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WELCOME

Here we are, the beginning of 2024 year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

You can now rest for a few weeks, get your breath back and relax until the first 2 weeks of February, when the Ockley Dramatic Society's Pantomime hits our stage in Ockley Village Hall (P9). Look at P37 for an article on last year's plays.

On P11 Ockley Society has posted dates for all its 2024 events, the first one being the Spring Quiz on March 9th (P31).

Once again we have been delving back through the archives to bring you some words from the November / December issue of the Ockley Magazine from 1973 (P43)!

If like many people, you are starting the new year with good intentions and resolutions to do more, look at P46 for all the clubs and societies you could join, they are all welcoming, friendly and always looking for new members to join in the fun.

Anyone can submit stories or articles for inclusion, if you have something please send it to editor@ockleymagazine.co.uk

Wishing you all the best for 2024.

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. We look forward to hearing from you.

WOOF YEAR REVIEW

WOOF has had another successful year with 6 issues being produced and circulated free. Some 800 copies are circulated, and we are very grateful to the circulators!

Financially the printing costs rose but the advertisement charges were unchanged, so we made a loss of some £550. But we have a positive balance in the bank of over £2,000 brought forward from previous years.

The advertising rates have been increased for 2024 but the aim of returning the frequency to monthly is unlikely for the immediate future.

The advertising in 2023 raised £7327 and posted copies £10. The printing and editing costs £7440.

The website postage and fees £447.35. Deficit £550.35.

Gordon Lee-Steere

WOOF NEEDS YOU!

Woof is still in need of someone 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, Jane who handles all things distribution, Leslie who makes sure what we produce is readable and Iain who is our designer and layout wizard.

We are in need of a 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 from proof to print.

This role doesn't require huge amounts of time, but it does 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 member. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Alan

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Participating Surrey schools can win a share of £6,000 from the scheme to run an environmental project benefiting the school and its pupils.

So, not only will you be helping the planet, as waste reduction means fewer resources are used up when creating new products, you'll be helping good causes too.

Rethink Waste is being delivered by the Surrey Environment Partnership, made up of Surrey County Council and the 11 district and borough councils in Surrey, in collaboration with *Greenredeem*, an organisation that provides digital engagement platforms to provoke environmental behaviour change.

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as follows:

Spring Quiz - Sat Mar 9th 2024

Cricket 7's - Sun Sep 8th 2024

Autumn Quiz - Sat Oct 5th 2024

Bonfire & Firework Night - Sat Nov 9th 2024

Carols on the Green - Sat Dec 7th 2024

The Ockley Society

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

We do this by putting on several events over the year which we hope that people will want to join in with.

The Ockley Society's Aim:

"... developing, supporting and encouraging village community life and spirit ..."

More details about each individual event can be found on the village web site: www.ockley.org.uk.
Please see here for details:



OCKLEY WAR MEMORIALS

There are two war memorials in the village to those who died in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. One in St Margaret's church and the second in the Village Hall which was built as a memorial for the 1st World War. The kitchen building in the Village Hall was built as the memorial for the 2nd World War.

The Village Hall has photographs of those who died as well as a painting of John Lee Steere whose parents funded the building of the Hall. There are many interesting decorative features including a stone from the Cloth Hall at Ypres, which was destroyed in the fighting and a Grenadier Cap Badge in the brickwork. John Lee Steere was killed at Ypres and was in the Grenadier Guards as was Alfred Butcher, also killed at Ypres.

Briony Thomas did a fantastic job researching the names on the War Memorials and each year on Armistice Day, Iris Spruce has copies on display in the Village Hall. Do go and visit!

BUT there are some missing. Dick Thomas has produced notes Briony was working on and it should be possible to have a complete set, though not to the standard that Briony produced!

Many people are commemorated on several war memorials but those on the Ockley memorials have some connection with Ockley. Percy Banfield is not on the St Margaret's memorial as he died in 1923 after the tablet was put up.

Briony had not had time to complete a similar exercise for those commemorated on the 2nd World War Memorials. Again, Dick has produced Briony's notes. There are several names included who have family still living in the Village. **CAN READERS HELP?** The names are Alfred Bennett, Peter Elms, Thomas Fairs, Reginald Hewer, Archie Holden, Michael Major, Tom Mitchell, Douglas Rands, Peter Rodwell and Basil Roger-Smith. I have details of my father Charles Lee Steere.

Please contact me if you can help.

Gordon Lee Steere

OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP

Ockley Village Hall every Thursday 9.30-11.30am (including holidays)

Contact Ockleytoddlergroup@gmail.com or Ockley Toddler Group on Facebook for more info.



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Every Wednesday

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The Pavilion Café was originally the idea of Kindred Spirits, the women's outreach group from Ockley, Okewood and Forest Green Parish, 11 years ago. It is run by a team of volunteers in support of charities, local charitable causes and Ockley events. Thanks to our customers' recent generous donations we've been able to support the following ...

- **Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC)**
- **Finley's Touch**
- **Kidney Research UK**
- **Cups & Co.**
- **Local hardship payments**
- **OcSoc and Ockley Cricket Club events**
- **Local Parish Church projects**

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INNOVATIVE DEMENTIA DAY CARE ENTERPRISE DOUBLES ITS CAPACITY

Tapestry Day Club (TDC), which provides day care for people living with early-stage dementia in its hosts' family homes, is effectively doubling in size. Five new hosts have just completed its comprehensive training programme.

West-Sussex-based co-founder Anderley Wade said: "This means we are able to support many more people, also in new areas, thereby providing much-needed respite for their carers, too."

It has been proven that you can slow the progress of dementia by reducing 12 risk factors – by as much as 40%*. Infrequent social contact is one of those risk factors.



"That is why I founded TDC with my friend Clare Jones from Surrey in 2019. If this service had been available when my Dad became ill with dementia, it would have improved his quality of life and he would have been able to stay at home longer," said Anderley.

What makes this not-for-profit company different is that it offers:

- Day care within hosts' family homes.
- Transport, if needed.
- Small group sizes, a maximum of six.
- Regular club days, allowing friendships to flourish. It operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with some hosts working up to three days per week.
- Optional memory-boosting activities tailored to the interests of individual guests.
- A hot, home-cooked, two course lunch, with menus catering to the tastes of guests.

An expert's experience

Sussex dementia healthcare professional Penny Dodds, whose mother was a member of Tapestry Day Club for more than six months until she moved into a care home, said:

"Tapestry's approach of viewing people as having rich life experiences and engaging people is to be commended. It is social inclusion at its best for dementia care. It helped my Mother remain at home, keeping her active, lively, independent and socially engaged."

"The importance of eating with others cannot be underestimated. My Mother is a widow. With few cues to eat, she had lost weight. Once she started at Tapestry, her face filled out, back to how it was."

"The host's gentle, subtle ways of communicating shows her skill and understanding of the challenges faced by people with dementia. I am immensely grateful and humbled. It is also extraordinarily good value for money. A truly person-centred service."

To find out more, visit tapestrydayclub.co.uk, email support@tapestrydayclub.co.uk or call 01403 610345.

* Livingston et al. A, et al. Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission <https://www.alzint.org/about/risk-factors-risk-reduction/>



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'The Parish of Capel and Ockley, Church of England, is committed to reaching Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To achieve this requires action by all parts of our Church. The priority is to reduce the emissions arising from the energy use of our buildings, our transport and the activities we run as a church.'

In recent years, even before thinking about the 2030 deadline, our churches have come a long way:

- Both St John the Baptist and St Margaret's are registered ECO churches (www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk) with a bronze award, each looking for the best way to reach silver.
- Both churches have a new low-energy lighting system indoors and out and are on a green tariff for electricity. Lights are also automatically switched off when not in use.
- LOAF (Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fair trade) goods are on sale regularly in both churches and at all our events we strive to offer vegetarian options, organic coffee and tea and more.

In the course of 2024 you can expect more specific plans from the PCC and information on how you too can reduce your personal carbon footprint.

Here's to an exciting new year!

Dineke van den Bogerd (advisor to the PCC)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THANKS

A thank you to all who came to Ockley Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday. We gave a donation of £25 to the Red Cross from the donations on the day.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Iris and Michael Spruce

SURREY CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

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Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January



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UPDATE ON QRMW

A very busy November and December for The Memorial Woodland and all the volunteers involved. On 11th November we held our annual Remembrance Service at the Woodland and the children from St John's CofE School, Dorking attended despite it being a Saturday and as always made a great contribution to our Service. Next year being a Leap Year our service will take place on Monday 11th November which is good because it won't clash with the bigger services which take place in London and all over the UK.



On 5th December despite some light rain we had a fantastic turn out and the woodland was looking quite magical thanks to the hard work of our Trustees and other helpers, who made a huge effort to make the Visitors Centre and woodland look very festive. The families who came with their children enjoyed hot drinks including mulled wine and home-made soup and the BBQ was very popular with burgers and sausages on the go. The Grand Christmas Raffle was extremely well supported and the prizes, mostly donated, were outstanding. Similarly the Craft stall full of festive items was popular and of course the Lucky Dip and games for the children went down really well. After the treasure hunt which I own up to having put together, was enthusiastically completed by the children and they all received goody bags for completing it successfully. Father Christmas arrived just after 2pm to take his place in the grotto which was located in the Visitors Centre. Every child received a present from Father Christmas and they all went home happy. I know a lot of local families came this year which is great and I would like to thank them for supporting our charity. All proceeds from the day go towards assisting those veterans who are in difficulty.

So now we go into a New Year 2024 and it will be a special one for QRMW because on 1st June it will be precisely 10 years since the Memorial

Woodland officially opened. So we will be planning a big celebration on Saturday 1st June to which EVERYONE is invited. A poster will be produced fairly soon but do put it in your diaries now.

Before that we will be holding our extremely popular Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 24th March at 12.30pm. Children do need to be registered in advance please, so that we know numbers for the Egg Hunt goody bags. Please contact Debbie our Charity Secretary Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk to register the children. The cost is £7 per child. A poster will be in the next issue of this magazine but you can register the children from now, numbers are limited.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Memorial Woodland soon.

Paul Cooling, Chairman, QRMW Registered Charity No 1174651

Ockley, a Year in the Life, 2022

(updated)



Following further editing and adding some new items, we're planning to have another showing early in the new year.

So, if you couldn't see it at the first showing, or if you're curious to see more, do come along. We'll keep you posted about where and when.

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THE CALL OF THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hats off to Snowy Owl as he shares his 17th Christmas and Happy New Year Story!!!!

The morning before Christmas was welcomed, glowingly, as all in the Land couldn't wait to hear the ringing of bells at St. Margaret's Church, where a special peal of bells will chime on Christmas morning.



Snowy Owl hooted and hooted, inviting his friends Puppy Quincy, Chloe, Top Hat, Gold Crest and Reindeer to meet at the magical Christmas Sleigh.

It was also the time to invite Snowy Owl's loyal and intuitive friend, Swan, who held a perfect memory of the Christmas Church Bell's ringing change of order, known as the Call Change.

Swan brilliantly sang the Christmas day bell ringing tune to Gold Crest, the golden bird, who would fly and relay this year's secret bell ringing pattern to the bells on high in the Church tower.

Swan sang the Christmas day bell ringing tune for all to hear. Indeed, all danced with joy and all watched with wonderment as Gold Crest flew upwards, high in the sky to reach the ancient bell tower.

Then, suddenly, they noticed that Gold Crest was having difficulty finding the right bell to share the tune pattern with. It was still too dark in this early morning hour.

Reindeer, instinctively, led the Magical Sleigh on high, with all of Snowy Owl's other friends aboard. Except for the wise Snowy Owl, none of them knew what plan Reindeer had in mind!

Reindeer reached Gold Crest, so that he could flash his bright red shining nose for Gold Crest to find the right bell. Reindeer's bright idea worked, thanks to both his nose, so very bright, and his magical hoofs that could land anywhere!

Yes, It worked perfectly. They all proclaimed admiration for Reindeer. All of Snowy Owl's friends echoed words of joy that could be heard throughout the Land from the tippity-top of the Tower. The Christmas tune had been shared, once again, with the magnificent bells in time for Christmas morning.

Snowy Owl, wisely and excitedly, told all that he had thought of some special ways to thank Reindeer. Firstly, we must give Reindeer a name and everyone exclaimed that the name should be Rudolph..... Then Snowy Owl



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hooted a message to Father Christmas to share that he had, at last, found the perfect reindeer to guide his magical sleigh.

Rudolph Reindeer was invited to join Father Christmas on Christmas Eve and it wasn't long before all could see Rudolph leading the magical sleigh of Father Christmas on high above the beautiful St. Margaret's Church, which was illuminated by the glowing surprise of white snowflakes that were as white as Snowy Owl.

It was a sight for all in the Land to behold in their hearts forever, along with the memory of Christmas bells that created the most melodic Christmas morning thanks to Snowy Owl's friends, Puppy Quincy, Top Hat, Chloe, Gold Crest, Swan and the very much loved Rudolph, the Reindeer with the nose that glowed for a Very Merry Christmas.

Snowy Owl wishes you a very Happy New Year.

Story By Dianne Sunda

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 11 th January	10am	Scarlett Arms
Thursday 25 th January	10am	Dolphin, Betchworth
Thursday 8 th February	10am	Inn on the Green
Thursday 22 nd February	10am	The Plough, Rusper

Thursday 11th January

Meet at 10am at the Scarlett Arms for a fairly easy 5.2 mile walk up Lowerhouse Lane to Hurtwood and back via North Breache Manor and Pond Head Farm.

Thursday 25th January

Meet at 10am at the Dolphin, Betchworth for a moderate 4.8 mile walk across to Brockham and the Coach Road to Boxhill Bridge and then up to the Pilgrims Way, walking along below Box Hill to the Lime Kilns then back down to Betchworth.


Thursday 8th February

Meet at 10am at the Inn on the Green for an easy 5.5 mile walk over the Green to Fishfold and Pisleigh Farm, then down to Okewood Church and returning via Oakwood Mill, Eversheds and Elmers Farm.

Thursday 22nd February

Meet at 10am at The Plough, Rusper for a fairly easy 5.2 mile walk to Rusper Court then across to Nunnery Farm and back via the Border Path.

VILLAGE EVENTS JANUARY 2024


 **2nd Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday

 **3rd Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday

 **3rd Wednesday 6.00pm–7.00pm - Yoga**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday

 **4th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

 **4th Thursday 11.00am–12noon - Senior Bootcamp**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday

 **8th Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

 **9th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

 **10th Wednesday 9.15am–10.15am - Pilates2TheCore**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)

 **11th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Scarlett Arms - See p26 for details

 **15th Monday 3.00pm - Village Teas**
Ockley Village Hall - See p18 for details

 **25th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Dolphin, Betchworth - See p26 for details

Further Ahead - March

 **9th Saturday 7.00pm - Ockley Society Spring Quiz**
The Plough, Rusper - See p31 for details

 **24th Thursday 12.30pm - QRMW Easter Egg Hunt & Fun Day**
Queen's Regiment Memorial Woodland - See p20 for details

JANUARY 2024 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Pilates in the Pavilion	3 Pavilion Café Yoga	4 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	5	6
7	8 Senior Bootcamp	9 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	10 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore Yoga	11 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	12	13
14	15 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	16 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	17 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore Yoga	18 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	19	20
21	22 Senior Bootcamp	23 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	24 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore Yoga	25 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	26	27
28	29 Senior Bootcamp	30 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	31 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore Yoga			

FEBRUARY 2024 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	2 Jack & the Beanstalk	3 Jack & the Beanstalk
4	5 Senior Bootcamp	6 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Class	7 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore Yoga	8 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	9 Jack & the Beanstalk	10 Jack & the Beanstalk
11	12 Senior Bootcamp	13 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise	14 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore Yoga	15 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	16	17
18	19 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	20 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise	21 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore Yoga	22 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	23	24
25	26 Senior Bootcamp	27 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise	28 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore Yoga	29 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp		

VILLAGE EVENTS JANUARY 2024

 **1st Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

 **1st Thursday 11.00am–12noon - Senior Bootcamp**
Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Thursday

 **2nd Friday 7.30pm - Jack & the Beanstalk**
Ockley Village Hall - See p9 for details

 **3rd Saturday 1.30pm & 7.30pm - Jack & the Beanstalk**
Ockley Village Hall - See p9 for details


 **5th Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

 **6th Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday

 **6th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

 **7th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday

 **7th Wednesday 9.15am–10.15am - Pilates2TheCore**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)

 **7th Wednesday 6.00pm–7.00pm - Yoga**
Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Wednesday

 **8th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Inn on the Green - See p26 for details

 **9th Friday 7.30pm - Jack & the Beanstalk**
Ockley Village Hall - See p9 for details

 **10th Saturday 1.30pm & 7.30pm - Jack & the Beanstalk**
Ockley Village Hall - See p9 for details

 **19th Monday 3.00pm - Village Teas**
Ockley Village Hall - See p18 for details

 **22nd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
The Plough, Rusper - See p26 for details

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THE GARDEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The start of the new year provides a quieter and more sedate 'pause' in the gardening year. January is a wonderful month for all us gardeners – both amateur and professional - to **take stock of the green spaces** we nurture. Whether sitting indoors in front of a cosy fire or escaping into the fresh air to work off some Christmas cake, it's a great time to **reflect** on the past year and to **start making plans** for the gardening year ahead.

More importantly than ever, the start of **THIS** new year is a perfect time for us all to make some **environmentally responsible** new year gardening resolutions. These might include:

- back (or stopping) buying compost containing peat (and buying it by the load rather than individual bags if you have the space to store it).
- recycling and reusing garden plastics wherever possible.
- creating wildlife havens within our gardens, from putting up a nesting box in a small garden to developing a 're-wilded' area if you have more space to play with.
- collecting water wherever you can, in water butts or any other suitable large containers (that can also be used by wildlife).
- building new or improving your compost area to maximise garden waste recycling, including building a simple wire structure for collected leaves to rot down.

There are many other ways we can do our bit so use this early part of the year to google ideas, read gardening 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 hiatus provides a perfect opportunity for a good **clean** and sharpen of tools, as well as a **tidy and sort** of that green house and potting shed you've been meaning to do all year. You can get pots and seed trays ready for **sowing**, starting with sowing seed indoors (or in a heated greenhouse or propagator) for early crops like lettuce, summer brassicas (e.g. cabbages and cauliflowers), spinach, salad onions and turnips. From mid-February onwards, sow tomato and cucumber seed for greenhouse growing. Source your seed potatoes if you have not already done so. Save egg boxes as they will come in handy for chitting a little later on. You can also start to sow sweet peas indoors or in a greenhouse.

For when you do want to **get out and active** in your garden, there are always some jobs to do at this time of year. Many plants benefit from a **winter prune**, including established wisteria (shortening shoots that were summer pruned 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 often 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**. The best traditional Summer Fair is, as always, in Okewood Hill on **Saturday 10th August 2024**.

Plant of the month – Hellebore (remove old and brown leaves that might hide emerging flowers)



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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

A Happy New Year to Everyone!

Last year we were very pleased to ring for the Coronation of King Charles III, which was yet another first for us, after the Platinum Jubilee and Royal Funeral the year before. The week after the celebrations disaster struck when the treble bell fell from its axle having sheared off at the headstock.

The bell was left standing on blocks, out of action for six months awaiting repair and finally rehung the week after Remembrance Sunday. It had taken so long to repair because, like many traditional crafts, the engineering firm that the bellhangers had previously used closed down following the retirement of the owner.

Fortunately the damage was not as bad as it might have been and we were still able to ring the other 5 bells in the meantime. The treble being the first in the row it was not missed as much as any of the other bells would have been.

Thank you again to all those who contributed to the repair of the headstock which was much appreciated. We are hoping for a less eventful year in 2024.

We now have 6 bells to ring once again but would like more people to ring them. 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.

Ringling 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.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168, email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com or go to www.bellringing.org/learntoring/

OCKLEY DRAMATIC SOCIETY SHOWS 2023

Back in October 2023 the Ockley Dramatic Society performed two one-act plays at Ockley Village Hall. The following article gives an unusual perspective as well as a synopsis of what you may have missed.

From the Prompter's chair

Imagine you are at a performance of a play. You are not in the audience. You are not a member of the cast, yet you are sitting on the stage, but no one can see you. Not seen and hopefully not heard, who are you? You are the prompter, part of the team that helps everything run smoothly. Your job is to follow every word spoken by every actor so that if anyone forgets a word or a line, you can supply it to them in such a way that the performance continues seamlessly.

This is quite a responsibility. One lapse in concentration and you can lose your place, making you quite unable to supply the word exactly when it is needed. Attending numerous rehearsals helps you to learn the play and get familiar with it along with the cast. It is important to understand the stage directions so that you know when there is no dialogue, and you do not prompt when it is not required. Members of the cast will give you more precise guidance with this, especially when there is a deliberate silence, to emphasise the last line.

This experience gives you a much deeper understanding of the play. As a member of the audience, you would not have read it or heard it in advance, and you would not be aware of the detailed preparation that goes into the public performance. Each actor brings their own talent and interpretation of the part they have to play, whilst the director tells them how to deliver certain key lines and how to interact with other members of the cast.

Then there is the stage management, the props, and the costumes as well as the lighting, sound effects and the incidental music. Within a strict budget, each of these aspects must be right. Being part of the community, the Ockley Dramatic Society knows how and where to get the materials it needs and each of us knows what has to be done to set the stage and prepare the Hall.

The prompter gets inside knowledge of every aspect of the production and benefits from getting to know the team. As with every endeavour, preparation is key. Are there any risks? It is possible to overthink the narrative and make fanciful interpretations of the story, but if the director and even the author are on hand, that is not likely to last long!

It's a great experience watching the transformation of a written text into a live, dramatic performance. The following reviews are based on the experience of being the prompter through five rehearsals and three performances at the end of which the cast was word perfect. The two plays were performed on three nights at the end of October as part of the continuing celebration of the Ockley Dramatic Society's 75th Anniversary.

Colin Seelig

Returned Empty

Violet Casey is an experienced manager of an off-licence in the 1990s. Mrs. Casey has already met all sorts of customers, but now she is confronted with by far the most awkward.

Within the first minute of this play, Mrs. Casey and Renee, her young assistant, meet a customer whose name is never mentioned, but who is referred to as 'Ciderman'



because of the bizarre transaction he wants to make.

Ciderman makes three visits in all to the off-licence, each one more exasperating to Mrs. Casey and Renee. It gradually transpires that he has two hundred empty cider bottles which he claims he bought from them and for which he wants a refund on the empties.

First, he produces two empty bottles which Mrs. Casey is confident he hadn't bought from her. Renee (who is good at maths) points out that the refund would only be eight pence. Ciderman loses his temper and makes a very unpleasant threat. The atmosphere lightens on the arrival of PC Turner who comes in to buy crisps and a Coke.

As Mrs. Casey and Renee try to make sense of what has happened, Ciderman is back. This time, he starts with an apology and an offer to bring up bottles from the stock room. Already cautious, Mrs. Casey accepts but decides to go with him. As they approach the stock room, Ciderman doubles back, grabs the key to the door and locks her in. Renee returns and realises what Ciderman is doing. She demands the key and refuses to open the till and let Ciderman take the money he thinks he is owed. Luckily, PC Turner returns in the middle of the resulting tussle between

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Ciderman and Renee, calms them down and rescues Mrs. Casey. PC Turner, an avuncular policeman with a Baldrick-type voice, makes Ciderman leave and then gets out his pocketbook and pencil to start a report. He begins by questioning Mrs. Casey who protests, pointing out that he has let the suspect go.

Ciderman returns, this time with a bunch of flowers as a peace offering. Mrs. Casey, still indignant, tells him to go but relents when he offers to make a purchase. Then Renee suggests that Ciderman take all the bottles to the bottle bank, an idea to which he warms, finally adopting it as his own. He leaves the off-licence.

PC Turner unguardedly reveals Ciderman's entire Police record going back to his university days. Just as Mrs. Casey begins to help PC Turner with his report, Ciderman is spotted approaching the off-licence with a wheelbarrow full of the empties. As he gets closer, he starts throwing the bottles at the off-licence, breaking the windows, and showering them with glass. The last thing we hear is Ciderman chuckling.

Colin Seelig

A Slice of Life

A Slice of Life is set in the Ruby Rocket Diner where the menu boasts "Heavenly Food at a Devilishly Good Price".

This American play, cleverly adapted for a British audience, ostensibly portrays the everyday lives of two couples, a wayward politician and a youngish reporter who has been lured there by a shadowy figure called Lucifer.

Whilst the two couples wrestle with their tangled relationships, Diane the reporter, joins Lucifer who has invited her for what Diane thinks is an interview. Lucifer says it is not an interview: she only wants to speak with her.

As the waitress Pat mops up some spilled water, Lucifer leans over to help. The sudden move scares Diane who produces an iron bar and hurriedly explains that you need protection from the actual devil. But then a Crucifix might have afforded protection says Lucifer. This is our first clue to the real identity of Lucifer, which we had no reason to suspect because her name hasn't been mentioned up to this point.

Diane perceptively says, "David Berkowitz thought he was sane". The audience may or may not know that Berkowitz was a serial killer. Then the references become more precise making it clear that we should think of Lucifer as the devil incarnate. Lucifer seems to know everything about Diane.

Gradually we realise that Lucifer is saying Steve's words as she is in a state in which her personal identity is suppressed. Eventually, Steve and Claire



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(one of the two couples) continue a normal conversation. Then, Lucifer looks at the other couple, Todd and Jean and reveals the complications in their relationship.

Malick the politician enters to collect his order of cheeseburgers. Lucifer tells Diane that his presence suggests he is up to no good, which could be a scoop item for her and her newspaper. Malick takes a call in a very amorous way, answering "Hey Gorgeous". He rapidly changes his tone when he has to take a call from his wife and misleads her about what he is doing. Diane eavesdrops on these conversations.



Lucifer tells Diane that Malick has begun an affair with an intern. Diane thinks she should tail him to pursue the big story, but Lucifer warns her that although it could be very profitable, it isn't the only option, and she should wait.

Steve decides that this is the moment to carry out his plan to offer Claire an engagement ring. It doesn't go well. Claire feels she is being ambushed and rejects him. Malick cynically comments that marriage isn't all it's cracked up to be. He should know.

Lucifer tells Diane that everything is now in place for her to choose the right path. The choice (which she says is also the subject of a bet between Lucifer and God) is either to pursue Malick or save Steve from suicide which she thinks is likely following his rejection by Claire, and which is potentially a bigger story. Ever canny, Diane asks why she (Lucifer) doesn't intervene and if not her, then the big one (God).

Lucifer says you must live by your own decisions and their consequences. Diane doesn't know what to do. She says no one ever did anything for her, tells Lucifer to go to hell and rushes off.

Pat sits down with Lucifer and admits she lost the bet, which Lucifer gladly accepts.

Pat says, "you don't have to be so smug about it" and Lucifer replies "hardly my fault, you made me this way".

Get it?

Colin Seelig

OCKLEY MAGAZINE NOV & DEC 1973 EXCERPTS

In the November issue the then Rector, Maurice Collins, reported a very successful Harvest Supper. He also commented on the new Holy Communion service series 3, debate continues to this day 50 years later about its use!

Mr and Mrs Percy Figg expressed thanks for gifts and good wishes from many friends on the occasion of their Golden Wedding and Rosalind Figg daughter of Jim and Maureen was welcomed to the School.

There was a report on the Ockley Midnight Steeplechase! A course of about a mile with 5 birch and gorse fences. There were 6 races the first at 9.30pm the last at midnight with all entrants joining in the fun and riding in full night attire!

The estimated attendance was 2,500 with donations to Police Charities and St John's Ambulance (who fortunately were not required professional during the evening) and £500 to the Injured Jockeys Fund.

The MC for the night was Oliver Reed and the idea for the occasion came from an evening in the Cricketers.

In the December issue the Rector opens saying 'Wars and rumours of wars, fuel crises, financial crises, strikes, go slows, the lot, a long, dark, chilly, uncomfortable winter, but in spite of all that we will be celebrating Christmas'. Not much changes!!!

The Darby and Joan club had talk from George Blaker about the Surrey Naturalist Trust and his own nature reserve in and around Vann Lake.

The Ockley Society AGM had Sir George Sinclair the Local MP, Geoffrey Pearce of Horsham who talked about the Formation of a Housing Association and Doug Morris talked about the effect that the postponement of a new airport at Maplin would have on the Gatwick Area.

A report by Michael Calvert on the Cricket saying, 'we have had the best season weather-wise for many a year'. Though the rain did intervene to save the South from defeat by those living north of the Pump. It was the first time that this fixture had been played for 50 years. There are familiar names recorded in the batting and bowling averages, Bill Macey, Bruce Cowles, Harold Peacock, David Ansell and Bob Budgen. And Laurence Figg had an outstandingly good first season with the 2nd XI while Charlie Pavey prepared wickets which exceeded his high standards.

VILLAGE CHARITIES

Abinger Consolidated Charities

For the benefit of residents in the Ancient Parish of Abinger (inc. Abinger common, Hammer, Forest Green, Walliswood and Okewood Hill). If you or someone you know is struggling financially, don't hesitate to ask us for help.

Contact Kim Clark in confidence:
kimclark50@gmail.com

Amber

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louise.cheung@amberweb.org
or 01306 627924

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust

We provide veterinary support for mainly equines, but also other animals who require our help. We also run a primary health care clinic for the local people.

www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk
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Ockley United Charities

Gives financial assistance to parishioners who find themselves in financial hardship and it also provides an annual gift to parishioners who are of restricted means. Please get in touch if you are suffering financial hardship.

Gill Christie
gill@c21mediagroup.com or

Dick Thomas
dickthomas1000@btinternet.com

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund

Provides financial assistance to people with medical needs due to illness, injury or disability (Registered Charity No. 204846).

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

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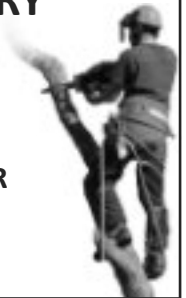
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Capel Camera Club

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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 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.

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408
Jason Edgecombe 07918 784446

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.

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Please contact Dave Bishop on 01306 627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

The Ockley Society is a group of enthusiastic, 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 theoockleysociety@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 more than 20 regular acting members and 20 children dancers. We put on a large-scale pantomime each New Year and recently restarted 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 bakers, 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).

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For booking enquiries please contact Gaye Collis on 01306 621298 or gaye@forestgreenvillage.co.uk.

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Discover the hidden gem of Okewood Hill, the Oakwood Hill Village Hall!

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Whether you're planning a community gathering, celebration, class or meeting, Oakwood Hill Village Hall is the ideal choice. For bookings and inquiries, contact 07754 525827, email booking@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org or find us on Facebook: facebook.com/OakwoodHillVillageHall

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Ockley Village Hall is the perfect venue for parties, wedding receptions, rehearsal room, fitness classes, meetings and much more. We have a purpose-built kitchen with a large electric range cooker. It is equipped to cater for more than 100 people and has a serving hatch. The building is wheelchair friendly. There is parking for more than 50 cars with designated disabled spaces. For further information please contact Bea Milne on 07553 266934 email ockleyvillagehall@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

The Cricket Pavilion is also available for hire at competitive rates.

Contact John 07791 520003 or jthorse99@gmail.com

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For further information contact Valerie Miles: 01306 627248 or walliswoodvillagehall@gmail.com alternatively visit www.walliswoodvillagehall.org

CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley

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

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green

www.eofgparish.org.uk

Parish Office: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 12.30

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Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 2.00pm: The Corsican Adventurer – Images of Napoleon – with Nicole Mezey

Inspired by the 200th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, this lecture examines competing images of Bonaparte by those who loved him, and those who did not. Napoleon, a master of self-publicity, used an array of great artists to create and disseminate an image of himself as a semi-divine leader; military inspiration, thoughtful statesman and omniscient Emperor. For the English, however, Bonaparte was the 'bogey-man', and caricaturists used scorn and laughter to spread defiance to the mass market. This lecture considers the experiences on both sides of the military divide, in a war of the arts almost as fierce as that on the battlefields.

Meetings are held at Cranleigh Arts Centre. Non-members are welcome to join us at a talk as a guest. No commitment, but a donation is appreciated!

Please contact: membership@theartssocietycranleigh.org.uk

or see our website: www.theartssocietycranleigh.org.uk

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CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Into the New Year

After its enjoyable Christmas events Capel Choral Society is now looking forward to singing in 2024, its 120th year. The Choir's Monday evening rehearsals will be mainly focussed on learning music for April's Leith Hill Music Festival.

On Friday 12th April it will be joining with four other choirs for a concert in Dorking Halls which will include Mozart's sublime Requiem and Vaughan Williams' lovely Serenade to Music, the latter a setting of words from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

All singers in the area also have the opportunity to sing in a full performance of J S Bach's masterpiece, the St Matthew Passion in Dorking Halls. Details are available on the LHMF website www.lhmf.org.uk . Book your place for rehearsals and performance on the Dorking Halls website via this address.

For the April Festival, Capel Choral will also be learning three short pieces, which it will perform in the Festival's Competitions before an adjudicator in the morning of April 12th.

New singers are always welcome any time to join the friendly Capel Choral Society. Do consider giving choral singing a try – it gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits.

Capel Choral Society will meet on Monday evenings from the 8th January, starting at a new time of 7.30pm

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

The Choir Secretary is Rosemary Goddard:

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

Rehearsals Mondays 7.45 to 9.30pm, Capel Memorial Hall.

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

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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					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								12.10
TOWARDS HORSHAM	522	522	522	50	50	433	522	50	50
	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
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