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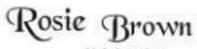
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Welcome to another year of Woof, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and got to enjoy some time with friends and family.

As I write this, there is still another week of work and the Young Farmers Pantomime before I can even start thinking about those 10 days off.

In this issue we have spring quizzes popping up (P18 & P23), reports on last year from the Ockley Society (P24), Speedwatch (P22), QRMW (P13), Ockley Development Plan (P34), Ockley Website (P40), Ockley Bell Ringers (P10), Woof (P9) and the Capel Choral Society (P49).

There are various Arts events in this issue (P14, P16 & P29) and stories and articles (P20 & P32).

If you are looking to get more involved in village life this year the Ockley Housing Association is looking for volunteers (P30), Archery (P32), The Ockley Society (P24), Speedwatch (P22) and Ockley Bell Ringers (P10).

Wishing you all a prosperous and happy new year.

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.



Woof is in need of one or two people to join our band of volunteers.

Currently the team consists of Gordon who looks after the finances, Susie who liaises with the advertisers and takes care of revenue and lain who is our designer and layout wizard.

There are two voluntary roles that now need filling, these could be taken on by two people or as it is now quite easily looked after by one person.

Publisher: This person will be responsible for the overall running of Woof, working with the team to get each issue to print on time. The role involves monitoring the advertising e-mail, responding and liaising with the team to help new advertisers get onboard, sourcing and routing of articles and information and finally proof reading.

Distribution Controller: This role involves the collection of each issues magazines, bundling them up into packs and getting them to our team of distributors. There are also some copies that this person will need to deliver personally. They will also be responsible for making sure that all areas are covered and may need to recruit new distributors as required. A car is essential for this role.

Neither of these roles require huge amounts of time, but they do need commitment as each issue is timed and these processes must happen by certain dates.

There will be plenty of training and help for the new team members. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Alan – amh@amhi.co.uk

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Printing costs increased dramatically and the rates for advertising were increased to compensate but the number of advertisers fell (or they took smaller adverts!), so the revenue only increased marginally.

The overall result was a deficit of £603 as compared to the surplus of £1769 the previous year, but we still have £2922 in our bank account.

In view of the financial situation we have agreed not to increase the advertising rates for 2023, though we know that printing costs will increase further.

Nor are our finances in good enough shape to increase the frequency to monthly issues.

Detailed accounts are available on request from the treasurer.

GE Lee-Steere

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY A Happy New Year

A Happy New Year to Everyone!

Last year we were looking forward to getting back to normal and making preparations to celebrate the Queen's



Diamond Jubilee. Ringing played a great part in those celebrations and received a lot of publicity.

We were saddened by the loss of Her Majesty in September but proud to ring to commemorate her life as part of the great spectacle marking this occasion. Ringing both for the jubilee and double muffled for the funeral were firsts and probably once in a lifetime events for most ringers.

There is now the Coronation of King Charles III in May to prepare for and a campaign is already gathering momentum to recruit new ringers under the catchy title

Ring for the King!

The effect of Covid lead to a more than usual drop out of existing ringers, coupled with restrictions that prevented the normal process of recruiting new ringers to maintain numbers. It is noticeable how many ringers are doubling up ringing at multiple towers for services and weddings to meet demand

If you are looking to be more active, get out more, acquire a new skill or make new friends why not consider bell ringing? Learning to ring church bells ticks all these boxes and more, occurring regularly, for an hour or so a week with instruction and equipment provided free of charge. It can be a very absorbing and often exhilarating pastime for all.

Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people and research shows that there are many benefits to learning something new and keeping the mind and body active. It is a very sociable activity where many new friendships are made and the band must act as a team .and collaborate to achieve a common goal.

Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and have a go, under supervision, or just to watch. Please contact Sue first as although Wednesday is practice night we are not always at Ockley tower.

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WALKING GROUP

January & February walk dates:

Thursday 12th January 10am Wotton Hatch

Thursday 26th January 10am Cricketers

Thursday 9th February 10am Parrot

Thursday 23rd February 10am Kings Head, Rudgwick

The details of the walks are:

Thursday 12th January

Meet at the Wotton Hatch at 10am for a fairly strenuous 6 mile walk up to the North Downs Way, along to Hackhurst and back down through the Abinger Roughs, past the Wilberforce Memorial.

Thursday 26th January

Meet at the Cricketers at 10am for a fairly easy 5.5 mile walk through Birches Wood to Holbrook and Bonnets Farm, returning via Osbrooks, Tiphams and Vann Lake.

Thursday 9th February

Meet at The Parrot at 10am for a moderate 5.5 mile walk across Waterland Farm to North Breache Manor and Ewhurst, returning via Lukyns and Holmbury Farm.

Thursday 23rd February

Meet at the Kings Head, Rudgwick at 10am for a fairly easy 5.8 mile walk over Hermongers to Roman Woods and Dedisham Farm returning via the Downs Link.

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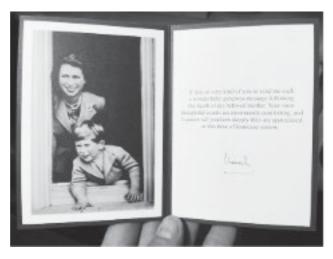
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UPDATE ON QRMW:

As we begin 2023 we look back on an eventful 2022 with many mixed emotions. At QRMW, personally and nationally we have lost some special people in our lives. Our wonderful Queen being one of them. We have kept in touch with the young Princes, William and Harry ever since we opened the Memorial Woodland and gained Charity Status. But when our wonderful Queen passed away on 8th September we felt for Prince Charles as he not only lost his Mother but immediately took on the role as King Charles III therefore we wrote to him with our heart felt condolences. We never expected a response but on 17th October an envelope was delivered from Buckingham Palace which my lovely Postman insisted on handing over rather than putting through the letter box! I am delighted to share its contents with all of you (see below).

On November 11th we held our annual Remembrance Service at the Woodland which was attended by local residents, Exservicemen and the children from St John's C of E School in Dorking plus our own Reverend David Grundy from Holmbury St Mary and Abinger Churches. This is



always a special event as the leaves fall from the trees reminding us of the hundreds of thousands of servicemen and women who died in conflict so that we might be free.

At Christmas we had our annual Woodland event which is always popular with local families whose children get the opportunity to explore the woodland whilst carrying out a treasure hunt followed by a visit to our very own Veteran Father Christmas. This is of course a fund raising event when monies from participation in the treasure hunt, raffle and Christmas stalls all goes into the Memorial Fund to assist those Veterans who are in need.

May I now wish you all Good Health, Happiness and Good Fortune for the New Year ahead and look forward to meeting up with you at the Memorial Woodland in 2023, remember all are welcome to visit.



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Cake and tea/coffee is also provided by our volunteers. Our meetings are an opportunity to relax and unwind in a restful atmosphere. For more information do ring either Carol on 01483 278214 or 07775 865125 or Tony on 07801 836392 or 01483 267027. Please ask if you need transport, this can be arranged.



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SNOWY OWL, FATHER CHRISTMAS, THE ROCKING HORSE AND THE ELVES (PART 2)

The wondrously splendid Christmas present of the Rocking Horse inspired the Elves to thank both Father Christmas and Snowy Owl (and all his friends). All the Elves in Santa's Workshop were stunned by such a fun surprise; such a creative surprise. They were all enjoying their holiday adventures, rocking away to the glorious seasonal music! If



any group could match such an element of surprise, it would be the Elves that work in Santa's Workshop. These Elves were never mischievous; they were the hardest working Elves in all the Land. SNOWY OWL knew that the ELVES wanted to create a 'Thank You' for Father Christmas and he, wisely, suggested that they do it on a timely basis (of course). He also suggested to the Elves that they include a special note, adding the joy that handwritten notes bring to us all.

It didn't take the Elves long to think of a perfect surprise; a splendid surprise. As they were discussing numerous ideas, it started to snow. The fleeting snowflakes were simply precious as they accumulated to create the greatest surprise of the season. Yes, indeed, the fleeting appearance of the snowflakes created more than enough snow to create very large snowballs. As the snowballs got bigger and bigger, they knew they had to act quickly.

They used their instincts and creativity to start rolling the snowballs to make them bigger. They recalled Snowy Owl's words of wisdom, instructing them to make the Snowman as big as possible. Snowy knew that a Snowman should be huge; very noticeable to catch the eye of Father Christmas.

The Elves, in agreement with Snowy Owl, found a grassy dip and spent the day rolling huge balls of snow, working the snow downward. Snowy, using his curved wings, flew downward to guide their efforts, brilliantly.

With Snowy's flapping wings, clever directions helped the Elves to stack the large snowballs. The Elves stacked themselves to achieve the height required to complete the perfect form of a Snowman. Indeed, this was not an easy task, but they were determined characters The fun began when they used the tools from Santa's Workshop to smooth out the little gaps and crevices. They had all the right tools and all the right friends to complete the present. Having

joined the adventure, Snowy and all his owl friends used their wings to help smooth and design a perfect snow sculpture of a very handsome SNOWMAN. Also, the owls had their list of important facial expressions that were needed to create a Christmas Rocking Horse. This list could now be used to create a very happy and expressive Snowman for all to enjoy, especially Father Christmas.

The Snowman was perfectly chiseled by the flapping wings of the Owls and the Elves were stacked like a ladder to place the seasonal costume on Snowman. A very well regarded TOP HAT was placed upon his head, thanks to the Lord of the Land, Then, a very long coat was placed over his shoulders, thanks to the Rector of the Parish Church. Finally, pieces of charcoal, cleverly arranged, created an expression to wish all the compliments of the Season, along with a perfectly chiseled carrot, thanks to the Cook at the Manor, was placed to form a perfect Snowman Nose. All the Elves and the owl helpers had created a very handsome snowman. The creation made from fleeting snowflakes had matched the happy requirements of the Rocking Horse gift. It was the perfect time to write a thank you note for all to remember, especially Father Christmas!

Dear Father Christmas,

Happy New Year 2015!

May we all thank you for the beautiful and very loved Rocking Horse. Your gift will forever entertain us as we work for you in such a joyous Santa's Workshop! How we love taking turns to ride the Rocking Horse (which we named Cantor!) while we work to the very best seasonal music from all time.

We will treasure your thoughtfulness and Snowy Owls leadership for many years to come. It is such a Christmas treasure! If you look out your favourite window, while you enjoy a mug of hot chocolate from the Chocolate Pot which we left for you on your table, you will see a very happy SNOWMAN. You can't miss him as his smile is unforgettable. As part of our surprise, we have also painted a portrait of our Snowman Gift just for you. His eyes will always look happy when you look at him; they will always smile upon you, overlooking your most comfortable chair!

May we also say that we named our Snowman SNOWY as we know how much you have appreciated Snowy Owl's leadership over the years to lead and create the perfect Christmas joys...

Wishing you all the compliments of the Season, we are Your Devoted Helpers, The Elves

Written by Dianne Sunda



Help improve road safety Join the Ockley Speedwatch

The Ockley Community Speedwatch Team wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a very safe New Year. The winter months have their own hazards, some of which like black ice, is almost invisible, so do take care whether you are walking on the footpath or driving through the village. Poor visibility and short days mean we must be extra vigilant.

The Ockley Speedwatch team will be monitoring traffic as usual.

We continue to recruit so if you be able to spare one hour a week/fortnight/month on a regular basis, do contact me or Colin (details below).

We provide comprehensive training to all operators, covering both the technical and practical aspects of Speedwatch duties.

For	the period 01 October - 30 November 2	2022, we recorded:
1.	Sessions	38
2.	Total drivers exceeding limit	492
3.	Maximum Speed recorded	59 mph
4.	DVLA valid vehicles	446
5.	Vehicles without MOT	11
6.	Vehicles without TAX	17
7.	Vehicles with SORN	3
8.	Cases pending	15
9.	Average offenders per hour	14.3
10.	Average vehicles per session	355

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OCKLEY SOCIETY 2022

The Ockley Society has had a busy year, 2 quizzes, Cricket 7's, Bonfire Night and Carols on the Green.

The society also helped out with the Jubilee Day celebrations (remember our mini Ocklympics) and the Amber Sleep Out.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who come out to help with the setup and take down at each of these events and to all of you who year after year come out and support us.

If you would like to help at next years events please contact us at theockleysociety@outlook.com

As ever we end the year on a high note (apologies for the pun) with the Ockley Society Carol as sang live and out of tune. For those that couldn't hear or had their fingers in their ears here are the words (thanks to David Bishop for writing them).

Once in rural Ockley Village stood a shining Christmas tree, where a group of festive singers sang their carols out of key.

Chorus: Rarely was there such a sight as was seen upon that night.

Prayers were said for peace on earth next to the roar of cars, overhead the planes were screaming under countless thousand stars.

Chorus

Now you've heard Ockley singing bet you wished you had not come, cosy fires and comfy sofas watching strictly back at home.

Chorus

Best wishes to you all and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Alan Hardy, Chairman, The Ockley Society

VILLAGE EVENTS 2023

January

3rd Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday

4th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday

4th Wednesday 6.00pm–7.00pm - Yoga Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Wednesday

5th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

5th Thursday 11.00am–12noon - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Thursday

7th Saturday 7.30pm - Beetle Drive Forest Green Village Hall - See p9 for details

9th Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday

12th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group 12th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Wotton Hatch - See page 11 for details

16th Monday 3.00pm - Village Teas
Ockley Village Hall - See page 17 for details

26th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Cricketers - See page 11 for details

JANUARY 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS - SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Pilates in the Pavilion	4 Pavilion Café Yoga	5 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	6	7 Beetle Drive
8	9 Senior Bootcamp	10 Pilates in the Pavilion	11 Pavilion Café Yoga	Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	13	14
15	16 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	17 Pilates in the Pavilion	18 Pavilion Café Yoga	Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	20	21
22	23 Senior Bootcamp	24 Pilates in the Pavilion	25 Pavilion Café Yoga	26 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	27	28
29	30 Senior Bootcamp	31 Pilates in the Pavilion				

FEBRUARY 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pavilion Café Yoga	2 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	3	4
5 Messy Church	6 Senior Bootcamp	7 Pilates in the Pavilion	8 Pavilion Café Yoga	9 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	10	11
12	13 Senior Bootcamp	14 Pilates in the Pavilion	15 Pavilion Café Yoga	16 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	17	18
19	20 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	21 Pilates in the Pavilion	22 Pavilion Café Yoga	23 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	24	25 Quiz NIght
26	27 Senior Bootcamp	28 Pilates in the Pavilion				

VILLAGE EVENTS 2023

February

🗖 1st Wednesday 9.00am-12pm - Pavilion Café

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday

ᠯ 1st Wednesday 6.00pm−7.00pm - Yoga

Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Wednesday

2nd Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

🔁 2nd Thursday 11.00am–12noon - Senior Bootcamp

Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Thursday

ૻ 5th Sunday 4.00pm - Messy Church

Walliswood Village Hall

6th Monday 10.45am-11.45am - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday

7th Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday

☑ 9th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Parrot - See p11 for details

20th Monday 12.00pm - Village Teas

Ockley Village Hall - See p16 for details

23rd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Kings Head, Rudgwick - See p11 for details

💆 25th Saturday 7.15pm - Quiz Night

Walliswood Village Hall - See p18 for details

Further ahead

March

25th Saturday 7.15pm - The Ockley Society Spring Quiz

Ockley Village Hall - See p23 for details

YOUNG AT HEART WINS PRAISE FROM YOUNG ARTISTS

Young At Heart, once again, enjoyed an annual art workshop given by Dianne Sunda:

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The Colour Wheel was first visualised in the 17th Century.

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The children viewed all of the colourful floral designs completed by the participants from The Young At Heart monthly gathering held in the Okewood Hill Village Hall and voted on their favourite colour.....

As the children looked out of the great windows in the Pavilion to view the spectacular Village Green, they shared their best colour selection.

Unanimously, they all chose the colour GREEN!

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THE GARDEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The start of the new year provides a 'hiatus' in the gardening year and is an opportune time for us gardeners everywhere to consider the success or otherwise of our green spaces. Whether sitting by a cosy fire or walking laps of the garden to work off festive indulgence, it's a perfect time to reflect on the past year and make plans for the year ahead.

And what a very strange gardening year 2022 was? After a very dry spring that continued into summer, many plants went into 'dormant' mode to protect themselves. Sadly, some never recovered and many of us will have lost one or two, particularly those that love moist, conditions such as hydrangeas and rhododendrons. The unseasonable warmth continued

into autumn. Then the rains came and our plants got a late lease of life! As late as December, summer and autumn plants were flowering - roses, scabious, dahlia, ceanothus, clematis, delphinium, penstemon, geranium, astrantia and achillea. Hopefully, this winter burst won't prove detrimental for the coming months and our gardens still have some spring energy left.



Increasingly, any of us who have a garden or work in horticulture need to consider how to adapt our green spaces to meet the challenge of years like 2022.

Perhaps that spare notebook you got for Christmas could be put to great use? Take some time to jot down ways in which you can adapt your garden to reduce your 'gardening footprint'. What things can you do to ensure that what you create and produce doesn't have a detrimental effect on the environment, and in fact actively promotes the wellbeing of the birds and the bees and ultimately all of us. It won't happen overnight and you may well question what difference an individual can make. But if we all do our bit, then collectively, we can influence change. Some things to consider might include:

- How can I better prepare my garden for drier springs and summers? Can I set up a better system for harvesting and using rain water?
- Do I have the right plants in the right places? Can I move any to help make them more resilient to weather extremes?

- If I stop buying compost containing peat, how can I ensure that my
 plants get all of the sustenance they need? What are the best peatfree alternatives in terms of nutrients and water retention? How
 can I produce my own compost or improve the way I'm currently
 doing it?
- In what ways can I cut back or eliminate using plastic in the garden?
 What can I recycle and reuse?
- How can I create a wildlife haven that is right for my garden?

There are many other ways we can do our bit so use this early part of the year to google ideas, read gardening books and magazines and ask gardening friends for suggestions.

Winter is a good time to plan which vegetables you are going to grow and where you are going to grow them. Make sure to choose veg you will actually eat! Plan a rotation system to ensure the same crops are not grown in the same beds to help prevent disease build-up.

This winter 'pause' provides a perfect opportunity for a good tidy and clean of tools, pots, seed trays, sheds and greenhouses! A little later you can start to sow seed indoors (or in a heated greenhouse or propagator) for early crops like lettuce, summer brassicas, spinach and salad onions. And you can plan for the types of tomato and cucumber you want to grow a little later on. If you didn't get them going in the autumn, you can also start to sow sweet peas indoors or in a greenhouse.

Many plants benefit from a winter prune, including established wisteria (shortening shoots back to two to three buds). Also prune apple trees (not cordons), and currants and gooseberries need to be trimmed by about a third, cutting out crossing branches.

Moving through February, prune late-flowering (group 3) clematis, grasses, cornus and shrub roses. And unless the ground is frozen or waterlogged, January and February are good months to plant dormant deciduous shrubs and trees. Buying bare root plants at this time of year is a good value option.

Finally, it's not too early to think about what you might want to enter for the Okewood, Ockley and Forest Green Summer Fair which will be on Saturday 12th August 2023.

OCKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Committee consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents continue to slave away drafting the Plan. The plan has to conform to the Mole Valley Local plan. The new Local Plan is moving forward slowly, the Planning Inspectors had public hearings last month and MVDC hopes to have their conclusions early next year so they can ratify the plan.

Then our plan can be submitted to MVDC for their comments before it is ratified by a local vote (combined with National or local elections).

To add to the evidence base for our plan, we recently sent out a survey to be completed by local businesses so we can include their opinions in the plan. We circulated over 100 businesses in the area from one man bands working from home to the businesses in the local business parks.

If you operate a business but didn't receive a survey form, we would welcome your input. Please email *gel-s@jayesestate.co.uk* for a copy of the brief survey, it will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Gordon Lee-Steere

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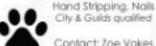
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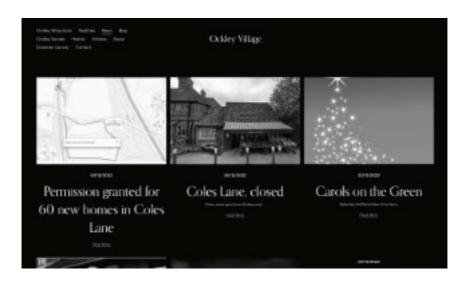
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The home page always carries *News*, which is only as current as information supplied, so if there is something topical to be posted then please let us know via the 'contact' page.

Many articles have been added over the years, including the Silver Jubilee as well as the Platinum Jubilee, Celebrity Ockley, History, the School, the original 'Year in the Life of Ockley' and much more.

More recently, a page has been added giving the stories behind the benches on *The Green* but there are gaps to be filled: if you can shed more background then your insights would be most welcome.

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Contact Jane Waugh the welfare officer for the trust at 07814 287926 JaneWaugh@btinternet.com

John Ede Trust

Based in Capel, the trust was created by Robert John Ede in 1991. The primary aim of the Trust is give financial assistance to those with learning disabilities, their families and organisations in the local area but also extend this support to the county of Surrey.

www.johnedetrust.org or Keith Posner 888990

Stella's School Scheme

Sponsoring the education for children in need in The Gambia from nursery to University www.sssgambia.co.uk (Charity No 1130256)

The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

A peaceful place located in Pasturewood Road, Holmbury St Mary where ex-servicemen, their families and friends come to meet, walk, sit, reflect and talk with like minded individuals.

www.qrmw.org

(Registered Charity 1174651)

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Beare Green Young Farmers

Colin Smith 01273 494528

Capel Camera Club

Meets at the Capel Village Memorial Hall most Wednesdays between September and April.

See www.capelcameraclub.org.uk or ring Dick Thomas on 01306 627569.

Capel Cricket Club

thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

Capel Tennis Club lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com

Girlguiding

Rainbows:

capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

Brownies: capelbrownies@gmail.com

Guides: capelguides@outlook.com

Ockley Book Club

Usually meet once a month on a Monday night 8pm at The Cricketers to discuss that month's book - all welcome and no commitment required. Some members are simply on the email list.

Contact Jo Rowley 07814 805220 or rowleyjojo@yahoo.com

Ockley Cricket Club

Ockley Cricket Club was founded in 1852 and regular matches have been played on The Green since, although there is evidence that games were played even before that.

The Club is somewhat smaller than it used to be but still manages to assemble a side for at least one day per weekend during the summer months. In common with several other village cricket clubs we do struggle at times for players, so if you fancy playing the game, don't be shy and give it a go!

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408.

Oakwood Hill Club (opposite The Punchbowl)

The club runs competitive and friendly Cricket, Stoolball, Snooker and Darts teams in local leagues. We are always looking for new players and social members.

The pavilion has been completely renovated with carpeting, kitchen, bar and a large outside seating area. It is available to rent for functions and parties for around 30 inside.

Please contact Dave Bishop on 01306627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

The Ockley Society is a group of enthusiastic, local villagers whose aim is to develop, support and encourage a healthy village community spirit.

Please see the Ockley Society Facebook page for further details and contact information. We are always interested in hearing from anyone who has time or resources to contribute to any of events each year.

We currently host two quizzes (March & October), The Cricket Sevens (September), The Ockley Bonfire, Firework and Torch Parade (November) and Carols on the Green (December), plus one or two extra events per year.

Contact the Chairman Alan Hardy for further information at theockleysociety@outlook.com

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 75th 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

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

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.

Church for those who don't do church



5th February 2023

4pm, First Sunday of the month Walliswood Village Hall

Contact: Jan Moir lodgemoir@aol.com

CRAFT MUSIC STORIES



FAMILY FOOD FUN

CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley

Rev. Liz Richardson 01306 711260 www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green

Rev. Clare Shepherd 01483 273604 www.eofgparish.org.uk revclareshepherd@gmail.com day off - Friday!

Parish Office: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 12.30 St Peter & St Paul Church, The Wilson Room, The Street, Ewhurst, GU6 7PX 01483 277584 eofgparish@gmail.com

THE ARK

The Ark is a hall set in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings of St John the Baptist Okewood, available to hire.



- competitive hourly rates access by car
- new extended car park
 disabled access
- 3 separate rooms available of varying size
- venue holds up to 50
 fully equipped kitchen
- audio visual equipment

For bookings please contact Liz Coleman 01306 628156

HISTORIC CHURCHES

We have magnificent churches in our villages. 'Friends' charities have been set up to fund the upkeep of these historic buildings.

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Friends of St. Margaret's

Gordon Lee-Steere: 627112 gel-s@jayesestate.co.uk

www.friendsofstmargarets.org.uk

Friends of Okewood Church

Barry Thomson: 621234 barry.thomson@btconnect.com

www.friends of okewood church.org

Friends of Holy Trinity

Peter Bennett: 621252 peterbennett@mimail.co.uk





CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

New Year, new music

The Choir thanks all those who supported its 'Bonfire Night Quiz' on the 5th November. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, which brought some much-needed income for Capel Choral.

Unfortunately, the Choir's Christmas Concert on the 12th December had to be postponed due to snowy weather. It will now be held as a 'Post-Christmas Concert' on Monday 9th January, again in Capel Church. Any tickets already purchased will still be valid.

As the concert is now being held on the 9th of January, normal choir rehearsals will now re-commence on Monday the 16th of January. The Choir will be concentrating on the set music for the 2023 Leith Hill Music Festival in which it will be singing on Saturday the 15th April, together with four other Festival choirs a full orchestra and soloist.

The Festival music is Elgar's *The Music Makers* and Vaughan Williams' *Toward the Unknown Region*. The Elgar is a setting of a poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy in which the composer uses quotations from some of his other works, such as Nimrod, one of many lovely 'tunes' in the piece. It begins 'We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams...'

Do come and join us in this friendly choir to learn these lovely works and experience the proven physical and mental well-being which choral singing provides. Just come along - there are no auditions.

In particular, if there are any budding tenors out there, we would love to welcome them!

Rehearsals start at 7.45pm on Monday evenings in Capel Memorial Hall from the Monday the 16th of January.

Please contact the Secretary for more details about the Choir and how to join.

The Choir's Secretary is Rosemary Goddard:

rosemary.goddard25@gmail.com or telephone 01306 711259.

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

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	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	16	Ti	5	+-	2.54	13.14			
Ockley, Inn on the Green	45	9 40	ne	tlo		C 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						-		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	
Forest Green, The Parrot				10.41	10.41	12.45 R	13.05 R		8.38
Mayes Green					10.43	12.47 R	13.07 R		8.40
Walliswood, Oakfields				10.55	10.45	12.49	13.09 R	17.20	8.42
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					10.47				
Kennels Cross Roads					10.49				
Northlands					10.53				
Broadbridge Heath Tesco				11.14 R					
Horsham Bus Station/Carfax				11.20	11.10				9.04

C = Serves Capel at request of passengers set down there on outbound journey.

R = Operates at request of passengers already on board.

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



Serving Wotton, Abinger and Shere Parishes

www.waspbus.org

SCHEDULED RUNS

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

09.45	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Abinger Hammer
09.55	Gomshall
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	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

2nd & 4th Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE

14.10	Holmbury St Mary
14.20	Peaslake
14.25	Gomshall

USEFUL CONTACTS

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY		Dorking	Pauline Hall	883425	
ANGLING SOCIETY		Ockley	Rob Wyatt	627471	
CHORAL SOCIETY		Capel	lan Moir	889817	
CHURCHES				See p42	
CITIZENS' ADVICE BURE	EAU	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378	
		Dorking	,	876805	
CRICKET CLUB		Forest Green	Malcolm Clayton	621225	
		Oakwood Hill	Dave Bishop	01306 627524	
DIAL-A-RIDE				740505	
FRIENDS OF SCOTT BR	OADWOOD	SCHOOL	School Office	711181	
GATWICK AREA CONSE			Peter Barclay	01293 862821	
GATWICK NOISE COMP				01293 311568	
GP SURGERY - Capel		appointments/en	guiries	711105	
		repeat prescriptio		713010	
HOSPICE SUPPORT GR	OUP		Janet Stenson	713319	
LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBO	DURHOOD	TEAM		01483 630370	
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DR	IVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094	
MOLE VALLEY: Handym	nan Service		00	01737 845630	
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT			n.clack@gmail.com	07817 745843	
NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH		,	Helen Burling-Smith	731511	
NURSERY		Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067	
OCKLEY HOUSING ASS	OCIATION	Tom Chambre	ockleyha@gmail.com	07718 902345	
OKEWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW		R SHOW	Cheryl Barclay	621140	
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall)		Gill Christie	711917		
Parish Councils					
Abinger: www.abinger	r-pc.gov.uk		Beccy Anderson	07716 928430	
Ockley: www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk			Samantha Bell	clerk@ockleypc.co.uk	
POLICE (Non-emergen	cy)			101	
OKEWOOD HILL RESIDE	NTS ASS'N.	Nick Standen	uppersent@yahoo.co.uk	07787 573549	
SPEEDWATCH CO-ORD	INATOR	Ockley	Maureen Newman	627001	
SURREY WILDLIFE TRUS	ST			01483 795440	
TENNIS CLUB, (Lawn)		Capel	Stephanie Everett	07971 606633	
TWO COUNTIES art/cra	aft		Janet Mitchell	627322	
VILLAGE WEBSITES					
	v.ockley.org	g.uk			
		envillage.co.uk	David@forestgreenvi	illage.co.uk	
	v.walliswoo	dvillagehall.org			
VOLUNTEER CENTRE		Dorking	Peter Herman	640369	
WASP Bus				07802 460069	
YOUNG AT HEART			Diana Cuthbert	621326	



HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

1. Switch on the defibrillator

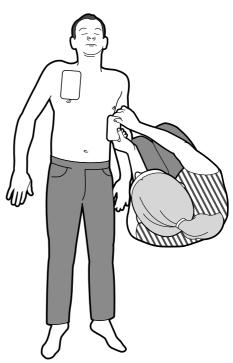
 Remove or cut through clothing and wipe away sweat from the chest if necessary

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
- Punchbowl Inn Okewood RH5 5PU
- Walliswood Village Hall RH5 5RJ

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sja.org.uk