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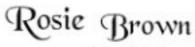
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Well, 2023 is not quite done yet.

Before we get started on Christmas festivities - Nov 4th is the Ockley Society's Bonfire & Firework evening behind the green in Ockley, A Night At The Musicals Nov 18th (P8) and Nov 12th is remembrance Sunday (P9).

There is a complete list of Christmas service times on pages 26 & 50, Ockley Society's Carols on the Green Dec 9th (P40), Walliswood carols Dec 2nd (P12) Capel has a fair Nov 18th (P52) and QRMW has a Children's Treasure Hunt Dec 3rd (P11).

All that remains now is to thank the team that bring you Woof - Iain, Susie, Gordon, Jane & Leslie - and to all our advertisers. Without your support there would be no village magazine.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Alan Hardy



The Ockley Village Facebook page is here to encourage local businesses, charities, societies and clubs to share their news with the villagers of Ockley as well as keeping the community connected. We look forward to hearing from you.

WOOF NEEDS YOU!



Woof is still in need of someone to join our band of volunteers.

Currently the team consists of Gordon who looks after the finances, Susie who liaises with the advertisers and takes care of revenue, Jane who handles all things distribution, Leslie who makes sure what we produce is readable and lain who is our designer and layout wizard.

We are in need of a publisher: This person will be responsible for the overall running of Woof, working with the team to get each issue to print on time. The role involves monitoring the advertising e-mail, responding and liaising with the team to help new advertisers get onboard, sourcing and routing of articles and information from proof to print.

This role doesn't require huge amounts of time, but it does need commitment as each issue is timed and these processes must happen by certain dates.

There will be plenty of training and help for the new team member. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Alan – amh@amhi.co.uk

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

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All the photos and the large picture are now back in place.

There is some beautiful brickwork and a piece of stone from Ypres built into the original outside wall.

Does anyone know what happened to the large brass doorknob from the front door of the hall?

See you on the 12th.

Iris S	pruce
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ABINGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Forest Green Playground Proposal

The Parish Council has put together a working group made up of four parish councillors and five residents to evaluate the request and petition for a playground at Forest Green.

There was unanimous agreement that any playground proposal must ensure the special nature of the village green is not compromised.

Various sites are being considered by the group and when suitable options are agreed will form part of a public consultation.

Funding for the playground would be raised through grant or donation and would not come from the Parish Council.

Maintenance of any playground would form part of the Parish Council's maintenance scheme for the three other playgrounds in the Parish and not be undertaken by volunteers.

Examples of natural wood style playgrounds suitable for children from preschool to around 11 years are being evaluated by the working group.

Any proposals put forward by the working group will be subject to Parish Council approval following a public consultation.

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

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THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

By the time you read this - despite it having been a strange year weatherwise - we should be experiencing colder, windier and wetter days. We will be looking back fondly at the sunshine-filled 'Indian Summer' days we had from mid-September into October when, with increased moisture from a bit of rain and misty, dew-filled mornings, we saw a renewed burst of blooms in our gardens - roses, dahlias, gaura, cosmos, heleniums, asters, cyclamen, sedum and Japanese anemones to name but a few.

And whilst there may still be a few hardy individual plants bracing themselves against the colder weather, by November, it's generally time to 'put your garden to bed' ready to withstand harsher winter weather. This involves putting all tender plants under shelter in a greenhouse or cold frame. If you leave your dahlias in the ground, do make sure they have a good heap of mulch on top of them. Just be aware, however, that if you have very heavy clay soil, and it gets as cold as it did last year over several days (down to -8), the dahlia tubers can rot. So if in doubt, dig them up, pop them in pots or trays covered in compost and put them somewhere dry and not too cold.

All your beds and borders will greatly benefit from having a warm blanket of composted manure spread over them, nurturing and protecting them over the bitter winter months. It's best to do this once you've divided and transplanted any perennials and also planted all those lovely Spring-flowering bulbs! Although you can buy bulbs from early September, you can plant our tulips and daffodils and crocus by the end of November (and they're often cheaper to buy towards the end of the planting season). If like many of us locals, you have heavy clay soil, it's a good idea to add a sprinkling of grit when planting bulbs so they don't become waterlogged and rot.

Not only is it a good idea to regularly remove leaves that are covering lawns and clogging up ponds, the leaves you collect will make a fantastic leaf mulch that can be used to nurture beds and borders once rotted down. You can either put them in black plastic sacks with fork holes or build a very simple open 'container' using four posts and chicken wire to put all your leaves in. Mowing over the leaves first starts the breaking-down process and means you'll get great leaf mould that bit sooner.

Now is the time to prune tall roses to prevent wind rock damage to their roots, and to tie in climbers to their supports, cutting down by one third. Climbing roses can be pruned in winter but leave pruning the majority of roses until February at the earliest.

And winter is the time to prune apple and pear trees when the trees are dormant (but not cordons). Raise any pots of the ground to prevent

waterlogging and cover in fleece or bubble wrap if a harsh frost is predicted.

In the vegetable garden, harvest remaining root crops such as leeks, parsnips, carrots, sprouts, and winter cabbage. If you planted seed potatoes in a sack in August, you might even have fresh potatoes for your Christmas dinner!

As food becomes more scarce for our wonderful feathered friends, keep bird feeders topped up with nuts, seeds and treats. Birds become regular visitors to bird feeders, and if they find the feeders empty, they have expended valuable energy for no reward. So providing food and fresh water is essential for the well-being of our favourite garden companions.

Late November is also a good time to forage materials to make a Christmas Wreath. Holly, laurel, bay, rosemary, pittosporum and euonymous make a good basis for a wreath and a few berries or rosehips always help it look especially seasonal. And if you're unsure how to start, do look out for the Christmas wreath making classes that will be coming to Oakwood Village Hall.

Merry Christmas to you all and here's to a happy new gardening year in 2024.

Martin Smith and Emma Treeby

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH THE BILLS?

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The Oakwood Hill Village Hall is a great place for the community to come together, hosting events such as flower shows, fetes, and community meetings. It is also home to a variety of clubs and classes such as Pilates, band rehearsals and Young at Heart group gatherings, which run throughout the year.

The grant was awarded under the Mole Valley District Council's Capital Grants Programme 2023/2024

Following the award of the grant, Cllr. Hazel Watson said, "I am delighted that this funding from the District Council will be used to improve Oakwood Hill Village Hall, which is a vital community facility at the heart of the village."

The village hall is delighted to receive the grant and has already made several improvements already. They will now be concentrating on increasing the programme of activities in the Hall in the knowledge that it will be a safe and warmer place.

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The Evershed family claimed descent from Thomas de Everesheved, who lived about 1215 to 1266. The name means 'Wild Boars Head' in the Saxon language and the Eversheds, as they became, claimed to be Saxons. Family members have created a possible family tree from documents in the British Museum, charters relating to the transfer of property, court cases and as witness of documents down to Thomas Evershed c1468-c1533.

His son John Evershed appears at the head of a family tree registered by the College of Arms who require proof of dates names and descent. The family tree is dated 24th April 1939.

The last Evershed to live there was John born 30th August 1654 died 28th July 1716 and whose gravestone is in St Margaret's Church. John had no children, was Sheriff of Surrey in 1710 and left Eversheds to his nephew. Shortly after that Eversheds was bought by my ancestors.

In the Eversheds papers, there is a description of a legal artifice to ensure inheritance after Norman law prevailed after 1066, which I found fascinating!

In Saxon times, it was possible for an individual to own property. But under the Norman system, all property belonged to the King, who then parcelled it out to his supporters. Property could be removed at a whim. The artifice used in Domesday - saying in the time of King Edward he was the overlord - was not strictly accurate as not all land belonged to the King, indeed Eversheds probably belonged to the Eversheds!

In 1408, John Evershed drew up a charter, which is in the British Museum, to give his property to a list of people not obviously associated with the Evershed family. But we know that after John's death his son and heir William came into possession of the family estate. William in his turn drew up a similar charter as did his son.

It seems that the named people actually acted as what would now be known as trustees, to pass on the estate to the heir and minimise the risk that a superior landlord could divert the property elsewhere!

The Saxon form of private ownership possibly explains the expression in the Domesday Book (see article in Nov/Dec2022 issue of WOOF) 'could go with it where he will' which appears in the section on Hartshurst. Indeed, it would also suggest that the Evershed family farm was farmed as a unit rather than part of the common field system. And maybe Ockley and Hartshurst were all farmed in separate units. The historical record is unclear. There are some references to the system of farming changing

from family units to the Common Field system but others which suggest that there were differences in different parts of England.

There were other changes relating to the change from Saxon to Norman law. 'Slaves' are recorded in Domesday Book, but this form of bondage was phased out in Norman times, although the right of people to move from one area or village to another was still very restricted.

Gordon Lee-Steere



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UPDATE ON QRMW

It was lovely to have the late summer weather during September and see a number of visitors to our memorial woodland enjoying a late summer picnic. September was a busy month for us. We were invited to attend as Guests of honour at the Vipers Annual Dinner by one of our Patrons Blue Cooper BEM and also to join a large group of ex-Queensmen for a memorial service at The National Arboretum with our other Patron Lt Colonel Michael Rowney MBE. Both events were very special.

Now (at time of writing) we are in October. The leaves on the trees at our woodland are turning yellow and golden brown bringing yet another



beauty to our place of remembrance and tranquility. Remembrance is of course foremost on our minds with the 11th day of the 11th month drawing close. Our Remembrance service will take place at the woodland on Saturday 11th November when we will gather around the memorial at 10.40am. Please do join us for our service and a cup of tea afterwards.

We are also now looking forward to and planning our annual *Christmas at the Woodland* event for families. A treasure hunt for the children and a visit by Father Christmas with a sack load of presents. Do please register the children early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited. Contact *Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk* to register.

So lots to look forward before Christmas. I look forward to seeing you very soon at the woodland for these events or of course anytime you may like to visit. Keep safe.

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FINLEY'S TOUCH

We encourage all our readers to follow the link below to watch the interview former local resident, Ben Relf, had with Meridian TV about the charity he and his wife Nicky set up in memory of their young son who died from a rare form of leukaemia. It is a wonderful example of how some people are able to channel their suffering into helping many other families who find themselves in a similar situation.

www.itv.com/news/meridian/2023-09-09/father-turns-loss-of-son-to-leukemia-into-inspiring-fundraising-effort

WHICH FLOWER AM 1?

I am prized for my vibrant colours that are so perfect for all the seasonal festivities of November and December.

Indeed, my fragrance is enchanting and my petals always look like they are ready to tap dance!

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I was mentioned in Greek literature 2,000 years ago and my name is derived from ancient Greek and Latin words, meaning Divine and Flower.

Carl Linnaeus described me in 1753 and his description is my Latin name today.....

The U.S. President, William McKinley, wore my white flowers during and after his service in the Civil War as his lucky flower.

I am the national flower of Spain. In China, I am the most popular flower for weddings.

In Holland, my "Whites" after WW2 became their Remembrance flower. France and several other countries also appreciated my Remembrance attributes for ceremony.

As I am prized for all my vibrant colours, I am perfect for all the festivities in the months of November and December.

May I always share remembrance of all that is divine, especially on Remembrance Day and during the Christmas cheer to wish you and yours very special holidays.



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1st Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday

1st Wednesday 9.15am-10.15am - Pilates2TheCore Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday (during term-time)

1st Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm - Yoga Walliswood Village Hall - Every Wednesday

2nd Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday, see p6 for details

2nd Thursday 11.00am–12noon - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Village Hall - Every Thursday

6th Monday 10.45am–11.45am - Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

7th Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm - Pilates in the Pavilion Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Tuesday

7th Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm - RMPT Exercise Class Walliswood Village Hall - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

9th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group The Cricketers - See p35 for details

12th Sunday 11.30am–1.00pm - Remembrance Sunday Ockley Village Hall - See p9 for details

18th Saturday 7.00pm - A Night at the Musicals Okewood Church - See p8 for details

20th Monday 3.00pm - Village Teas Ockley Village Hall - See p21 for details

22nd Wednesday 7.00pm - Ockley Christmas Fair Inn on the Green - See p31 for details

23rd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group Surrey Oaks - See p35 for details

28th Tuesday - Festive gonk-making workshop Inn on the Green - See p35 for details

NOVEMBER 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

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DECEMBER 2023 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

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10	Senior Bootcamp Village Teas Christmas Lunch	12 Pilates in the Pavilion RMPT Exercise Gingerbread gonk-making workshop	13 Pavilion Café Pilates- 2TheCore Yoga	Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp Walking Group	15	16 Carol Singing with mulled wine
17 Ockley Christmas dinner party	18 Senior Bootcamp Village Teas	19 Pilates in the Pavilion	20 Pavilion Café Yoga	21 Toddler Group Senior Bootcamp	22	23
24 Crib Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
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VILLAGE EVENTS DECEMBER 2023

- **2nd Saturday 5.30pm–7.00pm Christmas Lights & Carols Walliswood Village Hall -** See p12 for details
- 3rd Sunday 12.30pm Christmas at the Woodland Queens Regiment Memorial Woodland See p11 for details
- 4th Monday 10.45am-11.45am Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Village Hall - Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- 4th Monday 7:30pm Wreath making Oakwood Hill Village Hall
- 5th Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am, 6.15, 7.30pm Pilates in the Pavilion Ockley Cricket Pavilion Every Tuesday
- 5th Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm RMPT Exercise Class Walliswood Village Hall Every Tuesday (during term-time)
- 6th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm Pavilion Café Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday
- 6th Wednesday 9.15am-10.15am Pilates2TheCore Walliswood Village Hall Every Wednesday (during term-time)
- 6th Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm Yoga Walliswood Hill Village Hall Every Wednesday
- 7th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am Ockley Toddler Group Ockley Village Hall Every Thursday, see p6 for details
- 7th Thursday 11.00am–12noon Senior Bootcamp Walliswood Hill Village Hall - Every Thursday
- 9th Saturday 5.30pm Carols on the Green Ockley Green See p40 for details
- 11th Monday 12.00pm Village Teas Christmas Lunch Ockley Village Hall See p21 for details
- 12th Tuesday Gingerbread gonk-making workshop Inn on the Green See p35 for details
- 14th Thursday 10.00am Walking Group The Parrot, Forest Green - See p35 for details
- 16th Saturday 7:30pm Carol Singing, mulled wine & festive quiz Oakwood Hill Village Hall
- 17th Sunday Ockley Christmas dinner party In on the Green See p35 for details



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Hi folks, how about this! Upon draining the nearby pond for bank works to commence, parts of the sails from Elmers Mill have come to see the light of day after around 78 years in the water!

These are parts of the last pair of sails, which remained until the mill collapsed on 23rd November 1944. This photo from the 1930's clearly shows the state of this last pair of sails.

A

(Alian Ceston Collection)

The sail were mounted on a cast iron axie, called a 'windshaft'. This shaft protruded through the outside of the mill where it terminated in two box sections, perpendicular to each other. This part of the windshaft is called the 'cannister'. Through each 'box' of the cannister, were fitted the backbone of each pair of sails; these are known as the 'stocks'. Pieces of timber called 'sail clamps' were bolted to the centre portion of the stocks to add extra support where the stocks ran through the cannister. The four individual sails were bolted to each length of stock. The backbone of the actual sail assembly is called the 'whip', through which are morticed the sail bars.



This assembly can be clearly seen below, at Lowfield Heath windmill in Charlwood (left). I know when Elmers mill collapsed that the cast Iron windshaft broke when it hit the ground.



(John Jackson Collection)

I know this because the above (right) photo from c1951 shows the broken windshaft (at the bottom of the photo). The left hand end clearly shows where it broke off leaving part of the cannister attached.

I hope my explanation above sets the scene for what was found.

Remarkably most of one stock has survived at just over 33 feet long; the original would have been only a few feet longer. One complete sail clamp survives, still bolted to the stock, which is quite fortuitous, as this has kept the remaining part of the cannister in place. This is a particularly exciting find, as it is a substantial piece of cast iron, and exactly matches what is missing from the broken windshaft in the photo above.

Parts of the whips are still bolted to the stocks, and the mortices for the sail bars are surviving in several places.

Sometime after March 1945, these remains were moved down to the pond, and used to strengthen the bank. Interestingly, this demonstrates just how much bank erosion has taken place over the years



The remains as found (left & below).

It was very handy that the bank work contractors had all the necessary equipment with which to lift the remains out and move them to the mill, for which I offer my thanks.



The sail remains, back from whence they came (below left)! It's interesting to see that the timber is still solid after all that immersion!

The right hand picture shows the broken cannister, which can be compared with the mating half shown in the 1951 photograph.





Given that the mill stopped work around 1912, and the sails were probably 40 years old by then, the remains are around 150 year sold. This, I believ makes them probably the oldest substantial sail remains in the UK.

If anyone has any futher information about when the sails were taken to strengthen the bank, please let me know.



NEWS FROM THE BELFRY Ockley Treble Trouble continued

It is now four months since the gudgeon sheared off the treble at Ockley and the bell has been standing on wooden blocks ever since. We are still waiting to hear from the bellhangers when the repair of the headstock will be completed but hope it will be this side of Christmas.

Thank you to those of you that responded to our appeal for funds, particularly Kindred Spirits, who made a donation from money raised by the Pavilion Café, which is much appreciated. If you would be interested in making a donation to help with the work to restore this historic ring, we would be very grateful for your support.

We are still ringing as best we can on the other five bells, especially on Sundays, but the practice nights have not been so regular as we are missing the lightest and therefore easiest bell to ring, there is less possibility of variation in the changes, and the sound is not the same. At least the treble is the first in the row, so its absence is not as noticeable as it might otherwise have been.

Rings of bells are tuned to sound together when they are first made and therefore differ from any other group of bells. You could not for example source an extra bell to ring in a peal just by its size. At St Margaret's, the bells are tuned to F#, which refers to the tenor, the heaviest of the six, at 13 hundredweight. The treble is the lightest bell at 5 cwt and is tuned to D#. The intervening bells increase in weight as you would expect between these two extremes and their sounds are also different, C#, B, A# and G#.

Hopefully when the treble is lifted back on its bearings, it will still sound the same. It sustained a small chip to its lip when it fell into the pit in the belfry and wedged against the steel frame. There is no way to tell until it is suspended once more and can be struck on its soundbow, the bottom edge of the bell.

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Thursday 9 th November	Cricketers	10am
Thursday 23 rd November	Surrey Oaks	10am
Thursday 14 th December	Parrot	10am

Thursday 9th November

Meet at the Cricketers at 10am for a fairly easy 5.5 mile walk through Birches Wood to Holbrook, Wattlehurst Farm, and Bonnets returning via Osbrooks and Vann Lake.

Thursday 23rd November

Meet at the Surrey Oaks at 10am for a fairly easy 6.3 mile walk through Reffolds Copse to Henfold Lakes and Lodge Farm returning via Ewood Farm and Pond Bay.

Thursday 14th December

Meet at the Parrot at 10am for a shorter easy walk of 4 miles across Little Birketts to Holmbury Farm and Lukyns, returning via Brookhurst and Wicklands. This will be followed by our Christmas lunch which must be booked in advance, subject to availability. Please email Sue on srsjdixon@btinternet.com to secure a place.

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louise.cheung@amberweb.org or 01306 627924

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust

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

www.gambiahorseanddonkey.org.uk (Registered Charity No. 1096814).

Ockley United Charities

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

Gill Christie gill@c21mediagroup.com or

Dick Thomas dickthomas 1000@btinternet.com

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund

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

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

John Ede Trust

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

www.johnedetrust.org or Keith Posner 888990

Stella's School Scheme

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

Tapestry Day Club

A not-for-profit enterprise to help beat loneliness and support those living with dementia, giving their carers a break. TDC provides a social day out in a small group, including transport and a homecooked lunch in a private home.

www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk

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 likeminded individuals.

www.qrmw.org

(Registered Charity No. 1174651)

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

Brownies: capelbrownies@gmail.com

Guides: capelguides@outlook.com

Ockley Cricket Club

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408 Jason Edgecombe 07918 784446

Oakwood Hill Club (opposite The Punchbowl)

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

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 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 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 75th year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting more than 20 regular acting members and 20 children dancers. We put on a large-scale pantomime each New Year and recently restarted our summer productions, which consist of two one-act plays with a supper provided.

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

Walking Group

For more details please contact Sue on 627168 or by email to srsjdixon@btinternet.com

VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S SCHEME

Ockley Volunteer Driver's Scheme is for use by any person in the villages of Ockley, Okewood Hill, Forest Green and Walliswood, without access to a car, who require transport to attend appointments at hospital or Leith Hill Practice (GP Surgery).

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).

Call Simon Figg on (01306) 627094 between the hours of 9am-5pm.

CHURCH TEAS 2023

TEAS AT St John the Baptist, Capel



Sunday 26th November Tea

Teas at Capel 3-5pm

Sunday 10th December

Teas at Capel 3-5pm

www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar



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FRIENDS OF THE HURTWOOD

The trees are starting to show their autumn colours around the Surrey Hills area, including in the Hurtwood. Plus the mushrooms are up with local foragers out collecting edible versions.

A fascinating new information board is going up outside of Winterfold House, off Barhatch Lane. In January 1941 Winterfold was requisitioned as a Special Training School (STS) by Britain's wartime Special Operations Executive (SOE), a secret organisation formed in 1940 to undertake subversion and sabotage in enemy-occupied territory in Europe. (The House returned to private ownership after 1944, so it isn't open to visitors.)

The board is a 2023 initiative of SECRET WW2 - the Secret WW2 Learning Network a (UK registered educational charity, no. 1156796) - and has been generously supported by Jim McAllister, Friends of The Hurtwood and Cranleigh Parish Council. For more information do go online:

www.secret-ww2.net www.facebook.com/secretww2net

For donations to the maintenance of the Hurtwood, please visit our website: www.foth.co.uk

CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley

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

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green

www.eofgparish.org.uk

Parish Office: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 12.30 St Peter & St Paul Church, The Wilson Room, The Street, Ewhurst, GU6 7PX 01483 277584 eofgparish@gmail.com

THE ARK

The Ark is a hall set in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings of St John the Baptist Okewood, available to hire.



- competitive hourly rates
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- new extended car park
- disabled access
- 3 separate rooms available of varying size
 - fully equipped kitchen
- venue holds up to 50audio visual equipment

HISTORIC CHURCHES

We have magnificent churches in our villages. 'Friends' charities have been set up to fund the upkeep of these historic buildings.

Friends of St. Margaret's

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

For bookings please contact Liz Coleman 01306 628156

www.friendsofstmargarets.org.uk

Friends of Okewood Church

Barry Thomson: 621234 barryjthomson1@gmail.com

www.friendsofokewoodchurch.org

Friends of Holy Trinity

Peter Bennett: 621252 peterbennett@mimail.co.uk



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

1st Sunday - Okewood 10.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Okewood 10.30am Morning Worship

3rd Sunday - Okewood 10.30am Morning Worship, 3pm Forest Church in the woods behind the Ark.

 4^{th} Sunday - Okewood 10.30am All Age Service, Forest Green 6pm Evening Worship.

5th Sunday - Forest Green 10.30am joint parish Holy Communion service.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES 2023

Come and celebrate Christmas in our parish!

Friday 1 December 4pm Christingle service at Ewhurst with tea beforehand in the Wilson room, led by Michelle and the Youth Team.

Sunday 3 December 6pm Advent Sequence at Ewhurst led by Amber Wood

Sunday 10 December 6pm 9 Lessons and Carols at Ewhurst led by Revd. Rosemary Mason

Sunday 17 December 3pm Forest Church Nativity Trail around Ewhurst

Sunday 17 December 6pm 9 Lessons and Carols at Forest Green led by Revd. John Marsh

Sunday 24 December 3.30pm Crib Service at Ewhurst led by the Youth Team

Sunday 24 December 5.30pm Crib Service at Okewood led by the Youth Team

Sunday 24 December 11.30pm Midnight Service at Ewhurst led by Revd. Rosemary Mason

Monday 25 December 10.30am Family Communion service at Ewhurst led by Revd. Rosemary Mason

Monday 25 December 10.30am Christmas service at Okewood led by Sarah & Tom Murphy

Monday 25 December time tbc, Christmas gathering at Holy Trinity, Forest Green

Sunday 31 December 10.30am joint parish Holy Communion service at Forest Green led by visiting clergy

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www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org

bookings@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org





A charity fair raising funds for Capel & Ockley Parish Churches and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Saturday 18th November 2023 12 noon until 4pm Capel's Parish and Memorial Halls, RH5 5LD

- Bigger and better for our third fair with exciting new stalls as well as familiar favourites.
- More shopping opportunities with unique, local stallholders.
- More refreshment opportunities for breakfast, lunch, snacks or tea.
- Raffle with cash prizes and gorgeous hampers to be won!

Current confirmed stalls include -

Hive and Keeper * Charlie Cha * Silent Pool * K & M Stained Glass * Teal Creative * Lavender Lime * Abinger Crafts * Wonder of Books * Bramble Cottage Crafts * The Country Dog Barn * Cody's Waffles * Little Sundry * Surrey Hills Candle Company * French Soap Store * Tropic Skincare * M&M Supplies * Helen More Faux fur accessories * Olivia Rose Jewellery * Whinny Poo * Tracey Pearson Jewellery * Vestimenta Ltd * MNDA * Scott Broadwood PTA * Tiffany Budd Art * Crafted by Mummy Jewellery * Surrey Hills Tinies * Gem Design * Shirley's cushions * Heidi Rebecca Jewellery *

For updates follow us on social media @capelchristmasfair

Contact us at info@capelchristmasfair.co.uk



CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Christmas approaches!

Capel Choral Society is enjoying enlivening rehearsals with its new Conductor, Anna Tabor, and already looking forward to its Christmas concert under her direction. The Concert will be held in Capel Parish Church on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm and will include carols, some well-known, others not so familiar.

Book your tickets, price £7.50, with the Choir Secretary, buy them from choir members, or on the door. The price includes mulled wine and mince pies!

The Choir's other main Christmas event is its very popular informal 'Carols & Cakes', from 2-4pm on Sunday 3rd December, also in Capel Parish Church. Sample a delicious array of cakes and choose your favourite carols to sing with the choir.

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

The Choir is particularly looking forward to its Spring term when it will be concentrating on learning wonderful music by Mozart and Vaughan Williams for the 2024 Leith Hill Music Festival on 12th April.

The Choir will also be celebrating its 120th birthday later in 2024.

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

The Choir Secretary is Rosemary Goddard:

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

Rehearsals Mondays 7.45 to 9.30pm, Capel Memorial Hall.

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

Founded 1904

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

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TOWARDS REIGATE	M/Th	w	Tu/W	F	M/Th	w	Tu	F	Sat
Horsham Bus Station/Carfax							13.10	13.20	11.15
Broadbridge Heath Tesco							13.17		
Ockley, Cricketers Close	9.25	9.25							
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	9.28	9.28						13.43	
Walliswood, Oakfields	9.30	9.30			12.49	13.09	13.35	13.45	11.39
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					12.51	13.11			
Mayes Green	9.32	9.32						13.47	11.41 R
Forest Green, The Parrot	9.34	9.34					13.49	13.49	11.43 R
Cricketers, Ockley					12.54	13.14			
Ockley, Inn on the Green	9.40	9.40			12.55	13.15	13.55	13.55	11.49
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	9.41	9.41			12.56	13.16	13.56	13.56	11.50
Capel, The Street		9.45 R							11.54 R
Coldharbour	9.44				12.59	13.19	13.59	13.59	
Dorking High St	10.00	10.15	12.20	12.20	13.15	13.35	14.15	14.15	
Leigh	10.15		12.40	12.40					
Newdigate			12.50	13.02					12.00
Reigate, Morrisons	10.30		_						Leigh Plough ↓
Redhill, High Street	10.40						>		12.10
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Redhill, High Street						11.40			
Reigate, Morrisons						11.50			
Newdigate	9.50	9.50	9.50						
Leigh	10.00	10.00	10.00			12.05			8.12
Dorking High Street	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	12.20	12.20	16.55	
Coldharbour				10.30	10.30	12.32		17.07	
Capel, The Street							12.54 C		8.27
Ockley, Kings Arms Court				10.33	10.33	12.38	12.58	17.13	8.31
Ockley, Inn on the Green				10.35	10.35	12.39 R	12.59 R	17.14	8.32
Ockley, Cricketers Close								17.15	
Forest Green, The Parrot				10.41	10.41	12.45 R	13.05 R		8.38
Mayes Green					10.43	12.47 R	13.07 R		8.40
Walliswood, Oakfields				10.55	10.45	12.49	13.09 R	17.20	8.42
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					10.47				
Kennels Cross Roads					10.49				
Northlands					10.53				
Broadbridge Heath Tesco				11.14 R					
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C = Serves Capel at request of passengers set down there on outbound journey.

This is an edited version of the timetable - to see the full timetable visit: www.buses4u.org.uk/documents/MoleValleyVillagerLeaflet-17Jun2019.pdf

R = Operates at request of passengers already on board.



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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

ALZHEIMER'S SOC	IETY	Dorking	Pauline Hall	883425
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CHORAL SOCIETY			lan Moir	889817
CHURCHES		Capel		See p42
CITIZENS' ADVICE	BUREAU	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378
		Dorking	•	876805
CRICKET CLUB		Forest Green	Malcolm Clayton	621225
		Oakwood Hill	Dave Bishop	01306 627524
DIAL-A-RIDE				740505
FRIENDS OF SCOT	T BROADWOOD :	SCHOOL	School Office	711181
GATWICK AREA CO				01293 862821
GATWICK NOISE C			,	01293 311568
GP SURGERY - Cap	oel	appointments/end	guiries	711105
'		repeat prescription		713010
HOSPICE SUPPOR	T GROUP		Janet Stenson	713319
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OKEWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHO		RSHOW	Cheryl Barclay	621140
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall) Gill Christie				711917
Parish Councils				
Abinger: www.ab	inger-pc.gov.uk		Beccy Anderson	07716 928430
Ockley: www.ockley-parishcouncil.o		.co.uk	Samantha Bell	clerk@ockleypc.co.uk
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SPEEDWATCH CO-	ORDINATOR	Ockley	Maureen Newman	627001
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TWO COUNTIES art/craft			Janet Mitchell	627322
VILLAGE WEBSITES	5			
Ockley:	www.ockley.org			
Forest Green: www.forestgreenvillag		envillage.co.uk	David@forestgreenvi	llage.co.uk
Walliswood:	www.walliswoo			
VOLUNTEER CENT	RE	Dorking	Peter Herman	640369
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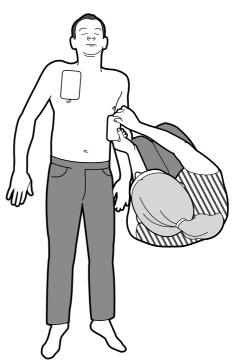
 Remove or cut through clothing and wipe away sweat from the chest if necessary

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
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- Punchbowl Inn Okewood RH5 5PU
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