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WELCOME

Welcome to the last edition of 2021, at the end of what I hope you agree was much better year.

October saw the return of drama in Ockley (P7) along with many groups back to normal. For the remainder of the year there are so many events coming up, you may struggle to fit them all in!

In November the Cricketers Arms is re-opening (P52). On Nov 6th we have the Ockley Society Bonfire Night and Firework display (P17) plus many more events. Check out the calendar on page 29.

Christmas is just round the corner, and to get you all in the mood there are no less than 4 Christmas Fairs. The Inn on the Green Wed Nov 17th (P29), Ockley Village Hall Sun Nov 28th (P35), Capel Sat Nov 20th (P54) and in Okewood Village Hall Sat Dec 4th (P51). Once you have done your shopping don't forget about Carols on the Green Sat Dec 11th at the Ockley Cricket Pavilion (P10).

In this bumper issue we have articles from the Parish archives (P12); the Parish Council (P13); Ockley Bell Ringers (P16); Ockley Cricket Club (P18); Jayes Estate (P20); Quick Response Memorial Woodland (P24); the new Ockley Community Hub (P28); Community Speedwatch (P41); Surrey Hills Primary School (P50); Capel Choral Society (P55) and finally art exhibitions (P57). So, make a pot tea, put your feet up and read all about the amazing things going on in our villages.

For you budding videographers, there is a chance to help us create another "Year in the Life" video, see page 33 for more information.

Before I sign off, I would like to extend our thanks to all our advertisers, without you there would be no magazine, and to all our distributors who hand deliver each and every magazine to you.

From everyone at WOOF, we wish you all the very best, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Hardy, Iain Gutteridge, Tania Edwards, Susie Pickard, Gordon Lee-Steere & Eyes Wide Digital printers.

The Ockley Village Facebook page is here to encourage local businesses, charities, societies and clubs to share their news with the villagers of Ockley as well as keeping the community connected. Please message the Ockley Village Facebook page to post your news. We have an excellent response rate and a loyal following. We look forward to hearing from you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

This year is the centenary of the founding of the British Legion in May 1921 and its original purpose – to support serving and former military men and women - remains the same today.

Once again (subject to any Covid restrictions), we will be making house to house collections, between 6th and 13th November. From the launch of the national appeal on 28th October there will be trays for poppies and collection boxes at The Garage and the Inn on the Green in Ockley, the Punchbowl Inn in Oakwood Hill, and the Scarlett Arms in Walliswood, and at Gatton Manor Hotel and Country Club.

We hope that once again you will feel able to support this very much needed and fantastically worthwhile charity.

Catherine Cullis and Maureen Newman

ARTIST IAN MOWFORTH

Visits Dianne Buckley Sunda and Iris Spruce's art class

On Saturday, 9th October, Ian Mowforth, a painter and a London artist, who is well know for his Exhibitions on Great Dixter, The Royal Academy Summer Show, Impressionistic Art, Botanical Landscapes and Portraits of Family Pets visited and presented his work at Dianne Buckley Sunda and Iris Spruce's monthly Saturday morning Art Class for village children and their parents at the Cricket Pavilion on the Green.

The visiting artist also signed the book for each child : *The Dinosaur and The Dormouse* written by Dianne, Illustrated by Ian Mowforth. The children loved Ian's wit and drawings. The book can be downloaded for free from *www.internationalchildrensmuseumfoundation.com*

One parent (Dean Bedgood) wrote, "We attended Dianne's Art Class as we regularly do. Seeing lan Mowforth's work and hearing his life stories gave the children an extremely useful insight into alternative life paths and how they could pursue. The children loved it and we thanked Dianne for another splendid art event."

Another parent wrote, "Thank you so much for inviting us to another of your fantastic art classes. To meet Ian Mowforth was a real treat, it was very inspiring to hear what he had to say. It was a wonderful and rare opportunity for the children to hear how art can be followed as a career and become such a large and valued part of life if one wished to follow in that direction."

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021.

Ockley Village Hall will be open for all from 11am to 1pm for coffee and biscuits and to look at a brief history and information about the fallen from the village.

If anyone has any pictures, letters, medals etc. you would like to have displayed please let me have them by Saturday 13th November.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Iris Spruce 01306 711057

PASS THE BUTLER BY ERIC IDLE

And we're off. Emerging from lockdown, the Ockley Dramatic Society did not hang around to bring us three evenings (October 6, 8 and 9) of entertainment and laughter in the eponymous village hall.

Possibly most important, the excellent production of Eric Idle's Pass the Butler finally enabled us, the audience, to once again meet up with local friends for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I for one had missed these Ockley evenings and – like many others, I'm sure – am very grateful to the ODS for bringing our community back together for a show, food and a tipple or two.

Director Alan Hardy's vision and energy had been responsible for initiating the production, however it was the tireless team of actors, crew and caterers who took up the challenge and ran with it under his gentle, but highly effective guidance.

Thank you to the actors who performed with aplomb this gloriously un-pc play that included observations on class, politics, religion, transgender parents, death and incest. While Eric Idle penned this gem in 1984, its wry content is as pertinent today as it was nearly 40 years ago.

Thank you to the unseen heroes who designed and built the set that included the ludicrous, but brilliant, high-tech container in which Lord Charles lay unseen throughout the play. Thanks also to the masked catering team, led by Chef Martin Pratt, whose hard work enabled about 150 people to be fed during the run of the play. No mean feat.

After an enforced hiatus of nearly two years, ODS is back. Hurrah!

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WHICH PLANT AM I

Some say my family became established over 2000 years ago.

I have been cultivated around the globe.

The Ancient Greek word 'divine' played a part in the name you know me by today. Also, Latin words meaning wreath, garland and crown also played an important part.

My original natural colour was purple. Cultivars later developed with all the colours of the rainbow and a very special white!

My leaves range from greyish green to blue-green.

A real clue is my flowers can display stripes!!!

My wild relatives are head turners and they love the Mediterranean countries.

Many of us have been used for medical purposes and historically, our fragrance was used in vinegar, beer, wine, sauces and salads.

My flowers are among the most well known and symbolic flowers that exist.

The true meaning of my flowers depended on whether I was a solid-coloured or a stripped.

My Red flowers symbolise deep admiration and luck....

Good luck solving Which Flower Am I ??

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group meets every second and fourth Thursday at 10am for walks of about 2 hours duration. If the walks are easy, they are approximately 6 miles; less if there are climbs or difficult stiles to negotiate. We usually start from a pub in the local area, but occasionally go further afield. Anyone is welcome to come along, including dogs if they are kept under control.

The diary dates for the next magazine are:

Thursday November 11 th	Wotton Hatch	10.00am
Thursday November 25 th	Punchbowl	10.00am
Thursday December 9 th	Parrot	10.00am

The details of the walks are:

Thursday November 11th

Meet at the Wotton Hatch at 10.00am for a moderate 5.3 mile walk along Wolvens Lane to Coldharbour then a short strenuous climb over to Dukes Warren and back via the Water fall at Broadmoor.

Thursday November 25th

Meet at the Punchbowl at 10.00am for an easy 6.2 mile walk over Ruckmans to Denne Farm and Paynes Green, then up Waleys to return via Oakwood Mill and Chapel copse.

Thursday December 9th

This should be our Christmas walk and lunch so please contact Sue for details. For the walk, we will meet at the Parrot at 10.00am for a moderate 4 mile walk over Little Birketts to Upfolds, across to Tanhurst and back via Leith Hill Wood.

5.30pm start

Carols on the Green

Mince Pies \star Mulled Wine \star Father Christmas \star Carols \star and You

Saturday 11th December

You know that Christmas is getting close when the tree on the Green comes alight.

Everyone is invited to join us for a Social Event for the official 'lighting of the tree'. Please join us for refreshments, a seasonal sing song and a much hoped for visit from Father Christmas himself. There is no charge for this, we just want to have everyone together. There will be a collection for charity, details on the night.

The Ockley Society.



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PARISH ARCHIVES

St John The Evangelist, Ockley

The church on the Ockley Village Green, St John the Evangelist was declared redundant in 1983.

The church was built in the late 1872-3 as a gift to the Parish by the Rector Rev Francis Du Sautoy at a cost of £880. It was built by John Ansell and C Ansell and Son converted it in to the two houses there now (Churchfields and Steeplehurst).

After the merger of the Ockley Parish with Oakwood and Forest Green in 1981 the cost of maintaining two churches in Ockley came under review as considerable restoration work was needed at St John's and the Parish decided to apply to de-consecrate it.

Recently Rev Liz Richardson, the vicar of Capel and Ockley received an inquiry from a volunteer at the Ely Stained Glass Museum about a window from St John's which had been donated to them.

It was the East Window. It commemorated the death of John Robe Sparkes who died in 1869 at the age of 23. He graduated an MA from St John's Cambridge in 1868 and was buried at St Thomas a Becket Church in Warblington, Havant, Hampshire with his family.

Why was he commemorated in the new church in Ockley? Who commissioned the window? Was he a relation of Rev Du Sautoy? No research has uncovered any clues as yet!

Congregation in 1891

While looking for clues I found that 84 communicants had attended the 3 services in the two churches in Ockley on Christmas day 1888. The 1891 census gives the population of Ockley as 348.

So, a congregation of some 180 at St Margaret's on Christmas Day 2019 before the pandemic out of the current population of 693 isn't too bad. One swallow doesn't make a summer, but terminal decline doesn't seem imminent.

Disestablishment

I also found a reference to a talk given on the village green in 1869 by a Rev C.H. Spurgeon, a Baptist preacher, who was staying at the Red Lion (now the Inn on the Green) recommending disestablishing and disendowing the parish i.e., breaking away from the Diocese.

There was also a quote from a parishioner saying' About 1880, we had some very stormy meetings about this on the Green. Our Rector Rev Du Sautoy and some of the village people threatened the speakers to duck them in the pond'. We have probably heard in our school days of the second longest word in the English vocabulary 'antidisestablishmentarianism'. It was active in Ockley in the 1870's!!!

Gordon Lee-Steere

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Mole Valley Local Plan 2020-2037

Urgent - please send in your comments by 7 November 2021

You are probably aware that MVDC have issued a proposed regulation 19 draft of the proposed new local plan and that a consultation period has been agreed to run from

20 September to 7 November 2021.

The parish council would encourage everyone to engage in this consultation and to send in their comments on the draft to MVDC.

It would also be useful if you would like to copy your comments to the parish council (via the contact tab on the pc website *www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk*) so we know what the general feeling is on the proposals, particularly as they affect Ockley.

See *futuremolevalley.org* for details as to how to send in your comments.

A Face to Face Parish Council meeting was held on 6 September 2021 at the village hall.

Points of note from the meeting and from other meetings:

- a team has been set up to look into how the school buildings might be used as a community hub as the buildings are an asset to the community. Meetings have been held with organisations in the village to discuss how all can work together without competition. See also separate article.
- we have started the replacement of old stiles with kissing gates (or self closing gates). So far two have been completed and we intend to do more in the near future. Thanks to the Ramblers (Mole Valley and other) who have volunteered to do this work and to villagers who have helped with the original survey. We will also be replacing arrow markings over the next few months when out walking in and around the village.

- further meetings of the 'new' Ockley Neighbourhood Plan Team have been held. Please look out for information regarding a village meeting when villagers will be kept up to date regarding a survey and consultations.
- authorisation was given for the purchase of a second radar speed gun to be used by the Community Speedwatch Team. Thanks to the team for continuing to monitor the speed of traffic travelling along the A29.
- Mrs L Hogarth has recently resigned as a parish councillor many thanks to Lucy for her contributions to the work of the parish council over the past ten years.

Meetings will continue to be held face to face - details will be put on the parish council website. Information about parish council matters can also be found on the parish council Facebook page. Notices are put on the notice boards in the village.

Please think about (contact details shown below)

- becoming a parish councillor your local council has an overall responsibility for the well being of the village and as a local councillor you can become a voice for your community
- joining the Ockley Community Speedwatch Team if you are concerned about the speed of the traffic on the A29 then this is one way that you can help to reduce it

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

The Lost Bell

This tale was published in the parish magazine in 2017 and I repeat it here for the benefit of those who missed it or have forgotten it. The story, of a legendary



church bell buried at Slinfold, appeared in the Ringing World in 2015 as a '50 Years Ago' piece. It had been related by Stephen Peacock, aged 78, of Cranleigh, a retired farmer, to the West Sussex Gazette in 1965. The legend had been told to him by an old Sussex carter of Dedisham farm and with the local connection and the time of year, you too may find it of interest.

The bell is supposed to be buried in a field which was once a bog at Roman Gate on the Guildford to Horsham Road, at the junction of the road to Billingshurst, which is where the A29 turns off the A281. According to Mr Peacock, in Saxon times there was a village or town at this spot known as Alfold Dene (or Anfold Dean). The old tollhouse which has since been demolished is the reputed site of the buried bell and Roman paving and other remains have been unearthed nearby.

The legend is that no one knew how to recover the bell until a witch advised that 12 white oxen should be taken to the field at midnight to drag it out but that not a word must be spoken. The oxen were duly obtained, a chain hooked to the bell and dragging started. Just as the bell reached the surface someone shouted "We've got Alfold Dene 'gurt' bell in spite of all the devils in hell." Instantly the chain broke and the bell slipped back into the quagmire never to be recovered.

There was a bell foundry in Horsham 500 years ago and a 'grete' bell was cast around 1611-1618 which may be the buried bell. Henry Burstow, a well known 19th century ringer from Horsham who frequently rang at Newdigate, Capel and Ockley also refers to this legend in his memoirs which are available for sale online. There is also some interesting information about this colourful character on Wikipedia.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great enjoyment. Our Wednesday night practices at St Margaret's, Ockley are still rather disrupted by the after effects of the pandemic. If you want to come along and have a go, under supervision, or just to watch, you would be most welcome but please check first.

For more information contact Sue on 01306 627168 or email *ockleybellringers@btinternet.com*

THE OCKLEY SOCIETY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS "BIG NIGHT OUT" on SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER



5pm: gate opens (the field behind the pond, off The Green), social time and food service:

BBQ or hot soup, tea and coffee.

Great family night out.

Raffle drawn at end.

Torch light parade.

Event finishes: 7.30pm (approx)

Our annual bonfire and fireworks night in Ockley makes a lovely night out for everyone. Meet up in the marquee where a variety of hot food and drinks are on sale, as well as the *Christmas Hamper* raffle tickets and illuminated bracelets. Watch the Torch Parade (or volunteer to carry a torch - and then light the fire! - it's on a first come, first served, volunteer on the night basis) as they cross the field to light the bonfire. Watch the firework display, including our own 'seasonal set pieces'.

Please come and join us for this very special evening of fun and fireworks.

Ticket Prices: In Advance £5, On the Night, £6 (under 14's free) Available from, Village Greens/Ockley Service Station CASH ONLY EVENT

OCKLEY CRICKET CLUB 2021 SEASON

Only one word for it - remarkable! What a fantastic response from players and non-players alike. A big thank you to everyone.

On the field:

Our Saturday side finished 3rd in their league.

Our Sunday side is reborn with a mix of youth & established players competing side by side and getting stronger with every game.

This is our future for years to come with a warm & friendly atmosphere both on and off the pitch. However, we still need new players to bolster our teams & help us fulfil our ambitions for 2022. Going forward we will be introducing some mid-week 20 - 20 games from June to September. It's another challenge I am sure we can rise to with your help.

Plans are ongoing for the clubhouse to be improved and to reinvest the monies raised to secure the club for future generations. It is a legacy we have to maintain and we will do that because of the fantastic village support. Playing and non-playing members are the cogs that turn our wheel and because of that, here are a couple of social dates for your diary:

Saturday 6th November - Bonfire Night. The Cricket Pavilion will be open before and after the bonfire celebrations. There will be our usual well stocked bar, mulled wine, mulled cider and mince pies (cash only for these additional delights).

Saturday 18th December - Ockley Cricket Club Members Party. Due to popular demand, this will now take place at Ockley Village Hall. For more details see page 22.

An event to look forward to March/April 2022 - John The Horse Productions in conjunction with Ockley Cricket Club and Cancer Research will be hosting a charity race night and fundraiser in the village hall. A fantastic night of adult entertainment you won't want to miss. Keep a look out for more information soon.

Thank you all for a wonderful season.

John Woods





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JAYES ESTATE

It has been suggested we write an occasional article to report what is happening on the estate to avoid inaccurate rumours being circulated. Apologies in advance to the parishioners of Forest Green and Walliswood.

RIGHTS OF WAY

Many of you will have heard of Ash Dieback (Hymenoscyphus fraxineus); dead and dying ash trees become very brittle and drop branches. To avoid accidents, we are having to fell trees along roads and public footpaths. The footpath network has become more important during the Covid pandemic and much used. The point of this explanation is that there are many ash trees on the estate, and we are having to manage our liabilities appropriately. It is a great sadness to the landscape, but we will be replanting where possible in due course.

The public footpath and right of way network was formalised by Town and Country Planning Act in 1947. Parish Councils were responsible for recording the rights of way and the County Council is responsible for maintaining their existence. There are bureaucratic methods for realigning them by agreement and the Surrey County Council created a detailed register of them in 1950. Farming has changed dramatically since the 1940's. Farmers receive payments for environmental stewardship and for the area they farm as well as the output. We are paid to keep large areas of grassland unfertilized but maintained as grassland, this involves grazing to keep undergrowth suppressed but with no fertilizer, the grass growth is limited so mobs of cattle need access to large areas. Fencing needs to be maintained (and not cut to open informal paths) as do styles, kissing gates or gates where public paths cross the fences. During lockdown Dick Thomas organised a survey of all the styles on public rights of way in the Parish on behalf of the Parish Council. Some are difficult to use for the less active. Two estate styles, by the Windmill and the Graveyard, have been replaced with kissing gates courtesy of grant funding arranged by the Parish Council. I recently saw a sign on a footpath in Yorkshire saying 'Public Footpath on Private Land. Please take nothing but photos and leave nothing but footprints and keep dogs on leads'.

PUBLIC HOUSES

During lockdown, the Pubs in the village were intermittently closed and having a difficult time. The Estate owns the Inn on the Green, the Cricketers and the Punchbowl. The Punchbowl has planning permission for a shop and 8 bed-sitting rooms. It is also applying for permission for a camping site. The Cricketers was in the last year of the lease and the tenant surrendered the rump of their lease. We have been approached by several interested parties to take on a new lease once the dilapidation assessment has been completed.

PARKING

Many families now have several cars but many houses (the cottages on the Green and those in Brickyard Copse and Elmers Road for instance) do not have sufficient off-street parking, though some have sacrificed front gardens. The estate leases parking areas down School Road to the Parish Council for day visitors and another to the Village Hall. The Inn on the Green also has a large carpark. The Parish Council is also actively trying to limit parking on the Green by putting stumps round the perimeter with the Estate's permission. Provision for more parking areas is probably required.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Recently Mole Valley District Council published a revised draft of 'Future Mole Valley'. The previous draft incorporated Ockley NDP's which had produced draft plans after public consultations for sites for 62 houses with 25 defined as affordable. The revised MVDC draft proposes 75 but only allocates sites for 52. A site by the Village Hall and Figg's Field (by the St John's burial ground) have been omitted and replaced with one in Elmers Field.

When the Estate provided the land in the 1950s for the Council to build affordable homes at Elmers Road, the Council designed the wide verges on the access road in order to accommodate the potential for 2-way traffic to enable further expansion into Elmers field in the future. The inclusion of Elmers Field in the draft plan will require the access road to be remodelled and provision for more parking is suggested, to alleviate the pressure in Elmers Road. Comments on the revised plan need to be submitted by 7th November to '*planning.policy@molevalley.gov.*uk '.

A new Local Plan is urgently needed as without it there is essentially a planning free-for-all, with the possibility of proposals being agreed by planning inspectors because of the pressure for new housing.

Gordon Lee-Steere

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Admittance on the night is strictly by proof of club membership. Visiting family or friends by prior agreement and must be accompanied by the club member.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible for what should be a fun filled festive night. Speak to John if you have any questions or queries.

RIDDLE ANSWER FROM P9

Which flower am I? THE CARNATION



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UPDATE ON THE QUICK RESPONSE MEMORIAL WOODLAND

September arrived and with it some lovely late summer weather and all was calm in the woodland. After the busy period in August spreading barrow loads of woodchips on the pathways it was wonderful to be able to sit on the veranda of the Visitors Centre and just listen to the birds and watch Henry our resident pheasant and his two females feeding and making very appreciative noises at our feeding station. September always brings another dimension to the woodland with an enormous variety of fungi which never cease to amaze me how they pop up overnight. I was also delighted to welcome a group of visitors to the woodland early September from Shere, Peaslake and Gomshall Villages Group, we had a very pleasant evening. I enjoyed showing them around the woodland and giving a short presentation, explaining my reasons for creating our Memorial Woodland, how the Charity was born out of the woodland and how we fulfil our Charity Purpose assisting those Veterans who If you would like to bring a group to the woodland are down on their luck. and to have a short presentation from me plus a cup of tea afterwards please do contact Debbiehornblow@vahoo.co.uk

As I write this update I am thinking about all of those who we will be remembering when we hold our annual **Remembrance Service at the woodland on 11th November** and how in past years as I read out the names of those who are on The Roll of Honour in my own Regiment the leaves on the trees will be falling around us which occurs to me they are just like the poppies falling at the Remembrance Service at the Albert Hall reminding us of the number of brave servicemen who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we could be free today. If you read this article before 11th November please come and join us at the woodland for our Service of Remembrance to those brave men and women.

As the leaves fall we also start to think about what lies ahead and Christmas is just around the corner. Now that Covid Restrictions are lifted we are so pleased to be able to hold the very popular **Christmas at the Woodland Charity Event on Sunday 5th December**. For the children there is a treasure hunt and each child will receive a goody bag when they have completed the hunt and a visit by Father Christmas who will have a sack load of presents for the children. There will be a lucky dip for the children. A bottle tombola for the adults and a Grand Raffle plus a fantastic Christmas Craft stall and Jewellery stall. Children must be registered so that we can tell Father Christmas what gifts he should bring with him - so please contact *Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co*.uk to register the children the charge is only £6 per child to enter the treasure hunt and visit Father Christmas. Numbers are limited. The fun will commence at 12 noon and ALL are welcome.

All proceeds from our events go to the Memorial Woodland Fund to assist those Veterans who are less fortunate than ourselves. I really look forward to seeing you all at our woodland for a fun afternoon for all the family.

Paul Cooling, Chairman, The QRMW, Charity No 1174651



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SNOWY OWL AND THE MUSICAL ECHO

It was the time of Seasonal Tidings and Cheer, there, in the land of the Christmas Tree Forest. SNOWY, on this bright winter's day, decided to fly to Manhattan; to fly above and around Manhattan to see, once again, the magnificent Norwegian Spruce Christmas Tree, traditionally decorated and displayed with magnificent lights at Rockefeller Plaza.

SNOWY would thrive on this journey before flying on to meet his special friend, SLEEPY, the Saw Whet owl who last year saved the Northern Christmas Tree Forest.

In his departure from Rockefeller Plaza, SNOWY circled above Central Park to view its 1800 treetops, all of which were glorified with glistening snow covered treetops. They were all traditionally perfectly dressed with snowcapped hats for the coming Christmas Holiday. In amazement, he noticed a few riders on horseback, wearing top hats! What a stunning sight he thought. Perhaps they are going to a Christmas Ball!

The Many ladies and gentlemen walking in the Park were stunned as well as they couldn't help seeing the sight of SNOWY, flying above the treetops and they all stopped to wave their gestures of welcome to such a majestic creature in flight. Indeed, Snowy was so very much surprised to see so many gentle folks waving with such heartfelt expression.

SNOWY was very happy that he kept his promise to visit the place where his friend, SLEEPY, was so well looked after last Christmas. A promise is a promise and that was something he truly believed.

As SNOWY departed, he glanced backwards at the glorious vision of the Park's 1800 snowcapped trees, continuing on to The Christmas Tree Forest, the home of his special friend, SLEEPY. SLEEPY had saved the Forest Christmas past and SNOWY knew that he needed help. Upon arrival, SNOWY learned that SLEEPY and all his friends were trying hard to solve an enormous challenge.

SNOWY couldn't believe his eyes! The snow in the Christmas Tree Forest had vanished. Father Christmas and his Reindeer wouldn't be able to land after all the presents for children had been delivered. The Sleigh was presently on its way home. SNOWY immediately summoned all the critters in the Forest; all of the winter white critters. He 'hooted' and 'hooted', summoning all to join his get-together plan. They all immediately appeared, strikingly, in their winter dress of white fur and feathers. SNOWY thought what a sight to remember; a sight to behold.

The winter white critters reflected the whiteness of snow across the land as a landmark for Father Christmas and Rudolph to see from the sky.

It also showed the bond of the friends, all working together, forming the Friendship Circle.

At just the right moment, SLEEPY introduced ECHO, a musically talented Barn Owl, to SNOWY. Interestingly, ECHO was dressed in winter white feathers like no other Barn Owl SNOWY had ever seen. Together, the Three Owls, supported by the winter white critters of the Friendship Circle created a plan to create the snow needed for the return trip of the Magic Christmas Sleigh.

The Critters included the white fallow deer, white ducks, white herons, a white Arctic fox, winter white stoats, Arctic hares, a polar bear(!), white Arctic wolves and snow geese. Now this is quite a sight to behold, thought SNOWY.

The Friendship Circle learned that the Magic Sleigh was expected to arrive home soon and by now, all had settled down to listen to SNOWY's plan of action! He placed all of the winter white critters on both sides of the landing runway. Immediately, the whiteness shared by the feathers of the winter white critters marked in a Snow White fashion the landing runway for Father Christmas. This was a good start thought the Critters. Then SNOWY asked all to hoot and sing like they had never hooted and sung before the musical notes to "Let It Snow, Let It Snow" when SNOWY raised his wings.

It worked. The musical notes of hoots and critter music harmonised like no hill had ever heard before. They all loved the music themselves!

ECHO shared the best range of musical hoots and sounds, which echoed through the hills and mountains, just as SNOWY and SLEEPY thought it would.

His voice echoed so perfectly that it woke up the SNOW CLOUDS. The most beautiful snowfall appeared and danced downwards to share a blanket of snow on the important landing area for the Magic Sleigh. The Snowflakes danced and danced to the delightful and harmonious musical notes that performed " Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow".

In its traditional magical fashion, the Magic Sleigh arrived safely with both Father Christmas and Rudolph smiling to show many thanks. There is nothing like a smile thought SNOWY OWL. FATHER CHRISTMAS asked his wonderful OWLS and WINTER WONDERLAND friends to all take a bow. Just as they did, a RAINBOW appeared in the sky, stretching across all the mountains. FATHER CHRISTMAS started singing

"Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow" and all join in. The Christmas music rang notes of good Will and tidings of joy. It was simply glorious.

The SNOWFLAKES continued dancing and falling gracefully, but no one expected them the completely cover the RAINBOW.....It was the greatest Christmas surprise ever and it was the very, very first SNOWBOW ever seen thanks to music, dancing SNOWFLAKES and thanks to

ECHO!

SNOWY OWL named the mountain that proved to be perfect for the landing runway for Father Christmas:

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SNOWBOW

Ockley Community Hub

Many of you will be wondering what is going to happen with the old Ockley School Buildings. The first idea was for a Free School on the site but our application was turned down by the Department for Education. So now on a "no promises" basis, a team under the auspices of the Parish Council, has set out on a quest to set up a Community Hub in the buildings.

We have already had meetings with the Cricket Club and the Village Hall to assure them that we will work closely together. We will seek to involve the village so that, if our ideas come to fruition, we can provide amenities you want with the added bonus of breathing life back into the community.

Before long we intend to hold a village meeting to discuss our ideas but, in the meantime, we would like to hear your:

- (a) views on the concept,
- (b) ideas for activities,

and whether you would be interested in helping

- (c) to establish the Hub and,
- (d) to help run the Hub once it has been set up.

We said at the beginning that this is on a "no promises" basis. If this is going to fly we have several bridges to cross. Without going into detail, we have to resolve a complicated legal issue and, of course, we shall need planning permission and funding. Our first step, however, is to produce a business plan to ensure that it can be financially viable as a going concern and here your views will be helpful.

Initially it would be extremely useful to see a massive (and hopefully positive) response from you all as this will help enormously in persuading the powers that be that this idea has local support.

Please send your comments to Gill Christie at gill@c21mediagroup.com

OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP

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

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

VILLAGE EVENTS 2021 November

iii 1st Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Monday

d 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 p9 for details

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

6th Saturday 5.00pm - Bonfire & Fireworks Ockley - See page 17 for details

苗 11th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Wotton Hatch - See page 10 for details

苗 17th Wednesday - Inn on the Green Christmas Fair

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苗 25th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Punchbowl - See page 10 for details

苗 28th Sunday 11.00am - Ockley Christmas Fair

Ockley Village Hall - See page 35 for details

NOVEMBER 2021 VILLAGE EVENTS - SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

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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 Ockley Bonfire & Fireworks
7	8 Senior Bootcamp	9 Pilates in the Pavilion	10 Pavilion Café Yoga	11 Walking Group Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	12	
14 Remem- brance Sunday	15 Senior Bootcamp	16 Pilates in the Pavilion	17 Pavilion Café Yoga Inn on the Green Christmas Fair	18 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	19	20
21	22 Senior Bootcamp	23 Pilates in the Pavilion	24 Pavilion Café Yoga	25 Walking Group Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	26	27
28 Ockley Christmas Fair	29 Senior Bootcamp	30 Pilates in the Pavilion				

DECEMBER 2021 village events – see next page for details						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pavilion Café Yoga	2 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	3	4 Okewood Nursery Christmas Fair
5	6 Senior Bootcamp	7 Pilates in the Pavilion	8 Pavilion Café Yoga	9 Walking Group Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	10	11 Carols on the Green
12	13 Senior Bootcamp	14 Pilates in the Pavilion	15 Pavilion Café Yoga	16 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	17	18 Ockley Cricket Club Members Party
19	20 Senior Bootcamp	21	22 Pavilion Café Yoga	23 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29 Pavilion Café Yoga	30 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	31	

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4th Saturday 9.30am - Okewood Nursery Xmas Fair Walliswood Village Hall - See p51 for details

苗 9th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Parrot - See page 10 for details

苗 11th Saturday 5.30pm - Carols on the Green

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - See page 10 for details

苗 18th Saturday 5.30pm - Members only Christmas Party

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - See page 22 for details

A YEAR IN THE LIFE 2022

In 1997 Bill Maguire single-handedly compiled a video record of "A Year in the Life of Ockley".

Using a cumbersome, tripod-mounted VHS camera, external microphone and a bank of editing equipment Bill put together a number of movie clips to form the hour-long video.

2022 will be the 25th anniversary of A Year in the Life of Ockley and Bill thought it would be a nice idea to make another record.

The aim is to produce a film to run for about an hour, say 5 minutes a month on average (though some months are more interesting than others!). Bill Maguire will be out with his camcorder and Peter Relf will help with the editing through the year so that a finished product can be shown, perhaps in the village hall, in early 2023.

The life of our village is constantly changing and this month-by-month observation of that life would form the body of the film. It's not so much about individuals, though personal reminiscences from older villagers could be important, it is the village activities, seasonal changes in the landscape, wildlife, wild flowers, pond life, extreme weather, etc, all filmed from January 1st to December 31st 2022 will make absorbing viewing.

So, all villagers are invited to make a contribution using smartphones or camcorders to shoot video but even striking still photographs can make a dramatic inclusion. If possible, can all submissions be in landscape, don't worry about poor audio, this can be overlaid with music or post-recorded commentary. Please make sure that the video is in focus, with minimal zooming & panning and nice and steady.

A Dropbox link will be set up for contributors to post their clips. Clips on memory sticks will also be welcome. More details on that later.

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THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

What a year for our gardens!

Spring 2021 was a cold one, with the greatest number of frosty nights in March & April since 1960. Then followed an unusually chilly and soggy May. This double onslaught meant that everything in the garden - trees, plants, vegetables - was delayed by a good few weeks. Thankfully in June and July - the warmest and wettest for many years - our gardens were more or less back on track though there have been marked differences between successes and failures compared to last year.

As we move more deeply into autumn, the days are now inexorably drawing in, and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is very much upon us. Whilst for some, it can be a wistful time, for many it's a favourite season. Nature displays an intense and striking pallet of colours - russet, orange, amber and scarlet - set against the mellow, hazy and often romantic backdrop created by the low sun (a perfect time to get the camera out!)

Over the coming weeks, look out for all those shrubs and trees that put on a particularly impressive show with striking foliage, hips and berries - liquidambar and acer; cotinus and cotoneaster; viginia creeper, crab apples, rosa rugosa and amenlanchier to name but a few.

Plant spring flowering bulbs like narcissi, iris, and crocus now but wait until colder November for tulips (to help avoid the fungal disease 'tulip fire').

Plant garlic and finish planting autumn onion sets for a crop in early to mid-summer next year and plant garlic cloves. Get a head start by sowing sweet peas under cover in a cold greenhouse or cold frame.

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planting trees, shrubs and climbers, as well as for hedge planting. And the ground is more moist, **divide** perennials that have grown too large and move to gaps in your borders or swap with gardening friends.

Harvest pumpkins and squashes, and the last of the beetroot and carrots. And pick apples before the frosts begin. You may not have so many this year due to the late spring frosts, but if you do have a surplus, why not deliver unwanted apples to a cider maker for a bottle or two of the finished product? And always leave a few on your lawn for ground feeding birds to enjoy.

Prune roses lightly after they have finished flowering, taking off the tall top growth to protect them from 'wind rock' (then properly prune in spring).

Take hardwood cuttings. Ideal shrubs include buddleia, weigela, ligustrum (privet), philadelphus, forsythia and willow. Have a go and see if you can create some 'plants for free'!

Prepare and mulch your beds. October is a great month for digging over areas of the garden or vegetable plot, adding organic (peat free!) compost or well rotted manure. The approaching cold weather will break down large clumps into crumbly particles and improve the soil.

If you are leaving your dahlias in over winter, make sure to put a protective layer of compost over each plant. Otherwise dig the tubers up and store them in soil or sand in a dark place.

Plants of the Month



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Dahlias - with their myriad forms and colours - can continue to flourish well into October. Try popular 'Bishop Llandaff' with its striking red blooms; or 'Fascination' for its pink florets and bronze foliage; or 'Bantling' for striking orange pompoms. And we can't not mention the cheerful purples, warming pinks and bright whites of the Asters: a familiar waymark for the move from early to mid autumn.

Emma Treeby and Martin Smith

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We urgently need more volunteers to join our friendly team, mandatory training is given to all operators covering both the technical and practical aspects of Speedwatch duties. Would you be able to spare one hour on a regular basis to join our proactive speedwatch team?

The aim is to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding, not punish those that do.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Ockley Parish Council who purchased a second radar gun for us. This has made an enormous difference to the number of duties we are able to run on a regular basis.

Summary for the period 01/09/2021 - 31/09/21

- 1. Sessions 16
- 2. Total vehicles exceeding limit 259
- 3. Maximum Speed recorded 55 mph
- 4. DVLA valid vehicles 234
- 5. Vehicles without MOT 8
- 6. Vehicles without TAX 11
- 7. Vehicles with SORN 3
- 8. Invalid record 3

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For further information on bookings contact Gill Fairs on 01306 628329 or 07788 285978 –email *gillfairs@hotmail.com* or visit us on Facebook.

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For further information contact Valerie Miles: 01306 627248 or valerie@fivemiles.co.uk alternatively visit the website www.walliswoodvillagehall.org

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St. Margaret's Ockley

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

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

Friends of Okewood Church

Barry Thomson: 621234 *barry.thomson@btconnect.com www.friendsofokewoodchurch.org*

Friends of Holy Trinity

Peter Bennett: 621252 peterbennett@mimail.co.uk



VILLAGE CHARITIES

Amber

Provides a temporary safe home and support to homeless unemployed young people in crisis.

philippa.wilford@amberweb.org or 01306 627924

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust

We provide veterinary support for mainly equines, but also other animals who require our help. We also run a primary health care clinic for the local people. *www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk* (Charity No 1096814)

Ockley United Charities

Gives financial assistance in the form of an annual gift to parishioners who are of restricted means, also paying part costs of nursery school fees (Ch No 200556).

Tim Pryke **prykes@uwclub.net** Danesfield, Ockley, Surrey, RH5 5SY

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund

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

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

John Ede Trust

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

www.johnedetrust.org or Keith Posner 888990

Stella's School Scheme

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

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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 Book Club

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

Contact Angela Tarratt 07813 448 453 or **as@angelastrachan.co**.uk

Ockley Cricket Club

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

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408.

Oakwood Hill Club (opposite The Punchbowl)

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

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

Please contact Dave Bishop on 01306627524 for further info.

The Ockley Society

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

Please see the Ockley Society Facebook page for further details ⁴⁸

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and contact information. We are always interested in hearing from anyone who has time or resources to contribute to any of events each year.

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

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

Ockley Dramatic Society

We are a friendly group, we don't take ourselves too seriously but

we do undertake our productions seriously. Now entering our 71st year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting over 20 regular acting members and more than 20 children dancers. We put on a large scale pantomime each New Year and recently re started our summer productions which consist of two one act plays with a supper provided.

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

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

As usual, there has been a lot going on at Surrey Hills over the last few weeks, with our children taking part in challenging and exciting learning activities across both sites. We are proud of the progress they are making and how they have, as a whole school, settled into this academic year. Our celebration assemblies are super positive and recognise the achievements of our children both in and out of school. Fantastic!

Our new library space at Westcott is being developed and positive changes are happening every day...if anybody would like to donate any books suitable for our children in any of our year groups that would be incredibly well received. In addition, we recently held a book fair for the children in support of their reading.

I'd like to thank our catering staff for making our hot dinner taster day such a success! The children really enjoyed the broad range of beautifully cooked food with so many healthy options to choose from. Everything at SHAS is made from freshly prepared ingredients.

We now have our Head Boy, Girl, House Captains and Prefects in place, who support the running of our school and serve as great role models to the children. Shortly we will be selecting our School Council...we have been talking about it with the children and they are already engaged and excited. We are building our layers of leadership with the children and they are at the very heart of all that we do.

Highlights from the Autumn Term

Forest School

Butterfly class had a great time recently making blackberry jam. The children first collected firewood, making sure it was suitable for burning. To do this, they used the following rhythm, if it's snappy then we're happy, if it's bendy, it's unfriendly!' Some children practised their fire lighting skills using fire steels and all of them remembered how we have to be so careful around the fire circle. The children gathered the juiciest blackberries they could find and put them in our heavy pan before adding the other ingredients. We brought the jam to the boil on the fire and then let it cool so we could share it. We're pleased to say it tasted absolutely delicious.



Harvest Festival

During October we celebrated our Harvest festivals. Having missed these for the last few years, it was wonderful to celebrate with singing and give thanks for all we have. Thank you to the Abinger Cookery School who attended and told us all about different fruits and vegetables. Also, a big thank you to our parents for the generous food donations which have been passed on to local Food Bank.



Awards



A number of our children participate in activities outside of school, including sporting events, which we love to hear about. It is wonderful to see them performing so well, trying their hardest and being awarded many medals and cups. A huge well done.

Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Here you can see daily life at Surrey Hills All Saints and can share in

the amazing learning opportunities the children experience each day. We wish our local community well and hope everyone is staying safe. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook @Surrey All Saints.

Mr S Coles - Headteacher

Okewood Nursery

OKEWOOD NURSERY XMAS FAIR

9:30am Saturday 4th December Walliswood Village Hall

It's all getting a bit exciting at Okewood Nursery as we plan our Xmas Fair! We have lots of stalls booked selling plenty of Xmas goodies including personalised gifts, beauty products, Xmas boxes, children's books and more! There'll be face painting and even Belgian waffles! Plus a festive raffle, tombola and lucky dip with all proceeds going towards the completion of our musical pier in the garden. The children will also be performing a few carols and festive songs .. so it's jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Okewood Nursery LTD, Old School Gardens, Walliswood Green Road, RH5 5RD. Tel 01306 627067

THE CRICKETERS ARMS, OCKLEY

I am happy to announce that I am taking on the Lease at The Cricketers Arms in Ockley, our opening has been slightly delayed as we have to re-apply for a Premises Licence before we can open, this will take a minimum of 28 days all being well. We will be decorating the pub and have ordered our new furniture so fingers crossed it arrives in time. There is no furniture at all and the walls are bare so we are starting with a blank canvas. So hopefully we will be open some time in November, 1st December at the latest.

In the spring next year we will be refurbishing the Function Room to make it accessible at all times for drinks and dining and installing additional heating to include a wood burning stove.

We have put together a new wine list, which will be added to over time. We will be keeping Fosters, Carlsberg, Stella, Beir Morretti and Stowford Press. We will be adding Aspalls Cider, Firebird Bohemia and will rotate other local and national ales as the business grows, we will start with 2 real ales and will add others as to meet demand.

The Quiz nights will commence again and we also have 2 crib boards, cards, dominoes and a dart board in the snug. We will also hold a Sunday meat raffle at 3pm every Sunday.

The pub will be open 7 days a week, all day 12 noon till close. On Mondays and Tuesdays you can by a pint of larger, a selected ale, a glass of house, white, rose or red wine or a Gordons gin and tonic for £3.50.

Michael Pearson, a young and enthusiastic chef, who has worked in a top York Hotel and more recently in Horsham will be taking responsibility for the food side of the pub. He will be using local butchers and fresh fish will feature on the menu. He intends to do some traditional home made specials with lunch and mid week evening deals complimented by his Sunday Roasts and weekend Specials. The kitchen will be closed on Mondays and open for food Tuesday to Friday lunch and dinner, all day Saturday and Sunday.

We want to retain the character of this lovely pub so it continues to be "the village pub"

We look forward to meeting you all.

Susan McGovern

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When requesting transport, please provide your name, telephone number, destination, and date and time of appointment. Please give a minimum of 3 days' notice for surgery appointments, and a minimum of 5 days for hospital appointments (not including weekends).

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THE CRICKETERS ARMS

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The provision of regulated entertainment/provision of late night refreshment/for the sale by retail of alcohol.

Monday to Thursday 10am – 11pm

Friday & Saturday 10.10am to 00.00 Midnight

Sunday 10am to 11pm

Representations to this application must be made by 04/11/2021 by emailing *licensing@molevalley.gov*.uk in or writing to the Licensing Officer, Environmental Health Department, Mole Valley District Council Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ where applications can be inspected during office hours. It is an offence liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this application.

THE NORTH WEALD ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION

16th - 28th November. 10 - 4 pm

Denbies Art Gallery, London Rd, Dorking, RH5 6AA

The North Weald Art Group, a locally based society that includes both amateur and professional artists, is holding its annual exhibition of paintings, prints and mixed media works at the Denbies Art Gallery.

Most works in the exhibition are for sale as well as a selection of unframed works.

John Yardley, the renowned watercolour artist and the group's president is one of the exhibitors.

There is ample free parking at Denbies as well as a fine restaurant and cafe. There is also a shop selling wine and gifts as well as a farm shop selling local produce. Well worth a visit.

Website: northwealdartgroup.org.uk

Facebook: North Weald Art Group

Twitter: @NorthWealdArtgr



Brittany Thoroughfare by John Yardley

CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

The return of singing!

Now that COVID related restrictions have been lifted, Capel Choral Society has thankfully returned to regular Monday evening rehearsals, when Capel's Memorial Hall is once again resounding to the singers' long neglected vocal cords being exercised once again!



Capel Choral has also been learning some smaller pieces for a concert at the end of November. The concert programme will include music from Henry VIII (supposedly...) to Ralph Vaughan Williams (ahead of his 150th anniversary year); settings of poetry from William Shakespeare - to Alan Titchmarsh!... and lots of audience opportunities for a rousing singalong to popular carols.

The concert will be held in St Mary's Church in Horsham on the 27th November, in conjunction with Horsham Harmony choir, accompanied by a wind band of local musicians and conducted by Music Director Stuart Longley.

Tickets, at £7.50, are available from the Ticket Secretary, Yvonne Allmond *yvonneallmond@aol.com*, 01403 269884, or from choir members.

As it is now the only remaining founding choir of the Leith Hill Music Festival, Capel Choral Society is determined to maintain its unbroken record of participation in the annual Festival; and will warmly welcome any aspiring singers who wish to join them in the relaxing, care banishing and healthy activity which is choral singing.

Please contact the Secretary, Rosemary Goddard,

for more information about the Choir:

rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com, or telephone 01306 711259.

CAPEL CHRISTMAS FAIR

20th November 12 - 4 Parish & Memorial Halls, Capel RH5 5LD

Having had to cancel our first Fair last year due to Covid, suddenly the new Capel Christmas Fair is about to take place! We have a full line up for you with over twenty stalls and lots of wonderful refreshments! Entry is £3 to include a free hot drink and the Fair is in aid of our two Parish churches in Capel and Ockley, together with the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). Our historic church buildings cost a lot to run every day and Covid has not helped due to non attendance because of restrictions for many months! We have a lovely variety of stalls to tempt you and inspire you for your Christmas shopping including candles and diffusers, Loungers clothing, Body shop products, doggy treats and toys, jewellery, pottery, Christmas cards and decorations, giftware and much more! Many are local producers but we also have some stalls coming from further away to join us including 'Annie with Alex' bags and Image Thirst Photography with a special 'Fair' deal for us! We will have a variety of refreshments throughout the Fair including Hill House Farm, Libby's Larder and Dorking Brewery, all based in Capel. Also joining us are Silent Pool Gin, Surrey Hills cafe, Charlie Cha teas and of course refreshments from our church teas team! So why not make a day of it and start your Christmas shopping on 20th November at the very first 'Capel Christmas Fair'! Please help us make this a success and raise funds for the two charities!

We will of course be following Covid-19 Government guidelines and providing sanitiser and requesting that people wear masks if possible. Added to that, we will implement any other safety measures we feel appropriate including limiting numbers in the venue at any one time if it is essential to ensure people's safety.

Thank you

Suzanne Cole & Debbie von Bergen

email: info@capelchristmasfair.co.uk

www.capelchristmasfair.co.uk and find us on Facebook and Instagram too for updates on the Fair!



THE DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS -November exhibition 2021

I am very excited to tell you of our forthcoming live art exhibition, finally we will be able to show members' work again.

The Dorking Group of Artists, one of the largest art groups in Surrey, is delighted to welcome you to an actual, real life exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate in November, in both the Gallery and the Denbies Suite. Work will be sold 'off the wall', buy work and take it straight away. Our brand new exhibition screens have been made and finished and we are looking forward to showcasing our members' work using them. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings should appeal to every taste, featuring different subjects and styles and covering a wide variety of prices and media. There will be a large selection of unframed paintings for sale too. Entrance to the exhibition is free and Denbies has a good café and restaurant, runs tours of the vineyard and has an excellent shop, so come and make a day of it! There is plenty of free parking.

The exhibition, at Denbies Wine Estate

London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA is open:

Monday 1st November – Saturday 6th November 10.00am – 5.00pm

The exhibition closes at 4pm on Saturday 6th November

The Dorking Group of Artists meets on Tuesday mornings at Beare Green Village Hall from September through to Easter. Membership is open to artists of all abilities, from beginner to professional and costs just £25 per calendar year. The activities programme is varied and includes workshops and demonstrations.

(Outdoor painting and sketching during the summer months).

www.dga.org.uk

For more information contact Jane Anderson Wood (Chairman)

Tel: 01372 375123. Email: dgacommittee@gmail.com

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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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