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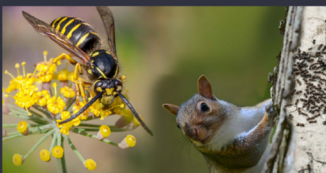


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Vicar's letter . . .

Dear Friends,

There is a common phrase that 'life is a journey and not a destination'. No single person is accredited with this phrase, but it is an interesting one to consider. This is especially so this month as we remember those that have gone before us, and particularly those who have given their life in wars, conflicts and in the name of a cause they held dear.

As we grow, learn and develop, we are influenced and moulded by those around us, and those that we have known who preceded us. With Remembrance Day on the 9th November, we think particularly of those called to serve in the armed forces and who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that others may be free from tyranny. We also remember loved ones at our memorial service on the 2nd November, for their part in making us the person that we are today.

So, yes indeed, life is a journey because it inevitably involves twists and turns, sometimes even a dead end and the need to start again. Life holds good days and sometimes more difficult times, and there is quite often the feeling that life is simply not fair.

We may be surprised to reflect upon the life that God lived through Jesus: seen as illegitimate, a refugee, with few possessions, no worldly wealth, ridiculed, abused, mistreated and killed. And yet we read that '*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him [Jesus] should not perish but have eternal life.*' (John 3:16)

Jesus was a gift, a considered and willing offering from God to the people he loves. God gave everything for us, and did so to show that a relationship with God is possible and an eternal home the reward. Life is, therefore, not only a journey, but also a destination. As we come to Remembrance, let us consider what we have learned from those who have lived and died, and how the amazing love of God influences our life and future.

With love,

David

November Diary

for St John's Church, Wonersh

Sun 2		20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	10am	All-Age Service
	3pm	'Living with Loss' [<i>see p.6</i>]
Tues 4	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 6	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 9		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Remembrance Service
Tues 11	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 13	10.30am	Remembrance Service with Wonersh & Shamley Green School
Sun 16		2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Tues 18	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 20	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun 23		1st SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 25	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 27	10.30am	Discovery Service
Sun 30		ADVENT SUNDAY
	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
December		
Tues 2	9am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 4	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 7		2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	10am	All-Age Service
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CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)		



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St John's, Wonersh	St Martin's, Blackheath
14th December 4pm Christingle	1st December 7.30pm Advent Meditation
21st December 6pm Family Carols by candlelight	7th December 6pm Candlelit Village Carol Service
24th December 4pm Nativity Service	24th December 11pm Christmas Communion
25th December 9am Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service	25th December 10am Christmas Day All Age Communion with Carols

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Connect Groups

We want to encourage each other to grow in faith. Our small groups offer a place where we can learn and develop in an informal environment.

Groups of around 10-12 people meet on a regular basis (usually weekly) in local homes to study the Bible, pray, get to know each other and develop deeper friendships. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some during the day.

If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, then please contact **David Peters** (vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk / 07521 090179).

Church Office

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

Monday	9 am - 2 pm
Tuesday - Thursday	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	9 am - 2 pm

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email office@wonershchurch.org.uk.

Copy Deadline for Dec.2025 / Jan.2026

Please submit articles for the Dec./Jan. issue by **Tuesday 11th November**.

E-mail address for copy is magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk.

For advertising, please contact John Gosden (JohnGosden@aol.com or tel.502076).



Why did we have a Prayer Tent by the Church in September?

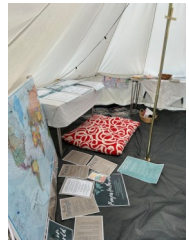
A Prayer Movement, started by a student in 1999, grew exponentially as groups all over the world caught the vision; and now, over two decades later, thousands of communities hold regular prayer events.

In September this year a Global Week of Prayer was organised. Here in Womersley we decided to join in. A specific 'vision' was given of a simple tent on the grass near the church door. So that is what we did.

Clive Couzens writes:

I visited the tent twice during the week, and the experiences could hardly have been more different. The first occasion was late on a fine afternoon, the churchyard was still, and there was absolute quiet. This gave me a chance to focus on some of the many wonderful and thoughtful resources provided. It was interesting to see just how many stickers had already been placed on the world map, indicating places and situations that others had already prayed about.

The next time was much busier. I arrived to find two other members of the church already there, so it was lovely to join them for a few minutes. After they had gone I was joined by a couple from the village, who described themselves as occasional worshippers at St John's. Finally, as I was leaving, another couple of ladies (unknown to me) were arriving, and a couple of dog walkers were looking to see what it was all about. The mere fact of having the tent outside had clearly spoken volumes.



Church Walking Group

The next walk will be on **Tuesday 18th November** – further details from Catherine Keech (catherine@keechonline.com).

Invitation to anyone who enjoys singing at Christmas!

Would you like to join the choir for Carols by Candlelight at St John's?
(Sunday 21st December at 6pm)

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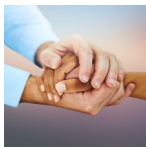
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Would you like to come carol singing around Womersley?
(dates to be confirmed)

Please contact Charlotte: fluteinbakpak@gmail.com

Living with Loss

Every year we hold a service at St John's, Womersh, which tries to allow space for people to remember those that they have loved and whom they see no more. This is held close to All Hallows in the church calendar, a day when all the 'saints' who have died are remembered with thanks.



The memories of those who have died will remain in our minds and hearts. They are part of us through what they have said, done, taught and simply been to us. It is right to remember them fondly and yet we recognise that our own lives continue, and so this service has a focus not on death, but on life.

This year the church will be open for personal reflection on **'Living with Loss'** on **Sunday 2nd November from 3pm**, with helpful poems, prayers and candles provided - come when you feel appropriate. **A 30-minute service will be held at 4pm**, if you wish to stay, where we will light a candle for all those who have died over the last year and for any whose names are given to us on the day by those present.

Do come and enjoy your memories, share some silence and give thanks to a loving, ever-present God who upholds us through the good times and the difficult.

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to all the team at Blackheath Village Hall on Sunday 5th October. What a magnificent spread provided for Jan's ordination - it was like being at the Ritz! Just perfect. Thank you all once more.

Rosina Henham

North Guildford Food Bank

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously last month, and particularly to our Harvest Festival at St John's. It means we are more prepared for the winter months ahead of us which, we anticipate, will be as busy as ever.

November is the time we stock up on luxury items to include in the food parcels over the Christmas period. Our requests this month are:

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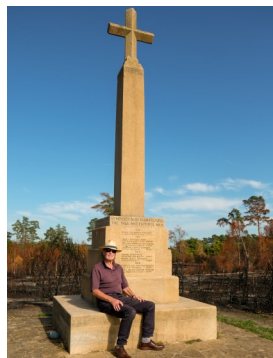
In addition, we always need **strong carrier bags / bags for life**.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Donated items can be left in the foyer of St John's church, or in the crate on Rosie Couzens' doorstep (**10 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, GU4 8JY**).

If you would rather make a financial donation, please refer to our website: northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk, which lists the ways you can donate (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).





Meet Andrew Quaintance and his Blackheath Recollections

56 years ago I came to live in Blackheath; apparently this qualifies me to indulge in some reminiscences about the village and what it was like back then.

Few people outside the village seemed to know of its existence or what it offered, except perhaps for the pub (properly called The Volunteer for sound historical reasons) or the Cricket Club. The village felt more remote

and secluded than it does now, and had an air of distinctive difference. In appearance the village was more open; fewer trees and bushes and hedges in gardens, and the surrounding trees had not grown to their present size and maturity. Some cottage gardens were given over to growing vegetables, and the allotments at the exit from the village were actively worked. As my neighbour was heard to mutter when he saw marigolds being planted in my garden: "Flowers, flowers, what is the use of flowers? You can't eat flowers."

The village scene was not dominated by cars. The first car that I can recall being regularly parked on the road was outside Pine Cottages. Parking on the grass verges was prohibited and this ruling was enforced for many years. Occasionally the local policeman, known as Blenkinsop Wonersh, would appear on his bicycle; and the Lord of the Manor, Sir Edwin Herbert, lived in the village and took an interest in village matters.

When Sir Edwin was ennobled as Lord Tangle, and his coat of arms was being devised, he received an inquiry from the College of Arms about his choice of the figures for the two supporters of the shield. He replied that the supporters should be a badger and a deer, because these were his closest neighbours. Unusual, but he had his wish. Thankfully we still have both.

Visitors' cars in the top car park, which was a great deal smaller than it is now, were fewer and infrequent. The people who lived in Tarsia Cottage kept all manner of animals and fowl, including dogs, goats, ducks and hens, which roamed freely or were tethered in that corner of the heath and car park. Their existence seems to have been untroubled by the few cars that came and went and they survived without mishap. Littleford Lane car park did not exist.

The village shop and Post Office was beside the church, and on a Saturday morning it was a good place to meet other villagers. Outside was the public telephone box which was regularly used by those who did not have a phone in the house (I'm talking landlines here). My first house did have a phone, but it was on a shared line with the house across the road. Since my neighbour over the road was a correspondent on the Financial Times the telephone line might be engaged for frustratingly long periods.

I have rambled my way to the bottom of the page, so now I must stop.

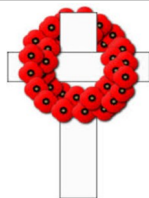
Blackheath Focus

November 2025



Services at St Martin's

Sunday 2 nd November	Sung Holy Communion	10am
Wednesday 5 th November	Morning Prayer	9am
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on the Heath [see below]	10.50am
Wednesday 12 th November	Morning Prayer	9am
Sunday 16 th November	Choral Evensong	6pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Morning Prayer	9am
Sunday 23 rd November	'Be Still with God'	6pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Morning Prayer	9am
Sunday 30 th November	Service in Womersh	10am
Monday 1 st December	Advent Meditation [see p.8]	7.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	Morning Prayer	9am
Sunday 7 th December	Candlelit Carol Service [see below]	6pm



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Do join us at the War Memorial on the Heath for the annual
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THIRD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH, 5.15pm for the 6pm Choral Evensong.

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Village News

Wonersh & District Garden Club

In October we were treated to a most interesting talk by Cherrill Sands about 20th century women gardeners. Who knew that medical men at the turn of the 20th century thought women's fertility would be affected by becoming gardeners? And they were subsequently called Kewpies when working in "bloomers" at Kew!

On **5th November**, we will welcome Ben Cross to tell us about his interest in alstroemerias. Ben's family own and run Crosslands Flower Nursery, specialising in cut alstroemerias. Ben is an expert grower, public speaker, an ambassador for British flowers and founder of the British Flowers Rock Campaign. It should be another interesting evening.



New members are always welcome - if you would like to come to our wonderful members-only supper on **3rd December**, join the club before then!

All meetings are held in the Wonersh Memorial Hall; the doors open from 7pm.

For further details, contact Hilary Goodridge: email hilarygoodridge@ymail.com or tel. **01483 535108**.

Wonersh History Society **Saturday 15th November, 2.30pm** **Wonersh Memorial Hall**



We are pleased to announce that the ever-popular David Rose is returning to the village to talk about **'Royal Visits to Surrey'**. With so many to choose from, one wonders just which ones David will feature. Will he include Queen Victoria riding through Chobham in 1853? Or Prince Edward opening a retired actors' home in Limpsfield in 1898? Or George V scratching his signature on a window at Great Tangley Manor in 1913? To find out, you will have to come to our November meeting!

Non-members are welcome to attend for a fee of £3. To discover more about the Society, visit www.wonershhistory.co.uk.



News from our Village School

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WSG We have had a wonderful start to this academic year, and loved welcoming the new children and families to Reception. The classes prepared magnificent songs for Harvest Festival, and we supported Cranleigh Food Bank with lots of helpful donations for the community.

Sport has been a key part of our Autumn term with football and netball matches at Cranleigh Prep, Tillingbourne and Duke of Kent – well done to our KS2 children.

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What's on in November 2025 – join us for these activities

Mon 3	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Wed 19	Outing: Spike Heritage Centre and Abbot's Hospital, Guildford
Tues 4	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall Listening to Music: Shalford Hall Club Room		Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Wed 5	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall	Thurs 20	Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green
Thurs 6	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room Latin: Godalming Pottery: Farley Green	Fri 21	French: Godalming Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall
Fri 7	French: Godalming	Mon 24	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Coffee Morning: Percy Arms, Chilworth
Mon 10	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Book Club: Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Tues 25	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Tues 11	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall Exploring Churches: venue TBA	Wed 26	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Wed 12	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall Pub Lunch: The Refectory, Milford	Thurs 27	Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall Latin: Godalming
Thurs 13	Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall Latin: Godalming	Fri 28	Art: Bramley Village Hall
Mon 17	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh Play Reading: Selwyn Room, Parish Church	<i>Join us for some very interesting talks, visits and activities. Newcomers are welcome.</i> <i>For further details, please visit</i> https://wonersh.u3asite.uk <i>or phone Jacqui on 07814 379294.</i>	
Tues 18	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall Long Walk: venue TBA		

Cre8tivity

Do you find it difficult to prioritise time for creative projects?

Cre8tivity is a small group meeting once a month at the Vicarage to encourage participation in the creative arts. Bring along any project you are working on (or would like to start). We have lots of assembled experience in knitting, sewing and crochet and would love to see what you are making. We can even offer help if you get stuck.

The final date this year is **Tuesday 11th November**, 8 - 9.30pm - bring a friend!

Further details from community@wonershchurch.org.uk.





Memory Lane

Memory Lane were sorry to announce that the *'Musical Memories'* concert, planned for Saturday 11th October in the Village Hall, needed to be deferred for reasons of health and safety. The new Dementia Choir will continue practising, ready to perform with the Memory Lane Singers and Guest Artists in the near future. At one of the sessions last month Memory Lane welcomed back **Luminus**, who gave a very helpful talk and discussion on *'Giving Carers a Voice'*.

This month, the session on **17th November** will be something quite different for carers, whilst their partners experiencing dementia are being entertained. It is a **Sound Bath Meditation Session** led by Jez Smith, who promises total relaxation from the stressful life of a carer. *'Walk in the Park'* will be at 10.30am as usual on Monday **10th November**.



Memory Lane meets at 2.15pm every 1st and 3rd Monday in the Cranleigh Arts Centre.

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This is also a rare chance to see inside the historic Guildhall, which can be described as the true heart of Guildford.

Among the charities participating are [National Eczema Society](#), [Cherry Trees](#), [The Fountain Centre](#), [GUTS](#), [KatCanDo](#), [Kidney Cancer UK](#), [The Meath Epilepsy Charity](#), [MCR Pathways](#), [Parkinson's UK](#), [Royal Surrey Charity](#), [RSPCA Hants and Surrey Borders](#) and [Shooting Star Children's Hospices](#).



Free Coffee Concert

Thursday 13th November, 11.15am - 12pm

Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

This month we look forward to welcoming back xylophone soloist Theo Kalorkoti, accompanied by his mother Jeanne on the piano, with another delightful programme of music.

Teas and coffees are served from 10.30am; concert begins at **11.15am** and finishes at 12 noon, just in time for lunch! All are welcome to this free concert, no need to book, and free parking.

Seasons Café will be open for a delicious lunch, and our gift shop is open for browsing for any special presents.

For more information on events at the Cathedral in November and December,

visit www.guildford-cathedral.org/events.



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Bramley Music: '5 at 4' Concert

Sunday 16th November, 4pm

Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, GU5 0HD



The **Oxus Quartet** will be joined by **Margaret Roberts** at the piano to bring us **Piano Quintets** by Robert Schumann and Amy Beach, plus music by Astor Piazzolla (synonymous with the tango). Amy Beach was a pioneering American composer whose 1905 piano quintet is reminiscent of Brahms and was very popular in the early 20th century. This is a very attractive programme, and the quintet will sound superb in the acoustic of Holy Trinity Church. Tickets £10 (£5 students and under-18s) available from Robertson's in Bramley High Street (cash only) or online from bramleymusic2012@gmail.com. This concert is supporting the vital work of **Christian Aid**.

Many thanks to all who came to the recital by Piers Lane in October - by general agreement, one of the best we've ever had! The magnificent sum of £1,561.11 was raised for The Meath Epilepsy Charity.

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INFORMAL CONCERT

Monday 17th November at 7pm

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Friday 7th November | For 2-4 yrs

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9.30 - 10.30am | St Cats Prep Gym

There is no charge, but please book your place on tinyurl.com/ytcrvwkn.



Light up a Life

Sunday 7th December, 7.45pm

Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

Phyllis Tuckwell's annual **Light up a Life** service will take place this year inside the Cathedral, to remember those no longer with us. Everyone is welcome, whether or not your loved one was cared for by Phyllis Tuckwell.

You can make a dedication in memory of your loved one, which will appear in the Order of Service. Their names will also be projected onto the front of the Cathedral, in rotation, from 8.30pm until 10pm that evening.

For more information, or to make a dedication (deadline Friday 21st November), email fundraising@pth.org.uk or call 01252 729446.



Guildford Cathedral Christmas Fair

Friday 21st / Saturday 22nd November,

10am - 4pm

Step into the joy of the season at the Cathedral's ever-popular Christmas Fair.

Enjoy a delightful shopping adventure with over 50 stalls offering a stunning array of bespoke Christmas gifts, decorations, spirits, jewellery, accessories and more!

Explore the Cathedral Shop for unique Christmas gifts; and recharge at the Seasons café/restaurant, where you can enjoy delicious drinks, snacks and lunches.

Entry is just £3 per person at the door. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to kick-start your Christmas shopping in style!

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St Nicolas' Church, Guildford, GU2 4AW

The Cards for Good Causes Shop is again open at St Nicolas' Church in Bury Street, until **Monday 22nd December**, with a wide range of Christmas cards and gifts.

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Opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. They will also be open on **Sundays 17th and 24th November**, 12 noon - 4pm.

Faith, Art & Wisdom at Chilworth Abbey

Immerse yourself in faith, beauty and wisdom this month, as the Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey continues its season of inspiration and reflection.

Discover the spiritual power of Antonello Da Messina's '**The Virgin Annunciate**' on **8th November**, 10.30am-12.20pm; explore Bishop Robert Barron's '**The Mystery of God**' with Fr John Seddon OSB on **15th November**, 10.30am-12.20pm; unravel the poetic enigma of **A.E. Housman** with Abbot Dom Paulinus Greenwood OSB on **20th November**, 7pm-8.20pm, followed by optional Compline at 8.30pm; learn about the **Indigenous Spirituality of North America** with Sheila Longman on **22nd November**, 10.30am-12.20pm.

All events take place in the Assisi Room at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. More details online at www.chilworthbenedictines.com/events.

£10 per person (multi-session discounts available), with free parking. Numbers are limited, so book now at www.ticketsource.co.uk (search 'Chilworth Abbey').



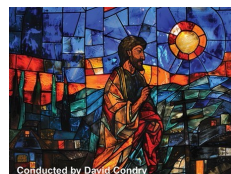
'St Paul' Oratorio

Saturday 29th November, 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR

For their next concert, **Blackheath & Bramley Choral Society** will be performing Felix Mendelssohn's 'St Paul'.

This oratorio depicts the transformation of Saul of Tarsus into the Apostle Paul. Deeply rooted in the traditions of Bach and Handel, yet infused with Mendelssohn's distinctive Romantic voice, the oratorio concludes with scenes of Paul's ministry, celebrating the transformative power of grace, redemption and unwavering faith.



Tickets are £20 (under-18s free) - email boxoffice.bbcs@gmail.com; also available from choir members, or at the door.

The Mills of Wonersh



Many will be aware that Wonersh had a water-powered mill (sometimes called Lower Mill) located on the west side of the Cranleigh Road, near Lostiford House. The Grade II listed Water Mill is now a much-changed residential home built into the side of the dam which created the millpond. It stands close to, but apart from, the rather grand, also Grade II listed, Mill House, parts of which are said to date to the late C14th.

The Water Mill, thought to be Tudor in origin, but with C18th and C19th additions, was used for grinding flour on three pairs of millstones. Two of the millstones had been removed at some stage and there was some speculation that Gertrude Jekyll may have been responsible. The first documented reference to this mill was on a map dated 1676 when it was described as a corn mill. The source of its power was an overshot water wheel. In the late C19th, the wheel, which was of cast iron, was advertised for sale as it had been replaced by a turbine.

What is probably less well-known is that Wonersh had a second mill, just a few hundred yards to the north-east, on the other side of the Cranleigh Road. That mill (sometimes referred to as the Upper Mill) was a leather-dressing or fulling mill used for making saddles, straps, garments etc. It seems not to have been a full tannery such as that at nearby Gosden. This Mill was also water-powered. This 1871 map (credit: National Library of Scotland) shows the proximity of both mills. It was not uncommon for corn mills and fulling mills to be found close together, sometimes in the same building. As if to reinforce that connection, we are aware that in about 1885 Wonersh Corn Mill was leased for 21 years to Messrs Pullman, the owners of Wonersh Leather Mill, at a rent of £180 p.a.



We have no photographs of the Leather (Upper) Mill, but we have an image of a building that was adjacent to the Cranleigh Road, opposite Lostiford. This building was described as a chamois leather factory.

There are few visible remains near the site of the Leather Mill, but the former millpond remains and a stepped water feature close to the driveway to Derryswood takes the mill stream under the driveway.

Wonersh History Society

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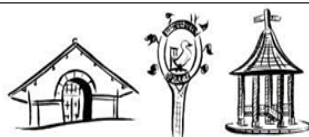
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Please telephone any of us if you have a local issue you would like to discuss.

The Parish Office, located at Wonersh Sports Pavilion, is open by appointment - call the Parish Clerk (Lisa Davison) on **892601** or email clerk@wonershparish.org.

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