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While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England—now!'

Robert Browning wrote those famous lines in 1845, longing to be back in England. I write this in April here in England, in these beautiful villages and thriving communities and feel so very lucky. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this latest edition of Woof – communicating so fulsomely on so many fronts: from 'what to do in the garden' to the Leith Hill Medical Practice offering refreshments after a consultation meeting, and news of so much else going on. Happy reading!

Amanda Elsdon-Dew



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.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION



Margaret Baldry contacted the Ockley website to say her aunt Phyliss Elger had taught at Ockley School in the late 1940s and early 1950s and sent a packet of photographs and cuttings for the archives. There is a farewell letter with the children's names, some still in Ockley and school photographs.

Would anyone be able to identify the children? And the dates? Chris Charman and Bob Budgeon are in one and Bob is trying to identify others! The request for information about wartime aircraft crashes produced information from a website. Thank you!

Gordon Lee-Steere

CHANGES TO HEALTHCARE AT LEITH HILL PRACTICE

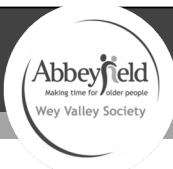
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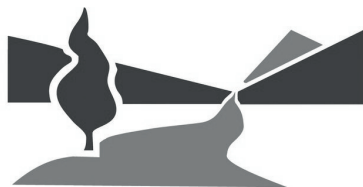
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CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I think it might be helpful to say something about the changes coming to Local Government in Surrey. This is what we know so far and as I understand it.

The government has confirmed that Surrey is to be part of the first wave of areas looking to take the opportunities presented by the government's devolution agenda. The unique position of our county was referred to by the Secretary of State in her speech to parliament regarding the debt that has built up amongst some of the boroughs and districts being unsustainable and that this reorganisation will need to address this. One reason why the government has decided to fast-track the Surrey councils. The Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution confirmed to Surrey county council's leader, Tim Oliver, that the government has decided to postpone Surrey's local elections in May until 2026. Elections in 2025 were expected to cost about £2,000,000 across the whole county, funding the coordination of printing of ballots, including the cost of post and postal votes, employment of polling stations and officials etc across all 11 boroughs and districts and the 81 county council electoral divisions for over 1,000,00 voters. This money will now be used to help fund the transition.

In Mole Valley where the local council is elected by one third over four years, it is expected these will be cancelled in 2026.

Instead, the elections in 2026 will be to elect new representatives to the new 'Unitary Authority' in our area followed by elections in 2027 to elect a mayor for all of Surrey and any other part that is included in the new 'Mayoral Authority'. The powers of the new mayoral authority may well include Police, Fire and Rescue, Strategic Planning and Transport, Public Health and Economic Growth. County and district councils will be abolished along with their elected councillors on vestment day which will be sometime between the two elections.

The unitary authority should follow HMG guidelines, each authority is advised to be around 500,000 plus residents. Surrey has a population of 1.2million and in Mole Valley district council there are 80,000 residents currently. The county council is working with the county 11 districts and boroughs to establish the best way to ensure parity across any proposed unitary authorities.

County council services will have to be disaggregated to unitaries - services like social care for children and adults, highways, libraries, registrations, countryside and environment and much more. The district councils will aggregate their services like planning and leisure. Waste collection and disposal will be brought together. It is also important to note that some areas of the county have higher levels of deprivation, debt and lower abilities to raise council taxes than others when considering the geography of the new unitary boundaries.

There is a huge amount of work to do in a very tight time frame. Surrey county council employs around 8,000 people or full-time equivalents for example, and it is important to support them in the transition to their new employers.

A draft submission to HMG in March by the councils in Surrey will then be followed by HMG comments and directions in May. The government is proposing consultation with partners but not a public referendum. It is anticipated that the new framework for the unitary councils will be in place in the autumn of this year.

For councillors, it is being proposed that the latest divisional boundaries set by the 'Local Government Boundary Commission' in 2024 will be the elected areas for 2026. The government is keen to avoid the expense of a new boundary commission and the new unitaries can call for a new boundary review once they have been vested, this would normally happen every ten years or so. Currently there are about 500 elected councillors, excluding towns and parish councils in Surrey. Two or even three councillors per division are being considered.

This reorganisation does not include town and parish councils.

The LGA has also published notes and guidance on 'Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation' on 'The devolution and LG reorganisation hub | Local Government Association', which includes Frequently Asked Questions.

This is a very fast-moving plan, and I expect there will be a lot of changes and additions along the journey, which I will report back to residents about. I hope this helps!

Helyn Clack

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BARN OWL

This beautiful bird was sitting on the fence at the end of our garden at 10.00 am at the end of November last year. We watched it for about 20 minutes as it quartered the field behind, sometimes returning to our fence. It had been very wet and I know that barn owls have to keep their feathers dry so we feared that it was out in such broad daylight because it was pretty desperate.



I saw it a few times in the early morning light but then no more so we hoped that it was doing better at night and keeping alive, but we rather feared the worst. So what joy to see it again, and again, recently. We haven't seen it back on our fence but it does have quite a tendency to set off hunting at about 4.00 pm and the other day I had quite an experience: it was watching me! I and our dog had gone down to the end of the field where I most often see it gliding in that magical barn owlish way. As we passed a high laurel bush, lit by the setting sun, I caught a glimpse of white and burnished copper, looked a bit closer and saw an extended wing. I looked even closer and saw, deep in the bush, two fierce eyes absolutely fixed on me. Rashly I moved towards it and that was too much because the whole of this stunning bird appeared through the leaves for a second, then just arced backwards on its wide, wide wings and vanished into the wood behind.

My father so loved barn owls that he had a wooden platform built in the top of a big, old brick barn that he owned in North Norfolk. It was a perfect place because there was an owl-sized gap in the pitch of the roof which led into the platform space. My parents stored logs and kept the family sailing dinghies down below and they never worried too much about the rodent population that also lived down there. This was clearly barn owl heaven because they nested there every year and, I am glad to say, still do, as I am told by the family who bought the house from my parents and now use the barn for storing wood for their biomass boiler.

We have a garage with a pitched roof, and far too much clutter within. 'Could we,' I asked Mark, my husband, 'put in an owl platform there? We have plenty of mice that need eating.' 'Don't you remember how long it always took us to clean off the owl poo from the boats before we could get them out in the summer?' was the unenthusiastic reply. But I remain hopeful of persuading him. What could be better than a resident barn owl?

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

THE 2025 OKEWOOD, OCKLEY AND FOREST GREEN SUMMER FAIR

This year's show is on Saturday 9th August and, as I write this, the members of the organising committee are each busy preparing their area of the show. Whilst the show only actually lasts for five hours, the committee meets each month from January



through to July to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible on the day.

We are very keen to maintain the traditional atmosphere of the show and the main marquee remains the central attraction with all the competition classes. As usual there will be lots of things to see and do for the whole family including classic cars and static steam engines; traditional crafts, Morris dancing and plenty of stalls. For children there will be the ever-popular Kids Zone and different races to participate in.

The marquee displays are a celebration of the diversity of individual skills and creativity of local people, be that by entering a photograph, a piece of artwork or a beautiful flower display, or a particularly good-looking vegetable. This year there is even a new category of the best home-made compost! There is no limit to the number of categories you can enter and there are lots of children's classes too. This year we are introducing the option to enter and pay for your entries online. This is your opportunity to become part of the show, so please browse through the categories and join in the fun.

More information about the show can be found on our website www.okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk where you will also find entry forms for the marquee exhibits and for the Fun Dog Show.

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 9th August 2025. Gates open at 12 noon.

Martin Smith, Committee Chair

FROM THE ARCHIVES: VE DAY

With the 80th Anniversary coming on 8th May 2025 I thought it apposite to record what the Ockley Parish Magazine said about the original event. The June 1945 issue records:

'On Tuesday evening, May 8th, a congregation of some 160 gathered together in St John's [the church on the corner of the Green] to offer their humble and heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the happy deliverance of our land from the perils of war and for the glorious victory granted to our forces in Europe. In the midst of our rejoicing we thought of the heavy price that has been paid in human suffering and we remembered before God those who have fallen and those who are still fighting in the Far East.

'On the following Sunday morning at St Margaret's, men and women of the Civil Defence Services, including the N.F.S., joined with congregants from all over the country in the Special Thanksgiving Service authorised for the day.

The Induction of our new Rector, Mr Kenneth Evans, took place on Friday June 15th at 6pm.'

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UPDATE FROM WIENERBERGER EWHURST BRICK AND TILEWORKS COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The recent community liaison committee (CLC) held on 27th March 2025 was attended by representatives from Surrey County Council, Abinger Parish Council, Ewhurst & Ellens Green Parish Council, Okewood Hill Residents Association, Rowhook and Clemsfold Amenity Society, and company representatives from Wienerberger.

The voluntary one-way system for HGVs continues to work reasonably well and compliance is monitored by staff at the Brickworks in addition to receiving residents' reports. There were a couple of instances in the last few months where lorries have not followed the prescribed route, but the Brickworks have followed up with those drivers to ensure that there is no repeat failure.

As mentioned previously, in order to reduce its carbon emissions, the Brickworks is seeking planning permission to install a solar farm in its field behind the factory. The proposed scheme is a 1.6 MW system comprising 4,000 solar panels which could supply around a quarter of the factory's electricity demand per year, and up to 80% of the electricity demand in the summer when generating at full capacity. The planning application has now been submitted to Surrey County Council and can be viewed at: https://planning.surreycc.gov.uk/Planning/Display/SCC_Ref_2024-0180# Whilst the formal consultation period is now closed, individuals can still make comments if they wish to do so.

In a similar vein, the Brickworks has now taken delivery of its first fully electric forklift trucks and hopes to have switched entirely to EV forklifts in due course.

The potential plan to build a small number of houses on the disused Old Ewhurst Brickworks site, which is classified as 'previously developed land' and 4.2 acres in size, is moving forward very slowly. The Brickworks reports that the promoters of the scheme are in discussions with Ewhurst parish council, and that councillors have indicated that they would like to see at least 30% of any houses built classified as affordable homes. The scheme promoters and Wienerberger are likely to invite local residents to provide feedback on the proposed site layout over the summer.

This past winter, Wienerberger has completed the construction of a new wildlife garden with habitats dedicated to supporting reptile populations, as newts, slow worms and lizards have been recorded in the locale. A local artist has contributed some stunning sculptures that have a dual purpose as wildlife refuges.

Finally, as part of Wienerberger's support for the local community, the

Brickworks partially sponsored 'Another night at the musicals' at Okewood church which took place on 5th April and has also funded a new mower for the Oakwood Hill cricket club. If you are aware of a community project that would benefit from a construction product donation or volunteering time, please search for 'Wienerberger product donations' online and complete the enquiry form.

Ewhurst Brick and Tileworks Community Liaison Committee (CLC) is a gathering of residents, councillors, council regulators and staff at Wienerberger. Members come together three times per year to discuss the interaction of the Ewhurst Brick and Tileworks operations with the local community. The discussions span a variety of issues and can include everything from supporting community groups and local events, to environmental monitoring and HGV traffic management in and around the factory. Members can recommend topics for the agenda according to their interests.

In between the CLC meetings, members are encouraged to share points of interest with their neighbours and the broader community through whichever channels are accessible to them. These conversations help residents understand more about Wienerberger's operations in their local area and in turn the feedback provided to Wienerberger helps the company to positively contribute to the local community and swiftly address any concerns if they arise.

The next CLC meeting will take place on 26th June at 5:30pm, at the factory's visitor centre. If you are interested in joining the Ewhurst Brick and Tileworks CLC please write to us at Ewhurst.Transport@wienerberger.com or call our reception team on 01306 623610.

LEITH HILL PLACE EXHIBITION

Leith Hill Place, an inspirational place of rest and contemplation, is open again. We are open every weekend and bank holiday until 2nd November.

'Last Night For Ever' by Andrea Gregson will be at Leith Hill Place from 19th April to 6th July 2025.

Originally exhibited at the Garden Museum in 2009, this is described as a 'captivating sculpture', which references the importance of earth, the subterranean ground beneath our feet, as burrows for local hibernating wildlife, but also of shelters, caves, tunnel, and shell grottos. Looking into the interior of the meandering six-metre long sculpture, a model diorama of nature and manufactured forms can be seen as one hybrid miniature space. Visitors can adjust the roof panels, sliding them aside to better illuminate the interior revealed through peepholes and openings, offering different viewpoints to the inside.

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Ringling for VE Day

There are just a few days to go till the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on Thursday 8th May and there will be events across Europe to commemorate the surrender of German forces to the Allied powers at the end of the Second World War.

On the 8th May 1945, bells rang out across Britain as the nation took to the streets in celebration of 'Victory in Europe Day'. Eighty years later there is a national aim to celebrate this momentous anniversary by ringing at 6:30pm to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in a free world. We will be ringing at Ockley St Margaret to mark the occasion and all churches with bells will want to join in, but timings will vary as sadly there are not enough ringers to ring all the bells locally simultaneously and so we will travel to other towers to help. We can manage at Ockley as we have six ringers for six bells but extra ringers are always welcome, either as a succession of new ringers or more experienced ringers, who can extend our repertoire.

There is a full programme of plans for VE Day starting with the Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May. Union flags will be draped over the Cenotaph in Whitehall and will remain there for the following four days. The government want to ensure that 'commemorations act as a point of remembrance of the millions who lost their lives in the conflict as well as a celebration of peace'. A military procession will take place from Whitehall to Buckingham Palace, followed by a flypast of modern and historic military aircraft, including the Red Arrows. There are expected to be street parties across the country including one on HMS Belfast on the Thames near Tower Bridge. This ship fired some of the opening shots on D Day in 1944.

On Tuesday 6th the display of ceramic poppies from the centenary of the First World War in 2014 will return to the Tower of London in a different setting to resemble a wound at the heart of the Tower. Landmarks around the country will be lit up on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday there will be a VE Day Anniversary Concert at Westminster Hall.

On the actual anniversary day on Thursday 8th May there will be a service at Westminster Abbey and a concert later at Horse Guards Parade as well as celebrations nationwide, including parades and flag-raising ceremonies, the ringing of church bells, local events and the lighting of beacons at 9pm.

Bell ringing is very rewarding, combining a physical and social activity with the mental exercise of keeping your bell in the right place. Practically anyone can learn to ring, from the age of 10 upwards. 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 but please check.

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

THE EARLY SPRING GARDEN 2025

As I write this in early April, there has been no rain for ages. In fact, it has been the driest March for sixty years! It has also been warmer than usual and many days of clear blue skies have encouraged spring flowers into early bloom. More evidence, if we needed it, that our climate is changing. However, we cannot be lulled into a false sense of security as there might still be the odd frosty night so do not put out tender plants too early. Still, things are warming up, the days are getting longer and it's time to spend as much time as possible enjoying your garden.

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 past 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.

There are many cottage garden favourites that appear at this time of year, bringing such variety of colour and interest to our gardens. These include peonies and roses; aquilegia and thalictrum; delphiniums, lupins, camassia, echinops, eryngium and the many types of allium. . . Also the colourful groundcover from geraniums and the lime-green of alchemilla mollis (this makes a great cut flower combination with



blue delphiniums); and the scent from lilac, sweet peas, stocks, honeysuckle, lavender and philadelphus. In between enjoying the fruits of your labour, there are always plenty of jobs to do....

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 which 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 such as clematis and rambling rose as they grow.

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 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.

In late May/early June, fill pots and hanging baskets with annuals such as petunia, impatiens, 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 doronicums, 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 August 9th is firmly in your diaries as the date for the Ockley, Okewood & Forest Green Summer Fair. This year's schedule will have been delivered through doors by now and is also available from various outlets. So do look at the categories and enter your best produce to be judged by RHS judges. A new category for this year is 'Best Homemade Compost' details of which can be found in the schedule. You can get all the information you need at okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk and this year, for the first time, you will be able to enter and pay for your entries online.

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Thursday 8th May

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Thursday 22nd May

Meet at The Punchbowl at 10am for a moderate 5.8 mile walk over Ruckmans and Honeywood to Ridge Farm and the border path to Bury St Austen, returning across Ellens Green to Hoopwick Farm and Smokejacks then through Rose Hill Farm back to the start.

Thursday 12th June

Meet at the Royal Oak, Holmbury St Mary, RH5 6PF, for a moderate 4 mile walk with some short steep ascents and descents, the first at the beginning going up by the church to the playing fields and along the Greensand Way to Holmbury Hill fort and viewpoint. The return is across Hurtwood Common, round to Felbury House then back to the start.

Thursday 26th June

Meet at The Dolphin, Betchworth, RH3 7DW at 10am for a fairly strenuous 4.8 mile walk through the churchyard to Brockham and along the Coach Road to Boxhill Road and up to The Pilgrims Way then along to the Brockham Kilns and back down across the road, past the Sand Pit and back to the start.



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'STARLIGHT EXPRESS'

In March I was fortunate enough to see the musical 'Starlight Express' (for the fourth time!) at the new purpose-built Troubadour Wembley Park theatre. It was thrilling and awesome.

A bit of background. The first performance was at the Apollo Theatre in Victoria in 1984. Most of us of a certain age are aware of the 'Thomas the Tank Engine' stories by Rev'd W Awdry and in 1976 Andrew Lloyd Webber first wrote some songs for a cartoon film based on these stories. This project did not materialise and Andrew then concentrated on the musical 'Cats' which he had been working on at the same time.

Subsequently Andrew discussed the railway train idea with Richard Stilgoe who wrote some lyrics and a small production was staged at the Sydmonton Festival, in the grounds of Sydmonton Court, Andrew's home, in the summer of 1982. As luck would have it, Trevor Nunn was in the audience of this small production and agreed to develop and test the concept at workshops during 1983 which led to the first production of the musical at the Apollo Theatre in 1984.

The story is fairly simple - it takes place in a child's imagination and features characters in the form of train engines and different carriages. The star of the show is Rusty, an old fashioned steam train (perhaps reminding us of a bygone age of more traditional values) who is overshadowed by the more modern train engines, diesel and electric. In the latest production a new engine has been introduced - hydrogen. The unique feature of this show is that all the characters are on roller skates which weave all around the auditorium on specially constructed ramps - it's a great spectacle.

These modern engines ridicule Rusty as being out of date and too slow to be a winner. A series of races is staged, and although Rusty is cheated out of one of the races he is allowed to race in the final with the other engines. It is at this stage that Rusty seeks the help of what can only be described as a higher power called 'Starlight Express', an engine in the stars. 'Starlight Express, you must confess, are you real, yes or no, Starlight Express, answer me yes. I don't want you to go.'

Rusty wins the race (and he wins the girl, Pearl) and all ends well. The underdog wins the race, with power from the stars!

As Richard Stilgoe the lyricist says, isn't it interesting that somehow we imbue steam trains with feelings - they care whether we reach our destination, they sing (whistle) when they're happy and drop hot tears when sad. He says, 'That is what "Starlight Express" is all about, and if you have a child's approach to life you will have known that already!' I think there is another dimension too, hinted at by some Biblical references: 'the sea will part before you', which echoes the parting of the Red Sea when the

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Israelites were being pursued by Pharaoh's army, and Gabriel blowing a magic toot is really an echo of the Archangel Gabriel blowing his trumpet on judgement day. I don't imagine Richard Stilgoe, the lyricist, is doing more than having fun with Bible expressions, maybe vaguely remembered from his childhood, but I really like the way that Starlight Express (God?) reassures Rusty that the seas will part before him and Rusty's mentor, Poppa, is recognised by the angel Gabriel.

If you're lucky enough to see this musical I hope you enjoy the show as much as I did. 'Starlight Express' is now showing at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, HA9 0SP.

Barry Thomson

THE PAVILION CAFE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The ever popular Pavilion Cafe, held every Wednesday at the Ockley Cricket Club Pavilion, needs people to join the current team of volunteers who run it. Are you able to help to serve or wash up? Could you volunteer to bake and donate goodies for the cafe and also help to serve them? If you are able to help in any way, please contact Liz Thorne at lizthorne2053@hotmail.co.uk or Katy Peters at katy.lucy@hotmail.co.uk who can provide you with more information about what's involved.



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Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details



1st Thursday 7.10pm–8.10pm - RMPT Exercise Class

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday (during term-time)



5th Monday 12.00pm - Teddy Bear Picnic

Ockley Green - See p46 for details



6th Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd & 4th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details.



6th Tuesday 2.00pm–3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)



7th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p24 for details



7th Wednesday 9.15am–10.15am - Pilates2TheCore

Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)



8th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Onslow Arms, Loxwood - See p20 for details



17th Thursday 10.30am–3.00pm - Plant sale

The Parrot, Forest Green - See p20 for details



19th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p26 for details



22nd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Punchbowl, Okewood Hill - See p20 for details

MAY 2025

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	2	3
4	5 Teddy Bear Picnic	6 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	7 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore	8 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	9	10
11	12	13 RMPT Exercise Class	14 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore	15 Toddler Group Walking Group RMPT Exercise Class	16	17 Plant sale
18	19 Village Lunches	20 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	21 Pavilion Café Pilates-2TheCore	22 Toddler Group RMPT Exercise Class	23	24
25	26	27 Seniors Exercise Class	28 Pavilion Café	29 Toddler Group Walking Group	30	31

JUNE 2025

VILLAGE EVENTS - SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Seniors Exercise Class RMPT Exercise Class	4 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore	5 Toddler Group	6	7
8	9	10 RMPT Exercise Class	11 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore	12 Toddler Group Walking Group Sherlock's Excellent Adventure	13 Sherlock's Excellent Adventure	14 Sherlock's Excellent Adventure
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VILLAGE EVENTS JUNE 2025



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Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Also 3rd 4th & 5th Tuesdays in month - see p46 for details



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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)



12th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Royal Oak, Holmbury St Mary - See p20 for details



12th Thursday 7.45pm - Sherlock's Excellent Adventure

Ockley Village Hall - See p38 for details



13th Friday 7.45pm - Sherlock's Excellent Adventure

Ockley Village Hall - See p38 for details



14th Saturday 7.45pm - Sherlock's Excellent Adventure

Ockley Village Hall - See p38 for details



16th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p26 for details



26th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Dolphin, Betchworth - See p45 for details

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Huge thanks to Liz Thorne and all her volunteers for coming together to make the evening go so smoothly operationally.

A big thanks too to the production team, with Rupert on the lights, Bob on sound and Simon Fraser accompanying.

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From the Wednesday morning cafe to the best firework display (and best kept secret) for miles around, there's a wealth of things to do or be involved in all year round. The Ockley First XI vs Barbados XI cricket was a particular highlight, as has been the host of theatrical events held in the Village Hall. Come December, we love the magical Christingle Service and Carols On The Green, but also a mention has to go to the fabulous Village Greens Farm Shop who support my business with their amazing hampers and, of course, to the Inn On The Green who kindly employ my eldest every Tuesday night. I tend not to go out much (too busy juggling work and parenting!) but we received a stellar welcome at the Cricketers. My boys have made so many friends through joining Young Famers Beare Green Branch (the name is ambiguous as they are predominately based in Ockley Village Hall on a Wednesday night).

While it will no doubt take at least 25+ years of living here to be considered an Ockley resident, being asked to join the Church flower rota makes me feel I've been accepted! But it's also the friends we've made as we meander around the Green on a sunny evening, Son No 2 whizzing past in circles on his bike. You might have met me when I'm out with the camera (I'm a professional portrait photographer by day) or when you've been walking your dog. I may not know your name and you may not know mine but you always have a smile and you're always kind. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for welcoming us and thank you for all you are and all you do to make this glorious village what it is today: our forever home.

Claudia Lucy

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Little do they know that this case brings Holmes straight into the clutches of his arch enemy, James Moriarty!

This is a hilarious spoof so do please join us for an evening of elementary silliness!

The curtains will rise on 221B Baker Street at 7.45pm and tickets are priced at £12.00 each.

Ockley Dramatic Society would like to thank **Wienerberger (Ockley Brickworks)** for their most generous recent donation; it means a lot to us to have their support. This donation has allowed **ODS** to purchase equipment for use in **Sherlock's Excellent Adventure**, as well as in all future productions and that is something we are truly grateful for.

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UPDATE ON QRMW

Spring has well and truly arrived at the woodland, the birds are full of song and really busy and the spring bulbs are out in full bloom, plus so many other plants and trees are bursting into life. As I write this, I am looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the woodland which is taking place on Sunday 13th April too late unfortunately to include in May's edition of your parish magazine but I will include some photos in the June edition. My trustees and I are now concentrating on our 'Annual Anniversary' of the opening of the woodland and the 'Commemoration Service' that will be taking place at the woodland on Sunday 8th June. This event is very special to us and is a reminder of what we have achieved in the last 11 years since the woodland was officially opened. We currently have 76 memorials at the woodland soon to be 79, come 8th June.

When I first thought of purchasing the land I envisaged a place where veterans would come together to talk and feel at ease, which of course it is and I am pleased to say many visit the woodland from all over the UK, some from further afield on occasions. However, soon after the woodland opened, we were asked by one family if they could honour their veteran father by planting a sapling and having a small memorial placed at the woodland so that they always had a place to come and remember him and bring children of their own to learn about their grandfather's military service. Others asked if they could have a memorial for their husband or father because they liked the opportunity for him to be remembered alongside many of his former comrades. So the Memorial Woodland evolved naturally and has become the special place it is today. Not a sad place, but a place of peace and remembrance for generations to come.

On Sunday 8th June it will be a celebration of life for all who attend and a coming together of friends made over many years. The event is open to everyone so please put the date in your diaries and come and join us for a day of celebration. There will be a big BBQ, a bar, a grand raffle and a bottle tombola plus a sweet and pastry stall plus a display of armoury and of course a chance to visit our museum where we have militaria that has been donated by families of veterans. We are of course in a woodland in the middle of the beautiful Surrey Hills so please bring some cash with you as plastic does not work in the woodland!

The commemoration service will take place in the woodland in the early afternoon and will be to honour veterans whose families wish to have a memorial for their loved ones. This is always a really lovely service and prayers will be said by deacon James Snyder, veteran Burnette Raphael and our local reverend, Virginia Smith. To conclude the service, our friend Jock, the Scottish piper, will play 'Amazing Grace'. After the service we have two amazing vocalists, professional classical singer, my niece Alexis Cooling-Hunt, and popular singer, Harry Nicol, whose voices will fill the woodland

with beautiful song.

The Redhill Corp of Drums and Band will welcome you to the woodland from midday but please do arrive by 12.30 in time for our chairman's opening speech. Parking is at the new Leith Hill School, which is of course only about 400 yards up the hill from us. We will be running a shuttle service to and from the school and woodland. Please come and say hello to me and the team of voluntary trustees who look after our woodland and run the charity which assists veterans who are in need. Without your help we would not be able to do what we do for them. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US ON 8TH JUNE 12.30.

Best wishes, Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland
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**Dorking Group of Artists Spring Exhibition 2025:
Betchworth Village Hall, Station Rd, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7DF**

Open to the public: Friday May 2nd – Sunday May 4th 10:00 – 17:00, Monday May 5th 10:00 – 16:00

The Dorking Group of Artists, probably the largest art group in Surrey, are delighted to be returning to Betchworth Village Hall for their popular Spring exhibition. Many of our members are professional artists, and our exhibitions have a strong reputation for artistic merit and quality of presentation. The original art in our exhibition is all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings demonstrate a wide range of different subjects, styles and media. Original art makes a unique and thoughtful gift.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and Betchworth Village Hall is opposite Knights Plant Centre where you can buy all manner of plants and also have lunches, tea and cake.

For more information about our activities, exhibitions and how to join the DGA see www.dga.org.uk, look at our Facebook page @dga4art, or get in touch at contact@dga.org.uk

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The Arts Society ***Rudgwick***

Our next lecture will be on **Thursday 8th May**
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our speaker will be **Imogen Corrigan**

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The Bayeux Tapestry

Coffee is available from 10am

Visitors are welcome with donations from £8 payable at the door.

Please let Membership Secretary, Lyn Betts know in advance as seating is limited.

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www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk
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Ockley United Charities

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John Ede Trust

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www.johnedetrust.org
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www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk
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The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

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

www.qrmw.org

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VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Beare Green Young Farmers

Colin Smith 01273 494528

Capel Camera Club

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

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

Capel Cricket Club

thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

Capel Tennis Club

lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com

Girlguiding

Rainbows:

capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

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Ockley Cricket Club

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408
Jason Edgecombe 07918 784446

Oakwood Hill Club (opposite The Punchbowl)

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Please contact Dave Bishop on

01306 627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

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

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

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

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

Ockley Dramatic Society

We are a friendly group, we don't take ourselves too seriously but we do undertake our productions seriously. Now entering our 77th year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting more than 20 regular acting members and 20 children dancers. We put on a large-scale pantomime each New Year and recently restarted our summer productions, which consist of two one-act plays with a supper provided.

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

Walking Group

For more details please contact Sue

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If you would like to try bowls before these dates please do ring Roger Newman on 01403 753140.

Flat soled shoes are required, all other equipment is provided.

If you have recently moved to the area and have some bowling experience, you will be made most welcome, please contact Roger to find out more about our Club. You can also visit our web site www.ewhurstbowls.co.uk for more information. We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly club.

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For booking enquiries please contact
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St. Margaret's Ockley

Rev. Liz Richardson 01306 711260

www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk

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www.eofgparish.org.uk

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May

4th 9.30am Matins

11th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common worship)

18th no service at Ockley, (10.30am Parish Communion St. John's, Capel)

25th 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

June

1st 9.30am Matins

8th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common worship)

15th 9.30am Parish Communion

22nd 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

29th no service in parish (10.30 Guildford Cathedral, Gill Christie's diaconal ordination)

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CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Summertime singing

Fourteen teams took part in a closely-contested Quiz organised by Capel Choral at the beginning of April. The knowledge of the contestants was well tested by Quiz Master Brian Jones. The Choir thanks all those who took part in a very enjoyable Quiz last month which followed a tasty two-course meal.

Also in April, Capel Choral took part in another successful Leith Hill Music Festival.

Although the Choir will not be holding a formal summer concert this year, it will continue to meet for informal singing of some lighter, easy to learn pieces. This will be an excellent opportunity for any aspiring new singers to come along and experience the fun of choral singing, without the pressures of a forthcoming concert. As usual, there is no audition, just learn as you go along. Singing in a choir gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits.

Capel Choral will be meeting from Monday 5th May in Capel's Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	09:28	09:28	-	-	-	-	-	13:43
Walliswood, Oakfields	09:30	09:30	-	-	12:49	13:09	13:35	13:45
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	-	-	-	-	12:51	13:11	-	-
Mayes Green	09:32	09:32	-	-	-	-	-	1347R
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Ewhurst, Bull's Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	1343R	-
Forest Green, The Parrot	09:34	09:34	-	-	-	-	1349R	1349R
Ockley, Cricketers Close	-	-	-	-	12:54	13:14	-	-
Ockley, Inn on the Green	09:40	09:40	-	-	12:55	13:15	13:55	13:55
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	09:41	09:41	-	-	12:56	13:16	13:56	13:56
Capel, The Street	-	0945R	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coldharbour, Broom Hall Farm	09:44	N	-	-	12:59	13:19	13:59	13:59
Coldharbour, Plough	09:47	-	-	-	13:02	13:22	14:02	14:02
Dorking High St, White Horse (Stop N)	10:00	10:15	12:20	12:20	13:15	13:35	1415R	1415R
Dorking Station	-	-	12:25	12:25	-	-	-	-
Brockham Green, Church	10:07	-	12:32	12:32	-	-	1422R	-
Strood Green, Tynedale Road	10:09	-	12:34	12:34	-	-	1424R	-
Gadbrook Crossroads	10:11	-	12:36	12:36	-	-	-	-
Dawes Green, Seven Stars	10:14	-	12:39	12:39	-	-	-	-
Leigh, The Plough	10:15	-	12:40	12:40	-	-	-	-
Shellwood Cross	-	-	12:44	12:44	-	-	-	-
Parkgate	-	-	12:47	12:47	-	-	-	-
Cudworth Park, The Poplars	-	-	-	1252R	-	-	-	-
Newdigate Bus Shelter	-	-	12:50	13:02	-	-	-	-
Leigh, Nalderswood, Dean Oak Lane	10:18	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
Irons Bottom	10:21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sidlow	10:23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodhatch, Angel	10:26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reigate, Morrisons	1030E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redhill, Queenswv	1040E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Service	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50
Redhill, Queensway	-	-	-	-	1140E	-	Redhill,	-
Reigate, Morrisons	-	-	-	-	1150E	-	Reigate,	-
Woodhatch, Angel	-	-	-	-	11:54	-	Woodhatch,	-
Sidlow	-	-	-	-	11:57	-	Sidlow	-
Irons Bottom	-	-	-	-	11:59	-	Irons Bottom	-
Leigh,	-	-	-	-	12:02	-	Leigh,	-
Cudworth Park,	-	09:40	-	-	-	-	Cudworth Park,	-
Newdigate Bus Shelter	09:50	09:50	-	-	-	-	Newdigate Bus	09:50
Parkgate	09:53	09:53	-	-	-	-	Parkgate	09:53
Shellwood Cross	09:56	09:56	-	-	-	-	Shellwood	09:56
Leigh, The Plough	10:00	10:00	-	-	12:05	-	Leigh, The	10:00
Dawes Green,	10:01	10:01	-	-	12:06	-	Dawes Green,	10:01
Gadbrook Crossroads	10:04	10:04	-	-	12:09	-	Gadbrook	10:04
Strood Green,	10:06	10:06	-	-	12:11	-	Strood Green,	10:06
Brockham Green,	10:08	10:08	-	-	12:13	-	Brockham	10:08
Dorking Station	1013R	1013R	-	-	-	-	Dorking Station	1013R
Dorking High St,	10:15	10:15	10:15	10:15	12:20	12:20	Dorking High	10:15
Dorking South Street (Stop P)	-	-	10:16	10:16	12:21	-	Dorking South	-
Coldharbour, Plough	-	-	10:27	10:27	12:32	-	Coldharbour,	-
Coldharbour,	-	-	10:30	10:30	12:35	-	Coldharbour,	-
Capel, The Street	-	-	-	-	-	1254P	Capel, The	-
Ockley,	-	-	10:33	10:33	12:38	12:58	Ockley,	-
Ockley,	-	-	10:35	10:35	1239R	1259R	Ockley,	-
Forest Green,	-	-	10:41	10:41	1245R	1305R	Forest Green,	-
Ewhurst Bulls Head	-	-	10:47	-	-	-	Ewhurst Bulls	-
Ewhurst Green	-	-	10:50	-	-	-	Ewhurst Green	-
Mayes Green	-	-	-	10:43	1247R	1307R	Mayes Green	-
Walliswood,	-	-	10:55	10:45	12:49	13:09	Walliswood,	-
Okewood Hill,	-	-	-	10:47	-	-	Okewood Hill,	-
Broadbridge Heath,	-	-	1114R	-	-	-	Broadbridge	-
Horsham Bus Station	-	-	11:20	11:10	-	-	Horsham Bus	-

- E Operates fast between Reigate and Redhill (no intermediate stops)
- F Fridays only
- MTh Mondays and Thursdays only
- N Via Newdigate
- P Picks up at request of passengers set down at this point on outbound journey
- R Served on request by passengers already on board
- Tu Tuesdays only
- TuW Tuesdays and Wednesdays only
- W Wednesdays only
- X Continues to Walliswood on Wednesdays



Serving Wotton, Abinger
and Shere Parishes

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
JAYES PARK ESTATE OFFICE			01306 621261
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094
MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL		Hazel Watson	01306 880120
		Helyn Clack	07817 745843
NURSERY SCHOOL (Walliswood)		Rupert Thorne	01306 627067
OCKLEY HOUSING ASSOC		Tom Chambre	07718 902345
OCKLEY SPEEDWATCH COORDINATOR		Maureen Newman	01306 627001
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP		Gill Christie	01306 711917
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



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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