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WELCOME

Welcome to 2021! It seems that everyone is holding their breath hoping that 2021 brings us some kind of normal. The fundamental ability to just decide to go out and meet family and friends is a distant memory indeed, but this year we may once again get out into the world.

There are some things you can still do, join the walking group (P9), start planning Easter (P14) (I know it's early but we need things to look forward to), or if you don't fancy going out how about learning the piano (P14) or joining a singing group (P35)?

The Ockley Dramatic Society (P37) is currently investigating the idea of performing plays on-line, so you will be able watch the fun from the comfort of your own homes. Alternatively if you want to join in the fun why not contact them?

If all of that seems like hard work we have a lovely story on P23, grab a hot drink, packet of biscuits and relax.

And lastly a massive thank you to all our advertisers who continue to support our villages magazine, we cannot do this without you.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021.

Alan Hardy



The Ockley Village Facebook page is here to encourage local businesses, charities, societies and clubs to share their news with the villagers of Ockley as well as keeping the community connected. Please message the Ockley Village Facebook page to post your news. We have an excellent response rate and a loyal following. We look forward to hearing from you.

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The Aid in Sickness Fund invite anyone living in Ockley, Okewood, Walliswood and Forest Green, who is experiencing financial hardship in the current crisis, to contact our welfare officer, Jane on 07814287926 or *janewaugh@btinternet.com*

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Business Grant Scheme - molevalley.gov.uk/coronavirus_business_support

Capel & Ockley Church

On our website there are details of information about Covid-19; daily diocesan updates for churches, the Coronavirus Parish Angel scheme helping those who are self-isolating with essentials such as food and prescriptions. (The CPA has been set up by St John the Baptist Church, Capel; St Mary Magdalene Church, The Holmwood, and Capel Parish Council). There are phone numbers to ring for Capel people and numbers for Beare Green residents. There are lots of volunteers working extremely hard helping those who need help. They are also working with the Dorking Community Fridge to distribute nearly 100 bags of fresh food to those who need it, each week.

We are trying to keep in touch with our congregation and any others who would like to be included in our villages and I am always available on the other end of the phone 01306 711260 or by email *liz@hostmyserver.co*.uk to speak to anyone who would like a chat or needs some help.

Everything can be accessed from our website www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk but also watch out for Facebook postings and Youtube videos. Our church facebook page is Capel and Ockley church and there is a link on our website.

The Parish of Ewhurst, with Okewood & Forest Green

For those self-isolating, the local helplines are now available (Ewhurst & Ellens's Green – Joanna Cadman 01483 268627, Okewood & Forest Green – Becky Anderson 07716 928430). If you are at all troubled by events, do contact Rector Clare on 01483 273604, revclareshepherd@gmail.com

There are online daily Services at 19.30 every evening and Holy Communion at 10.30 on Sundays. All are welcome to join. Access is available by visiting the parish website, *www.eofgparish.org.uk* or by typing http://facebook.com/eofgparish/videos.

Abinger Parish Council

For those needing help during the current pandemic or wanting to offer help please contact Beccy Anderson, Clerk of Abinger Parish Council on 07716 928430. She will be in a position to direct you to the most appropriate local support.

Ockley Parish Council: Help for people self-isolating

Following government advice in relation to the Coronavirus, you may choose to self-isolate in the near future. This may be because you are aged over 70, or are a younger person with a health condition or feeling unwell.

If you need essential shopping, we can put you in touch with a volunteer to help.

Please contact Amanda Barclay by email (*ajbopc@gmail.com*) or telephone (07879898807).

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The parish of Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green are providing online daily Services at 19.30 every evening and Holy Communion at 10.30 on Sundays. All are welcome to join. Access is available by visiting the parish website, *www.eofgparish.org.uk* or by typing https://facebook.com/eofgparish/videos

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Au revoir

Having moved to be close to our son and family, we had planned to have a party at Hannah Peschar Garden to say goodbye to all our friends after many happy years in Ockley. It was all carefully planned with social distancing etc, but sadly COVID made it impossible.

It just seems so strange to leave without a proper goodbye. So we wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone we know for making our time in the village such a happy one. We are less than an hour away and will be sure to keep in touch. So it's not really goodbye - it's see you again!

Sue and Tony Godby

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 14th January Ockley Green 10am Thursday 28th January Okewood Hill 10am Thursday 11th February Newdigate 10am Thursday 25 February Cranleigh 10am

All walks are fairly easy and about 6 miles, or shorter if they are more strenuous. Currently we are only able to walk in groups of six so if you wish to be included in any of the above walks please contact Sue on 627168 or *srsjdixon@btinternet.com*.

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a busy end to the Autumn Term and are currently getting ready for our COVID safe Christmas celebrations. The school community are looking forward to the Spring Term.

Here are some of the highlights from the Autumn Term:

Guildford Cathedral Display

Phase 3 and 4 worked together well, designing and making our stunning Christmas angel for the Guildford Cathedral Display. Thank you to Miss Thomas and Mrs Van-Loo for their creative inspiration and hard work. The angels are currently on display until 2nd February. Remember to follow the calendar to see if our Surrey Hills angel appears on *www.guildford-cathedral.org* or on the cathedral Facebook or Twitter accounts.



Year 6 WW2 WOW Day

London's burning, London's Burning! Fetch the engines, Fetch the engines! At the end of last term, the sound of air raid sirens wailed as Years 5 and 6 had their WOW day, based on their Learning Theme of World War 2. We were blown away by the sensational costumes the children arrived in! Throughout the day, the children took part in activities which enabled them to imagine what life was really like at this turbulent time in history. During a drama session, they experienced the mixed emotions of evacuation and were given opportunities to express themselves and show empathy for the families involved in this process. Real life impact was thought about as the children listened to actual recounts from survivors, evacuees and host families - really bringing history to life!

We learnt all about The Blitz and the impact it had on England in 1940 and 1941; the children re-created the fierce scenes from across the London skyline using watercolours and dark sugar paper. The experience of taking cover in an Anderson shelter was awakened through videos; then the children made models of these and were encouraged to think about what they would take with them if they had limited space.

Everyone participated with enthusiasm and we're so proud of all of the work the children produced. A big thank you to all of the parents for your efforts with the fantastic costumes - it really made the experiences of the day feel real!

Bees Class WOW Day

Bees Class also had a wow day, coming to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up. They had a brilliant day and looked amazing in their costumes, which included a future teacher, vet, racing car drive, chef and farmer among others!





Dragonflies Class

Dragonflies class have been exploring castles and Norman Britain. The children dressed up as knights, ladies, kings and queens and compared life as a Norman to their life now. The children enjoyed making their own colourful jousting poles and shields!

Foxes Class

Foxes Class have been perfecting their impressive dance moves and performing their synchronised Street Jazz routines to each other. From this, they have chosen who will represent them in the upcoming Surrey Hills Strictly Come Dancing competition.



Virtual Open Day

We will be holding a Virtual Open Day on Monday 11th January 2021, at 7.30pm. To attend, please contact the school office on 01306 730747, email *abinger@surreyhills.surr*ey.sch.uk to book a place.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook, here you can see daily life at Surrey Hills All Saints and can share in the amazing learning opportunities the children experience. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook Surrey All Saints.

Mrs Ratcliff, Headteacher

UPDATE ON QRMW

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. Now that we have put 2020 well and truly to bed it will probably never be forgotten and go down in the history books as being the year of the Pandemic that affected our whole world we must look forward to 2021 with optimism and enthusiasm. For the QRMW Charity it was a difficult time but with the help we received from The National Lottery Covid-19 Impact Scheme we were able to keep going and continue to help those ex-servicemen in times of difficulty.

For our woodland it was quite an exciting year, we had new picnic benches and a new Visitors Centre both possible because of the Grants awarded to us by the Post Code Lottery and The Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, to whom we are extremely grateful.

We will now look forward to Spring when the woodland comes alive again, the wildlife make



their homes and produce offspring, our post box will once again become home to a large family of Great Tits for the third year in a row and buds appear on the trees along with the beautiful spring flowers that are always a delight and promise of new life to look forward to. It was hard for many ex-servicemen who come to the woodland to reflect and meet up with likeminded people during the lockdowns of last year it affected them both mentally and financially. So we definitely look forward to seeing them returning to us throughout 2021.

Our Remembrance service on 11th November was different without the children from St Johns C of E School and all of our Veterans due to the Governments restrictions but myself, Debbie and our Holmbury St Mary Vicar Rev David Grundy and several local residents made sure our brave servicemen and of course the unknown Soldier were remembered. Towards the end of the year we also had a visit from Phil and Sheila Corby of Burstow Nurseries in Horley and were thrilled to see many of the trees and shrubs they donated to us were, five years on, well established and thriving.



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on 07778873806 or email her on debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk.

Remember the woodland is open 24/7 all year round. If we are there come and enjoy a cup of tea with us but if not you can park at the front of the car park and are very welcome to come into the memorial woodland and enjoy the tranquillity of our little piece of heaven in Holmbury St Mary. I look forward to seeing you all.

Paul Cooling, Chairman, QRMW

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

A Happy New Year to Everyone!

January is generally a time of reflection when we look back at the year just gone and then thoughts turn to the



year ahead and what it will bring. 2020 was a year like no other and as we move into 2021 with news of a vaccine that may offer us a way out of this situation and a return to normality, it is tempting to think we are nearly there.

As it stands, social distancing and wearing masks continues to restrict our ability to ring all six bells at either church, and there is still a limit of only 15 minutes ringing time with no sharing of ropes, assuming we are allowed to ring at all. Currently, being in tier 2 prevents the mixing of households and so ringing is generally not allowed.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has however obtained permission to carry out experiments on the ventilation in different situations with a view to possibly extending ringing times. There are groups of single household ringers testing towers in the Tier 1 areas of Cornwall and the Isle of Wight, ringing for 30 minutes whilst recording CO2 emissions. If the levels build up due to the respiration of the ringers then there is not enough ventilation.

It is believed that some settings will prove better than others. For example towers like Ockley are large and airy, on the ground floor, with plenty of ventilation from the external doors whereas Capel has a small enclosed area upstairs, but with some window ventilation. We await the results of the CCCBR tests although it will only make a difference if we move back into tier 1. If we were able to extend ringing times it may be feasible to start practices again. Having so little ringing time to date; 15 minutes on a Sunday compared to 2 hours a week before the pandemic has had an impact on the confidence of our less experienced ringers.

The general consensus seems to be that we may be back to near normal ringing by June but there may still be extra precautions in place and visiting other towers is unlikely. It will be interesting to see what impact the long wait will have had on the number of people that return to ringing. Nationally a considerable proportion of ringers may not ring again due to various reasons. Hopefully we may be allowed to start teaching again by then and be able to start recruiting once more.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend

of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. We cannot teach handling at the moment but if you would like to find out more, please contact Sue on 01306 627168 or email *ockleybellringers@btinternet.com*. We will be continuing our Zoom practices with RingingRoom for virtual bells for some time to come.

For more information contact Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

LETTER FROM REV LIZ

Dear friends

The New Year is traditionally a time when we say farewell to the old year and welcome in the new one and I feel sure we will all be very happy to send 2020 off on its way into history! Who could have foreseen this time last year what lay ahead for us all? We are of course still in the grips of a global pandemic but let's hope we can assign lockdowns to the past as we look forward with hope and optimism as the vaccination programme begins. Throughout this year we have all had to adjust to a different way of living and being. Who would know that wearing masks would now be mandatory in many situations? As a church and community we have had to adjust quickly to all the different rules and regulations, trusting that somehow we will survive even though at times certain things haven't necessarily made sense! Hopefully you have felt supported by all that has been there and as usual the community pulled together to provide essential supplies to those who couldn't get out. Those support systems are still in place by the way.... Most of all though, the important thing was and is to protect ourselves and each other as we have tried to live our lives whilst all the time offering love and support to one another. If you or someone else needs assistance please do contact me or one of the church team in confidence as we can point you in the right direction. Can I remind you that I have food bank vouchers for anyone who needs them and that anyone can use the food bank whether they have been given a voucher or not. No one is turned away.

As I write at the beginning of December, we are just coming out of lockdown and church services will be resuming once more on the $6^{\rm th}$ December and Christmas services are planned to take place. In Ockley at St Margaret's, worship is at 9.30 every Sunday morning and we would love to see you there! On Christmas morning the service will be at Ockley at 9.30 too and I will be leading a shorter service of morning worship assisted

by our church band along with seasonal songs and hymns and a Christmas quiz! Please sign up in the church porch for this service if you are able to in advance, but otherwise we will try to accommodate you socially distanced of course. There will also be an online Christmas Day service on our parish website *capelandockleychurch.org.uk*

Following Christmas, January brings us into the season of Epiphany when we celebrate one particular element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far travelled magi which is understood as the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles. As we continue through these winter months, let us rejoice that already the nights are drawing shorter, the light of day is staying longer even now. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly this begins to happen. The magi travelled with trust in their science of astrology (or is it an art?!) Trusting in their knowledge, they followed the star which shone brightly in the sky, not knowing where they would end up but they sensed it was going to lead to something important. This year we have all heard about 'following the science' and 'trusting in the science' which has guided us through thus far and is set to provide us with a way out with the new vaccines. The magi used their science in order to make a discovery, to satisfy their curiosity as to what the birth of this new star in the sky meant. On arrival they paid homage to this new born king realising that whoever this child was, his birth pointed to something far bigger than anything they had ever known before. Let us remember then that we are all part of something far bigger than ourselves - science helps us discover more and more about God - and it is easy to feel somewhat hemmed into our own small worlds, particularly in these times. I pray that you may feel curious and want to know more about what's 'out there' and that your horizons are widened as you discover or rediscover the child in the manger who is the Light of the World! May I wish you every blessing this Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

With my love and prayers

Revd Liz - Vicar of St Margaret's Church Ockley

Church Services for the Parish of Capel and Ockley

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	6 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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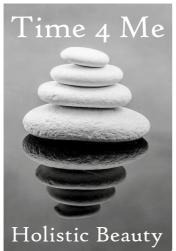
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	9.30	Service of Matins at St Margaret's Ockley
	10.30	Family Communion at St John the Baptist Capel
	6pm	*Service of Nine Lessons and Carols St John the Baptist Capel
THURSDAY	′ 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE
	4pm	*Crib service at St John the Baptist Capel - sign up sheet required
	11pm	*11PM 'Midnight Communion' at St John the Baptist Capel
FRIDAY	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY
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A Snowy Owl Story by Dianne Buckley Sunda - inspired by a true story

All the Northern Saw Whet Owls that lived in the Christmas Tree Forest gathered to spread across the tree tops of their Norwegian Spruce Forest Trees. They were creating a special welcome for the seasonal visit of their loyal friend, Snowy Owl. This magnificent very snow white Snowy Owl was always called 'Snowy' by his friends.

Just as Snowy circled around all of the Norwegian Spruce tree tops, the families of Saw Whet Owls whistled their favourite tune of Too-Too-Too in perfect harmony.



Snowy loved his Christmas time visit to this wonderland; to this forest to share seasonal greetings and cheer. He especially loved to listen to the glorious sounds of high 'tsssts' and the very high pitched toots that echoed through the Christmas Tree Forest to welcome him. His Saw Whet Owl friends performed melodies like no other owls.

Quickly, Snowy noticed that one of his very special Saw Whet Owl friends was not to be seen or heard! He was noticeably missing!

This owl was nicknamed Sleepy because he slept much longer in his 20 foot tree top home than any of the other Saw Whet Owls. Sleepy also made the most incredible snoring sounds when he was both awake and asleep!

Where could Sleepy be? Perhaps he was experiencing a very deep sleep. Perhaps? Then Snowy recalled that Sleepy was always, always falling asleep.

All The Saw Whet Owls and Snowy Owl decided to search and seek in every direction across their beautiful wonderland. While in flight, they would toot Sleepy's favourite melodies. Saw Whet Owls have unusual ear shapes (like no other owl families) that greatly enhance their hearing ability to an outstanding level. Sleepy would hear his friends from great distances if he wasn't asleep!

Snowy decided to fly to New York City as he learned that a 75 foot Christmas Tree Forest Spruce Tree had been felled; cut down and taken to Manhattan's 30 Rockefeller Plaza to be erected as its traditional Christmas tree. Snowy knew the way as he had often flown over the popular Christmas tree lighting celebration many times. Perhaps, thought Snowy, just perhaps...

I wonder if Sleepy travelled 200 miles from his home to see the lights being turned on at Rockefeller Plaza? Or, could it be that when Sleepy was sound asleep the Christmas tree selected for Manhattan was wrapped with great precision. In any case, Snowy had a feeling that the lights of unmissable illumination somehow would help him to find Sleepy and bring him home in time for his family Christmas. He simply must find him.

Yes, Snowy was determined to find Sleepy and that was that...,

He practised all of the too-too calls that Sleepy would recognise. These unusual sounds can be heard from unbelievable distances. Just as Snowy approached the area where hard working men were raising the 70 foot Christmas Tree, he couldn't help but notice that the men were staring with wonderment as they had spotted a very small owl with deep eyes; an adorable creature that immediately made them all smile. They all smiled like they hadn't smiled in a very long time. Goodness me, thought Snowy, it was Sleepy. It was Sleepy. How wonderful.

Snowy couldn't believe all the smiling faces looking at such a sight of bewilderment. The men then spoke about how tired and thirsty Sleepy must be. They couldn't believe that such a small creature could survive such a long and cold journey wrapped up tightly in the Christmas Tree. Carefully, one of the men wrapped Sleepy in his sweater and remarked that Sleepy was the most distinctive and heart warming owl he had ever seen.

Snowy hovered above and around in circles until he was certain that Sleepy had been given the right amount of nourishment and water.

Time proved that Sleepy was very lucky to be so well looked after.

Yes, Sleepy was showing all right signs of a full recovery while the wonderful men and women looking after him sang Christmas Songs.

All knew that such bewilderment, joy and smiles would create one of the happiest Christmas memories ever. Snowy and Sleepy had never seen so many smiles. Interestingly, the workers also boasted about the fact that no complaints had been received about the Christmas Tree shape this year! This was the first tree that brought contentment. Everyone was happy! Everyone was sharing good will.

When Snowy heard Sleepy's "toot, toot, toot", followed by a snore, he knew Sleepy was ready to go home. The two special owls, Snowy and Sleepy, swiftly travelled back to the Northern Christmas Tree Forest together and as they landed on the tree tops of the beloved Forest, Sleepy was asked many, many questions about his extraordinary adventure. He simply shared that the very kind people who helped him gave him the name Rockefeller. "Imagine that" all the owls tooted.

Then Snowy told the story that everyone proclaimed was going to be the very best Christmas ever as this very small owl has brought us such joy; such peace and our hearts will never forget him. They also proclaimed that his home; his Christmas Tree Forest must be protected. They wrote many letters to share that every Christmas Tree cut down must be replaced with the planting of a New Norwegian Spruce Tree.

Sleepy surprised all when he proclaimed that every year, all the Saw Whet Owls must migrate to 30 Rockefeller Plaza to see the stunning illuminating lights being turned on, magnificently, to celebrate the Christmas Tree tradition thanks to the Northern Christmas Tree Forest and thanks to the wonderful folks that saved his life. All agreed with a toot-toot-toot that could be heard 200 miles away!

As Snowy was about to fly off to catch up with Father Christmas and his magical Reindeer, his wings engraved a Christmas message in the snow for all to see:

Dear Sleepy,

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Points to note since the last report

- The Post Office Outreach Service at Ockley Cricket Pavilion School Lane, Ockley RH5 5TR is open every Tuesday from 9 am to 10.30 am. Please spread the word about the service!
- A presentation was made by Village Foundations in November regarding housing in Ockley. The presentation can be viewed at www.villagefoundations.co.uk.
- The toddler swings are to be replaced at the play area. Money received from the
 Community Infrastructure Levy will be used to contribute towards the cost.
 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities (MVDC)
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- Surrey Coalition of Disabled People and the Tech to Community Connect project (NHS backed) are currently recruiting volunteers. These are 'Tech Angels' who can use a mobile phone or tablet with confidence and who can instil that confidence in someone who is struggling.
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- Please note that CENSUS 2021 is taking place on 21 March. It's a survey that
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 and healthcare. More information will be available in the next parish magazine.
- Please see the website for details of meetings to be held during the year. Meetings
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The pandemic has been particularly restricting for choral groups as it has been shown that singing is one of the most effective ways of spreading infection. However, at the time of writing Capel Choral was at least hoping, before Christmas, to be able to sing Carols outside Capel church - with full social distancing. This would have been the first time members of the Choir will have sung together 'live' since their last pre-lockdown rehearsal in early March, so I hope we will have been forgiven if our vocal cords sounded rather rusty! It all seems a world away from the Choir's 2019 Christmas concert in Ockley church.

The 2020 Leith Hill Musical Festival was of course cancelled and rescheduled for April 2021, but due to the ongoing second wave of the pandemic this has now also been cancelled and so the next Festival will now not take place until April 2022.

As a result, in the absence of Festival music to learn, the Choral Society has continued to hold 'rehearsals' on Monday evening by the online medium of Zoom, and has so far enjoyed singing choruses from Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Messiah in our own homes. Into the New Year it will be venturing into the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, hopefully gradually re-introducing 'live' rehearsals, and with a view to including the work in a concert when restrictions are lifted, probably near Easter.

Zoom rehearsals at least will be resumed on the 11th January, lasting for 1 hour from 7pm and the Choir invites any aspiring singers to join us.

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Ockley Dramatic Society

We are a friendly group, we don't take ourselves too seriously but we do undertake our productions seriously. Now entering our 71st year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting over 20 regular acting members and more than 20 children dancers. We put on a large scale pantomime each New Year and recently re started our summer productions which consist of two one act plays with a supper provided.

We utilise many skills, not just on stage, carpenters, artists, technical, musicians, props, coffee makers, cake makers, wardrobe, publicity, finance to name but a few roles. If interested, please do call our Chairman for a friendly chat. Martin Pratt, Chairman, 01306 628155

Walking Group

The Walking Group meets every second and fourth Thursday at 10am for walks of about 2 hours duration. If the walks are easy, they are approximately 6 miles; less if there are climbs or difficult stiles to negotiate. We usually start from a pub in the local area, but occasionally go further afield. Anyone is welcome to come along, including dogs if they are kept under control.

For more details please contact Sue on 627168 or by email to srsjdixon@btinternet.com

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50	50/22
TOWARDS REIGATE	M/Th	w	Tu/W	F	M/Th	l w	Tu	F	Sat
Horsham Bus Station/Carfax							13.10	13.20	11.15
Broadbridge Heath Tesco							13.17		
Ockley, Cricketers Close	9.25	9.25							
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	9.28	9.28						13.43	
Walliswood, Oakfields	9.30	9.30			12.49	13.09	13.35	13.45	11.39
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					12.51	13.11			
Mayes Green	9.32	9.32						13.47	11.41 R
Forest Green, The Parrot	9.34	9.34					13.49	13.49	11.43 R
Cricketers, Ockley					12.54	13.14			
Ockley, Inn on the Green	9.40	9.40			12.55	13.15	13.55	13.55	11.49
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	9.41	9.41			12.56	13.16	13.56	13.56	11.50
Capel, The Street		9.45 R							11.54 R
Coldharbour	9.44				12.59	13.19	13.59	13.59	
Dorking High St	10.00	10.15	12.20	12.20	13.15	13.35	14.15	14.15	
Leigh	10.15		12.40	12.40					
Newdigate			12.50	13.02					12.00
Reigate, Morrisons	10.30								Leigh Plough ↓
Redhill, High Street	10.40						4		12.10
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TOWARDS HORSHAM	Tu	w	F	Th	F	M/Th	w	M to F	Sat
Redhill, High Street						11.40			
Reigate, Morrisons						11.50			
Newdigate	9.50	9.50	9.50						
Leigh	10.00	10.00	10.00			12.05			8.12
Dorking High Street	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	12.20	12.20	16.55	
Coldharbour				10.30	10.30	12.32		17.07	
Capel, The Street							12.54 C		8.27
Ockley, Kings Arms Court				10.33	10.33	12.38	12.58	17.13	8.31
Ockley, Inn on the Green				10.35	10.35	12.39 R	12.59 R	17.14	8.32
Ockley, Cricketers Close								17.15	
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C = Serves Capel at request of passengers set down there on outbound journey.

This is an edited version of the timetable - to see the full timetable visit: www.buses4u.org.uk/documents/MoleValleyVillagerLeaflet-17Jun2019.pdf

R = Operates at request of passengers already on board.



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IMPORTANT: Ring 07802 460069 to confirm date & timing

1st & 3rd Tuesday each month to Tesco, Broadbridge Heath

13.50	Holmbury St Mary
14.00	Forest Green
14.10	Walliswood
14.15	Okewood Hill

2nd and 4th Saturday each month to Cranleigh

09.50 Abinger Hammer 09.55 Gomshall
09.55 GOITISTIAII

10.00 Peaslake

Around 12.00 noon for the return

Twice/month on Thursdays to Sainsbury & Waitrose, Godalming (ring to confirm dates)

09.40	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Gomshalĺ
10.00	Peaslake
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2nd & 4th Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE

14.10 Holmbury St Mary

14.20 Peaslake14.25 Gomshall

VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S SCHEME

Ockley Volunteer Driver's Scheme is for use by any person in the villages of Ockley, Okewood Hill, Forest Green and Walliswood, without access to a car, who require transport to attend appointments at hospital or Leith Hill Practice (GP Surgery).

When requesting transport, please provide your name, telephone number, destination, and date and time of appointment. Please give a minimum of 3 days' notice for surgery appointments, and a minimum of 5 days for hospital appointments (not including weekends).

Call Simon Figg on (01306) 627094 between the hours of 9AM-5PM.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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ANGLING SOCIET		Ockley	Rob Wyatt	627471
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CITIZENS' ADVICE	BURFALI	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378
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CNICKLI CLOD		Okewood Hill	N Overington	021233
DISTRICT COUNC	II I OD		gov.uk/index.cfm?artic	
DIAL-A-RIDE	ILLOR	www.molevalley.g	ov.uk/inuex.ciin:artic	740505
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NURSERY	EV 0 E C EL OVA	Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067
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Ockley: www.ock		il.co.uk	Lesley Fletcher	01403 254111
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Walliswood:	www.walliswoo	•	.	
VOLUNTEER CENT	IRE	Dorking	Peter Herman	640369
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HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

1. Switch on the defibrillator

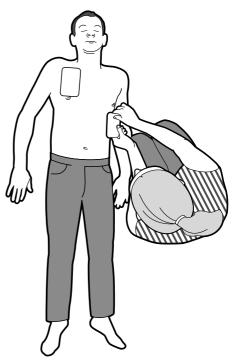
 Remove or cut through clothing and wipe away sweat from the chest if necessary

2. Stick on the pads

 Attach the pads to the casualty's chest in the positions indicated on the pads

3. Follow the instructions

 Follow the voice and/or visual prompts given by the machine.



Local AED locations

- Beare Green Village Hall RH5 4RD
- Capel Village Hall RH5 5LB
- Forest Green Village Hall RH5 5RZ
- Ockley Cricket Pavilion RH5 5TR
- Plough Pub Coldharbour RH5 6HD
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- Walliswood Village Hall RH5 5RJ

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