to planting.

June & John

Headley Horticultural Society

In these strange and uncertain times when we are unable to hold our normal meetings, exhibit at shows or enjoy outings to other peoples' gardens it was suggested that I write a piece about the history of Headley Horticultural Society.

This was easier said than done – if there were minutes for the first meetings, they are not accessible to me now. I contacted Jo Smith and was directed to Mr Laverty's notebooks (thank you Jo for giving me the exact book and page) but in fact it was only a small reference, so my next port of call was our Chairman Christine who managed to find an article she wrote a number of years ago and it is from this that I found the information regarding the start of our Society.

In April 1885 the then Rector, Mr Laverty announced that he planned to hold a Cottagers' show on Tuesday 7th July in the Schoolroom; this was to be part of the annual fete held by The Ancient Order of Foresters, one of the many Friendly Societies that existed before the creation of the Welfare State to assist its members in time of sickness, unemployment or other distress. This first show was open to all cottagers in the Parish (a cottager being an agricultural labourer who lived in a tied cottage) and there were prizes for the best kept cottage and garden and for fruit, vegetables, and flowers. This first show attracted ten competitors. In the 1886 show schedule there were six sections with over one hundred classes including an Industrial Section (I believe this refers to what we now call Domestic Classes and Craft Classes) and the number of competitors increased to sixty-seven. It was then known as the Headley and District Horticultural Association and included Kingsley and Blackmoor.



It is interesting to understand the reasons behind this surge of interest in domestic gardening. Certainly during the Victorian age the creation of large and impressive gardens was generally accepted but gradually it became, for ordinary folk, a pleasure rather than a necessity to grow flowers and prize winning vegetables. The early nineteenth century saw enormous changes in the way we gardened; the plant hunters travelled

the world and brought back all kinds of exotic plants particularly from southern Europe and other warmer continents.

With the repeal of the Glass tax and advances in iron and glass production “Glass houses” were introduced so that these new species could be grown, and the ubiquitous bedding plants raised inside soon became a feature of Victorian parks and gardens. Of course our cottagers could not afford such luxuries but gardeners working at the “big house” would have seen these new developments and worked in the large glasshouses of their employers and gradually the working man would devise ways to emulate the right conditions to grow some of these new plants for his own garden. We have all heard of “cottage gardens” where the vegetables were grown amongst the flowers rather than in a separate section, perhaps showing the desire to make a garden beautiful rather than just functional.

In our own village the fete continued to flourish and become ever more ambitious and attracted people from miles around. It took place on the Rectory Field and in addition to seats in the enclosure there was free seating for 1,000 people. The entertainment was often provided by troops from Aldershot, in 1900 Dr Parsons organised a Pony Gymkhana and in 1902 there was a performance by The Lizette Troupe of Trick Cyclists. In 1903 Mr Laverty wrote that he did not propose to arrange a Flower Show for 1904 and it was sixteen years before Mr Laverty again announced in 1920 that there would be a Flower Show and Fete on August Bank Holiday; with the First World War intervening no doubt he felt the local people would appreciate a chance to enjoy themselves again.

Jennifer Mitchell

The Times We Live In ...

- The grocery stores in France look like a tornado’s hit them. All that’s left is de brie.
- Toilet paper manufacturers are currently on a roll!
- I get excited when it’s time to take out the wheelie bin – what should I wear?
- In this restaurant called ‘The Kitchen’ you have to pick up all the ingredients and make your own meal. I’ve no idea how this place is still in business!

Headley Village Hall

Charity No 235455



In line with the government's instructions to avoid social gatherings the Trustees have cancelled all current bookings.

However, during this period things are still being done. All the electrical items in the hall have been PAT tested. A small leak in the front part of the hall's flat roof has been attended to. Some of the internal paintwork has been refreshed. The caretakers have been busy cleaning cupboards and windows, etc. Some of the worst potholes in the car park have been filled in.

Also, minor works to improve the drainage have been carried out. To restore the damp-course, the soil level has been reduced in the border on the village green side. Before the lockdown we tested which rainwater pipes and soakaways were working effectively and amended our invitation to tender for the major work programme of work. The plan is to do this work in phases and we are keen for work to begin on the village green side of the car park. This is the area of greatest risk - where rainstorms cause surface water to flood under the side door and into the hall. We have sent out our invitation to tender and await responses to that and for the restrictions to be lifted before such work can be done.

Meanwhile Pilates classes have moved on-line, with Zoom sessions at home replacing lines of mats on the Hall floor.



The hall is now in its 95th year. It has seen many changes in its time and with a bit of luck the present problem will soon be over and everyone will once again be able to use the hall for celebrations.

We wish for all the best for all of you – keep safe.

For bookings and information please contact 07704 379406
villagehallheadley@gmail.com — www.headley-village.com/hall

Headley Cricket Club



Circumstances have dictated that the cricket season will be delayed this year – I’m not saying why, as we all know only too well – but it does give us the chance to take stock and to look back at what has made this wonderful club what it is today. Let’s have a look at a brief history of Headley CC.

Founded in 1872, as proudly shown on the club logo, when Queen Victoria was on the throne and the great WG Grace (pictured) was at the beginning of his illustrious career, their matches were played in the ‘Rectory Field’ behind the Holly Bush and the Church Centre. Headley CC was one of the founder members of the I’Anson League in 1901, thought to be the oldest continuously operating village cricket league in the world. This competition continues to thrive to this day with over sixty teams from Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex.



In the late 50s/early 60s, the club moved to its current home in Mill Lane, where a new pavilion was built from lottery funding in 1996. Headley has won the I’Anson league on a few occasions, the most recent being in 1977 – Jubilee Year – and has seen success in other competitions run by the league, such as the Miller, Stevens and Pope Cup, the latter most recently in 2010.

Over the years Headley has developed its junior and ladies’ teams as well as expanding to three senior men’s sides. The acquisition of the use of the excellent facilities of the BOSC in Bordon in 2018 has further enhanced the attraction of the club, while maintaining its unique family all-age feeling.

In 2022, Headley will be celebrating its 150th anniversary, a record of which it can be justly proud. Meanwhile we await the 2020 season with confidence that it will again provide, for its thriving and committed membership, an opportunity to improve cricketing skills, strengthen team bonds, and most importantly, have fun!

Do keep in touch with what is happening on our websites at www.headleyhants.play-cricket.com or www.headleycricketclub.co.uk.

Garden Birds

During this time of Lockdown when we are all suddenly experiencing a lot of extra time at home, our gardens are full of spring-time activity. The birds are working particularly hard. In the space of a few short weeks they have to attract a mate, build a nest, hatch the eggs and bring up the family. In a period of frantic activity and really hard work they are grateful for all the food we put out for them in our gardens. But if you've not had much time to spend watching them until now, you may want to tell your great tit from your blue tit and your blackcap from your dunnock.

Blue tits will turn up every day, especially if you hang up any kind of a fat hanger. These tiny little birds with the bright blue wings and crown and yellow underparts are the ones that can often be seen hanging upside down on feeders, or clinging to walls and windows, pecking at tiny, almost invisible spiders in corners.



Despite being one of the smallest birds it has a loud voice and the blue tit is quick to speak its mind. In the garden, if you work too near where it wants to be, it will perch on the nearest branch above you and scold and nag loud and long.



The great tit is the largest of the tit family and is very brightly-coloured with a dark green back and striking yellow chest, a black head, white cheeks, and black stripe down its front. It has a loud, cheerful two-syllable song. Originally a woodland bird, it has readily adapted to park and garden environments and is a regular garden visitor all year round. They will generally maintain the same territory, generation to generation.

You may hear the Blackcap before you see it. Their colouring tends to blend into the background and the one in my garden often sings from within bushes. But you can't miss its lovely song. It's a renowned songster, famous for its warm, musical fluting notes;



so much so, that it is often called the "lesser nightingale". This song, which can last up to around two-and-a-half minutes, is given in bursts of thirty seconds, and terminates in a crescendo at the end of each burst.

When you do get to see one, the male has grey-brown upper parts, pale grey underparts, and a glossy black cap. The female is similar but has browner upperparts, buff underparts and a red-brown cap.

The Dunnock looks at first glance like a dull sparrow. Look again and it is quite attractive with its blue-grey head and chest and light and dark brown streaky back. The black bill is finer than that of a sparrow, because it feeds mainly on insects and not seed. Dunnocks are shy, rather solitary little birds, always skulking round low bushes, very unobtrusive, creeping along the ground keeping close to cover.



The song of this little brown bird is a pleasant surprise; an unhurried sweet warble which can be confused with the wren or the robin but lacks the wren's intensity and the robin's sweetness. The main call is a shrill, persistent "tseep", which is hard to miss and will often betray its otherwise inconspicuous presence.

Abridged from a contribution by Helen Kempster

Do the Locals Spell Awful?

The English language is well-known for its inconsistencies in the matter of spelling, but it doesn't help when the locals can't even agree among themselves as to how to spell the names of places. Which of the three versions of Simondstone/Simmondstone/Symondstone shown here to you subscribe to? And in fact they're probably all wrong as we're told that "Richard Semen owned the manor of Wishanger in 1359 and his boundary stone stood on the west side of the ford" [Ref: Baker & Minchin, *Frensham Then and Now*] and also there is a Richard Semen is mentioned in a Winchester Pipe Roll of 1270. So, "Semenstone" anyone?



Also, have you noticed that Whitmore Vale in Grayshott (Hampshire) becomes Whitmoor Vale by the time it arrives in Churt (Surrey)?

If local place names interest you, look at www.headley-village.com/history and click on the **Glossary** tab.

And if you have any entries of your own to add, let us know!



Headley Village Fete 19th September 2020

Fun for All the Family!

Headley Village Fete is still scheduled to be held on Saturday 19th September and promises fun and entertainment for all the family.

The procession starts at 12.30 and local groups will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2.

There will be arena events and local singers and bands will entertain with live music throughout the afternoon, while you enjoy refreshment at the beer tent. There will also be plenty of stalls, sideshows and refreshments.

If you would like to run a stall or sideshow or help on the day, or if your band or singing group would like the opportunity to have 20/30 minute slot in the Beer Tent, please contact Dil Williamson-Smith on **01428 712892** or dil@johnowensmith.co.uk.

Dare we mention the other 'C' word?

At least it's something to look forward to.

The Annual Christmas Fair this year

is on Saturday 28th November

Headley Village Hall

9.30am to 1pm.

There will be a variety of stalls selling gifts to suit every pocket, refreshments are available, and entry is FREE.

Information from Jo Smith on **01428 712892**.

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	Services: Mass at 9.30am Vigil Mass 5.30pm Saturdays	
	Holy days of Obligation Mass 9.30am	
Bordon	Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart	
Parish Priest	Father John Chandler	01420 472415
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SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOLS, PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS

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Regular Weekly Events at the Church Centre

MONDAYS

Fitsteps Dance Classes – 9.30-10.30 & 10.45-11.45am (07887 700045)

TUESDAYS

Art Classes – 9.30-noon & 1.00-3.30pm (Christopher Cole 01428 717402)

WEDNESDAYS

Art Classes – 7.00-9.30pm (Christopher Cole 01428 717402)

THURSDAYS

Headley Voluntary Care coffee morning – 10.15-noon

Brownies – 5.45-7.15pm

There are also Monthly meetings of:

The Headley Society (1st Thursday) www.headley-village.com/society

Arford WI (4th Thursday)

Photographic Club (Tracey Clark tracey.clark@workingatheightltd.com)

‘Nagging is the repetition of unpalatable truths’

– *Edith Summerskill, 1901–1980*