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WELCOME

Welcome to this bumper edition of Woof, more pages, more stories and more events to entertain you in the upcoming summer months.

Our first event is of course the King's Coronation, our celebrations take place on Sunday May 7th from 9:30 in the morning on the Ockley Village Green and Cricket Ground. If you look on pages 8 & 9 you will find timings of the various events (Open-air church service, Ocklympics, cricket) plus information on the dog show. It promises to be another fun-packed day with something for everyone. Come down and spend the day with us, catching up with friends and neighbours from our villages.

There will be 3 tombola's each requiring donations. If you can spare any bottles, toys and sweets please bring them to the pavilion café on Wed 3rd June or on the Sunday morning from 8am. Otherwise they can be dropped off at Elderslie before the Sunday.

Tied in with the Coronation celebrations is "The Big Help Out" (Monday 8th) where people are encouraged to go out and do something for the community. Ockley Village Hall (P11) is organising a facelift day for the hall. If you can spare a few hours, pop down, lend a hand, drink tea and eat cake.

On June 11th a Barbadian Cricket Team is coming to play Ockley (P15), this will be another fun-packed day, not just watching the cricket but enjoying the various stalls that will be coming along with them.

Ockley Dramatic Society are at it again, their new comedy will be performed 15th to 17th June in Ockley Village Hall. See their ad on page 44 for details and tickets.

Other events include the Coldharbour Village Fete May 20th (P25), Walliswoodstock July 15th (P40), Music in Brockham Village Hall May 28th (P43), a hike for charity June 11th (P46), the Inn On The Green's Beer Festival June 3rd (P48) to name but a few.

It's not just events, we have various articles and stories throughout this issue for you to enjoy.

I hope to see you at one of our many upcoming events.

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 NEEDS YOU!



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

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

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

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 on board, sourcing and routing of articles and information and finally proofreading.

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

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

Woof cannot continue without the help of our wonderful team of volunteers.

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Ockley Celebrates

H M The King's Coronation

- on **Sunday 7th May**

Provisional Running Order:

09:30 Open Air Church Service

10:30 Dog Show

12:00 Tea Tent Open

12:00 Ocklympics

14:00 Cricket Match

16:00 BBQ

There will be tombola's for adults and children.

We are still in the planning stage as this went to print, so please check the following social media & website for more details closer to the day.

Facebook - The Ockley Society OR Ockley Village

Website - www.ockley.org.uk

Please contact Alan Hardy on 01306 628059 or amh@amhi.co.uk if you can help on the day.



Ockley Celebrates

**H M The King's
Coronation**

- on **Sunday 7th May**

Ockley Dog Show

**10.30am on The Green opposite the
school**

Entry is £5 for the first category, £3 for each extra, cash only.
Registration from 09:30am

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The “Big Help Out”

At Ockley Village Hall

Monday 8th May is tagged as The Big Help Out, a community volunteer day, to 'give back' as part of coronation events (<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>).

This is an opportunity for a Village Hall facelift and we invite support from across the village community, clubs and societies to donate some time as we tackle some maintenance tasks. The Village Hall Committee appreciates your support in advance, and there will be an opportunity to tour the hall, and read about some of its history. A pop-up cafe will be providing refreshments too. We plan to meet at the Village Hall 10am on Monday 8th May. Look out for further details on Facebook and the website, or contact Nigel on 01306 627 157.

We have a number of jobs which could fit this (treat & paint the external windows and doors, renovate the notice-board, repair and treat the fences/gates to side and rear, and tidy up the verges and carpark). We will also have a 'pop-up cafe' and use the day for folks to get involved in the Village Hall, learn about its history, and have a tour.

TAPESTRY DAY CLUB

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Jenny – one of our guests - attends weekly and has been with us for more than a year. Her daughter feels less worried about her mum feeling alone,

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Kelly - one of our hosts – works once a week and says *“I’m honestly, so grateful for the opportunity to work with TDC and I enjoy it so much, it never feels like a job – it is my favourite day of the week. They [her guests] are just wonderful. I love the fact that it gives the carers some time to themselves...”*

Richard – one of our guest’s carers – *“Thank you so much. This club has been a lifeline and made such a difference to Mum and me. Just so delighted that you can host Mum each Tuesday - I can claim my day back!”*

If you could do with a supporting hand to help care for someone living with dementia and/or struggles with social isolation, or you are interested in becoming a host, please contact us on directors@tapestrydayclub.co.uk

UPDATE ON THE QUICK RESPONSE MEMORIAL WOODLAND

On 2nd April we had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt at the woodland which was enjoyed by many local children and families. It was great fun and the rain stopped. We even had a few rays of sunshine to add to what was a very enjoyable day. We raised some much-appreciated funds which has gone into the Memorial Fund to assist Veterans who are in difficulty. All monies raised by QRMW at our events are used for the upkeep of the Memorial Woodland and to assist those Veterans who are going through a difficult time. All of us who work for the Charity are volunteers.

The woodland is looking beautiful now that Spring is fully with us. The longer days are encouraging the plants, shrubs and trees to come alive and the birds are incredibly busy making their nest some are already feeding young. Spring is such a lovely time of the year and full of promise.

I must tell you about our next important event at the Memorial Woodland which will take place on June 10th; it will be our 9th Anniversary since the woodland was officially opened and a Commemoration Service will take place at the woodland. Four families who have lost family members who were veterans will be honouring their loved ones and planting saplings. This is a very special event, a day of remembrance plus celebration, at which we will have the Redhill Band and Corp of Drums, Veteran singer Rodney Dell, BBQ, Bar and a number of stalls - including some lovely crafts, merchandise, bottle tombola and grand raffle. EVERYONE is welcome so do put it in your diaries to come and join us at 12.30 on Saturday 10th June. Belmont School are allowing visitors to park in their car parks and we will be running a shuttle service for everyone to and from the woodland, which means our car park is free for the vintage military vehicles which will be on display. We are thrilled to have been informed by the CEO that his young Cadets from Frimley & Camberley Cadet Corps will be joining us as usual. These young people are the only cadets who are allowed to wear The Queen's Regiment Cap Badge in the UK.

Visitors to the woodland are always welcome. Bring a picnic and sit at one of our picnic benches and enjoy the peace and tranquility of our lovely woodland in the heart of the Surrey Hills. We are open 24/7. If we are not present on the day that you come, you can park at the front of the main car park and walk in the side gate. If we are there, then the Visitors Centre will be open and you can enjoy the collection of military memorabilia that the families of those Veterans who are honoured at the woodland have donated to us for all to enjoy.

In the meantime we really look forward to seeing you on 10th June.

*Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland
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We will need some volunteers for the Barbados fixture (Sunday 11th June 11am) to make cakes and savoury dishes and help with parking etc.

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We are all looking forward to another great season.



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A Barbados Eleven

Gates open 11.30am, match starts at 2pm

(Limited parking available £5) donation buckets all in aid of the Ockley Village, Clubs and Activity Groups.

As parking is limited, please walk or get dropped off.

Please bring your own chairs and blankets to sit around the green.

School lane will be closed except access for residents.

There will be bars, traditional Barbadian food stalls, English teas, music, merchandise and atmosphere.

After the game the legendary West Indian / Barbadian test cricketer The Big Bird – Joel Garner will do a question-and-answer session in the marquee.

To finish off the day, watch the sun go down with a glass in your hand listening to our resident DJ Monty.

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Location. Betchworth Village Hall, Station Road Betchworth, RH3 7DF. Just off of the A25 and directly opposite Knights Garden Centre.

Dorking Group of Artists holds two exhibitions a year and meets every Tuesday for a Winter programme of activities at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. After Easter there is a Summer programme of outdoor meetings to paint and draw. Membership is open to artists of all abilities and costs just £30 for non-exhibiting members and £35 for exhibiting members.

Email: contact@dga.org.uk Facebook : Dorking Group of Artists

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OCKLEY'S AMERICAN CONNECTION

In 1638 the then Rector of Ockley, Henry Whitfield, resigned his living and in 1639 led a party to America. The reason for his resignation was religious persecution. The Puritans considered that the Church of England created by Henry VIII had 'cut off the head, but left the body of the Catholic Church (the services) unchanged'. Archbishop Laud created a Commission and Whitfield was censored.

The Civil War which started in 1642 was in part a religious war.

Whitfield was probably born in Greenwich, Kent in about 1592. He was educated at New College, Oxford. Initially a lawyer, he was ordained in 1618 and became Rector of Ockley. He had married Dorothy Shaefe. In 1633 he met two other clergymen, John Cotton and Thomas Hooker, to try to persuade them to remain in the Church, but failed and they both emigrated to America. He followed them 6 years later. Whitfield was a friend of George Fenwick at Oxford who founded the Saybrook Colony, Connecticut.

After leaving Ockley, Whitfield sold property he had inherited from his father and gathered a group of non-conformists (Puritans) to emigrate to America. They left England in two ships and in June 1639 a month before they arrived in New Haven (then called Quinnipiac) 25 of them signed a covenant 'we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves together in one entire plantation and to be helpful each to other in any common work, according to every man's ability and as need shall require, and we promise not to desert or leave each other or the plantation, but with the consent of the rest, or the greater part of the company who have entered into this engagement.'

It is thought that the signatories were on one of the two ships (the St John) because the group was larger than that. They were said to come from Surrey and Kent, but it is unclear how many came from Ockley.

The Pilgrim Fathers on the Mayflower had signed a similar compact in 1620 and the Guilford compact is thought to be only the second covenant.

Upon arrival in June 1639, Whitfield consulted Fenwick and Reverend John Davenport, founder of the New Haven Colony, and decided to purchase land from the Quinnipiac Native American tribe halfway between the New Haven and Saybrook colonies. Each party in the land transaction was ignorant of each other's culture. The indigenous tribal leaders likely viewed the goods that they received as a goodwill gesture from the English. Historian Richard Carlson noted that 'for the Quinnipiaks the treaties represented agreements to share uses of the land, not agreements for exclusive ownership of the land itself. This inevitable would cause problems in the future. The Quinnipiac Indians were being harried by a

neighbouring tribe and presumably thought the colonists would help defend them.

The colony was named Guilford, whether after a local landowner in Kent or Guildford in Surrey (which was spelt Guilford then) is unclear.

Whitfield's house was started in September. It was not, as suggested, a copy of his Rectory in Ockley, which would have been timber framed but built of stone carted by the friendly Indians. It was a place of refuge in case of an attack, a place for church services and meetings as well as the home for the Whitfield family. It is now a museum, the oldest Stone built house in North America.

The colony prospered; the land was fertile, most of the emigrants came from farming families. One builder was noted amongst the families who was required to help the families to build the houses. Dorothy Whitfield's brother and two of her sisters were in the group. There was also a harbour, Guilford is situated on Long Island Sound, opposite Long Island which gives protection from the South and West.

But the political circumstance in England had changed. From 1642 Parliamentarians asked prominent colonists to return to England and help in the Civil War. Charles I was executed in 1649 and Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector in 1653.

The majority of the emigrants were young men, but seven of them died between 1646 and 1648. Henry Whitfield was 57 in 1649 and asked the congregation for permission to return to England.

The congregation voted to increase his salary and offered other inducements, but he returned to England with one son in 1650. One emigrant suggested his frail body was not suited to the rigours of colonial life and the harsh winters. He was reinstated in the Church and buried in Winchester Cathedral after his death in 1657. His wife had continued living in Guilford with 5 of their 6 children who survived to adult hood until she also returned to England with two children in 1659 and died in 1669.

The link with Ockley is fairly tenuous. Rev Maurice Colins visited Guilford in the 25th year of his rectorship of Ockley in 1978. A John Steere had emigrated to Rhode Island in the 1650s and his descendants tried to research in the early 1900's where he came from, but reached no conclusion. A descendant James Steere visited Ockley and convinced himself that John came from Ockley, possibly born at Vann Farm. He paid for the erection of the plaque in St Margaret's, listing the signatures on the compact and another in memory of John Steere.

When the Church was fundraising for the repair of the Bell Frame, a party from Guilford and of Steere's were invited to visit Ockley and those whom the visitors stayed with donated the fees to the Church.

And in 2013 Ockley was represented at the 375th anniversary of the founding of Guilford by Dianne Buckley Sunda's godson, James Colgate Jerome and David Buckley, Dianne's cousin, who opened the ceremony with a speech about the 1600's colonists.

It is uncertain how many of the party came from Ockley; a search of the Church registers which began in 1539 is needed!

But every year or so we receive visitors who are descendants of the emigrants, whether from Ockley or not. Including a Congregational minister descended from Henry Whitfield who preached a few years ago.

Guilford is now a thriving community in Connecticut with a population of some 20,000 about the same as Dorking! The original farming economy was overtaken by the larger farms in the middle and West of the USA, so the economy is now basically white collar. New Haven, the location of Yale University, is some 25 Kilometres to the West on the main New York to Boston railway line, but there is a branch line along the coast to Guilford and good road communication.

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We urgently need more volunteers to help with keeping the speed down through the village on the A29, so if you are over 18 and able to spare one hour a week/fortnightly /monthly on a regular basis we would love to hear from you. Contact details listed below.

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

For the period 01 February – 31 March 2023, we recorded:

1.	Sessions	20
2.	Total drivers exceeding limit	190
3.	Maximum Speed recorded	61mph
4.	DVLA valid vehicles	204
5.	Vehicles without MOT	3
6.	Vehicles without TAX	2
7.	Vehicles with SORN	1
8.	Average offenders per hour	10.9
9.	Average vehicles per session	287

If you would like to join the Ockley Community Speedwatch team, or find out more about it, please contact Maureen Newman maureen@outlook.com or Colin Seelig colinseelig@btinternet.com

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Ringling for the King

This time last year we were busily preparing to ring for the once-in-a-lifetime event of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and here we are now getting ready to ring for our



first coronation, of King Charles III. At the time of writing plans are still vague as to timings but we would expect to be joining in a national Ring for the King at an allotted time before the ceremony and will no doubt have a few quarter peals to ring at the local churches to commemorate the event.

All ringing events are submitted to Bell board, an online record of ringing performances, and published in the Ringing World, a weekly magazine of news and events. Quarter peals are the most common form of commemoration as they require a degree of skill to achieve but only take about 45 minutes to complete whereas a full peal would take nearly 3 hours of continuous ringing and needs a lot more stamina.

The Ring for the King campaign to recruit new ringers is still attracting enquiries and has been a huge success nationally with some great coverage in news stories. In fact some areas have been inundated with learners but these are mainly in towns and cities. The shortage of ringers in rural areas continues. This means that often there are not enough ringers for the number of bells and that we are needed to ring at more than one church for Sunday Services to make up the numbers.



The Sunday a week after the Coronation, 14th May, will be Bell Sunday. This is the first of what is hoped to be an annual event to recognise the contribution of bells and bell-ringers to the life of the Church. It may comprise a number of bell-related items, such as readings and hymns but could also include interactive displays and demonstrations. St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bell-ringers due to his experimentation in the forging of bells in the tenth century and so Bell Sunday has been chosen to be on the Sunday closest to his feast day.

Most bellringers consider ringing to be an enjoyable hobby. It is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years and is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. Learning to ring church bells is a structured process that takes a number of one-to-one sessions to be competent at 'handling' a bell. You don't have to be a churchgoer, there is no compulsion to stay for services. While almost anyone is capable of learning to ring it is not easy and requires a lot of dedication to master. Are you up to the

challenge? You too could be taking part in this unique pastime. If you would like to find out more, please come along and see for yourself.

Practice nights at St. Margaret's, Ockley, are usually on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 9.15, but please check first.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 11 th May	Six Bells, Newdigate	10am
Thursday 25 th May	The Punchbowl	10am
Thursday 8 th June	Bull's Head, Ewhurst	10am
Thursday 22 nd June	The Inn On The Green, Ockley	10am

Thursday 11th May

Meet at the Six Bells, Newdigate, at 10am for a 5.9-mile fairly easy walk over Home Farm to Glovers Plantation and returning from Charlwood via Beggahouse Lane and Cudworth Manor.

Thursday 25th May

Meet at the Punchbowl at 10am for a fairly easy 5.8-mile walk over Honeywood to the Border path and Bury St Austen, returning via Ellen's Green and Smokejacks.

Thursday 8th June

Meet at the Bull's Head, Ewhurst at 10am for a moderate 5-mile walk around Sayers Croft and High Wykehurst, up to Canfold and across to Cornhill Manor.

Thursday 22nd June

Meet at The Inn On The Green, Ockley at 10am for a fairly strenuous 6-mile walk across Jayes Park to Hartshurst, across to Leith Hill Place and Woods, then down to Forest Green, returning via Gosterwood Manor.

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Am best looking in the morning sun when I exhibit brightness in my many colours and remarkable freshness.

Look for me in the Cricket Pavilion on Sunday, the 7th of May. I will, on that special Village Day, make a star appearance in an exhibition display of a story book with illustrations from my children's story about the Coronation of King Charles III. My family of flowers is a flower family favourite of King Charles III and perfect for family festivities.

p.s. Come and see for yourself that I am not a tulip!

Dianne Sunda - Riddle answer p42


THE OKEWOOD SINGERS



The Okewood Singers are a small, friendly local a cappella choir singing a variety of modern and older secular songs. We meet every Thursday evening in Okewood Hill and are currently looking for new members to join us, especially sopranos and altos. Being able to read music and having had some experience singing in a choir would be advantageous but not essential. If you would like to know more, please email Martin Smith at martinsmith.890@gmail.com

VILLAGE EVENTS 2023

May

 **1st Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp**

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday

 **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 Hill 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 Hill Village Hall - Every Thursday

 **7th Sunday - Ockley celebrates the King's Coronation**

Ockley Green - See p8 for details

 **7th Sunday 4.00pm - Messy Church**

Walliswood Village Hall

 **8th Monday 10.00am - The Big Help Out**

Ockley Village Hall - See p11 for details

 **11th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

Six Bells, Newdigate - See p27 for details

 **15th Monday 3.00pm - Village Teas**

Ockley Village Hall - See p24 for details

 **25th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**

The Punchbowl - See p27 for details

MAY 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Senior Bootcamp	2 Pilates in the Pavilion	3 Pavilion Café Yoga	4 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	5	6
7 Ockley Celebrates the King's Coronation Messy Church	8 The Big Help Out Senior Bootcamp	9 Pilates in the Pavilion	10 Pavilion Café Yoga	11 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	12	13
14	15 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	16 Pilates in the Pavilion	17 Pavilion Café Yoga	18 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	19	20
21	22 Senior Bootcamp	23 Pilates in the Pavilion	24 Pavilion Café Yoga	25 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	26	27
28	29 Senior Bootcamp	30 Pilates in the Pavilion	31 Pavilion Café Yoga			

JUNE 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	2	3
4 Messy Church	5 Senior Bootcamp	6 Pilates in the Pavilion	7 Pavilion Café Yoga	8 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	9 Vann Fest	10 QRMW Anniversary Service Vann Fest
11 Calypso Cricket Vann Fest	12 Senior Bootcamp	13 Pilates in the Pavilion	14 Pavilion Café Yoga	15 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Comedy Supper	16 Comedy Supper	17 Comedy Supper
18	19 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	20 Pilates in the Pavilion	21 Pavilion Café Yoga	22 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	23	24
25	26 Senior Bootcamp	27 Pilates in the Pavilion	28 Pavilion Café Yoga	29 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	30	

VILLAGE EVENTS JUNE 2023

 **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

 **4th Sunday 4.00pm - Messy Church**
Walliswood Village Hall

 **5th Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp**
Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday

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

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

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

 **8th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Ranmore Common - See p27 for details

 **9th Friday 3.00pm - Vann Fest**
Vann Farm, continues Saturday & Sunday

 **10th Saturday 10.30am - QRMW Anniversary Service**
QRMW Woodland - See page 13 for details

 **11th Sunday 11.30am - Calypso Cricket**
Ockley Green - See page 15 for details

 **15th Thursday 7.30pm - Comedy Supper**
Ockley Village Hall - See 44 for details

 **16th Friday 7.30pm - Comedy Supper**
Ockley Village Hall - See 44 for details

 **17th Saturday 7.30pm - Comedy Supper**
Ockley Village Hall - See 44 for details

 **19th Monday 12.00pm - Village Teas**
Ockley Village Hall - See p24 for details

 **22nd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group**
Rhododendron Woods - See p27 for details

OKWOOD, OCKLEY AND FOREST GREEN SUMMER FAIR, FLOWER SHOW AND FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 12th August 2023 at the Recreation Ground, Okewood Hill (entry by Okewood Village Hall), Nr Ockley RH5 5PU

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We have over 50 stalls including craft stalls, food court and tea marquee and many more, as well as the stunning crafts exhibition.

Surrey Hills Falconry and Surrey Union Hounds will be exhibiting their beautiful birds and hounds. There will also be classic cars, vintage tractors, static steam engines, and remote control models.

Look out for schedules for the flower show and fun dog show or email [*showsecretary@okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk*](mailto:showsecretary@okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk) for entries.

Visit our website for further information

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THE GARDEN IN MAY & JUNE

For many, the unseen hours we put into our green spaces begin to reap rewards in May and June. Many flowers and shrubs put on their star performances during these most eagerly awaited and treasured months in the gardening calendar. However, the prolonged low temperatures this Spring might have affected the fullness of your gardens and some of your 'stars' may have succumbed to frost. As I write this in early April, the night time temperatures are still quite low but things are warming up, albeit slowly. It's certainly a good reminder to take cuttings of tender perennials next year. We're fortunate in the South-East that in any 'normal' year, these plants survive but this year was the exception and numerous salvias, penstemons, verbena and fuchsia have been lost. Hopefully you've been able to fill the gaps without spending too much. Remember to look out for local spring shows and plant sales as this is a great value way to buy plants or consider 'swapping' plants with friends and family as clumps of perennials will often need dividing in Spring.

May and June are the perfect months to visit gardens in your local area or further afield. The RHS season kicks off with the Malvern Spring Show from the 11-14 May, and then the Chelsea Flower show is from 23-27 May. There are so many beautiful gardens to visit around the country, with Great Dixter and Sissinghurst in Kent being particular favourites. For something more local yet equally inspiring (and possibly more attainable than Chelsea!), why not visit National Garden Scheme gardens (www.ngs.org.uk) that are opened for charity.

In May, spring can still be very much in the air – with us enjoying the jewelled colours of late flowering tulips, rhododendrons and spring bedding – but there is definitely a promise of early summer. By the middle of May, the threat of frost has almost certainly passed and we can now plant a whole host of vegetable and flower seedlings, both under glass or outside now that the soil has warmed up. And then by June, the promise becomes a reality and summer arrives. There are always jobs to do but we must take time to enjoy the fruits of our labour. Invite friends and family to eat, drink and be merry in the spaces we've created; find a sunny spot to quietly read a good book; have a snooze in a deckchair whilst listening to the radio; or simply sit with our faces in the sun, feeling proud of all we've achieved so far.

Star plants

The star performers of May and June are too many to name but include a wide variety of clematis coming into flower - including 'Henryi', 'Etoile Violette' and 'Bourbon' - plus the colourful racemes of wisteria and laburnum that cascade over walls, pergolas and arches. Why not plant a

compact clematis, such as Cezanne or Night Veil, to climb up an obelisk? It's a perfect way to add structure, height and colour to a border. Adding an early and late flowering variety to a single obelisk is an ideal way for colour throughout the season.

There are also many cottage garden favourites that bring such variety of colour and interest to our gardens including the striking blooms of peonies and roses; the grace of aquilegia and thalictrum; the height and textural interest created by delphiniums, lupins, camassia, echinops, eryngium and the many types of allium; the colourful groundcover from the wide range of geraniums and the lime-green of alchemilla mollis (this makes a great cut flower combination with blue delphiniums): and the scent from lilac, sweetpeas, stocks, honeysuckle, lavender and philadelphus. And in between enjoying the fruits of your labour, there are always plenty to jobs.

Prepare for growth by staking and tying in tall-stemmed perennials. You can use bamboo or 'foraged' sticks but it's often worth investing in a variety of metal supports that will never need replacing. Trim and tidy up spreading plants such as allysum, arabis and aubretia. Trim them back quite hard and fresh new growth will appear. Tie in vigorous climbers regularly.

And do keep up with the weeds, which will now be trying to wreak havoc in your borders. Little and often is best, especially on dry days. Also keep an eye out for slugs, aphids and other pests, picking them out when spotted. And keep watering regularly, especially pots, preferably from a water butt and only using tap water as a last resort.

Plant It's too late for bare-root roses so go for potted ones from a good supplier. Main-crop potatoes should be planted by now and early potatoes will need earthing up. Continue successional sowing of beetroot, cabbage, carrots, salad onions, lettuce, peas, broad beans and radishes. Get tomato plants going in grow-bags in the greenhouse from the beginning of May, and by the beginning of June, you can plant them outside.

To add an extra blast of colour, in late May/early June, fill pots and hanging baskets with annuals such as petunia, impatien, trailing lobelia and begonia to name but a few. Mid to late May is often the best time to start planting out seedlings after hardening plants off outside (either in a cold frame or sheltered area) for a couple of weeks before planting them up.

Propagate by taking softwood cuttings from shrubs such as philadelphus, ribes and sambucus. Divide, replant and water clump forming spring-flowering perennials such as doricums, pulmonarias and primula.

Prune Clematis montana and early-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering such as forsythia, kerria japonica and spiraea arguta ('straight-after-flowering' is not a bad rule to follow on shrubs in general). Lightly

trim formal evergreen hedging such as box, ideally with hand shears.

And finally, we hope Saturday 12th August, is firmly in your diaries as the date for the Ockley, Okewood & Forest Green Summer Fair. This year's schedule will soon be delivered through doors and will be available from various outlets. So do look at the categories and enter your best produce to be judged by RHS judges.

Martin Smith and Emma Treeby

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Did you know that Natural England are looking at the possibility of extending the Surrey Hills AONB boundary. At the moment their proposals are out for consultation and it would be marvellous if you submitted your thoughts. Hopefully supporting the proposals as far as they relate to Ockley.

Details of the proposals can be found at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-landscape-heritage-and-geodiversity-team/surrey-hills-boundary-variation>

If you click in the box which asks for your views it takes you to a page on which it lists the main consultation documents. The documents to look at are:

1. The main consultation document – page 39/40.
2. Boundary Maps part 3 – Fig 26 the proposed extension for Ockley Low Weald
3. The three technical reports are useful to find out why they have chosen the areas and help if you want to comment.
4. At the bottom of the page there is a button to take you to the response Form and then click Continue.

We would encourage you to take part in this response. The consultation closes on 13th June, 2023.

You should note that this is only a proposal and it may not happen – local support might help it to be finally agreed.

RIDDLE ANSWER

Answer from page 28:

Red Carnation - find out more about it at the Cricket Pavilion on Sunday, the 7th of May.



BONZO BILLS ARE BACK !!



We have been coaxed out of imposed (pandemic) retirement by forces beyond our resistance!

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Bill Posters/Forest Hill Owls - Chris Lowe, trombone, vocals

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It was a long hot night in San Noir City and nothing was stirring, not even a spoon. The atmosphere was so thick that you could cut it with a knife. Heck, knives are sharp, a revolver is safer. Jake Revolver, Secret Agent, was experiencing a down turn in his office when the phone rang. It rang once, it rang twice. Things were looking up. Or at least Jake was, his attention was drawn to the ceiling. "Jake Revolver, Secret Agent, when a wrong needs righting, I'm your man - what do y'all want?"

and so it started... to find out what happens next in our exciting episode, tune into Ockley Village Hall.

There will be three performances: Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings 15th - 17th June. Doors open 7.30p.m, curtain up 8.00p.m. The ticket price includes a **cold buffet supper** served on arrival and dessert in the interval.

There are limited seats. Tickets are £15 a head, to include the meal. A bar will be available.

Tickets available from the Box Office on 01306 86 85 88. We hope to see you there.

Jake Revolver, by Matthew Konkel. Off the Wall Play Publishers

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UPDATE

The two screenings were well attended and well received. Martin Pratt warmed the audiences up by giving us the background to the making of the 1997 film, which 25 years later, prompted the production of A Year in the Life, 2022.

What we saw brought to life the many events organised by the Society during the year and many in the audience saw themselves at play.

There was a serious side too. Various world events way beyond the village had impacted our lives and had inspired worthy responses. The war in Ukraine sparked a really generous donation of badly needed supplies and the Race Night was able to donate money to various charities.

We had reminders of the impact of climate change and examples of how it affects and will continue to affect the village.

Overall, we enjoyed generous helpings of fun, like the mini-Ocklympics at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the fireworks, and Carols on the Green, all colourfully displayed on the screen.

In the interval of this 90-minute film, we enjoyed hot dogs and drinks from a well-stocked bar, whilst mingling with friends.

But that is not all! We are thinking of arranging another screening for people who were not able to come and there will be some news about that. Also, a DVD will be available for purchase, and we will announce the details in the next edition.

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

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louise.cheung@amberweb.org
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www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk
(Charity No 1096814).

Ockley United Charities

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Dick Thomas
dickthomas1000@btinternet.com

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund

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John Ede Trust

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www.johnedetrust.org or Keith Posner 888990

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thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

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Ockley Book Club

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Contact Jo Rowley 07814 805220 or rowleyjojo@yahoo.com

Ockley Cricket Club

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408
Jason Edgecombe 07918 784446

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Please contact Dave Bishop on 01306627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

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

Please see the Ockley Society Facebook page for further details and contact information. We are always interested in hearing from anyone who has time or resources

to contribute to any of events each year.

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

Contact the Chairman Alan Hardy for further information at 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

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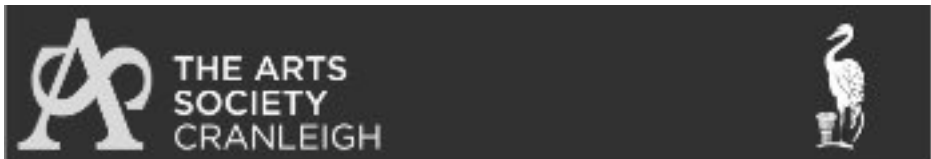
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Sunday 4th June Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 11th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 25th June Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 2nd July Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 16th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 30th July Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 6th August Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 13th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 27th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Monday 28th August Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 3rd September Teas at Ockley 3-5pm

Sunday 17th September Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 1st October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 15th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 29th October Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 26th November Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 10th December Teas at Capel 3-5pm

www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Summer break

At the time of writing, Capel Choral Society were about to take part in the 2023 Leith Hill Music Festival. The singers were much aware of the last-minute crisis, which affected its participation in the 2022 Festival resulting in just eleven singers performing its Competition choral pieces on the Dorking Halls stage, together with an accompanist borrowed from another choir!

This year another crisis developed due to usual conductor Stuart Longley being unavoidable detained by family problems in Blackpool. The Choir was much relieved when Alex Leadbeater, newly appointed conductor of neighbouring Beare Green & Newdigate Choral Society, agreed to conduct Capel in the final rehearsals before the Festival and in the Competitions of the Festival itself. For this the Choir is extremely grateful to Alex.

A report on the Festival will be included in the next edition of this magazine.

Capel Choral Society is now enjoying a summer break and will resume regular rehearsals on Monday 4th September. It will begin learning the main works set for the 2024 Leith Hill Music Festival, Mozart's Requiem and Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music, and music for a Christmas concert.

The Choir will be delighted to welcome any new singers at that time.

Please contact Capel Choral's 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.

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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
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Leigh	10.15		12.40	12.40					
Newdigate			12.50	13.02					12.00
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14.10	Walliswood
14.15	Okewood Hill

2nd and 4th Saturday each month to Cranleigh

09.45	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Abinger Hammer
09.55	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake

Around 12.00 noon for the return

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

09.40	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

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

14.10	Holmbury St Mary
14.20	Peaslake
14.25	Gomshall

USEFUL CONTACTS

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY	Dorking	Pauline Hall	883425
ANGLING SOCIETY	Ockley	Rob Wyatt	627471
CHORAL SOCIETY	Capel	Ian Moir	889817
CHURCHES			See p42
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378
	Dorking		876805
CRICKET CLUB	Forest Green	Malcolm Clayton	621225
	Oakwood Hill	Dave Bishop	01306 627524
DIAL-A-RIDE			740505
FRIENDS OF SCOTT BROADWOOD SCHOOL		School Office	711181
GATWICK AREA CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN		Peter Barclay	01293 862821
GATWICK NOISE COMPLAINTS			01293 311568
GP SURGERY - Capel	appointments/enquiries		711105
	repeat prescriptions		713010
HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP		Janet Stenson	713319
LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM			01483 630370
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094
MOLE VALLEY: Handyman Service			01737 845630
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL	Helyn Clack	helyn.clack@gmail.com	07817 745843
NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST		Helen Burling-Smith	731511
NURSERY	Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067
OCKLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION	Tom Chambre	ockleyha@gmail.com	07718 902345
OKEWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW		Cheryl Barclay	621140
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall)		Gill Christie	711917
Parish Councils			
Abinger: www.abinger-pc.gov.uk		Beccy Anderson	07716 928430
Ockley: www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk		Samantha Bell	clerk@ockleypc.co.uk
POLICE (Non-emergency)			101
OKEWOOD HILL RESIDENTS ASS'N.	Nick Standen	uppersent@yahoo.co.uk	07787 573549
SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR	Ockley	Maureen Newman	627001
SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST			01483 795440
TENNIS CLUB, (Lawn)	Capel	Stephanie Everett	07971 606633
TWO COUNTIES art/craft		Janet Mitchell	627322
VILLAGE WEBSITES			
Ockley:	www.ockley.org.uk		
Forest Green:	www.forestgreenvillage.co.uk	David@forestgreenvillage.co.uk	
Walliswood:	www.walliswoodvillagehall.org		
VOLUNTEER CENTRE	Dorking	Peter Herman	640369
WASP Bus			07802 460069
YOUNG AT HEART		Diana Cuthbert	621326



HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

1. Switch on the defibrillator

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

2. Stick on the pads

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



3. Follow the instructions

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

Local AED locations

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

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