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June 2020 – EDITORIAL

It has been very gratifying to have had so many favourable comments on last month's magazine. It's almost as though in the past you haven't enjoyed reading about what everyone has been doing! I hope this issue brings as many compliments.

We have received many interesting articles for publication this month – in fact more than we could fit in, so our apologies to those who find their offering is missing. We'll try to use them in subsequent months.

However, as the present crisis continues it will be more and more difficult for the editorial team to find interesting articles, so we are still relying on our subscribers to help by submitting anything they think might interest the village and surrounds.

Christine Leonard

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Where *did* the time go?

As I write, the end of lockdown looks to be both here and not quite here, for it will be long and slow. It may be several years until we return to what we had before. At least the festivals of the year remain, including special days such as VE day on May 8th when we all had tea, separated but together in spirit.

The season of Petertide (which is the last weekend of June) marks for me 30 years since I was ordained into the Ministry of the Church of England. It was after three years of study with my wife Anne in theology at Ridley Hall and Selwyn College, Cambridge. We were the first couple in C of E history to go into ministry together, and with two small boys of 5 and 6 it was a tough challenge. We had had to sell our house to pay for training, (not done now!) with little promise of two jobs at the end of it. I'd given up working for Mars, the sweet company, to do this on a salary far above that of a bishop!

The Church (in the form of Winchester Diocese) didn't quite know what to do with us, and told us that there was no way we would both be paid full-time – and indeed I got a curacy at Ringwood and Anne had a half time curacy at Burley in the New Forest with the Archdeacon of Winchester, who was mostly away on duty in Winchester. The half-time job was never half-time of course – it was almost full time but with half pay. I find it interesting that today both our esteemed Bishops (Guildford Diocese) have spouses in paid full-time ministry with two livings – but then, we weren't important.



To mark our arrival TV South were invited by the Diocese to make a 30 minute TV programme about us. They spent a day with us with over 5 hours of filming and boiled it down to 25 mins, focussing mostly on the contentious Ordination of Women issue back then. Oddly, it was a success, but the Diocese didn't see it that way as their footage got cut (as did most of mine!). They were not amused.

It's difficult to recall just how much simpler ministry was then. Funerals, Weddings and Christenings were much more straightforward. Everybody

seemed to know what hymns they wanted, and the services were short and, by and large, without the huge fuss and expenditure of today. My training vicar hadn't trained a curate before (or after!) and for funerals told me to attend one of his. Just do that, he said afterwards! When, after a year, I was ordained Priest (Anne had to wait three years before Church Law changed) he said – Show me how you'd take a Communion Service. I sort of made it up and he said that was fine. So much for training!

It was perhaps the pastoral work with people that was most fascinating. People are so different, and yet strangely just the same. Anne died from MS and Pneumonia a decade and a bit later and I carried on, but it seems my ministry was never going to be with whizz-bang in-the-spotlight huge churches (that seem to be tempting), but with little ones that struggled to find volunteers but with the Grace of God carried on anyway to Glory.

I am pleased to say that it is a much kinder route into ministry in the C of E now, but then again, an easy life isn't quite so nice as it seems. The training is nowhere near as thorough today, but for me it has helped greatly over the years as bedrock for continuing life-long education. Over 30 years I have taken some 800 baptisms, 450 weddings and 1,750 funerals, including my own wife's, and they've all gone relatively well. Many have been particular high points.



I took the funeral in 1998 of a dear man named Peter Fane who'd been captured at 19 in Singapore when the Japanese overran it. For the rest of the war he was in a vile POW camp, but after the war he returned and met and forgave his captors and started reconciliation trips. Whenever he spoke, everyone listened to this exceptional man. An emotional funeral, the plate of notes stacked high after the funeral with 200 grateful men amounted to £7,500 in today's money. It saved our church that year from failing to pay our Parish Share!

For the simple yet profound in village life (as in Headley) I recall this one on 23rd December 2003 at Ramsdell Church, **Ernest Howard Kent** of Ramsdell aged 88. Ernie never moved far from the countryside he knew and loved. He was born 1 of 9 children, and the family moved to Vicarage Cottages over the road from the Church. Young Ernie used to mow the churchyard, pump the organ and when he left school at 14 he worked at a Beaurepaire gardens, Bramley. Before the war he met and married

Maggie who worked in service. During the war she worked in Park Prewitt burns unit and Ernie worked at Bramley Camp. After the war they settled down with a wonderful 60 years of faithful love in marriage, with Ernie working at the Firs, later as gardener and gamekeeper. He was a founder member of Ramsdell Cricket Club and a good opening bat, and bowler, and instituted the cricket pitch as it is even today. It was wonderful life.

Such are the privileges of Ministry, to meet with and share the love of Christ seen so clearly in others. Nothing can ever beat it.

Yours in Christ,



Parish Register

FUNERALS & BURIALS

13th May	Yvonne Nicholson	88	Headley
(at Guildford Crematorium, reunited with her husband Brian who died in 2017)			
19th May	Jean Woodger	90	Headley
(graveside funeral)			
22nd May	Muriel Salmon	90	Headley
(prayers are for the Fairbrass family in their loss)			

Poetic Licence!

While in lockdown, or in restricted social distancing measures, we are all missing the contact with friends. Whether we have been thinking of them in a light-hearted or more sombre way, each friendship has meaning.

Everyone is invited, therefore, to commit their thoughts and feelings, by way of a four-line poem, to reflect on how they are affected or influenced by a friend, friends or friendship. All submissions should be the original work of the author, of any age or location, with details for attribution. All entries will be considered for inclusion in a book to be published. Any participant making a donation of £5 to the Friends of All Saints Headley (FoASH) will receive a free copy of the book.

Entries can be submitted to ian.jenkins481@btinternet.com.

All entries should be submitted by **30 September 2020**.

Church Services

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Provisional services if lockdown is eased – Social Distancing needed

[All Saints will hold 50 folk approx. for this]

8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion

Thursday 9.30am

Details probable nearer the time of service protocols.

**Still Lockdown? – streaming service Facebook
@ Sundays 10am**

JUNE - hopefully! (and below)

28 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.00am Parish Communion

(Sunday Club meets in the Church Centre tbc)

JULY

2 Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

5 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion 1662

10.00am Parish Communion

(Sunday Club meets in the Church Centre tbc)

Lindford Church Services

Although we cannot meet in our church building at the moment we still gather in different ways, just not physically! We meet together by sharing a service, online messages, phone calls, letters, helping where we can and engaging with our neighbours and community in safe ways.

Our minister, Deacon Janet Heys, emails, or delivers to those without internet access, a weekly Sunday service. Different members of the team who usually run Cafe Church are live streaming a short message on Sunday mornings at 10am on the church Facebook page.

More information at www.lindfordchurch.co.uk

St Francis Community Church News



www.StFrancisHeadleyDown.com

'What a crazy world we're living in' as the old song goes; shows my age! The present situation, it would seem, has limited us all in what we are doing in our churches. But has it? Practical meetings and events may have had to be suspended or cancelled, but where there is God's will there is a way! Older and younger alike are quickly learning new skills in how to communicate using modern technology. It has been a steep learning curve for most of us. Hands up anyone who had heard of 'Zoom' meetings six weeks ago? Posting services on YouTube has become a weekly regular event put together brilliantly by our leader John Russell, a skill that he has had to acquire. Worship leaders and presenters are finding new venues and backdrops to present songs and sermons. The acoustics of the bathroom can be very good, musically. The background sound of birds in the garden makes a perfect setting when talking about God's creation. We may be missing the physical contact of being together, but most of St Francis feel close and cared for in our Zoom coffee at 11 o'clock on Sundays. For many it is the best part of the week, an event that people look forward to, even to being VE day-themed recently with everyone having tea and scones in front of them.

The YouTube services continue to attract many viewers, much more than can fit in our church building. They are very spiritual and often 'hit the spot'. This may be because we are concentrating solely on the content on screen without distractions, and therefore solely on God. He is in Control!

Kraftikids, like all other social events, has been put on hold until we are all allowed to come together again. Unfortunately, we missed the May session which would have been our 14th birthday party. It is common knowledge now that Pauline Firman and myself started this free-to-all monthly craft-based club in 2006. We are both in awe that it is still going strong and look forward to a time when we can meet again and have our party for real.

Kraftikids' birthday was highlighted in this month's Big Breakfast where Pauline read a poem about Kraftikids. Professor Popcorn displayed a birthday banner before doing his children's video slot, making a Dove of Peace from A4 paper. It actually flies!

The Food Bank has been a beacon of hope for those needing its services, more so now than ever before. It continues to meet each Thursday and has adapted all procedures to fall in line with social distancing rules. There may not be a coffee and a chat, but there is much needed supplies and a smiling face. Donations and supplies, miraculously, continue to meet the need of the growing number of families for which the food bank is a necessary lifeline. Well done the food bank team.

Just a thought: In Self- Isolation you are never alone with God in your life. Stay well and stay safe.

Other Events

- All clubs are temporarily suspended during the present Pandemic.
- The Food Bank – Thursdays, 2-4pm (Social Distancing rules apply)

For more information on any services or activities at St Francis please contact Pauline Firman on **01428 714095**.

SERVICES

JUNE

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| 7 SUNDAY | Online BIG Breakfast – John and Cathie Russell |
| 14 SUNDAY | Online service inc Holy Communion – Martin Firman |
| 21 SUNDAY | Online Coffee and Cake Service – Rev. Elizabeth Knifton |
| 28 SUNDAY | Online Service inc Holy Communion – Marc Nuttall |

Morning Prayers through Zoom meeting (see website for details)
Every Wednesday and Saturday morning 9.00 to 9.40am.

Mobile Bank & Post Office

**Mobile services are currently suspended
– but the Post Offices in Grayshott & Lindford remains open**

Proposed Coach Trip to Lacock, 15th September

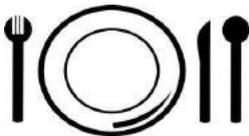
It is extremely unlikely that this trip will now happen, because of the current situation and the very sad fact that Truemans Coaches have gone into liquidation. Ian Jenkins and I may try to organise something more local depending on the conditions nearer the time. Otherwise, I hope to reschedule the visit for next year.

Jill Howard-Duff

Headley Village Fete

The Fete Committee have decided that it would be unwise to proceed with a Village Fete this year, and have agreed to postpone it until the same time next year – **Saturday 18th September 2021.**

Parish Lunch



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

As soon as I can report some good news about the resumption of our Parish Lunch at Blackmoor Golf Club I will let you know.

Keep safe, Jill Howard-Duff

Dates for your Diary

IMPORTANT!

With many advertised events being cancelled or postponed, 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 restrictions remain in force, 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.

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

Did You Guess?

The picture on last month's cover was of the bench overlooking Long Cross Hill. It sits on the site of the old German gun "Captured from the Germans by the British Expeditionary Force in Italy in the Great War 1914–1918 and presented to the Parish of Headley through Lt.Col. G. Bonham RE". Ironically the gun was removed during the darkest days of the last War when we were at our lowest ebb for metal, and salvaged for munitions. [*To the Ar and Back* by Joyce Stevens]

Arford WI

Several Arford WI members met in April and zoomed in for a quiz evening. What would we do without modern technology?

Denman College.

In 1945 a resolution, proposed by Lady Elizabeth Brunner on behalf of the Oxfordshire Federation, was passed at the AGM to bring the WI College into being, and the search for suitable premises began. Marcham Park, its house and 100 acres of land, was purchased in 1947 for £16,000. Every WI in the country was asked to donate £10 and further funds were obtained from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. Marcham Park was renamed Denman in honour of Lady Gertrude Denman who had recently retired after 30 years' service as the first Chairman of the NFWI, and was opened in September 1948 by Sir Richard Livingstone, to provide day and residential courses.

County Federations helped to furnish and equip Denman, and they still sponsor and look after all the residential rooms giving each a unique county feel. For many of the first students, most of whom came from rural areas and had left school at an early age, the College gave them an experience that they could never have dreamed of and for some, their first stay away from home. Now with over 650 courses on offer they reflect the ever-changing interest of women, and are designed to cater for all abilities. Everyone is welcome, including men and non-WI members.

It is still uncertain when we will all be able to meet, but in the meantime 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 information.



Liphook & District Ramblers

The LipChis Marathon – a history

The inaugural LipChis “marathon” took place on May 25th, 1985. David Clark, who had been closely involved with setting up Liphook Ramblers, had planned the 26-mile route from Liphook Station to Chichester Station. He and his wife Margaret were among the 65 walkers who set out, in groups, between 8.00 am and 9.00 am on that Bank Holiday Saturday.

Liphook Ramblers were joined by walkers from Chichester and other Hampshire groups as they tackled the first 5½ mile stage to Older Hill, the first of seven checkpoints manned by a small group of stewards from the Liphook group led by Stan Ansell, their Chairman. They offered drinks and sticking plaster for blisters, if needed.

At Midhurst, 5½ miles further on, a large group from Liphook joined the walk. The local bus service enabled Singleton and Lavant to be used as possible joining and leaving points, too. The Cobden Hall at Heyshott, which had been booked by the organisers, provided a very welcome lunch stop, with the stewards providing hot and cold drinks.

After lunch, the walkers, with just over 11 miles to go, tackled the 640ft climb up on to the South Downs, then it was down to Singleton and up steeply again on to the Trundle.

The view of the Cathedral spire gave tired legs a last boost of energy for the final section of the walk into Chichester and down to the station.

Of the 65 walkers who had left Liphook, 38 completed the inaugural LipChis. Many more have tackled the route in the years since 1985.

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

The Holme Church of England Primary School



Due to Covid -19 and the country in lockdown, The Holme School closed to pupils at the end of March except for the children of key workers, with Head teacher Ruth Worswick and Tessa Cooper taking it in turns to go in to school everyday. There are between 2-6 children from each year group attending plus some preschool children from Little Badgers. Normal safeguarding routines have been in place along with social distancing.

They start the day with PE online with Jo Wicks before their class learning which follows the same syllabus as the online home schooling. In the afternoons they have been doing a mix of art, gardening, cooking and science.

Teachers have been having their own weekly class meetings on Zoom, and have also been setting their own daily classes for homeschooling on the internet, which continues to be a successful resource.

Looking positively to the future, 27 new pupils have accepted a place at the Holme School for September and there are still some responses outstanding. All involved with the school are delighted.

Headley Village Hall

The Hall currently remains closed to all users. We shall, of course, keep abreast of Government advice and legislation and open up for those able to use the facilities in safety as soon as the law allows.

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

Headley Website Quiz

How well do you know the village and environs?

Go to the weekly **Quiz Page** on headley-village.com
and see if you can be crowned the winner.

The Headley Society



Nearly three decades ago ...

... in the days when 'Social Distancing' tended to mean separation by class rather than by metres, here are two photos from the year 1991.



The Headley Society float for the July pageant



Performing 'Cinderelder' in December (no names, no pack drill!)

For further fascinating facts and information on The Headley Society please e-mail headleysociety@gmail.com or visit our web page at www.headley-village.com/society.

Headley Theatre Club



A Dramatic Dilemma

We've decided it's not feasible to put our **VE Day retrospective** show on as planned in July – even if we could get a cast together, it's doubtful if we would attract a significant audience. We'll see what the situation looks like later in the year, and if rules and attitudes have relaxed sufficiently we may do something along those lines in our October slot.

Meanwhile, the Club has bought a year's subscription to Zoom, and is organising **script readings** for members on Thursday evenings (our normal rehearsal night). At first there were some we could see but not hear, and some we could hear and not see, but I think we're largely getting the hang of the technology now!

Dramatic Walk on Hindhead, Sunday 13 September

As we said last month, we've been asked by the organisers of the Haslemere Walking Weekend to do the Dramatic Walk on Hindhead again in September – and we're keeping our fingers crossed! As far as we know, this is still on. The decision is out of our hands. If the organisers go ahead, we're happy to perform in the fresh air.



A trip down memory lane

We've been passing the time updating the History section of our website. Go to 'History' and see what we've been up to since 1952 – and if you have any information that we seem to be missing, please let us know.

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

Calamity to Carillon – Arford Bells

Approximately 27 years ago Arford WI were faced with calamity as their speaker had let them down at the last moment – a panic search of the emergency speakers list found that Fred Haig from Bishops Waltham Bells could come; it was too late to gather a team together but he'd bring the bells, tell us all about them and let us have a go. We were smitten.

A second-hand set of Schulmerich American bells were for sale from Mill Chase School so we snapped them up and started learning – just like the covid virus we were on a steep upward curve. We joined H.R.G.B (Handbell Ringers of Great Britain), discovered our set of bells wasn't standard to play with other groups, Fred's number system wasn't the best to play from, we needed somewhere to practice and keep all the kit and



all playing together in time wasn't as easy as we thought!

First we borrowed some bells to make ours a standard set and all learnt to read music. As we progressed we decided we would have to invest in our own 2 octave set and to this end we became independent from WI and borrowed enough money

from HRGB on a three year loan to order what we needed. There followed an intense period of fund raising – car boot sales, cake baking, second-hand clothes sales and more; anything that made money legally, and in 18 months we'd paid the money back.



Now fully equipped with the correct bells we ventured to our first knee shaking public performances; we didn't disgrace ourselves and are now much more at ease with playing to an audience.

Members have come and gone through the years and we now have seven members, a complete set of bells and a set of matching hand chimes. As well as local organisations and nursing homes, we've played at Romsey Abbey, Guilford Cathedral, Clandon Park, Hatchlands and wedding venues.

There's also a lot of fun when we meet up with other teams at rallies. The aim of these is to play big music with good conductors, but the side entertainment is to have a theme, dress up – and eat lots of cake.

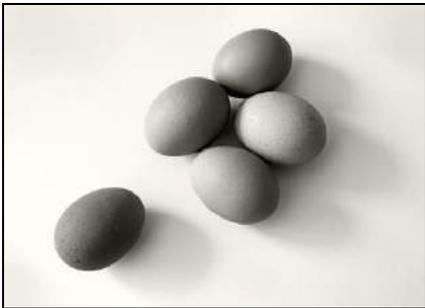
Ludshott Photographic Club

In a Digital World

Ludshott Photographic Club continues to operate, due to the fact we now live in the digital world and all our photographs are in digital form, which can be quickly transferred and viewed despite being in isolation!

Our recent competition was judged by Steve Kingswood ARPS. AFIAP of Bookham Camera Club on his home computer. Steve kindly sent back his constructive comments with all the images, which was appreciated by members.

In the entry class top marks of 10 were awarded to Barry Andrew for his image of a Bearded Iris as was John Wilson in the intermediate class for his image of the moon. In the advanced Class further 10s were awarded to Mike Young ARPS for his action shot taken during a Polo match and John Price ARPS for his unusual picture of Eggs on a plate.



Odd Eggs by John Price



Polo by Mike Young

Further activities for members have been arranged via the club with selected on-line training. Also, groups of members are arranging challenges for images to be taken in the house or garden – this has resulted in some creative, interesting and amusing shots relating to being isolated!

Please look at our web site where these and many other interesting images can be viewed at Ludshottpc.org.uk.

Gardening Question Corner

Q *When is the best time to water the garden?*

Early morning (5am to 9am) is the best time to water the garden when using a sprinkler, garden hose, or any other device that wets the plant foliage. When watering is completed, the plant foliage dries quickly. The rapid drying of plant foliage helps guard against the development of fungal diseases. Additionally, a morning application allows the water to soak deeply into the soil with little water lost to evaporation. Watering at midday is less efficient because of rapid evaporation. When using a sprinkler, midday watering can also be wasteful as strong winds may carry water onto the driveway, patio, or other nearby areas. Watering in the evening with a sprinkler or garden hose can lead to greater disease problems as the plant foliage will likely remain wet throughout the night. Mornings and evenings are excellent times to water gardens when using a drip irrigation system or soaker hose as these methods don't wet plant foliage.

Q *How should I divide hellebores?*

When flowers have finished, lift established clumps and cut off all the flowering stems. Then wash off the soil with a hose. Once clean, tease the roots apart so you are left with shoots that have roots attached. These roots should be pale brown and young, with a few older black roots too. Repot the new plants or replant them into the garden and keep them well watered.

Q *Should I worry about woodlice?*

Wood lice are very common in leaf litter and other decaying organic matter, and generally do very little damage to healthy, well-established plants. They will, however, make small holes in young seedlings and strawberry fruits. Good garden hygiene methods – clearing away dirty pots, seed trays and rubbish – will remove their breeding sites and help reduce numbers.

Q *Will mushrooms harm my plants?*

Mushrooms, the fruiting bodies of fungi, can't harm your plants, but mycelium – a mesh of strands that form the fungal body – can attach to plants. Remember that there are many different kinds of fungi and very few are harmful, while some are vital to the health of plants. Check out the British Mycological Society website for more advice.

June & John

Headley Horticultural Society

The History continues ...

Last month, we left the history of the Society in 1920 and as far as we know the Flower Show and the Fete continued in tandem on the August Bank Holiday as usual. However, throughout the 1930s there were many other Bank Holiday attractions on offer and gradually the emphasis was more on the flower show and less on the fete. Then came WW2 and everything came to a halt.

During the war years gardening was still of great importance to everyone, albeit with the need to grow food and not flowers. "Dig for Victory" was the slogan and dig they did. Not only were back gardens turned over to vegetable patches, but football pitches and parks were turned into allotments. What a difference it made to have your own garden or allotment during this time; the ability to produce fresh produce for the family must have been of great comfort to many, together with eggs provided by your own hens and in some cases bacon from a pig or two.

After the war it was thanks to the determination of Mr and Mrs Snow, in 1946, that the society was reformed, and the shows reinstated, although on a much less ambitious scale than previously. From a child Mrs Snow (then Miss Tuckey), who was born in Headley, was very fond of flowers and loved to pick and arrange the wildflowers she found locally. Her first show entry was recorded in 1896 and she continued to show until 1976, winning many prizes for her flower arranging. When a cup was presented to the society in her memory it was felt appropriate to award it to a flower arranging class and the committee instituted the inter village competition, the "Snow Cup".

In the wider world, and despite rationing continuing into the 1950s, the need to grow food became less important and gardeners turned their back on austerity and started to grow flowers again. The fashion was for well-tended borders and manicured lawns aided by the newly available weed killers, insecticides and lawn mowers. This was also the decade when the first garden centre opened in the UK, what a novelty that must have been. There was a massive interest in rose breeding too, with growers trying to produce new and exotic colours. Even to this day there cannot be many gardens that do not have at least one rose.

In the 1960s we see a rise in the variety of plants grown, due no doubt to their availability in the garden centres. Mini conifers and heathers were popular and the rockery, which was the height of fashion in the 1920s, made a comeback. Bright bedding became popular too and front gardens were full of the gaudy colours of African marigolds, petunias and ageratum and who can forget the combination of white alyssum, red salvia and blue lobelia.

The following decades saw many changes in gardening but throughout this time Headley Horticultural Society continued to thrive and the three annual shows are still some of the best in the district. The range of speakers who entertain and inform throughout the winter months come from near and far and the audiences enjoy them all, good and bad! The outings organised for the summer months are always well supported, with an interesting array of gardens to visit and always something new to see. Let us hope that 2021 will see us all able to enjoy everything the Society has to offer, and its long history will carry on for future generations.

Jennifer Mitchell

Covid 19's effect on my tomato plants.

One of my earliest memories was at the age of three, while in hospital, receiving a bag of small tomatoes as a gift, rather than sweets. My love of tomatoes has continued for the past 76 years. In more recent years I started to grow my own, getting more adventurous in experimenting with a growing number of varieties year by year. I decided after last year that I would reduce the number I would grow in future, but Covid 19's determination to change everyone's life style has interfered with my plan, as I have just calculated that this year I am growing 21 varieties.

As those of you who have attend Headley Voluntary Care garden party over the past 3 or 4 years will know, we are blessed with sufficient space for me to have a large tunnel-style greenhouse. I have just had a quick count up of the number of plants growing. If all succeed to maturity I will have over 300 plants. If any readers would like one or more plants, please email me on michael@headley.plus.com and let me know how many. I can then consult with you as to how, with current distancing, a transfer may be possible.

Michael Sheppard

Headley Cricket Club



What do sportsmen and women do when they can't play sport? Just cast your minds back to your own schooldays and remember that ghastly expression 'wet play'. It meant, of course, that we weren't allowed out at games time and the teachers had the unenviable task of finding something meaningful to occupy groups of frustrated boys and girls who were itching to get out onto the games field for their sporting activity. Chaos usually ensued.

Now, expand that picture by hundreds of thousands and that is the situation we face with all of our sports people on an unimaginable scale. So what do they do? From professionals all the way down to amateur enthusiasts, they have to find an alternative way of maintaining their fitness, enthusiasm and motivation without the immediate promise of what they enjoy most – the competitive and social side of the sports they love.

Speaking from the point of view of Headley Cricket Club, the responses have been many and varied. I know some who have worked out their own fitness programmes. Others have enjoyed trips down memory lane while watching recordings of famous matches in the past. A group of us have joined a weekly 'Zoom' meeting to keep in touch, often with the incentive of a quiz to keep the spirits up. Our Chairman, Ashley Cook, is leading the way in this. The uncertainty of 'when' is the underlying concern, but, remarkably, even after a couple of months, we do remain cautiously optimistic. It has been an extraordinary time, but I do believe that we will come out of this stronger, and I hope, wiser. The season has barely begun as I am writing this, so there is still time. Stay safe and keep your fingers crossed.

Here is our Club captain preparing for the long-awaited resumption of the 2020 cricket season, in the back garden!



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

Bound to be Different!

How big is Headley? Where are the boundaries of the parish?

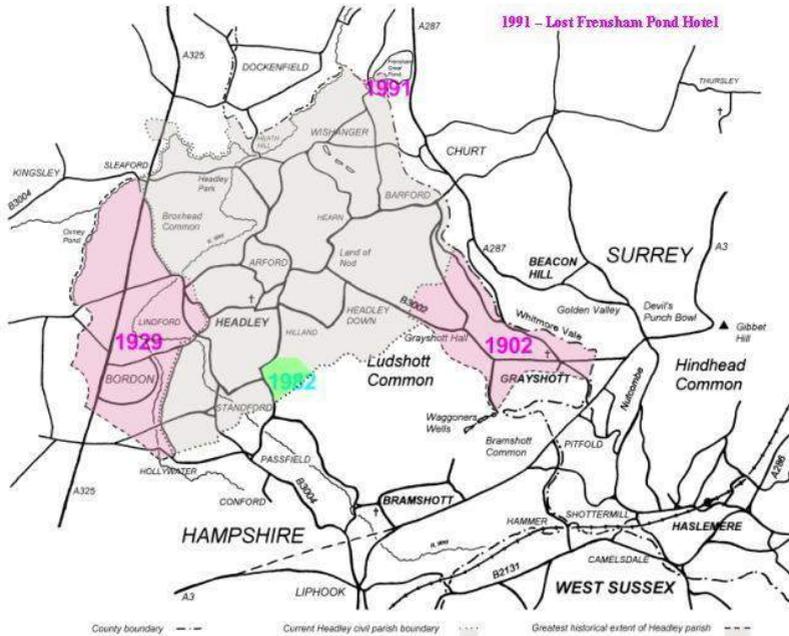
Up until 1894 this was an easy question to answer. The boundaries were those of the church parish which had existed unchanged for generations, and every now and then the parishioners would 'beat the bounds' to remind everybody where they lay.

But in that year the Local Government Act established elected parish councils in rural areas to take over secular responsibilities, and so the term 'parish' became ambiguous, still being used to refer to the old Ecclesiastical parish as well as to the new civil parish – and the boundaries of the two parishes began to diverge as the two authorities (church and state) made their own adjustments.

The first change to Headley's bounds occurred when Grayshott decided to go 'independent' – the church creating the ecclesiastical parish of St Luke's in 1901 and the state creating the civil parish of Grayshott in 1902, both having an identical boundary with Headley.

However, the civil boundary with Grayshott was adjusted in 1921 (for reasons which I've yet to discover) while the ecclesiastical boundary remained unaltered – and we had the first instance of church and state boundaries differing in Headley. The Grayshott civil boundary came closer to Headley to include what is now Fairlands and the Heatherley Wood natural burial site, while the ecclesiastical boundary remained as it was in 1901. If you look closely when going up to Grayshott, you can see this boundary where the road name changes from Grayshott Road to Headley Road.

The next change came in 1927 when the Church of England split the ancient Diocese of Winchester into three parts, and both Headley and Grayshott ecclesiastical parishes were transferred to the new Diocese of Guildford (and hence their church records to Surrey). Our neighbouring parishes of St Mary Bramshott and St Matthew Blackmoor were transferred to the new Diocese of Portsmouth, while Kingsley, Selborne and all points west remained with Winchester. [For reference, the point where the three dioceses meet is a long stone's throw from where the Hopkins recycling centre is now!]



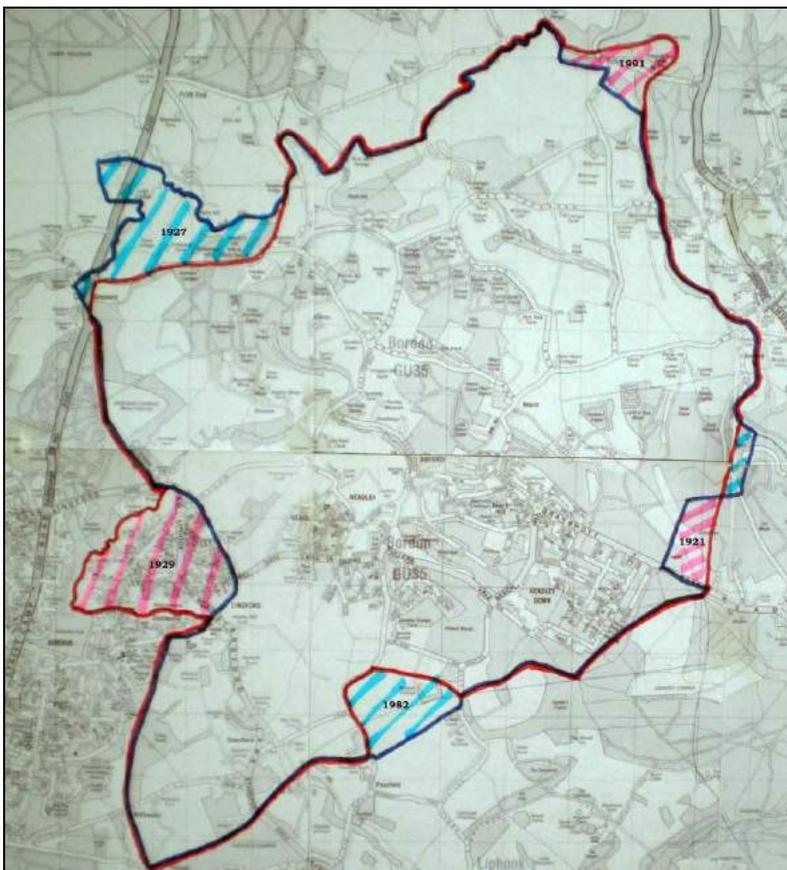
Territory lost and gained by Headley civil parish since 1894

However, to make the split ‘fair’, the C of E took Trottsford and Sleaford out of Headley *ecclesiastical* parish and put them into that of Kingsley – but they remained (and remain) in Headley *civil* parish (see map opposite).

Two years later, in 1929, the civil authorities created the parish of Whitehill, taking Bordon and Lindford (apparently against the latter’s will) away from Headley *civil* parish, but they remained in Headley *ecclesiastical* parish – and Lindford still does.

Things then remained static until 1982, when a local reorganisation gave Lindford its own independent civil parish (it was not permitted to re-join Headley) and ceded a small piece of Bramshott civil parish (along Gentles Lane) to Headley (for reasons which, again, I’ve yet to discover).

Nine years later, another local reorganisation took Frensham Pond Hotel out of Headley *civil* parish and into that of Frensham, Surrey, but it still remained (and remains) in Headley *ecclesiastical* parish. [Prior to this the parish/county boundary ran through Frensham Great Pond along the course of the old stream, and so pre-dated the creation of the pond in the 12th century.]



Differences between civil and ecclesiastical parish boundaries today

Finally (so far at least) in March 2002 a new *ecclesiastical* parish of Bordon was created, taking from the *ecclesiastical* parish of Headley that part which was in the area of Whitehill Town Council – but we still 'kept' Lindford. The map above shows the current situation.

Jo Smith

PS – As a tailpiece, it's interesting to note that the Ordnance Survey now has records only of *civil* parish boundaries, not *ecclesiastical* ones – it seems that the Church Commissioners are the only people who have records of the latter. Even incumbent clergymen can be confused as to who precisely lives within and without their domain!

Headley Parish Council



Firstly, a huge thank you must go to all the support groups in the area for their tireless work in making sure everyone in our community is safe and assisted during the Covid-19 pandemic. Very quick off the mark was the Covid-19 Community Support Group delivering leaflets offering help with shopping, prescription collection, dog-walking etc. or just a friendly phone call if needed, to nearly every house in the parish and their efforts are very much appreciated.

Virtual Council Meetings

Although our office remains temporarily closed to members of the public, a change to legislation now permits Parish Councils to hold the majority of meetings by video/audio conferencing. So meetings resumed on 11 May and instructions on how to join a meeting as a spectator will be detailed on the Council's website prior to each meeting. All questions related to items on the agenda will need to be sent in advance by email or delivered to the office in due time.

Headley Sports Pavilion

We are delighted to report that Planning permission has now been granted to extend and improve the Sports Pavilion at Mill Lane. However, this project will inevitably be delayed due to the current circumstances.

Transport Survey

Results of the Survey on Transport Needs in Headley and Grayshott were discussed at a virtual meeting of members of the local transport group, including Headley and Grayshott Parish Councils, and our County Councillor. Some key points from the Headley questionnaire responses were:

- 46 households, or about 1.84% of households in the parish, responded to the questionnaire.
- 61% of respondents used the Stagecoach bus service
- 30% of respondents used Headley Voluntary Care
- 13% of respondents were aware of Call & Go East Hampshire

- Responses reflect the rural nature of the parish and a reliance on use of cars to access many essential services such as hospitals.

Results from Headley and Grayshott showed many similarities and the transport group is continuing to work to find solutions to the transport needs of both parishes.

Clerk & Executive Officer Recruitment

We are in the process of recruiting a new Clerk & Executive Officer. After more than nine years with Headley Parish Council, Katie Knowles is moving on to new challenges. We thank Katie for the excellent work she has done for the Council and wish her every success in her new role.

Headley Grayshott & District Croquet Group

The origins of the game of croquet are a little obscure. The earliest theory is that it came to Britain from France in the reign of Charles II and derives its name from the Latin “ball and mallet”, or in English “pall mall”, and the walk in St James’s Park, now called The Mall, received its name from where the King and his courtiers took exercise and practiced the game.

The second theory is that the game arrived from Ireland in the 1850s and had been brought there from Brittany. The famous Wimbledon Tennis club enjoys the full title of “All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club”. In the late 1870s some of the croquet lawns were converted into lawn tennis courts.

If you have ever fancied taking up the game why not come along to your local club which plays on the outfield of the Grayshott cricket pitch every Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We play both Association and Golf games and we give tuition to those who have not played before.

We can also provide the mallets, so there is no need to buy your own until you have decided that “it is the game for you”. It is great fun and we are a friendly group of all ages and abilities.

Weather permitting, we normally start in mid-April until late September. The membership for the season is only £15 and the first two attendances are free so that you can try it out without any commitment.

We look forward to welcoming you; please contact Bob Wilson **01428 713113** for further information and details of when we may be permitted to start this year.

Garden Birds – Part 2

As many of us are still spending much of our unexpected spare time at home here are some more facts about four of the birds you might be sharing your garden with.

The Goldfinch is highly coloured and easily recognisable with a bright red face and bright yellow wing-stripes. They have a mellow, twittering song and call. You may also see these little birds hanging on to thistles and teasels and even lavender in the autumn months, as the shape of their beaks allow them to pick out the small seeds. They are sociable so if you get one you may get half a dozen or more. In the winter they gather into larger flocks and last year I counted 23 eating the berries in our hawthorn tree.



They roost in crowds in the inner branches of oak and beech trees and their nests are lined with thistledown and built high in trees or bushes for security. You can attract them to the garden with a feeder of sunflower seeds. It is said that they particularly enjoy nyjer seed, which is the tiny black seed of the African Yellow Daisy, very like thistle seeds. But the goldfinches of Headley prefer sunflower seeds and will only binge on nyjer on odd occasions.



Bullfinches are even more striking to look at although less common. They are the most rotund of our finches, larger than the tiny, delicate goldfinches. The male has a crimson front, black and grey back and black cap while the female's colours are considerably more dull with a drab, dark pink front. They are estimated to appear only in 10% of gardens in the RSPB Birdwatch but we have at least two pairs who visit our garden most days so perhaps Headley is a hotspot for bullfinches.

Its song is a very quiet, rambling warble and not often heard. You are more likely to hear their call note which is a rather feeble whistle on one note sounding like "pew". Bullfinches have a bad reputation for eating the buds on fruit trees and also pinching redcurrants and other soft fruit but the pairs who visit us have very kindly kept to the sunflower seed in the feeders. Bullfinches mate for life which means they are among the

first birds to produce their young in the spring as they don't have to spend time finding a partner.

Chaffinches used to be among the more common finches but their numbers have suffered a 28% decline in the last ten years and the reasons are not yet clear. The male is a handsome bird with a blue-grey cap and a pink chest while the female is a pale copy in browns and greys. It has one of the loudest voices in the garden and it has several short calls and a loud, cheerful song which starts high and descends down the scale.



Chaffinches are naturally ground feeders and are happiest when hopping around the mast underneath beech trees. They prefer to feed on spilt seed underneath hanging feeders. They will eat from seed feeders, although sometimes it seems hard for them to grasp the perches with their rather large pink feet. They take a lot of care over their nest, which is a neat cup built with moss, grass and feathers and bound with spiders' webs, then lined with feathers and wool and then decorated with lichen and flakes of bark.



Greenfinches are making a welcome return to our gardens having largely recovered from the decline caused by trichomonosis, a parasitic disease which caused a 59% decline in their numbers in the ten years from 2006. Happily they are now on the return and it is good to see these solid, greeny-yellow birds back with us again. They are stocky birds with a forked tail and will stay on a feeder for 5 minutes or more, eating slowly and thoughtfully and snapping at other birds who want to feed as well. Sunflower hearts are a massive favourite.

They nest in colonies in dense shrubs and their nests are built of twigs and grass with a lining of fine roots and hair. Greenfinches have two quite different calls; one like a drawn-out wheeze and the other a single, repeated note. Their song is less heard but worth listening out for and it is made up of a number of mellow, nattering phrases, as if it was chattering quietly to itself.

Helen Kempster

Get out of Jail Free

Information, hidden for decades under the Official Secrets Act, and now de-classified, has shown that the board game Monopoly played a role in helping escaping prisoners of war.

During the Second World War Monopoly games were sent to British prisoners of war in Germany. Humanitarian groups were allowed to send care packages to the prisoners, so M19, calling themselves The Licensed Victuallers Prisoners Relief Fund, sent Monopoly games.

Thin silk maps of the area were hidden in the games along with other special features. The game sets had a tiny red dot in the corner of the Free Parking square, designed to look like an ordinary printing glitch. Allied military personnel were briefed on this before their missions. The map was hidden in a wooden red hotel game piece. There were also two metal pieces that screwed together to form a file, and a tiny compass hidden inside the dog game piece. Additionally, under the stacks of Monopoly money was actual German, Italian, and French currency. An estimated 35,000 POWs escaped during the war, and some of them may have been helped by these 'Get out of Jail Free cards.'

During the war, the sets were constructed in a secure room, unknown to the rest of the company employees, where skilled craftsmen carved holes in the game pieces to conceal the aids. The company and the Allies maintained strict secrecy about the scheme, partly because Waddington feared reprisals from German bombs. After the war, all of the sets were destroyed, and everyone involved in the plan, including the escaped prisoners, was sworn to secrecy. The British wanted to be able to use the plan again if it became necessary during the Cold War or another conflict.

Headley Theatre Club crossword – answers from last month

Across: 1 BLEACH; 5 AMOURS; 11 OLDER; 12 PINOCCHIO; 13 SLEEPING BEAUTY; 14 ORBS; 16 I FIT LIGHTS; 19 HEATHERLEY; 20 ADAM; 22 ROBINSON CRUSOE; 25 COMIC SONG; 26 VICAR; 27 SINGER; 28 THRUST.

Down: 2 LADLE; 3 ABRUPT; 4 HOPING FOR A SHOW; 6 MECHANIC; 7 UNHATCHED; 8 SHOE; 9 FORSOOTH; 10 ON A BETTER NIGHT; 15 BE A BOWMAN; 17 SYMMETRY; 18 THEIR CUE; 21 DRIVER; 23 SOCKS; 24 ACTS.

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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)

‘Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted’ – *Aldous Huxley, 1894–1963*