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WELCOME

I possibly rashly said to Alan in the Pavilion Café one day, 'Did I see that you were looking for a publisher for WOOF'? Within a heartbeat he had signed me up, and I am still learning what exactly for!

Having really enjoyed helping with the News and Views (now closed down due to the redrawing, yet again, of parish boundaries) I am sure of one thing – this is an amazing community, indeed variety of communities, and I do hope I can follow adequately in Alan's footsteps in doing it justice.

I love the feel of the magazine – a magnificent melange it seems to me, just packed with information and with some fascinating stories and reports. I do hope there is something for everyone in this issue. For the history buffs, Gordon Lee-Steere has dug up an article from 1809 about what was then Oakwood chapel; for the gardeners, or wannabe gardeners, there are '4 Ps' (prepare, propagate, plant and prune) in clear style worthy of The Garden magazine; sustainability is there too with Village Greens going solar and Mole Valley reminding us to recycle; drama features large, with a report of the outstanding 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' and an article about a new drama academy for the young planned for the summer in Sayers Croft, Ewhurst. I have written about getting old around here (just preparing). The church services for three churches are listed too.

That only touches on the content in this issue. All I can say is: dive in and see what is going on and might be of interest. And please do send me articles – they can be very short and a good photograph is a big plus.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew



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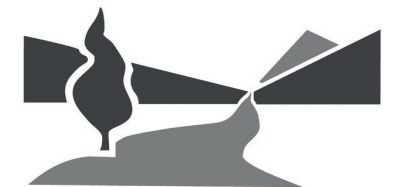
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Local Businesses Collaborate for a Greener Community

In a heart warming example of community spirit and environmental awareness, Wayne Hanson, Director of UK Solar Power Panels and James and Catherine Dampier joint proprietors of Village Greens Farm Shop come together to support the community, environment and each other's businesses. UK Solar Power Panels recently powered Village Greens Farm Shop with solar energy and battery storage. What follows are their individual accounts of going solar!

James

I set up Village Greens Farm Shop with my wife Catherine in 2007 to supply "local food to local people". We named it Village Greens: "Village" to reflect the local, community aspect of the shop, and "Greens" to reflect both fresh vegetables and being environmentally responsible.

Wayne

UK Solar Power Panels began in 2011. Fifteen years is a record seldom met by competitors! We're committed to solar energy, specialising in off grid systems and self sufficiency. Our directorship hasn't changed and we've not diversified into other businesses. We are here to support the community far into the future.

James – What made you invest in solar panels?

We have always been conscious of our carbon footprint and try to reduce Food Miles. We grow produce ourselves and source as locally as possible, using 60 producers based within 20 miles of the shop. We had been looking at solar for some time, but after the price shock following Russia's invasion of Ukraine we felt we had to do something and stop being so reliant on fossil fuels.

Wayne – What interested you in solar power?

I joined my father's construction company as a roofer and then later became a certified electrician. Solar installation seemed to fit these two skills. Solar power fits my environmental ethos but also solar energy allows people to become energy self sufficient and creates a passive income.

How did you decide about the installation design?

James - *We started looking at roof space for the panels, but realised there was none suitable. Therefore, we looked at ground mounted options. Following various discussions we found a location that was of a suitable size and aspect and as unobtrusive as possible, bordering a large polytunnel. Wayne found a new design of ground mountings he thought would be suitable. Once we'd decided the size, location and look of the installation Wayne created plans for the design which we submitted to the landlord.*

Wayne - *To give James and Catherine the greatest return on their investment, we needed the largest system the national grid would allow for a single phase system. Mindful we were working near polytunnels, the mounting array had to suit the topography, with minimal impact to the environment. After discussions with the manufacturers we decided to use it. Fortunately we have a close relationship with our suppliers and can pass savings onto our customers.*



How easy was the installation process?

James - *After obtaining landlord approval, we needed permission from the National Grid to connect the system, the District Network Operator (DNO). Wayne made the application on our behalf. It took about 3 months for permission to be granted. After that it was plain sailing, and took one month from starting work to being online. That included site clearing and preparation, building a "Power Room" for the inverters and batteries (Wayne organised contractors and oversaw this), installing ground mounts, panels, digging required trenches and laying underground cables between panels and the Power Room, and making final electrical connections between the new installation, Grid and shop. Disruption to the shop was minimal, just a short interruption to the power supply when the final connection was made.*

Wayne - *Everything went as planned. The materials arrived punctually and our trained installers and electricians made sure we stayed on track. We were also blessed with good weather!*

How do you feel supporting a local business/working together to help local community?

James - *Local is extremely important to us: we always look for a local supplier first.*

Wayne - *80% of our business is local and always our priority. We will travel, especially when we're recommended by word of mouth. We are also happy to undertake complex installations further afield.*

How soon did you notice a positive impact?

James - *The installation has been live for three months. We have been totally self-sufficient on several days, despite many short, dark days. Overall our costs have reduced by about one third, and we've probably reduced our carbon footprint by nearly 2.5 tonnes.*

After storm Darragh had devastated the country, there was a general power cut in the local area. We were able to trade uninterrupted thanks to power stored in the batteries. That meant our fridges and freezers ran, so no loss of chilled stock, and the lights and tills stayed on, no loss of trade! The installation has been worth it just for that!

Final comments?

James - *It was a pleasure working with Wayne. I recommend him to others considering solar. If that's you, I would be happy to show you our installation.*

Wayne - *I consider myself very lucky running a company helping many customers that are now friends.*



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IN2DRAMA

In2Drama launches its 2025 Summer Academy at the Cranleigh Arts Centre

On Wednesday 4th December, there was a rather special event at the Cranleigh Arts Centre. It was called *A Short Night at the Movies* and on the bill were two world premieres: *Classy Future*, the film-in-a-week made by In2Drama's students at last year's academy in July; and the edited version of *An Evening with Kerry Ellis and Friends*, the concert Kerry Ellis gave to round off the academy week. In the audience were many of the performers, tech teams and coaches who made the two films happen, so there really couldn't have been a better occasion to launch the 2025 In2Drama Summer Academy.

If you're not familiar with In2Drama, I created the Academy five years ago for every young aspiring actor, singer, dancer or technician who dreams of forging a career in the performing arts. Held at the Cranleigh Arts Centre, Cranleigh, Surrey, the academy offers students aged 11-21 over 35 hours of masterclasses with industry professionals as well as workshops and 1-2-1 advice.

During my career – which has taken me from working as an Assistant Producer at Sky Sports to my current position as Head of Drama at Cranleigh Prep School – I've seen how giving young students the opportunity to interact with and learn from industry experts can work wonders. Not only do they develop faster, they also have a lot of fun along the way.

Many of the professionals who have been such an integral part of In2Drama over the years will be returning in 2025. They include:

Kerry Ellis

Celebrated singer and actress Kerry Ellis is well-known for her leading roles in the West End and on Broadway. She has played Elphaba in *Wicked* on both sides of the pond, and is even in the new movie. As In2Drama's Ambassador she is returning to the academy for the fourth time to teach a singing masterclass – and four students from the class will be selected to take part in *An Evening with Kerry Ellis and Friends* on the final evening of the academy. This will be Kerry's second annual concert with In2Drama and will include a personal selection of popular songs, many from musical theatre. The show is expected to sell out again and tickets will be available soon. Sign up to the In2Drama newsletter at www.in2drama.com to be the first to know.

Phoebe Hyder

Puppeteer and Movement Coach Phoebe Hyder is returning to the academy for the third time. Her work spans award-winning theatre, film, TV, voice over, gaming and ground-breaking Motion/Performance capture.

Edward Bennett

Actor Edward Bennett is also returning to the academy to teach an Acting Masterclass. Edward's credits in film, television and the theatre are too numerous to mention, but his Shakespearian work is most notable, particularly standing in for David Tennant to play *Hamlet* in the RSC's production at the Novello Theatre.

Richard van't Riet

Richard is a BAFTA Award-winning director with over 30 years' experience in television, directing shows such as *Pointless*, *A League of their Own*, *The Cube* and *Tipping Point*. In 2025, Richard will be leading our Film and TV Production Modules.

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Evening activities are optional extras and will last for an hour after dinner. We will supply more details about the activities in due course. The cost for each activity may vary depending on the level of interest.

We've also just added an opportunity for 8-10 ten year-old aspiring performers to start their journey with In2Drama on April 4th at The Ark, Okewood Church. Please email phil@in2drama.com for more information.

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My parents were of the uncomplaining generation and charmingly but determinedly independent, which was a good thing as they lived on the North Norfolk coast, not an area rich in services for the elderly. As daily living became an increasing challenge, Mum would sometimes comment with a resigned and characteristic chuckle: 'We didn't expect to still be around by now.'

Their house would definitely not have passed any modern safety tests and the fuse box was high up on the wall in their downstairs shower room. Fuses blew regularly. 'No problem,' said Mum. 'I climb onto the loo seat, then I can reach.' She was then in her late eighties and couldn't walk far at all but had always been proud of her flexibility. 'Mum, that really isn't safe,' I would say firmly. 'It is fine. I hold onto the towel rail with one hand and put the other on Dad's shoulder.' In the dark! I imagine that my even more unstable father must have held a torch.

I now have their old VW Golf, which can often be seen around the WOOF roads, looking a bit like a stock racing car, it has so many dents. They were all put there by my parents (honest, not me), who continued to drive long after they should. They were in a Catch 22 situation. They needed the car to get to doctors' appointments, get shopping (and meet up with their equally determined and increasingly fragile friends) but that actually disbarred them from accessing medical help. The doctor arranged for the district nurse to visit one day. When she arrived, my mother was out at the shops and returned to a furious nurse, who said that she was not allowed to attend patients who could still drive. 'Drive' would have been more accurate but of course there was huge demand for the district nurse's help and she felt that Mum had wasted her time. My mother would never have confessed to her desperation, as her aging body really was giving up on her, until finally the doctor came round and admitted her to hospital, who refused to release her unless she had 'proper care' at home, which led to her and my father coming, very reluctantly, to the Old Rectory in Ewhurst for what turned out to be just her final six months, where she was beautifully cared for, and spent hours on the telephone advising her friends to come and join her. Fruitlessly; her best friend told me that she threatened the rest of their Norfolk gang with 'being kidnapped by their children and whisked away to darkest Surrey,' if they didn't take all their medicine properly.

Recently I have been talking to elderly neighbours in this area and learnt that a car is essential to independence here too.

So now I am on a bit of a mission to find out what services she, or others, might not know about around here. One has used the Wasp Community Bus, which she says is brilliant, no charge, just a voluntary donation and very helpful drivers. It goes to Tesco, Broadbridge Heath, on the first and

third Tuesday of every month, leaving Forest Green at approximately 2.00 pm, Walliswood at 2.10 and Okewood Hill at 2.15. Potential passengers need to ring 07802 460069.

There is also a new bus service, the Connect Bus, which seems a very creative idea from Surrey Council. It is a method of community transport. You have to be able to go online to register, via www.surreyconnect.org.uk. You give the details of the journey you want to undertake and it then links you with other travellers wanting roughly the same time and route. And, presumably if there is sufficient demand, a fully wheelchair accessible minibus will arrive at your door. A neighbour who is having to stop driving for the moment and I are going to try it out and see if we can go to Dorking for a cup of coffee. I wonder if I can take my dog on the outing too?

Dial A Ride (0300 123 7749) covers this area for 'those with mobility issues needing medical appointments and suchlike'.

I know too that Simon Figg has faithfully coordinated lift givers and liftees (01306 627094).

And of course there are neighbours. My parents were immensely grateful to their immediate neighbours in their Norfolk village, and they knew each other well in a country neighbourly sort of a way. I remember on one visit up there offering to go and buy my parents their daily newspaper. 'No, don't,' I was told. 'Keith next door always gets it for us and he was most upset when Peter (the neighbour on the other side) tried to help with that as well.' That, I think, is country living. Long may it continue thus!

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

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My name is Lisa-Jane Clarke, and I proudly serve as an elected representative on the Ockley Parish Council, where I focus on addressing vital social issues within our local community. With a diverse range of qualifications, I bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to my role. Over the years, I have working in adult services, gaining extensive experience that informs my commitment to improving lives.

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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, 12 years ago. Run by a team of volunteers, it has raised more than £20,000 supporting charities, local charitable causes and Ockley events. Thanks to our customers' generous donations we've recently been able to support ...

- **Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex**
- **Stroke Association**
- **Dementia Charity Run**
- **Young at Heart**
- **Ockley Village Teas**
- **Ockley Toddlers**
- **Amber Foundation**
- **Local hardship payments**
- **Local Parish Church projects**

THE EARLY SPRING GARDEN 2025

Whilst we have had some low temperatures and frosts so far this year, our garden plants don't seem to have suffered unduly. The same can't be said for us gardeners who are getting rather worn down by grey days and the lack of crisp sunshiney days in recent months. We've had some blue skies but they've been few and far between. Vitamin D supplements should be on everyone's shopping list! And as the sun wasn't around much in 2024, fingers crossed we see a lot more of it in 2025.

You may have started to notice the many spring jewels that are emerging around the countryside and in our gardens, though they're perhaps a little slower to peep through the soil this year. Alabaster snowdrops, crocus and butter-yellow primroses have already made an appearance, and daffodils are everywhere, the greeny-yellow buds ready to burst if they haven't already. The subtle perfumes of sarcococca (sweet box) and daphne are in the air, and a plethora of spring bulbs are waiting in the wings - aconites, muscari, chinodoxa. But whilst it feels that winter's grip is on the wane, do bear in mind that early spring can be a fickle friend for many weeks yet. Yet from this point onwards, our gardens and the countryside around us begin to reveal their treasures. In a few weeks time, look out for anemone blanda, iris, later flowering narcissi and hyacinths. We very much know that spring has arrived with the cheery yellow of forsythia, the carmine pinks, reds and whites of camellia and early flowering rhododendrons and azalea. Then as days get longer and warmer, the joy that is the 'tulip season' will be upon us.

If we could recommend one thing to our readers, it would be planting bulbs in the autumn and winter. You often forget what you've planted and where but then - just like getting a lovely gift through the post - they are such a welcome surprise!

Thinking ahead to next year, a good money-saver is buying these plants - or potted bulbs - once they've finished flowering and are discounted. This is a great way to fill gaps for next year. Remember that snowdrops should always be moved when they're 'in the green' so if you have friends who could spare a few clumps, do this once they have finished flowering.

Prepare. You may be one of the many who are adopting the no-dig method of vegetable gardening. If you haven't yet heard about Charles Dowding, visit his website at charlesdowding.co.uk to find out if this might be something you could adopt. Otherwise, it's time to turn the soil on veggie beds - removing stubborn weeds - and work in well-rotted manure/ garden compost. Remember, don't put manure down for root crops (carrots, parsnips), which prefer the addition of sand to encourage deeper growth. Give a good covering of compost to raspberries, and blueberries (who prefer the ericaceous variety). 'Chit' early and main crop potatoes to encourage stem growth, in old egg boxes on a windowsill or in a

greenhouse, ready to plant out in April. Prepare bean trenches and collect or buy supports for beans and peas ready for May planting.

Propagate flowers from seed for a glorious display in late March/April, making sure half-hardy varieties are started off in a heated greenhouse, propagator or on a windowsill. Some you might like to try include sweetpeas, cosmos, cleome, antirrhinum (snapdragons) and zinnia. Alternatively, buy plug plants and grow them on. Sow tomato, cucumber and pepper seeds indoors, and broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach in pots in a cold greenhouse or cold frame. Label carefully if you have a lot on the go!

Prune Wisteria and grape vines (no later than March); and with sharp secateurs, start or continue to prune shrub and English roses back by a third, removing all dead wood, and give hybrid tea roses a much tougher prune. If you're unsure what rose you have, cut back by no more than a half! Cornus and salix, with stems grown for winter colour, need cutting back by the end of March. Almost all hydrangeas should be pruned in early spring (except for climbing hydrangeas). Prune mop head and lace caps lightly as they produce flowers on older wood. Paniculata and arborescens (including the popular 'Annabelle') can be pruned harder to a lower pair of healthy buds.

Plant lily bulbs and other summer bulbs, such as begonias tubers; bare root roses can still be planted, and it's a great time to add new perennials to your borders. Early March is a good time to divide perennials (not yet in active growth): choose a day when the soil is dry and dig up the plant with a fork; split into smaller parts using a knife or spade; make sure the 'new' plants are replanted in a border or pot and watered straight away. Plant sharing with neighbours and friends is a cost-effective way to expand the plants in your garden (just ensure they don't come with any invasive weeds such as ground elder!) Early potatoes should be planted out in late March, second earlies in the first half of April then main crop in the second half. It's also the right time to plant onions, shallots and garlic.

The Okewood, Ockley & Forest Green Summer Fair and flower show is on Saturday August 9th this year and now is the time to plan which vegetables you would like to exhibit. You will need to time your sowing and planting so that you have the freshest and healthiest results at show time. Some need to be started off early in a greenhouse or a windowsill, such as tomatoes, sweet peppers and chillies; carrots and beetroot should be sown outside in March as soon as the soil warms up; squash and marrows will need to be started by April; peas and beans can be sown indoors in April and then planted out after the threat of frost had gone, and will hopefully be in ready in time for the show as will courgettes although you will need to keep an eye on them. Whatever you decide to enter, look out for the 2025 schedule which will be delivered with your WOOF in early summer and will also be available online at www.okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk Good luck!

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Saturday 17th May 10.30am - 3.00pm
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WALKING GROUP

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|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Thursday | 13 th March | The Star Inn, Rusper | 10am |
| Thursday | 27 th March | The Six Bells, Newdigate | 10am |
| Thursday | 10 th April | Ranmore Common Viewpoint | 10am |
| Thursday | 24 th April | Rhododendron Woods | 10am |

Thursday 13th March

Meet at The Star Inn, Rusper at 10am for a fairly easy 5.5 mile walk over Rusper Court to Nunnery Farm and returning via Baldhorn Park.

Thursday 27th March

Meet at The Six Bells, Newdigate at 10am for a fairly easy 4.8 mile walk across Green Farm to Tanhouse and Home Farm returning via Cidermill and Cudworth.

Thursday 10th April

Meet at the NT car park at the viewpoint on Ranmore Common at 10am, first CP on the left after passing the right turn to Ranmore Church. This is a moderate 4.6 mile walk along the North Downs Way as far as the Roundabout then across the common to Tanners Hatch and back to the car park.

Thursday 24th April

Meet at the NT car park at Rhododendron Woods at 10am for a strenuous 4.5 mile walk up to the tower and then down to Landslip and across to the bluebell wood, past Broome Hall to Buckinghill and back via Leith Hill Place and up to the car park.



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OCKLEY DRAMATIC SOCIETY WOWS AUDIENCES WITH SPELLBINDING PRODUCTION



Oh what a wonderful time was had in Ockley Village Hall recently. There's no denying, Ockley Dramatic Society (ODS) triumphed with this year's pantomime that ran for six Friday and Saturday performances from 31 January until 8 February.

After months of rehearsing, learning dances, building and painting sets, creating costumes and perfecting sound effects, the entire team came together in an utterly joyous production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.

The opening dance number appeared to set the bar impossibly high with its acrobatics, pom-poms, magical costumes, toe-tapping music and enchanting performers, some as young as five. However this was just a taste of what was yet to come: a production that excelled from start to finish. That manifested the very best of what life can be in village communities such as Ockley and those nearby.

From performers onstage to the unseen contributors elsewhere, everyone played their part to give the audience an uplifting experience and a chance to boo, cheer, laugh uproariously, groan at the panto puns and yell 'he's behind you' to our hearts' content.

Thank you to everyone: to the dame – surely the prettiest we have ever seen, to the loathsome Queen Esmeralda who nailed her demanding role and whose wicked laugh was stupendous, to the sparkling mirror whose long-suffering ennui was a delight, to Robert the Hunter – the effervescent master of Tally Ho, to the Chamberlain whose ad libbing was spot on, to the exquisitely suave Prince Leopold, the hapless Old King Cole, the unctuous lawyers, the shamelessly flamboyant Frankie the Valet and the hilarious team of dwarves who performed as one. Thanks also, of course, to the eponymous Snow White and her sidekick Louise – whose performances shone throughout from portraying a pair of flirtatious minxes to young women in search of justice.

Gratitude to Martin Pratt – director, set designer and publicity person – whose vision and tireless energy played their own pivotal roles in the resounding success of this production.

Bravo to everyone!

ODS is always happy to welcome new members. Visit www.ockleydramaticsociety.org.uk for further information.

Nic Belfrage

A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Located in parts of two counties in Southern England (SW Hampshire and SE Wiltshire), Birthday Greetings for the New Forest National Park designation of 20 years are taking place.

Let us not forget, however, that William the Conqueror proclaimed this forest a Royal Forest. In addition, this land has always been used for horses even when the boundaries (289 square km) are adapted for other usage requirements.

As rare, unenclosed tracts of land; pasture and heathland, over 100 species of birds also thrive in the New Forest, which has an unsurpassed record of birthday celebrations!

Join the ponies, pigs, birds and cows, not forgetting the record number of tourists (over 10 million, annually) to remember the landscape, where little has been changed.

The ancient rights that allow common animals to roam freely, along with a beautiful National Park to appreciate, hold birthday memories that sing in the nation's heart.

Dianne Sunda



CAPEL WI

Capel WI is hoping to be busy during the forthcoming year. We have some interesting meetings planned with something to suit everyone.

We are in the process of organising a summer jolly in August to Oxford and plenty of others throughout the year.

A reminder to everyone that during the winter months we shall be meeting at Capel Parish Hall from 2pm until 4.30 pm.

The next date for this is:

Tuesday 18th March 'Claridge's Comes to Capel'

Visitors are always welcome to join us.

We charge £3 which includes refreshments.

Our next **Jumble Sale** is not too far away either.

The date will be Saturday 22nd March at 1pm until 3pm.

As usual we will accept jumble from 9am until midday.



NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Ringling Meetings

We have two Saturday ringing meetings a month locally, one for each of the ringing groups we belong to and these are a good opportunity to visit other towers and ring with different people. The annual business meetings are both in February and these are always preceded by a ringing session and followed by a ringers' tea with sandwiches and plenty of cake to help refuel.

In February we visited Leatherhead church, home tower of our Guildford Guild Leatherhead district. This is a ten bell church which is a good experience for those of us used to six bells. The Southern District meeting of the Surrey Association is also at a ten bell tower later in February, at Reigate. Also in our area, Dorking, Epsom and Bletchingley are towers with ten bells.

There are a number of factors to consider when ringing on ten bells instead of six. There are four more moving ropes to identify when looking to see who you are ringing after which can be confusing at first. The ringing areas tend to be a lot larger making it more difficult to hear instructions from the conductor. The greatest difference is in the timing because the speed at which a bell swings is a matter of mechanics and does not alter to accommodate a different number of bells. Instead the ringers must ring slower to hold up the smaller bells to allow time for all the heavier back bells to turn in sequence. The bells sound quicker because the gaps between the bells has to be smaller to allow the ten bells to turn in the same time that six or eight would take.

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There are a lot more variations in method ringing possible with a higher numbers of bells, many being a simple extension by adding extra dodges or places and they take longer to ring a course than on six bells, with more leads before the bells come back into rounds.

Bellringing is an enjoyable pastime, open to everyone and probably not what you expect. Come along and be surprised! Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and have a go, under supervision, or just to watch. Practice nights are at St Margaret's Ockley on Wednesday evenings from 7.45pm to 9pm.

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OAKWOOD CHAPEL

Manning and Bray's 'History and Antiquities of the Country of Surrey' published in 1809, has a long article about Oakwood Chapel. It reads as follows:

A considerable number of the inhabitants of those parts as well as of Abinger and Ewhurst living a great distance from their Parish Churches, and in the country below Leith Hill where the deepness of the clay makes travelling in winter extremely difficult, a Chapel was built in the very early times near Okewood Hill in the lower part of Wotton near the borders of Sussex for the convenience of the inhabitants in that part. It is dedicated to St John Baptist. It was in being in 1290 when Sir Walter de Fancourt presented a Priest to the Chantry here. It was further endowed by Edward de la Hale, who seems to have lived at what is still called Hale House, in the parish of Ockley by the side of Stanstreet Causeway and near the Chapel. It was however considered as belonging to the Rector of Wotton and was in the patronage of Thomas Lord Camoys in 1422. The lands given by Hale were seized in the time of King Edward VI, under pretence of having been given to superstitious use, and were granted to..... In 1673 they belonged to Mrs Harvey, relict of John Harvey, sometime Treasurer to the Queen Dowager of King Charles I. at that time the Chapel was gone to great decay; but, in 1709, Mr Goffe and Mr Haynes two neighbouring yeoman, sold the three bells belonging to it, and with that money, and about 8l more, caused it to be repaired and strengthened with buttresses, and it has been kept in good repair ever since. Queen Elizabeth in the third year of her reign, settled a stipend of 3l 6s 8d on the Curate, payable at the Exchequer, which continued to be the only provision he had till 1723, when Sir John Evelyn, the Patron, and Richard Miller Esq. gave £200 and thereby obtained Queen Anne's bounty. In 1725 Dr Godolphin, Dean of St Paul's and Sir William Perkins of Chertsey in this county, gave each £100 and obtained a



further augmentation. Mr Offley, Rector of Abinger, by his will dated 9 December 1741, devised two farms to Sir John Evelyn Bart one called Steepwood or Steeplands in Chittington in the County of Sussex and the other called Hadfold in Billingshurst in that County, formerly part of the possessions of the dissolved Priory of Torrington in the said County of Sussex (subject to a mortgage that Mr Offley had made thereof, and to two annuities for lives of the parties, with which he charged his estate) upon trust out of the rents to keep the Chapel at Oakwood in good and sufficient repair; and then upon trust to pay the surplus of the rents, or the whole as it may happen, to the Curate or Chaplain for the time being of this chapel, and his successors, they performing their duty and office by preaching once, and reading divine service, according to the Liturgy of the Church of England twice every Sunday in the year in this Chapel; and if the curate should not, by himself or some other Minister of the Church of England do such duty, he should forfeit all rights to the rents and advantages of these estates; and the trustees for the time being should pay the rents and profits to some other Minister of the Church of England, to be appointed by them under the restrictions aforesaid: and he directed that £200 should be raised by the sale of timber from these farms, and laid out in the purchase of land, and settled to the use of the Curate. And he directed that Sir John Evelyn should convey these estates to the use of himself and four others (the Rectors of Wotton and Abinger to be always of the number), upon trust for the purpose aforesaid, and when the number be reduced to three, that new Trustees should be appointed. Mr Offley died in 1743 and Sir John Evelyn conveyed the farms accordingly, and raised £200 as directed in the will with which with the other donations above mentioned, and the assistance of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, a farm was purchased in 1743, called Green Dean in the Parish of East Horsley in this County, then let at about 24l per annum. In 1795, this farm was exchanged with William Currie Esq. of East Horsley, for one called East Parkland, situated near the Chapel. The Trust has been from time to time renewed and stock in the 3% Consolidated Annuities has been bought for the Chapel with money from the sale of timber from these farms. The Chapel is kept in good repair. But the service on Sunday in the afternoon in the winter half year has been discontinued by the present possessor of the Chapel, till whose time it was always regularly performed, and well attended.

There is a footnote saying the details of the Queen Elizabeth (II) stipend are carved on stone on the wall.

It is interesting that the distinction is made between the name of the village (Okewood) and the name of the Chapel.

Queen Anne's Bounty was a scheme to supplement the stipends of clergy in poorer parishes.

The subject of Church finances is very complicated, and I will try to write an article for a future magazine.



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VILLAGE EVENTS MARCH 2025

📅 **4th Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class**
Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd & 4th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details.

📅 **4th Tuesday 2.15pm–3.15pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

📅 **5th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details

📅 **5th Wednesday 9.15am–10.15am - Pilates2TheCore**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)

📅 **6th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

📅 **6th Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)

📅 **8th Saturday 7.00pm - The Ockley Society Quiz**
Ockley Village Hall - See p28 for details

📅 **13th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
The Bull, Ewhurst - See p20 for details

📅 **17th Monday 3.00pm - Village Lunches**
Ockley Village Hall - See p34 for details

📅 **27th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
The Six Bells, Newdigate - See p20 for details

MARCH 2025 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

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| 16 | 17 Village Lunches | 18 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class | 19 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | 20 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class | 26 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | 27 Toddler Group Walking Group RMPT Exercise Class | 28 | 29 |
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APRIL 2025 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

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| 6 | 7 | 8 RMPT Exercise Class | 9 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | 10 Toddler Group Walking Group | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class | 16 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | 17 Toddler Group | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class | 23 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | 24 Toddler Group Walking Group RMPT Exercise Class | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Village Lunches | 29 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class | 30 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore | | | |

VILLAGE EVENTS APRIL 2025

📅 **1st Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class**
Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd 4th & 5th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details

📅 **1st Tuesday 2.15pm–3.15pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

📅 **2nd Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café**
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details

📅 **2nd Wednesday 9.15am–10.15am - Pilates2TheCore**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)

📅 **3rd Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group**
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

📅 **3rd Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)

📅 **5th Saturday 7.30pm - Another Night at the Musicals**
Okewood Church - See p6 for details.

📅 **10th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Ranmore Common Viewpoint - See p20 for details

📅 **13th Sunday 12.30pm - Easter Egg Hunt & Fun Day**
Quick Response Memorial Woodland - See p20 for details

📅 **24th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Rhododendron Woods - See p45 for details

📅 **28th Monday 12.00pm - Village Lunches**
Ockley Village Hall - See p34 for details

Further ahead - May

📅 **5th Monday 12.00pm - Teddy Bear Picnic**
Ockley Green - See p46 for details



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MYSTERY PHOTO



This photo is on behalf of Paul Charman of Forest Green who wonders if anyone can identify the people pictured. It seems to be from the 1920s and is in Forest Green apparently, was it a performance of some kind? Any information please send an email to editor@ockleymagazine.co.uk



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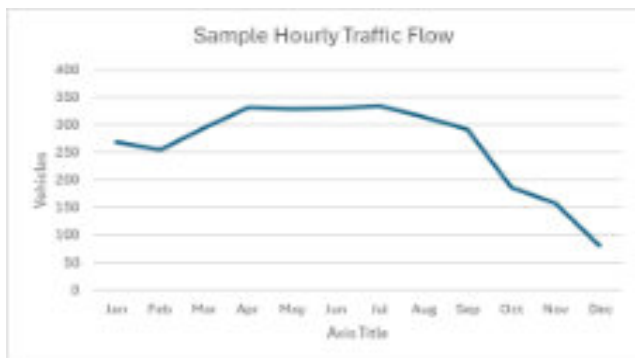
How often do we all notice vehicles being driven at excessive speed through the village, thinking 'something ought to be done...?'

The Speedwatch scheme evolved from this thought and aimed to fill a gap that the police had neither the resources nor the money for. As a result, there are Speedwatch teams all over the country helping the police by monitoring the traffic and reporting drivers who exceed the speed limit. The objective is to educate about the dangers of speeding rather than punish motorists.

We are a small team, and we need more volunteers so that we can monitor the A29 in Ockley at least once each day of the week. Do read on and find out more about what we do.

How do we do it?

We are organised into teams of two people who stand at the roadside for one-hour sessions. Using a speed gun, one identifies speeding drivers and calls out the seven pieces of information about the offence which their partner records in a table that can be later uploaded to the national police database.



What is the result?

In 2024, Ockley Speedwatch reported 1869 drivers speeding, 39 cars without MoT and 61 with no tax. Each offender received a letter from the police, which seems to be an effective deterrent as only 3.5% of them reoffended. Not only that, our regular appearance at the roadside also acts as a deterrent. We are convinced that we are contributing to a safer A29 in Ockley.

Why join us?

We are all volunteers, and we give our time when we can. Ideally, each of us participates in one-hour long session each week. Before starting, we provide each new volunteer with detailed training ending with certification which the police recognise. Each session is preauthorised by the police who provide third party insurance as well as the essential high-vis jacket.

Want to find out more?

The Speedwatch website at communityspeedwatch.org gives lots more information, and surrey police roadsafe.org.uk has its own Community Speedwatch page.

Better still, if you know someone who is already on the team, have a chat with them and ask questions. If not, have a word with our Coordinator Maureen Newman: maureen@outlook.com or Colin Seelig: colinseelig@btinternet.com

All statistics taken from the www.CommunitySpeedwatch.org

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Jon & Lily at Cridfords the Porsche garage in Ewhurst

dropped round to their chilly spot, not to forget hot coffee from Hazelbank Stores across the road, that they are going to do it again. This time Jon and Lily (and possibly Austin, six) are going to bed down in the Jubilee Garden of Ewhurst School.

Here is a photo of Jon Rapley sleeping out on a (surprise, surprise!) very wet night last year with his daughter Lily. They were mighty grateful to the Porsche garage in Ewhurst for allowing them to pitch camp under their awning. They were so pleased with the support that they received, both financially with over £1,000 raised, and the encouragement from well wishers who



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NEWS FROM CAGNE

What's the situation with Gatwick's new runway, airspace change, and what is the impact for us?

The Committee on Climate Change was clear in its report to Parliament in 2024 – there should be no airport expansions until a national framework is in place to control the growth of aviation emissions.

Gatwick Airport applied for a new runway using the planning process of a Development Consent Order (DCO) – the hearings for this took place last year. The recommendation by the Planning Inspectorate is now with the Secretary of State for Transport (Heidi Alexander MP) for her consideration. The airport and stakeholders had until 17th January to respond to further queries.

The SoS is due to make her decision on 27th February. However, as Luton Airport's decision (with fewer changes) has been delayed until April, CAGNE hopes Gatwick's decision will also be delayed, giving time for more fundraising.

Thanks to generous donations, CAGNE has put together a strong legal team of a senior climate change Kings Counsel, planning barrister, and qualified experts in surface transport, aviation noise and air quality. It was imperative to have a sufficiently qualified team to challenge Gatwick at the hearings and through submissions.

Gatwick's lengthy documents for the new runway were somewhat disingenuous with the facts, as with the misinterpretation of government policy 'to make best use of existing runway'. All had to be challenged – this is a new runway by the backdoor, with none of the financial commitments that Heathrow is having to offer with a new runway.

If it is a Yes from the Labour government, our legal team is ready, as there are so many reasons to challenge with a Judicial Review – not least, the planet's wellbeing and that of residents of Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

Airspace change (FASIS) was not permitted in the DCO but, if Gatwick is to operate two runways, it is needed (in our opinion) to meet their forecasts and not cause more delays.

The public FASIS consultation has been delayed until 2027, but this hasn't stopped Gatwick from continuing to redesign the airspace for maximum growth and efficiency. The government body (ACOG) identified the south of Gatwick for airspace growth, so this will be changed first, followed by the north (not necessarily used by the new runway).

Another tier of government organisation is being proposed to ensure that airspace change goes through but, sadly, any CO2 (and other environmental) savings will be lost with more planes flying.

The predictions are that ¾ of aviation fuel will still be fossil fuel in 2040 and



beyond. The previous government set mandatory SAF (so-called Sustainable Aviation Fuel) use of 22% by 2040, as well as five production plants (none built or financed yet). However, SAF is not available in the vast quantities required by aviation. The problems are a lack of base material, the intense power required to produce it (sufficient green power not available), and delivery must be by road.

SAF produces similar emissions to fossil fuel when burned, and contrails are not accounted for in any greenhouse gas figures. The uncomfortable truth is that the rise in emissions from airport expansions will almost entirely remove any reductions offered by SAF. Other alternative fuels are either still on the drawing board or create more issues for the planet than they solve.

For more information, please visit www.cagne.org

SURREY COUNCIL'S CALL ON RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE THEIR FOOD WASTE

Last year, Surrey residents recycled over 37,000 tonnes of food waste, the equivalent of almost 3,000 double-decker buses! Food waste recycling services across the county have gone from strength to strength, with many residents incorporating food recycling into their daily routine and presenting their caddy regularly for collection.

Research by the Surrey Environment Partnership (SEP) found that 90% of residents have used their food caddy recently or plan to in the future. If all food waste was recycled in Surrey, it could save a further £4.9 million per year, which could then be used to fund other essential local services and help provide power to thousands more households annually.

SEP's latest campaign calls on local residents to follow in their neighbour's footsteps and start recycling their food waste. With free weekly food waste collections throughout Surrey, it is never too late to start.

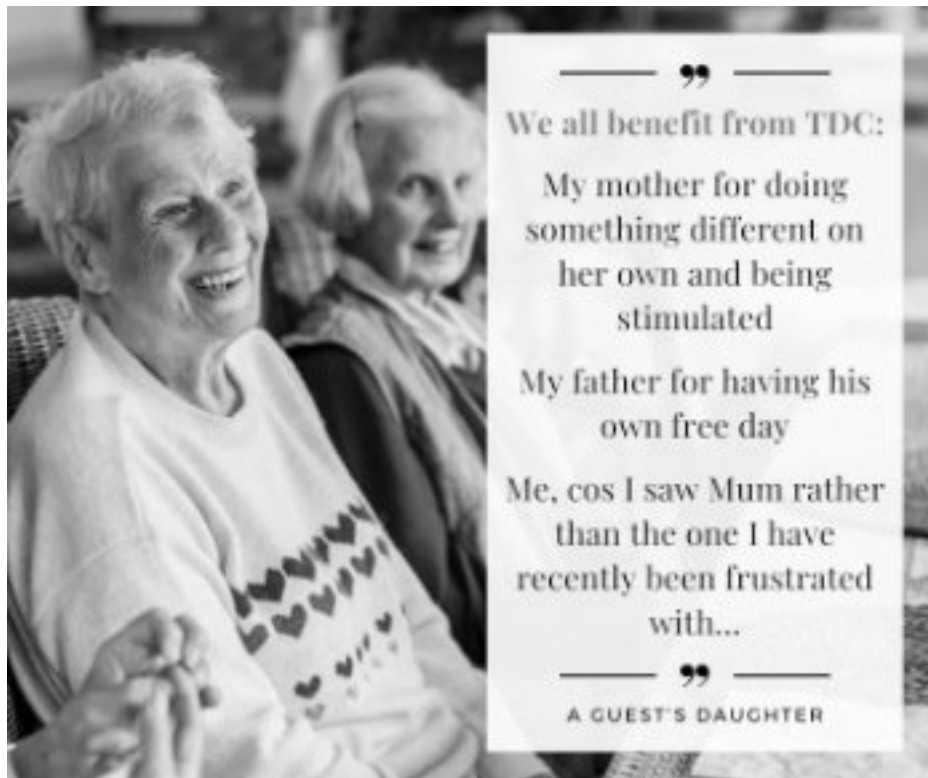
Residents can simply contact their local council today to request a caddy. All food scraps and leftovers including meat, bones, eggshells and tea bags can go into the caddy, which should be presented on the usual bin collection day. Caddies can be kept clean and fresh by using plastic bags such as old shopping bags, pedal bin liners or even repurposed bread bags.

SEP Chair Marisa Heath said: 'It has never been easier to own your impact and make a difference. I strongly encourage all residents to take advantage of their free weekly collection and caddy any food they can't eat. It's a quick and easy way you can help the planet from home.'

For more information on food waste recycling as well as tips and recipes to help you reduce your food waste, **visit surreyep.org.uk**

INNOVATIVE DEMENTIA SUPPORT SERVICE OPENING A THIRD DAY CLUB IN MOLE VALLEY

Tapestry Day Club is opening up a second club in the Dorking area, providing a 'home-from-home' supportive place for people living with early stage dementia. Their day clubs, which take place in their trained hosts' family homes, offer engaging activities such as music, art, gentle exercise, and reminiscence therapy, helping their guests stay active and socially connected. Their trained staff ensure a friendly and safe atmosphere, giving families peace of mind while offering much-needed respite for carers. This vital community initiative will be a lifeline for many in the Dorking area. For further information as to how to join, please contact support@tapestrydayclub.co.uk or call 01403 610345



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February has arrived and with it more rain and as I am writing this article a sleet/hail storm! However there is lots of promise of brighter things to come. We have daffodils in bud at the front of the woodland and other spring bulbs popping up from the frozen ground. The birds are hungry and wait for my arrival in the mornings. It will be nice when we can turn the clocks back and start to enjoy longer days with more light into the evenings.

We are now in full swing with the planning of our Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day. See the Poster and do register the children asap to avoid disappointment. We are going to have a great Easter Egg Stall at extremely good prices so come to the woodland on Sunday 13th April and fill your shopping bags which in turn will help our Veterans who are struggling. There will be lots for the family to do; the Easter Egg Hunt which will commence at 12.30 followed by Egg and Spoon races. The stalls in the woodland include the Easter Egg Stall, Sweet Stall, Lucky Dip, Craft Stall, Grand Easter Raffle, games for all ages with prizes and the NAAFI will be open plus a BBQ on the go. **Please do remember to bring cash** as cards do not work in the woodland.

I have been busy making some new bird boxes and once Easter has come and gone we will be enjoying watching the birds feeding their young. It is always a joy to watch the young woodpeckers feeding and some of the smaller birds busy in and out of the nesting boxes. One of my great pleasures is to see the ferns all around the woodland come to life, they almost appear to unfurl in front of my eyes!

As we go forward and into the Summer months we will be holding our Annual Anniversary of the opening of the woodland which will be 11 years this year. This celebration day will take place on Sunday 8th June and ALL are invited to attend, it will commence at 12.30. There will be plenty of parking because we have been given permission for our visitors to park in the grounds of the new Leith Hill School. We will provide a shuttle service to and from the woodland if walking is not something you want to do. As usual we will have lots of stalls where you can spend money and plenty of refreshments. One of my good mates who was in the Queen's Regiment boxing team with me sadly passed away before Christmas so there will also be a Commemoration Service for him on 8th June during the afternoon. I know that family will be coming from Germany and quite a number of his comrades will be coming to celebrate his life and plant a tree in his honour. Do put this date in your diaries.

I am at the woodland most days of the week and weekends between 10 a.m. and 2p.m. this time of year, much longer in the Summer. So feel free to come and visit and say hello. I look forward to your visit.

Best wishes, Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

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At the Village Hall at 1.30-2.30 every Tuesday (except the second Tuesday of the month which is time for Young at Heart group) all of that is there and it's all FREE.

It's due to a partnership between grants from Mole Valley Council, the GLL (company that runs Dorking Leisure Centre and other things) who provide the wonderful tutor Liza, and the Village Hall who provide lovely premises. There's no upper age limit and some people prefer to exercise sitting down and that's all catered for. The current age range starts at roughly sixty years.

One member of the class said, 'I love this class. We always have a good laugh, do as much or as little as we can or want. After the first class I thought it was maybe a bit too easy...until the next day when I could tell I'd done some exercise! I've learned so much too - the best being how best to push up with feet to standing. And it's free, what's not to love?'

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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

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- 4th Sunday - Okewood 10.30am All Age Service, Forest Green 6pm Evening Worship.
- 5th Sunday - Forest Green 10.30am joint parish Holy Communion service.

ST. MARGARET'S, OCKLEY – CHURCH SERVICES

Everyone is very welcome to attend the services at St. Margaret's Church, Ockley. The services for March and April are as follows:

March

- 2nd 9.30am Matins
- 9th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common worship)
- 16th no service at Ockley, (10.30am Parish Communion St. John's, Capel)
- 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 30th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Morning worship

April

- 6th 9.30am Matins
- 13th no service at Ockley (Palm Sunday 10.30am café church followed by APCM at St. John's Capel)
- 20th 9.30am Easter Day Communion
- 27th 9.30am Parish Worship (BCP)

Should anyone have any queries, please do call Gill Christie 01306 711917 or email gill@c21mediagroup.com

Ockley Cricket Club 2025 Season

We would love to see you here this coming year either as a member or just a visitor. Everyone is welcome!

The Cricket Pavilion isn't just a cricket club either, it's used by others for the benefit of the community as follows:

- Every Wednesday morning 9am – 12pm it's a tea room run by local church volunteers. They offer tea, coffee and homemade cakes and savouries, and on the last Wednesday of the month they cook up bacon butties too! It's a great place to meet up for a chat. The local Community Fridge come along and set up outside each Wednesday morning too from about 10am for an hour. The Post Office is also available during the café opening times each week.
- Art classes are run every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10.30am with Dianne Buckley-Sunda
- Pilates with Sarah Reeves returns from May
- The Pavilion is also available for private hire. Contact John for more details 07915 520003 or email jthorse99@gmail.com

Annual Cricket Membership Fees

Adult Players £100, Junior Players £50, Adult Social £20, OAP Social £20
The club will be open from April (weather permitting). Club nights with the bar are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. There are also BBQs throughout the Season.

For membership contact: Jason – 07919 784446 jsedgcombe@gmail.com

John – 07915 520003 jthorse99@gmail.com

We always welcome new players Junior and Adult. For more details contact: George – georgeheb123@gmail.com

Warren – warren.vaughan@googlemail.com

Ockley/Surrey Dynamos

Children's Soft Cricket for 8 – 11 years. For more information and to register contact either: Ruth – 07770 983948 surreyhouse@btinternet.com
Sarah – sarahbenney2017@gmail.com

Save The Date

BH Monday 5th May 12pm–5pm Dianne Buckley-Sunda's very own *Teddy Bears Picnic* – July (date tbc): *Summer BBQ and Live Music* – Sunday 3rd August: *Caribbean Day* – BH Monday 25th August: *International Sevens*
Sat September 7th: *Village Cricket Sevens*

All above events are free to enter and we look forward to seeing you.

Sponsorship Needed

Lastly, here's a chance for you to sponsor your village club. We need sponsors for the following: Match Day - Caribbean Day - New Scoreboard - Team Kits - Game Balls. For more information contact:

Ruth – surreyhouse@btinternet.com Andy – stubbsap123@outlook.com



**26th March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.: FIRE, SMOKE and IRON:
SPANISH ARTISTS and THE BILBAO IRON INDUSTRY –
Martin Lloyd**

We welcome once again Martin Lloyd who had previously lectured about 'Secret Art in the Passport'. This time he will talk to us about Bilbao in Spain where iron had been produced for centuries and its development in the 19th century was helped by British capital and entrepreneurship. By 1985, it was all over. But the rise, heyday and demise of the Bilbao iron industry has been fixed in oils, water colours and bronze.

Meetings are held at Cranleigh Arts Centre. Guests and non-members are welcome to join us at a talk but must contact the Membership Secretary in advance to confirm a seat. No commitment, but a donation is appreciated.

Please contact enidjonestasc@gmail.com

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

Registered Charity no. 1142228

Capel Badminton Club

Would you like to come along on a Thursday evening at 7.30 and try our badminton club held in Capel village hall. We are a small friendly group and not too serious. We'd be delighted with a few more players!

For more information please email
vivienne@lowerbrookwood.co.uk



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Towards the Festival

Capel Choral Society will be holding another of its popular Quiz Nights on Friday the 4th April, in Capel Memorial Hall, from 6.30pm. The entry is £15 per person, which includes a two course supper, and a raffle will be held.

Entries are now open, please contact Rosemary Goddard, details at the end.

Capel Choral singers are currently working hard on learning the music for the 2025 Leith Hill Music Festival on the 12th April. On that day, the choir will join with four others to perform Elgar's Dream of Gerontius, with orchestra and soloists, in the evening concert.

On the morning of that day it will take part in the Competition section of the Festival when it will be singing three pieces chosen by the Choir. Are you tempted to have a go at choral singing? Singing in a choir gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits.

An ideal time to join is after the Festival when the Choir will learning some lighter music for its own summer concert. There is no audition, just learn as you go along.

Rehearsals start at 7.30pm on Monday evenings and take place in Capel's Memorial Hall.

For details of the Choir and for quiz tickets,
contact Rosemary Goddard:

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

Website: www.capelchoralsociety.com

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522



Serving Wotton, Abinger
and Shere Parishes

Mondays to Fridays excluding Public Holidays

from 4 September 2023

| | Mondays & Thursdays | | Tuesdays | | Wednesdays | | | Fridays | |
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| | 433 | 433 | 522 | 50 | 522 | 522 | 50 | 522 | 50 |
| Horsham Carfax | | | | 15:30 | | | | 15:30 | |
| Broadbridge Heath, Tesco | | | | 15:17 P | | | | | |
| Osley, Clowes Close | 09:25 | | | | 09:25 | | | | |
| Osley, Clowes Close | 09:25 | | | | 09:25 | | | | |
| Wotton, Oakfields | 09:30 | 12:49 | | 12:35 | 09:30 | | 12:59 | 12:45 | |
| Osley, Clowes Close | | 12:51 | | | | | 12:11 | | |
| Moyes Green | 09:32 | | | | 09:32 | | | 12:47 R | |
| Exhaust Green | | | | 12:40 R | | | | | |
| Exhaust, Bull's Head | | | | 12:43 R | | | | | |
| Forest Green, The Parrot | 09:34 | | | 12:49 R | 09:34 | | | 12:49 R | |
| Osley, Clowes Close | | 12:54 | | | | | 12:14 | | |
| Osley, In on the Green | 09:40 | 12:55 | | 12:55 | 09:40 | | 12:15 | 12:55 | |
| Osley, Kings Arms Court | 09:41 | 12:56 | | 12:56 | 09:41 | | 12:16 | 12:56 | |
| Capel, The Street | | | | | 09:45 R | | | | |
| Goldersbourn, Brown Hall Farm | 09:44 | 12:59 | | 12:59 | | | 12:19 | 12:59 | |
| Goldersbourn, Plough | 09:47 | 13:02 | | 13:02 | | | 12:22 | 13:02 | |
| Dorking High St, White Horse (Stop N) | 10:00 | 13:15 | 12:20 | 14:05 R | | 12:20 | 13:35 | 12:20 | 14:05 R |
| Dorking Station | | | 12:25 | | | 12:25 | | 12:25 | |
| Brookham Green, Church | 10:07 | | 12:32 | 14:22 R | | 12:32 | | 12:32 | |
| Stood Green, Tyndale Road | 10:09 | | 12:34 | 14:24 R | | 12:34 | | 12:34 | |
| Godbrook Crossroads | 10:11 | | 12:36 | | | 12:36 | | 12:36 | |
| Dawes Green, Seven Stars | 10:14 | | 12:39 | | | 12:39 | | 12:39 | |
| Leigh, The Plough | 10:15 | | 12:40 | | | 12:40 | | 12:40 | |
| Shelwood Cross | | | 12:44 | | | 12:44 | | 12:44 | |
| Pangate | | | 12:47 | | | 12:47 | | 12:47 | |
| Cudworth Park, The Poppars | | | | | | | | 12:52 R | |
| Northgate Bus Shelter | | | 12:48 | | 09:50 | 12:48 | | 12:52 | |
| Leigh, Nalderswood, Dean Oak Lane | 10:16 | | | | | | | | |
| Irons Bottom | 10:21 | | | | | | | | |
| Silfow | 10:23 | | | | | | | | |
| Woodhatch, Angel | 10:26 | | | | | | | | |
| Reigate, Morrisons | 10:26 E | | | | | | | | |
| Redhill, Queensway | 10:46 E | | | | | | | | |

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| Redhill, Queensway | 11:48 E | | | | | | | | |
| Reigate, Morrisons | 11:56 E | | | | | | | | |
| Woodhatch, Angel | 11:54 | | | | | | | | |
| Silfow | 11:57 | | | | | | | | |
| Irons Bottom | 11:58 | | | | | | | | |
| Leigh, Nalderswood, Dean Oak Lane | 12:03 | | | | | | | | |
| Cudworth Park, The Poppars | | | | | | | | | |
| Northgate Bus Shelter | | | 09:58 | | 09:58 | 12:58 | | 09:58 | |
| Pangate | | | 09:53 | | 09:53 | | | 09:53 | |
| Shelwood Cross | | | 09:56 | | 09:56 | | | 09:56 | |
| Leigh, The Plough | 12:06 | | 10:00 | | 10:00 | | | 10:00 | |
| Dawes Green, Seven Stars | 12:08 | | 10:01 | | 10:01 | | | 10:01 | |
| Godbrook Crossroads | 12:09 | | 10:04 | | 10:04 | | | 10:04 | |
| Stood Green, Tyndale Road | 12:11 | | 10:06 | | 10:06 | | | 10:06 | |
| Brookham Green, Church | 12:13 | | 10:08 | | 10:08 | | | 10:08 | |
| Dorking Station | | | R | | R | | | R | |
| Dorking High St, White Horse (Stop K) | 12:20 | 17:16 | 10:15 | 17:16 | 10:15 | | 17:16 | 10:15 | 17:16 |
| Dorking South Street (Stop P) | 12:21 | 17:18 | 10:16 | 17:18 | | | 17:18 | 10:16 | 17:18 |
| Goldersbourn, Plough | 12:32 | 17:27 R | 10:27 | 17:27 R | | | 17:27 R | 10:27 | 17:27 R |
| Goldersbourn, Brown Hall Farm | 12:35 | 17:30 R | 10:30 | 17:30 R | | | 17:30 R | 10:30 | 17:30 R |
| Capel, The Street | | | | | | | | | |
| Osley, Kings Arms Court | 12:36 | 17:33 R | 10:33 | 17:33 R | | | 17:33 R | 10:33 | 17:33 R |
| Osley, In on the Green | 12:36 R | 17:35 R | 10:35 | 17:35 R | | | 17:35 R | 10:35 | 17:35 R |
| Osley, Clowes Close | | 17:34 R | | 17:34 R | | | 17:34 R | | 17:34 R |
| Forest Green, The Parrot | 12:45 | | 10:41 | | 12:45 | | | 10:41 | |
| Exhaust Bull's Head | | | 10:47 | | | | | 10:47 | |
| Exhaust Green | | | 10:50 | | | | | 10:50 | |
| Moyes Green | 12:47 R | | | | 12:47 R | | | 10:45 | |
| Wotton, Oakfields | 12:58 | 17:48 R | 10:55 | 17:48 R | 12:58 | 17:48 R | | 10:45 | 17:48 R |
| Osley, Clowes Close | | | 11:04 R | | | | | 10:47 | |
| Broadbridge Heath, Tesco | | | | | | | | | |
| Broadbridge Heath, Sherry Arms | | | | | | | | | |
| Horsham Bus Station | | | 11:29 | | | | | 11:50 | |
| Horsham Carfax | | | 11:31 | | | | | 11:51 | |

E = Operates fast between Reigate & Redhill (no intermediate stops)

Arrows indicate stops that the bus does not serve on a given journey

R = Operates at request of passengers already on board who wish to be set down

P = Picks up at request of passengers set down at this point on outbound journey

Buses 50, 433 & 522 will also pick-up/set-down at any safe point on Osley Hill - Wotton - Forest Green - Osley loop

Bus 433 will pick-up/set-down at any safe point in Dean Oak Lane

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

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| CHURCHES | Ockley | Rev Liz Richardson | 01306 711260 |
| | Forest Green & Okewood, Liz Coleman | | 01306 628156 |
| CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU | Cranleigh | | 0808 2787980 |
| | Dorking | | 0808 2787930 |
| CRICKET CLUBS | Forest Green | Malcolm Clayton | 01306 621255 |
| | Oakwood Hill | Dave Bishop | 01306 627524 |
| | Ockley | Loll | 01306 712408 |
| | | Jason | 07918 784446 |
| DIAL A RIDE | | | 0300 123 7749 |
| GATWICK CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN | | Peter Barclay | 01293 862821 |
| GATWICK NOISE COMPLAINTS | | | 01293 311568 |
| GP SURGERY | Capel | | 01306 711105 |
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| OKWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW | | Cheryl Barclay | 01306 621140 |
| OKWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION | | Nick Standen | 07787 573549 |
| PARISH COUNCIL | Abinger | Beccy Anderson | 07716 928430 |
| | Ockley | Samantha Bell | 07388 368213 |
| SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST | | | 01483 795440 |
| TWO COUNTIES ART/CRAFT | | Janet Mitchell | 01483 627322 |
| WALKING GROUP | | Sue Dixon | 01306 627168 |
| WASP BUS | | | 07802 460069 |
| YOUNG AT HEART | | Diana Cuthbert | 01306 621326 |



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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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