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From the Editorial Team
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, the little Lord Jesus no crying he make .... These well-learnt words from Away in a Manger are sung by millions of Christians around the world, of which Tandridge is a small speck on the globe. Whatever you might be doing this Yuletide, spare a moment for those who are continuing to work on Christmas Day to keep the animals fed, the staff of our emergency services and the seafarers at sea bringing us everything we buy in our shops. We hope you will enjoy this edition.

As ever, if you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you, so please send them to: tandridgenews@gmail.com. We aim to include as much as possible in the space available, but sometimes we may have to carry over your contribution to a future edition. The magazine is free because the advertisers support us. Please support them and tell them where you saw their advert.

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Harvest Supper
Once again the Tandridge Village community joined with our local farmers to celebrate another successful harvest over a delicious supper in the Village Hall. The tables groaned from the weight of the most amazing selection of desserts and a warm and happy atmosphere was enjoyed by all. This year’s entertainment found us competing to build the best free-standing newspaper giraffe. Hilarious! Tandridge displayed its extensive collective talent in its entries, some of which even dwarfed the judges. #lovetandridge #cellophone.

Clare Addison

GENERAL INFORMATION

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

Worship - Sunday Services:
8:00am (1st Sun) Holy Communion
11:00am Family Worship - A Service of the Word
(Last Sunday of the month) Family Communion
6:30pm Evensong except:-
(3rd Sun) with Holy Communion
(one Sunday of the month) Choral Evensong

1st Weds of the month: 10:00am Holy Communion

See page 3 for specific services during the current two months.

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ST PETER’S
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 10th December
11:00am Christingle Service
6:30pm Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday 17th December
11:00am Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Thursday 21st December
Parish Carol singing (meet 7pm at The Barley Mow)

24th December, Christmas Eve
5.30pm Nativity Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th December, Christmas Day
11:00am Family Communion
Christmas Lunch, 12pm in Oxted Community Hall
The season of peace and goodwill can be a remarkably frantic time. So many things need to be done ‘in time for Christmas’ – the desperate dashing around for presents, the mountain of cards scribbled in time for the last post; the eleventh hour trip to Morrison’s for crackers and ginger wine ....

Every December, the tension mounts, the days reduce and the season becomes a test of our ability to cope. Got to get it all done in time for Christmas.

But in fact Christmas isn’t meant to be a deadline at all. We’re so used to thinking of it as the finishing post that we forget it is meant to be a starting line – about a birth and the beginning of something entirely new. For many in the familiar cast of the Nativity story, that historic night in Bethlehem wasn’t the climax of anything. The shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks, were not getting ready for the festivities, not wondering why they had to be working on Christmas Eve. They were just there, as they always were. The innkeepers in Bethlehem were busy because the town was full of people coming in for the census; but that was all – there were no decorations up. Apart from a few faithful Jewish people who believed in the promise of a Messiah, the world wasn’t waiting for Jesus to arrive.

Only Mary and Joseph, on the verge of becoming parents, dazzled and confused by strange dreams, had a feeling something was up. Something was about to begin and life would never be the same again. And it wasn’t: whatever we believe about him, the birth of Christ became the hinge of our history – the dividing point between BC and AD.

For nearly a thousand years, Christians have gathered at St Peter’s Tandridge and St Mary’s Oxted, to hear again the news of peace and goodwill our world so badly needs. You would be warmly welcome to do the same. And if you can’t get done all that you need to do in time for the 25th, don’t worry. For Christmas is not the end of the world, merely the promise of a new beginning.

Andrew Rumsey, Rector
Hurst Green Singers will be performing Handel’s Messiah at their Christmas concert which takes place on Sunday 10th December 2017 at 7.00pm in St John the Evangelist church, Church Way, Hurst Green.

Conductor: Michael Barlow  
Organist: Alec Crowe  
Soprano soloist: Anna Cavaliero  
Mezzo-soprano soloist: Anna Prowse  
Tenor soloist: Hiroshi Amako  
Bass soloist: Paul Grant

Tickets £10 from hurstgreensingers@gmail.com or any choir member or at the door.

Michael Barlow has conducted Hurst Green Singers for over 30 years and will be standing down in the summer of 2018, making this his last Christmas concert with this choir. Please do come along - it promises to be a very special occasion!

St Peter’s School is looking for a new member of their governing board: could this be you? This position is appointed by St Peter’s Church Parochial Church Council and we are especially – though not only - looking for someone with experience of RE in schools. If you would be interested in serving the community in this way, please contact the Rector, Andrew Rumsey, at andrew.rumsey@btinternet.com or 01883 713016.

Remembrance Sunday dawned a bitterly cold morning, the wind driving across the fields to the memorial where two minutes’ silence was observed at 11 o’clock for the Fallen in two World Wars and other conflicts. Poppy wreaths were laid by the Parish Council and St. Peter’s church followed by a family wreath. A Service of Remembrance followed in the warmth of the church.

Editor
What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph and travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. The modern day Posada uses Nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

What is involved?

All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota which you will find at the back of church for a night that will suit you to ‘host’ Mary and Joseph. Another person from our community will make arrangements to bring the figures to you at a time to suit both of you.

Holy Days in January

6 January – Epiphany

On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them ‘Magi’, and that as the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia, it wasn’t until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing – and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

The cows that spent the summer at Crowhurst came in 3 weeks ago and have been piling on a few pounds and lying in their straw yards as the nights have drawn in. We had the cows pregnancy checked today, a vet in a rubber apron with a long glove as opposed to a little blue line on a stick. Anyhow we have ended up with 49 in calf from 50 cows. The one cow who isn’t in calf will get shuffled over to the next group and hopefully one of Santa’s little helpers will do the honours. We will be weaning these cows and putting their calves from this last spring in a separate yard so that the cows get a break before they calve again at the end of March.

Next year’s crops are all planted. It is barley behind the village. We resorted to ploughing some of the fields again for the first time in 5 or 6 years. This was partly due to the weather; the soil was so wet at times we had to turn it up so it would dry. The other reason was for weed control. Grass-related weeds flourished this year and to an extent last year. We had reached the point where it was more economical to plough. This allowed us to bury the weed seeds at a level where they can’t compete with the crop. Ploughing is slower and uses more fuel than the bigger, faster and shallower cultivation methods we use most of the time. Another downside of ploughing is that by doing so you release CO2 which has become embedded in the soil into the atmosphere. However, recent inspections of the crops have shown we were right to use the plough where we did this year. Most crops have needed only one application of spray this autumn and to date are largely weed free. The saving in chemical costs will pay for the extra costs incurred from ploughing. I’m not quite sure how we balance out the argument for CO2 and chemicals, but we have strong clean healthy crops which should recover most of the CO2 in the coming year.

This will be the last Farming News for 2017. Merry Christmas and thank you to everyone for taking an interest in what happens on the other side
Farming News

Finished!! Well, nearly. There are only 10 cows left to calve before Christmas and some spraying. Zoe has 30 odd miles of hedge trimming to do and some trees to cut back. We are feeding all the cows’ every day and I have 3 big boxes of miscellaneous bits of paper to file.

Most of the bits of paper will end up being used to light the fire in my office so that I can concentrate properly (snooze in comfort). It is amazing how quickly something marked as urgent becomes irrelevant if you stuff it in a box for 4 months.

What a spring and summer! Three months of England at her best followed by a metrological hangover that coincided with the school holidays. The weather seemed to pick up enough at weekends so we were flat out and had to miss any parties and then it would rain again on the Monday. There wasn’t enough time to write a piece for the magazine, but then it was all happening in the fields around you.

Our harvest was equally split, the rape and barley were cut largely in glorious sunshine as were the hay and silage. The heat and dry start did affect the yields of the barley and grass, but everything was so easy. Then it rained, and the winds flattened big patches of crop just as they were at their most vulnerable. Our oats that had been up to my shoulders ended up brackled over just 6 inches off the floor. We held our nerve and managed to cut them on one sunny weekend in August. They yielded at just under 4 tons an acre. The straw was baled during the following week and we were out until 1.30am on a Thursday morning fetching the bales home before it rained.

While the rain caused problems for the cereal harvest it came at the right time for the grass. At one point I thought we would have to start giving supplementary feed to the cows and calves in the fields to keep them from going hungry. Instead we gave the grass a sniff or two of fertiliser and away it went. The cows and calves had plenty of grass in front of them for the rest of the summer and have done well.

The girls at Southlands, along with the group of cows which spent the summer in the valley behind the village, have nearly all calved again now. The cows look well, their new calves are filling out. We will let the bulls in to do what God intended bulls should do with these cows next month, it is Christmas after all.

St Peter’s Keys ....

Playing the organ is quite an unusual hobby for the ordinary 15-year-old boy, so when I tell my schoolmates of my ambitions, the response normally goes a little like “that’s the one with loads of pianos isn’t it?”. This question is the bane of any organist’s life, but I would respond, “yeah, pretty much” to avoid confusion.

I have been playing since January 2016 under the tutelage of Tandridge resident, Michael Barlow. For some time, I had wanted to learn, but been unable to convince my parents! My initial inspiration to play was at the RSCM Bath singing course in 2013 (of which I am a regular attendee and took my fifth course last August). The place was Bath Abbey and the organist Steven Grahl, of Peterborough Cathedral. His playing sparked my love for the organ and it has blossomed ever since. It is what I want to do as a job in the future, and is even my current source of income – I play weekly for Evensong at St. Peter’s. This is a valuable opportunity as it prepares me for the intricate and surprisingly competitive world of church music. I also enjoy those 40-odd minutes of solace on a Sunday evening before a frantic week at school!

Apart from the organ, I play the French Horn, a common asset for an organist to have. Spending hours alone in cold churches can be quite solitary and an orchestral setting is somewhere to socialise! In addition, I play in the Oxted Brass Band. I enjoy accompanying others which I do at church and school.

The most inspiring of my organ experiences must be the week I spent in York Minster last July on work experience with Jeremy Lloyd and his colleagues. As well as playing the organ in one of the services, I experienced the whole life of a Cathedral musician for a week. Last year I won the Kent County Organists’ Association Elementary Category and the prize was four lessons with Dr. David Flood of Canterbury Cathedral. Playing the organ in this historic building is a magical experience. I have also been very fortunate to receive a bursary from the Prayer Book Society, which has helped me with my studies.

I am extremely grateful to all the people who have supported my journey - without their time and encouragement I would not have been able to get started in playing at services. I hope to see you at Evensong soon!

Adam Field
What is Christingle?

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. These are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle.

The symbolism of Christingle: Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

The History of Christingle: Although Christingles have been taking place in England for nearly 50 years, the idea of the Christingle actually began in Marienborn, Germany in 1747. At a children's service, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus. He decided to give the children a symbol to do this. This was a lit candle wrapped in a red ribbon. At the end of the service, whilst the children held their candles, the bishop said the prayer, 'Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these children's hearts that theirs like thine become.'

In 1968, John Pensom of The Children's Society adapted Christingle and introduced it to the Church of England. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to create a new visual representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.

Source: The Children's Society website

Please join us for our own Christingle service on Sunday 10th December at 11am.

In September, and back in our usual venue, the Oxted Social Centre, we had a report from Sheelagh Crampton on a WI trip to Woburn Abbey. Sheelagh described the beautiful and vast grounds and excellent guides who made the trip interesting. After refreshments Dr Judy Hill gave us a fascinating talk on the Victorian Pharmacy entitled “Kill or Cure?” Victorians relied upon self-medication and illness was managed rather than cured. Dr Hill described blood-letting, leeches and purges, laxatives and cups to blister. Some medicines were very poisonous, childbirth was hazardous and with the rise in the population, impure water supply and poor sanitation meant that life expectancy was low. It is strange to think that we no longer hear much of diseases such a consumption, diphtheria, rubella and polio and yet many of us will have heard talk of knowing people who suffered from them. Charles Booth, Dr John Snow, Joseph Lister, Louis Pasteur and Thomas Holloway are just some names of people who made such a difference to public health and to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

In October we had our Annual Meeting. There was a report on a very active year with lunches and walks, group activities, singing and craft, knitting for premature babies and visits to exhibitions and to London. The Christmas party with “in home” catering was also enjoyed and of course the Garden Party as mentioned above. After a break for tea we began our Annual Meeting and elections for next year. This is a very important meeting and an Advisor, Chris Butterfield, from the Surre Federation attended to make sure all is done according to Women's Institute rules. We also had two “Tellers,” Christine Farmer and Carole Wade, who came from, Pollards Oak WI, to ensure that sure voting is done correctly. Happily our committee has agreed to stay for another year, but President, Jane Singleton, has decided to step down after three years. Jane has been a popular President and the Oxted WI owe her a debt of gratitude as we have thrived under her leadership. She is a hard act to follow but happily, after a difficult few minutes, we welcomed Sheelagh Crampton and Hazel Ralph as joint Presidents for next year.

New members are welcome. We meet at 7.45pm on the third Tuesday evening each month at the Oxted Social Centre in Bluehouse Lane.
Autumn Term

We can hardly believe that we are halfway through our first term and are winging our way towards Christmas.

It has been a very productive start to the year for the staff, parents and children at the school with many projects started, not least the raising of £900 for the Lunchbowl Network to sponsor a child in Kenya.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival at New Farm on a wonderful sunny morning with a few welcoming hens joining us as well! This set the scene beautifully for the children as the Harvest moon had appeared just the night before and the true meaning of celebrating and sharing this time with others became more apparent for the children.

The Busy Bee class also participated in a special autumn walk around Tandridge Village spotting the beautiful patterns and colours that are all around us at the moment.

I think one of our main achievements, that we are all so proud of, is that we applied for the Anti-Bullying Charter Mark this term after striving very hard to ensure all our practices are outstanding and we have been awarded the highest accreditation of Gold. The Anti-Bullying team stakeholders have worked tirelessly to ensure all the children feel safe, have buddies and know the differences between bullying and friendship fallouts and how to spot them and what to do if they have any concerns. I think this is very obvious as you walk around our school. We are only one of two schools awarded this in the south east of Surrey, so yes we are extremely proud.

Now we are turning our attentions towards Christmas and will be thinking very carefully about the true meaning of this special time and how we can prepare for it through the period of Advent. We are very excited about all the things we have planned! Watch this space.

Lenia Greenaway
Prayer for the New Year

God grant us this year a wider view
so we see others’ faults through the eyes of You---
Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue,
Neither the adult . . .nor the young.
Give us patience and grace to endure
And a stronger faith so we feel secure,
And instead of remembering, help us forget
The irritations that caused us to fret
Freely forgiving for some offence
And finding each day a rich recompense
In offering a friendly, helping hand
And trying in all ways to understand
That all of us whoever we are
Are trying to reach an unreachable star ---
For the great and small . . .the good and bad,
The young and the old . . .the sad and glad
Are asking today, “Is life worth living?”
And the answer is only in loving and giving ---
For only love can make man kind
And kindness of heart brings peace of mind,
And by giving love we can start this year
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.

Helen Steiner Rice

St Peter’s Church website is now live www.stpeterstandridge.uk

contains lots of useful and interesting information about St Peter’s. It also includes a link at the top to give.net where there is the facility to donate to the Church or specifically to the new Lychgate renovation appeal.

Tandridge Vineyard Harvest Update

The harvest took place on 23rd September and, thanks to friends and neighbours, we picked 115kg of grapes. This is more than I expected, but included grapes from our neighbours who have the same variety of grapes. This should give us about 80 bottles sometime in quarter four 2019 when the wine has been made and fizzy de-gorged. The photos show our pickers (thanks again) and the grapes delivered to Bolney Vineyard.

Thank you for reading my vineyard musings this year, I hope you have found them of interest.

David Ledesma
Tandridge Tea Time

Tandridge Tea had its first gathering in November 2003 so has now been welcoming children and their parents/guardians from St Peter’s school for 14 years!
It normally runs in the Village Hall on the first Friday of the month during term times, volunteers from St. Peter’s Church and school team up to ensure there is plenty of tea and cakes. It provides a lovely venue on a Friday afternoon for all to meet and socialise in a relaxed environment. There is a donation pot available, donations have been used for a variety of things including spring bulbs to brighten the village, a large amount of plastic plates, bowls and cups for the hall that are used for Tandridge Tea and available for any children’s parties. Set up is from 3pm to ensure everything is ready for school finishing at 3:15pm.
Obviously with a lot of tea and cakes always comes a lot of washing up! So volunteers for the very important tidy up are always appreciated.

So please pop these dates in your diaries and come and join us:
1st Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar, 4th May (TBC), 8th Jun.

Tandridge Broadband Update

In a recent correspondence with Surrey County Council Superfast Surrey Broadband Programme they advised the following:

“It is currently anticipated that the deployment in your area will take place during the Superfast Surrey phase 1 deployment which is from January to September next year. As the planned deployment timeframes could change during detailed design, planning and deployment, we are unable to confirm more specific timeframes as to when residents are anticipated to be able to access a fibre service until the infrastructure is in place. We are also unable to confirm at this stage the location of the broadband infrastructure”.

I am hoping that we will see broadband installed by mid 2018 (fingers crossed). My understanding is that this will require a new fibre “box” to be installed in the village, but we do not know where it will be placed. Its location is important, as for some or all residents, the broadband signal will then come to our houses from the new fibre box using the existing copper wire – so the nearer you are to the box, the faster the speed should be. I have been told separately that if your property is within 1500 metres of the new cabinet, then you should be able to get speeds of over 24 Mbps. This will be enough to watch television, stream videos, etc. If they decide to run fibre down the whole village, then more properties will have faster speeds.

I’ll keep you updated as I hear more.

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Tandridge Has Got Talent — Memories of years gone by

I have been reminiscing about all the fabulous acts people have come up with. Amazingly the late Sir David Burnet agreed to perform a song about The Income Tax – I put him on early so the audience were reasonably sober! Little Marjorie (at about 75) with an all-star cast doing ‘Hang on the Bell Nellie’; Geoff Taylor and others stripped to the waist (no further) as The Chippendales backing Steve Barnett as Tina Turner doing ‘Simply the Best’. My John and Geoff as The Bellies with lots of hilarity being painted by the Girls! The Ladies, young and old doing the Calendar Girls in swimsuits. I had a lot of trouble stopping some of them going the whole hog, especially when Mike Barratt joined in with only his fireman’s helmet strategically placed. My ‘Boys’ (no longer) who have always been the mainstay of the event doing ‘There Is Nothing Like a Dame and the Knight family with Hugh Williams as a biker doing ‘Money for the Cow’.

The older ladies have been great sports with the Roly Polys, which they reprised years later on Zimmer frames and the audition for Maria in The Sound of Music. There were the marvellous Teletubbies and the Swimming sketch. The Rocky Horror Show was spectacular and the Silhouettes were something completely different. Who can forget the then vicar doing Frank Lehrer’s Masochism Tango with a rose between his teeth! My personal scary favourite was standing on scaffolding singing ‘Come, come, I love you only’ whilst about ten people came from beneath my skirt, including Steve with a small wheelbarrow and Wendy the cook with a rubber chicken – I loved every minute!

There were many, many more memories and I hope I’ve brought back some happy memories. This might inspire the newer residents for future years.

Daphne Fairbrass

Tandridge Parish Council is working hard to ensure the Parish is a clean and pleasant place to live. If you have any concerns please either report them to the Parish Clerk or directly to the relevant authority. Please contact the clerk with details of areas where fly tipping has occurred to ensure that the rubbish is removed swiftly and safely.

Please could we remind residents of their responsibility to maintain the hedges and ditches which border their property.

The hedgerows have grown substantially this year due to the weather and can cause road and pavement users difficulties when they begin to encroach the highways. Hedges that are over grown can reduce vision for drivers or force pedestrians on to the road. Therefore Tandridge Parish Council would like to encourage parishioners to cut back their foliage. Also ditches can cause havoc in the winter months if they are not cleared sufficiently. Please ensure any ditches you own are checked regularly and not backed up causing unnecessary flooding this winter.

Tandridge Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a Happy Christmas!

Clare Kirby

http://www.tandridgeparishcouncil.org.uk/

Some interesting extracts from PCC minutes in years gone by

29th November 1928 Thanks to Mr Andreae of Tandridge Court for providing extension to the churchyard and to Mr H Wettern of Oxted Place for making good approaches to the church.

14th December 1940 Surplus fuel for church boiler to be stacked in the Vicarage garage.

14th December 1950 The cleaner is making the floor tiles slippery with too much polish.