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WELCOME

Welcome to our autumn edition of Woof.

There's not much to update you on since our last edition.

Sadly more of our village events have been cancelled, but there are still some smaller activities happening (Dorking Artists p20) and I think there are lots of crossed fingers for the remainder of this year (center pages).

We will endeavour to keep you updated.

This edition has many articles and stories that have been sent in. If you have a story that you would like to share, please send it to us at *editor@ockleymagazine.co*.uk.

The next page still contains useful contact information and help if you should require it.

And don't forget, you can always download this and all our previous issues from *www.ockleymagazine.co.uk*

From all of us at Woof, continue to stay safe, healthy and happy

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. 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.

CORONAVIRUS HELP

AID IN SICKNESS FUND CORONAVIRUS-EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Aid in Sickness Fund invite anyone living in Ockley, Okewood, Walliswood and Forest Green, who is experiencing financial hardship in the current crisis, to contact our welfare officer, Jane on 07814287926 or <code>janewaugh@btinternet.com</code>

All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

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Business Grant Scheme - molevalley.gov.uk/coronavirus_business_support

Capel & Ockley Church

On our website there are details of information about Covid-19; daily diocesan updates for churches, the Coronavirus Parish Angel scheme helping those who are self-isolating with essentials such as food and prescriptions. (The CPA has been set up by St John the Baptist Church, Capel; St Mary Magdalene Church, The Holmwood, and Capel Parish Council). There are phone numbers to ring for Capel people and numbers for Beare Green residents. There are lots of volunteers working extremely hard helping those who need help. They are also working with the Dorking Community Fridge to distribute nearly 100 bags of fresh food to those who need it, each week.

We are trying to keep in touch with our congregation and any others who would like to be included in our villages and I am always available on the other end of the phone 01306 711260 or by email *liz@hostmyserver.co*.uk to speak to anyone who would like a chat or needs some help.

Everything can be accessed from our website www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk but also watch out for Facebook postings and Youtube videos. Our church facebook page is Capel and Ockley church and there is a link on our website.

The Parish of Ewhurst, with Okewood & Forest Green

For those self-isolating, the local helplines are now available (Ewhurst & Ellens's Green – Joanna Cadman 01483 268627, Okewood & Forest Green – Becky Anderson 07716 928430). If you are at all troubled by events, do contact Rector Clare on 01483 273604, revclareshepherd@gmail.com

There are online daily Services at 19.30 every evening and Holy Communion at 10.30 on Sundays. All are welcome to join. Access is available by visiting the parish website, *www.eofgparish.org.uk* or by typing http://facebook.com/eofgparish/videos.

Abinger Parish Council

For those needing help during the current pandemic or wanting to offer help please contact Beccy Anderson, Clerk of Abinger Parish Council on 07716 928430. She will be in a position to direct you to the most appropriate local support.

Ockley Parish Council: Help for people self-isolating

Following government advice in relation to the Coronavirus, you may choose to self-isolate in the near future. This may be because you are aged over 70, or are a younger person with a health condition or feeling unwell.

If you need essential shopping, we can put you in touch with a volunteer to help.

Please contact Amanda Barclay by email (*ajbopc@gmail.com*) or telephone (07879898807).

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ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

The parish of Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green are providing online daily Services at 19.30 every evening and Holy Communion at 10.30 on Sundays. All are welcome to join. Access is available by visiting the parish website, *www.eofgparish.org.uk* or by typing https://facebook.com/eofgparish/videos

Pantomime 2021? Oh yes there will! Oh wo there won't?

Well, what a funny old year it has been - but you don't need to read that here.

Planning for our pantomimes starts almost a year in advance, with rehearsal and production space reserved long ago.

We are already have in place plans to perform six times: 29th and 30th January and 5th and 6th February, with rehearsals starting early in November.

At the time of writing (August) we were sort of promised all restrictions lifted by November and life back to normal before Christmas. Since then, there have been localised lock downs in Manchester, Leicester, Aberdeen amongst other places.

So, largely, the pantomime will be governed by 1) any official guidance and 2) public acceptance of some sort of normality by October.

So, sticking with our planned timetable, we will be having a dance try-out and production read through on **Sunday 11th October** from 2pm. Because of the way the village magazine is published, if we don't go ahead on that date, there is not another publication in time to up date you.

So, please check Facebook (search 'Ockley Drama') or our website www.ockleydramaticsociety.org.uk for updates.

Assuming we can proceed:





The Capel and Ockley Pantomime are on the lookout for more talent. Experience not necessary, enthusiasm and a sense of fun are the main requirements.

We need:

Dancers: Three categories: juniors (age 5-8) intermediates (9-13) and seniors (14+) which would suit **Dance GCSE** students and/or experienced dancers. **Actors:** Adult parts are available ranging from a single page of script (no

experience) to the more involved.

Musicians, Techies, Painters, Coffee Makers are all skills much appreciated too.

Sunday 11th October We meet to assemble the team.

2pm at Capel Village Hall: potential dancers and anyone interested in anything other than acting are invited.

3pm: potential adult actors/actresses will read through the full script, at the end of which you will be invited to nominate yourself for a specific part(s). Casting will be announced within a fortnight.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals start Sunday 8th November. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings and cast members will need to commit to this schedule. There will be more rehearsals closer to the performance. Child actors might be excused Tuesday evening rehearsals

Dancers will commence rehearsal slightly later and will be earlier on Sunday afternoons from 2pm-3pm.

Other skills will not be needed until much closer to the performances.

Performances:

There will be six performances in late January and early February 2021.

Interested? Do come along on 11th October, it will be a fun session. Still interested but cannot make that date? then please call Martin on 01306 628155 to register your interest.

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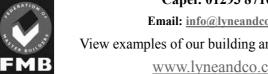
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WALKING GROUP

Thursday 10th September Cranleigh

Thursday 24th September Wallis Wood

Thursday 8th October Wotton

Thursday 22nd October Rusper

All the walks are between 5 and 6 miles, less if they are particularly difficult or strenuous.

At the time of writing, Government guidance restricts groups to six if from more than two households. Restrictions may be eased by September but recent developments suggest this may not be the case and therefore please contact me first if you wish to come on one of the group walks.

Email me on *srsjdixon@btinternet.com* if you want to be added to the email group and receive details of the planned walks, including maps, even if you are unable to join us.

YOUNG AT HEART

Who would have imagined, when we said cheerio in March, that we would not be allowed to meet till whenever!! As it appears at the moment the "rules" seem to change overnight! I would like to think that, hopefully, by December we should be able to get together. Not for our usual Christmas lunch but a festive tea party! The lunch we can look forward to in 2021.!!

We certainly have been lucky with the good weather and the lovely part of the country to live in. I do think we were more aware of the birdsong and I certainly had a greater variety of birds nesting in my garden. Greenfinch, nuthatch, goldfinch, woodpecker, robin and of course the blue tit all brought joy to us.

I do thank modern technology as like so many of us I was able to "see" Nicola, George, Grace and Rosie, also, Paul, Matthew and Tom (in Tasmania) when (being of that age) I was not allowed to meet them. Thankfully now things are slowly getting to the new norm, planes and traffic back with us!

Fingers crossed that we can get together in December, I will be in touch when we know how the "rules" change.



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OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Points to note since the last report

- Coronavirus thanks to all who volunteered to help out; your help, if requested, was greatly appreciated.
- Coronavirus The play area at the village hall was re-opened in July.
 A notice on the gate gives guidelines as to how to use the area safely.
- Accounts year ended 31 March 2020 were approved at the July parish council meeting and various documents submitted to the external auditor, put on the website and the notice board at the end of School Lane.
- Ockley Neighbourhood Development Plan it was agreed at the July meeting that the plan should be updated and a further survey undertaken. If you would like to join the team to take this forward please do contact any of the people as shown below.
- Please see the website for details of meetings to be held during the year. Meetings may be held remotely but parishioners can always request a link to attend the meeting.

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Not all Virtual Bellringing

Now that restrictions have eased we have been able to ring some of the bells some of the time. When it was announced that church services would resume on Sunday 5th July there was



no expectation that we would be allowed to ring the bells because of the difficulty in maintaining social distance. Out of the blue a few days beforehand the Central Council for Church Bell Ringers announced that bells could be rung with certain precautions.

We therefore quickly organised checks of the bells at both churches to ensure nothing untoward had happened during the long period with no ringing. This meant checking the ropes, the bell fittings, especially in case bolts had loosened, pulleys and wheels, and clearing any debris that may have collected – spiders' webs and dust mainly, but also birds' nests at Capel. We also had to carry out risk assessments to ensure social distancing is maintained, in using the stair case at Capel and measuring the distance between ropes.

Having done all this and decided who would ring which bell (nobody else is allowed to touch the assigned rope for 72 hours) an urgent message came out on the Friday afternoon requesting that we not ring until the result of a Public Health England Report the following week had been considered. With a few minor changes to the preceding advice we received permission on the Saturday morning to ring on the Sunday, 12th

The ringing itself is still very different to normal times. Everyone must use hand sanitizer on entry, and wear a mask, only one person may touch the spider rope, each ringer may only touch the rope assigned to them and ringers of different households must be over a metre from the ringer next to them and 2 metres from those facing. This means that it is not possible to ring all six bells at either church though we have managed 4 at Capel and 5 at Ockley due to the layout of the ringing chamber and having couples able to ring alongside each other where the distance between would not otherwise be sufficient. There is also a limit of 15 minutes for the ringing from start to finish, including the ringing up and down of the bells. There are no practices permitted and if they were, the same rules as above would apply.

Some of us rang at Newdigate for a wedding recently, all masked, not easy in the 34'C heat. Even the bride and groom wore masks, no more than 30 people allowed in the church and no choir as singing in church is also

restricted. We then rang on the same ropes again for the Sunday service because nobody else would be allowed.

We have continued to hold virtual practices every week on Zoom, to keep in touch with members of the bands at Ockley, Newdigate and Capel, and have progressed on Ringing Room to the extent that we now hold an additional practice on Monday evenings to focus on method ringing. It remains to be seen whether it will benefit our ringing of methods for real, whenever that may be, but at least it allows the band to learn the method thoroughly by counting places, without having to worry about controlling the bell as well.

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 satisfaction when it goes right. If you would like to find out more, please contact me. At the moment there is no prospect of teaching new ringers to handle a bell as it is impossible to do so whilst social distancing but the theory is certainly possible with the use of the internet.

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

UPDATE ON QRMW

I do hope that everyone has kept safe during the last month. At the Memorial Woodland it has been a very busy time, with the lifting of some of the restrictions the planned works that were delayed in April have gone full speed ahead. The safety and aesthetics of the woodland have been greatly improved with the provision of new eco friendly picnic benches made from recycled material and the unobtrusive deer fencing for which we thank the Post Code Community Trust for the Grant that was awarded

to QRMW for that specific purpose. Our grateful thanks also go to The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust who awarded QRMW the Grant to replace the dilapidated cabin. The new visitors' cabin has been erected, but still much work to be done on the inside to house our military memorabilia for visitors to view. Obviously



with the Covid-19 situation all fund raising events have been cancelled this year but it gives us time to work on the cabin ourselves over the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming visitors back to the woodland at the end of August.

As for our wildlife, Henry our resident pheasant has not been put off by all the



commotion going on and still visits every day to be fed much to the fascination of the workmen who have been on site. Nor have we ever seen so many woodpeckers as we have had in the woodland this year and it caused much excitement when we noticed that a pair of Buzzards have nested at the back of us high up in a fir tree. The woodland butterflies have been in abundance since the many coloured Buddleia have been in bloom and lots of little frogs pop up when doing a bit of weeding around the pond. But the most delightful few moments for me was when I was by myself in the woodland and a Kestrel flew down and sat on the bird feeder just a few yards from where I was, giving me an amazing view of his beautiful plumage. But where is your camera when you really want it!

The growth of the trees and shrubs is really noticeable this year, they are all well established a few years since planting and our thanks go to the small family run Burstow Nurseries who have donated so much to us over the last six years.

I have worked on this woodland for nine years and to see the fruits of our labours, mostly ex-servicemen who have given up their time to help my 'Vision' come true is something I shall always be grateful for. It never fails to lift me every time I walk through the gate of The Queen's Regiment Memorial Woodland, which I named in honour of my former Regiment. Three years ago, born out of the Woodland we were awarded Registered Charity status; named after its 'Purpose' - The Quick Response Memorial Woodland (Registered Charity No 1174651) enables us to assist All exservicemen and when they really need it "immediately". The woodland is an integral part of our charity work, it has proven to be a therapeutic place for many and provides a familiar place for ex-servicemen to come and meet, reflect and work. But we welcome ALL to visit of course please bring a picnic and enjoy the tranquillity of this little piece of heaven in Holmbury St Mary.

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A bell was needed to signal change of lessons, so I set about making one. The Walliswood school bell was regularly rung at five to nine each morning in the 1930's and for a short time after the WW2 but fell into disuse.

I obtained permission to take it down for use as a foundry pattern. Using my 30ft ladder towed behind my bike for the two miles up to Walliswood, I set it up and removed the bell which weighed half a hundredweight, (35kg) and descended the ladder with it on my shoulder. It was then tied to the central rung of the ladder and rang all the way back to Forest Green. Doug Harding of Hardings Coaches, kindly transferred it to school in the school bus.

To make the casting a 'flask', was needed that in simple terms is basically a box of two parts, the upper part known as the cope and lower part the drag. The drag, was rammed up to form the core of the bell. That is the hollow inside of the bell, followed by ramming up the top part, the cope. That left the bell inside the moulding box, which was then parted, to extract the Walliswood bell.

Bell-metal is a special high tin bronze being 25% to 30% pure tin. The necessary copper was melted first in a crucible in the foundry furnace and then the tin added to form the alloy of bellmetal. Sand was spread over the asphalt flooring in case the joint leaked with the weight of the molten metal and weights placed on top of the mould. (It is the steam generated from the damp sand that requires such weights to be in place)

A member of staff assisted with the pouring whilst the pupils watched the melt at 2000°F being poured. There was just sufficient to make the dome of bell but not the top hanger. Hence two metal plates were used to serve that purpose, as I had no way of increasing the size of the crucible in the furnace.



When the mould was opened it exposed the new bell which had to be cleaned up and tuned, as church bells are. The thick part around the bottom of a bell is the sound ring and one removes metal from inside for musical 'sharps' and metal from the outside for 'flats'.

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An oak was required on which to mount the bell by a wrought iron bracket, and a lanyard in true ship's style fashion of fancy laid ropework and knots. Finally it was erected by the pond in the lawn outside the huts. That bell could be clearly heard up on the Nower. Throughout, as much as possible the project was related to other school subjects like science, geology and history. The present day the school is called the Priory School.

A teacher without a nick name is often not a very good teacher, so with a surname like mine 'Holy Jo". or 'Holy Moses' was common, but after casting the bell it changed to "Bald Head the Bellmaker", a nickname I have treasured ever since. My congratulations to the youngsters who thought that one up!

The bell used as a pattern was returned to Walliswood School afterwards and put back where it belonged. The mounting for that bell was at that time in poor condition which I reported, it could be that such a state exists today. The owner would be well advised to check, as it could do considerable damage if it were to fall.

I committed at least one sin at at that school, it was to demonstrate to the boys the firing of the anvil, used by rural blacksmiths in the past to warn of the presence of the 'Revenue Men' in smuggling days.

If perhaps the reader has heard little pops when putting a wet saucepan on a ceramic hob, that is the source of the bang from an anvil. I had the boys lined up in a semicircle and told them to clap their hands hard over their ears, sprinkled a few droplets of water on the anvil face, heated a hefty iron bar to white heat, held it just above the droplets and hit it a hefty blow with a 7lb sledge hammer having a shortened haft. Two members of staff dashed in fearing the worst, only to be greeted by laughter from the boys. A short time later I received a note from the Headmaster which read "At no time in the future are you ever to do that demonstration again," He had heard the bang in his office a considerable distance away. My ears had been tuned to gunfire during the war years.

After seventeen years teaching in that school and having been appointed to a new job as the County's "Spare-part Headmaster and Trouble Shooter" we arranged an end of term staff lunch for twenty two in our own home, uncluding a true cross section of those in that school. One selected member of staff, for all were chosen from those who had acted as the second member of staff on the many Educational visits in which I had been involved. All in All it was a grand way to say goodbye, along with being half an hour late getting back to school, but there were no admonishments and the whole school had enjoyed an extra-long lunch break.

Lionel Joseph

DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS OCTOBER EXHIBITION 2020

Exciting News!

The Dorking Group of artists is an association of both full time professional and serious amateur artists. The Group's annual exhibitions are an established part of the local calendar and have become an eagerly anticipated event.

The partial lifting of lockdown and the re-opening of Denbies Wine Estate, albeit with restrictions and safety precautions has meant that the autumn exhibition is now planned to go ahead, but with an intriguing twist – what will be unique and unusual this year is that people will also be able to view and purchase from the exhibition concurrently online on a dedicated website *www.DGA.gallery* which will launch on 1st October 2020 whilst visitors to Denbies themselves will be able to view and purchase the actual paintings in the

Denbies Gallery from Tuesday 6^{th} – Sunday 11^{th} October 2020, 10.00am – 4.00pm . You will find Denbies Wine Estate at London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA.

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Visitors to both the virtual and the physical exhibition will be able to view, browse and choose from 100 original works of art – in addition, purchasing could not be easier with fast and secure online payment. With the focus this year on affordable art, we are also offering free local delivery. If we are be unable to exhibit at Denbies because Covid restrictions have changed, our exhibition will still be online to view and purchase.

On a note of reassurance, there will be stringent precautions in place at Denbies with hand gel dispensers at various points of entry, including entry to the exhibition, social distancing, clear signage and the requirement to wear a face covering, to ensure everyone's safety.

Art takes on a completely new dimension and value in such uncertain and troubled times – it brings happiness and possesses the ability to uplift, intrigue and inspire. We therefore hope you will be able to join us in October, whether in person or online.

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The Ockley Society Committee met in early July (at well over 2m apart, a surreal 'zoom' meeting) to consider the calendar ahead.

Many of our activities happen in the autumn and winter months so we have not been impacted too much yet. These are our thoughts, correct at the time of writing (July) although by the time you read this events might have over taken us. See the website, for up to date details: www.ockley.org.uk/ockley-society



Our occasional Ocklympics, originally scheduled for June was postponed and will now take place Summer 2021.

Who
knows, by the time
you read this, it might all
be very different. There are
three main considerations to our
programme of events: 1) whether or
not any second wave is evident, 2)
legal restrictions in place and 3)
public acceptance of what
people will feel comfortable
joining in with.



Cricket Sevens:

Originally scheduled for 6th September: we did hope at one point that a reduced version would be possible. Latest guidance says that we would not be allowed to have that many people together on the Green, so, with reluctance, this is OFF the schedule for 2020.

10th October

Normally, our bi-annual quizzes, are held in the Village Hall with around 17 teams of six, it's a packed, fun and social night out. If we halve the number of teams then we can cope with 'bubbles' at least 1m apart. We can operate a bar but no food this time, please bring your own.

Autumn Quiz



Bonfire Night 7th November

You may recall that a hurricane on the day of the 2019 We still have the bonfire in situ, the fireworks are purchased and the event is (naturally) outdoors. So, we that it has to be a fully ticket-in-advance affair, so we can control time. Currently, we hope to be able to include our legendary BBQ, about including this. Those holding tickets from last year will

Carols on the Green: 12th December

This is a social out door event, we witness the Christmas Tree lights being switched on, Father Christmas has been known to make a visit, we drink and eat free mince pies and mulled wine. The Choir perform some Christmas songs, we all join in and sing carols.

Currently, public singing is banned (although by then it might have changed) and maybe we cannot share food and drink, but we hope that the spirit of the event will be shared by many and it will proceed.

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THE STORY BEHIND EDUCATIONAL CRUISING 1959 - 1981

It was the late Tam Dalyell the eccentric MP who got troopships about to be laid up used for educational purposes. Over a million children in school time benefitted before the Falklands conflict ended it. The cruises ran from 1959 to 1981. In all four ships *Dunera, Devonia, Nevassa* and *Uganda* were used. Cruises mainly covered ports from Hammerfest in northern Norway and Baltic ports, including Leningrad for the USSR. Where the pupils aboard played a game of football against a team of Russian pupils. The islands of the Atlantic were usually teamed up with Spanish ports and that of Lisbon. Just about every port of any size in the Mediterranean from Gibraltar and Malaga to Ajaccio in Corsica with many in Italy and Greece appeared in the annual programme.

When the Government granted permission to use the ships, they failed to tell BI (British India Steam Navigation co) that it was the Local Authorities who had to grant permission to be out of school in term time. (At the time I started teaching in 1950 we were only allowed to take pupils on a school visit of no more than one day. With a colleague's help, we got that extended to a



week in order to visit heavy industry in Sheffield and in South Wales.) The BI had engaged a film company to make an advertising film, and to attract teachers to raise school parties made it look like a bit of a holiday which did not impress Chief Education Officers etc.

The BI responded with a 'shop window' cruise at a cheap rate and invited local authority officials as 'Company Guests'. One such cruise was in December 1959 priced at £25 for the pupils with arrangements for deferred payment if needed. I raised a party of over twenty and so the 10 pupils to 1 adult, meant that two of us were aboard. The itinerary - Southampton, Lisbon, Malaga, Ajaccio and Genoa returning by train and the cross channel ferry. The Dunera was under the command of the BI's most senior Captain later to become the 'Fleet Commodore'. I was on the fo'c'le giving my boys a lesson on the working of anchors and cables and had more VIP' than pupils. I discovered later I had been seen by the Captain on the ship's bridge who remarked "I think we have a bosuns mate here!". He was far from being wrong, as I was fo'c'le party when on HMS Eskimo during the war years.

A cruise in 1963 must have been a nightmare for the BI everything which could go wrong went wrong, the itinerary was Venice by train, Itea for Delphi, Iraklion Crete for the Palace of Knossos and Athens for the Acropolis, returning to Venice for the UK by train. A French 24hour rail

strike with a makeshift night overstay in Calais aboard a French cross channel ferry. A gust of wind when docking in Iraklion dented the side of the ship and smashed a couple of portholes, plus informing all parents of pupils of the one day late return.



For some reason or other, the Surrey Chief Education Officer, a Mr Baird was aboard, I had taken our eldest son Martin who was at the Grammar School without the Headmaster's permission, a Mr Johnson, for I knew he had a reputation of never granting absence to anyone. A colleague had asked if his

daughter to be allowed to go half an hour early on a Friday afternoon to take a music exam and Johnson would not give his permission.

In College we had studied the 1944 Education Act, now repealed, which opens with the words "To be educated according to Age, Aptitude and Ability, according to the Parents' Wishes".

Baird had seen Martin knock off the top shipboard Captain's prize for his logbook against all other schools aboard Secondary Modern, Grammar, Technical and several Public Schools.

I also asked him to take my class for a classroom period, I must be the only teacher ever to do that and get away with that one, before or since! Johnson had expelled Martin and lectured the school at assembly saying that Martin would never set foot in his school again.

Duly expelled, the Chief Education Officer informed Johnson he must take him back, after I had said in a letter that my only option now was to go public by writing to the National Press. To save faces the outcome was a further one week's expulsion, When Martin returned Johnson did not have the decency to call him to his office and admit that it was me who was to blame not Martin.

The royal presence aboard one of the ships at Tilbury may have meant there was a young VIP aboard, as I later discovered, Mr Baird headed the BI education panel. Such would be highly confidential at the time and may be so to this day. I had been asked to show a film of that cruise to a small party of interested people. It was about a hundred local officials and no fewer than six of Her Majesty's Inspectors.

I never let on how I got Martin back into that school and became more feared than revered for the rest of my time at Sondes Place. When I asked Miss French at Mowbray and of a similar disposition, for the foster daughter to participate in cruise it was granted immediately.

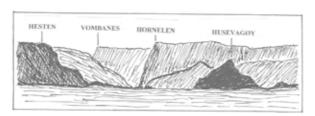
A lad who was undertaking the measuring of the saltwater sample along

with recapitulation shot, (close up thinking) wrote to us after forty years having discovered his shipboard logbook was in the Greenwich archive along with that of Martin's for the 1963 cruise, he was requesting to visit us. We were delighted to entertain him and his wife. Entertaining them to lunch just before Christmas at the Parrot Inn, his wife is in a wheelchair. He after leaving school went to Durham University and qualified as an architect and today lives in Broomyard, Hereford. We know of three others who went on to University, one of which is a Dorking Solicitor.

Of the film the herring dissection is the 'Take Home Shot' and is the one by which the film is remembered. There is a definite pattern to film making. I was aboard one of the ships at Southampton, undertaking something for the BI at the time and there was a Canadian Group being shown around the ship, One female spotted me and said "You are the actor who played the part of the 'party leader' in the film we have just seen? My answer was "No madam, I was the party leader" a bit of a put down.

Two fourteen year old pupils' school writing in a national archive is an unintended accolade, unlikely ever to be achieved by any other school. The writing drew the comment by Greenwich that "McMorran's account of sailing up Nordfjord would not disgrace a professional travel writer." It is quoted below.

Monday 24th July (am)



Entrance to Nordfjord – sketched from the Admiralty Pilot Vol. 5

We woke just as we were about to enter Nordfjord. Along the port side was the mainland and on the starboard side a few scattered islands. By the time breakfast was finished and the

dormitory shipshape, the 'Dunera' was entering Nordfjord. The entrance is split by the island, Husevagøy, The northern entrance is Vagsfjord and the southern Fe Fjord.

We took the Vagsfjord entrance and soon passed the Hovdenes light. At first the mountains were comparatively small hills, but as we made our way further into the fjord, snow topped mountains appeared and at the edge, sheer mountains rose straight up from the water which at this point was 300 fathoms (1,800ft.) deep. Their grey walls stretched skywards to the foaming waterfalls that torrented downwards and crashed into the fjord. Towering snow bespattered mountains rise into the mists in the distance, their 4,000 to 6,000 feet high. The air was clear and fresh and spray from the waterfalls drifted across the fjord and each bend in the

fjord revealed some new and staggering sight. By the waterside small farms clung to the hills, their hay drying racks in neat files with crops neatly positioned around the main farm buildings. Small hamlets clustered around some cove and above rises a mountain serene and majestic, reigning over all. The cottages are painted white or in bright colours and are dotted on some green agricultural patch or partly hidden wood. Beside the fjord clings the road, winding its way by devious routes over iron clad rocks.

As 'Dunera' steadily ploughed her way along small fishing boats would occasionally pass, the owner waving from his cabin. The fjord gradually narrowed and began to wind. Forever new and fresh views came into sight. The scale was very hard to imagine for us, coming, as we do, from the lowlands of England. After a truly memorable trip we finally rounded a corner in the fjord and in front of us was Olden.

The fjord ended, and all around were little wooden houses. They were painted different colours but very many were white. Along the sides of the fjord farmers were busy collecting in the hay from the drying racks. Higher up, what looked to be glass cloches, but turned out to be strawberries surrounded by plastic sheeting, grew and above them sheer mountain sides with scattered trees, on to where white topped mountains reared their heads over the peaceful village sitting snugly in the valley.

William McMorran

Incidentally, water samples taken along the length of the fjord when sailing out for Bergan were all freshwater to the entrance. The sea had not penetrated the fjord and meant the ship was lowered in the water - plimsoll line. Also it cleaned out the guts of the sardines held for three days in nets before being canned. The fresh water cleans out the sardines guts and so they can be canned immediately. It is now known that seawater does exist at great depth, due to the salt making the specific gravity level higher.

Educationally what will be noticed in the BI film is that everything, as far as it is possible to do so, is related to school subjects. During the visit by the former pupil he said it was the simple geology of what lies beneath governs that which is on top that made him realise the need to learn geography. Tam remarked that on a bridge visit making a boy realise the need to learn mathematics, I too had one in a party who said much the same thing. That educationally is extremely important, but often relies on past experience from working in the outside world, lacking in many of the teaching profession today. It is highly likely to be absent in the School – College – School trained teacher and bound to a tight curriculum.

Lionel Joseph



I last wrote an article for this magazine in early March for the April edition, optimistically looking forward to the Leith Hill Musical Festival in April. The Choir held what turned out to be its last Monday evening rehearsal on the 9th March. By the following week the full implications of the COVID-19 pandemic had become apparent and we cancelled the rehearsal in response to concerns being expressed by our singers. The 'postponement' of the Festival followed shortly after, rescheduling to mid-September. This has now been cancelled, so currently we are looking forward, with guarded optimism, to a much-modified Festival in April 2021.

As with most indoor gatherings, including church services, Choral Societies and most instrumental groups have not been able to rehearse or perform to an audience for some months now. The risk of transmission of the Coronavirus infection is particularly great amongst singers in a confined space, so along with any activity which involves heavy breathing such as dancing and exercise, choirs have been excluded from local halls, including Capel Memorial Hall. Research has been carried by, amongst others, scientists from Porton Down with Salisbury Cathedral choir members, to establish how far droplets are propagated during singing. We await with trepidation and anticipate that the outcome of such tests will hopefully indicate when we can return to the activity we all love.

Along with many other groups, Capel Choral has started experimenting with meetings through the computer application which has become so popular, Zoom. This is proving to benefit the social aspect of the Choir as well as potentially enabling singers to exercise much neglected vocal cords. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us for these Zoom meetings – they are a good opportunity to find out what the choir is all about and to meet singers. Please let me know if you would like to join us and I will send you the Zoom ID etc.

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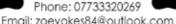
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Rev. Clare Shepherd 01483 273604 www.eofgparish.org.uk revclareshepherd@gmail.com day off - Friday!

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

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Friends of St. Margaret's

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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)

The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

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

www.qrmw.org

(Registered Charity 1174651)

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VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Beare Green Young Farmers

Colin Smith 01273 494528

Capel Camera Club

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

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

Capel Cricket Club

thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

Capel Tennis Club lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com

Girlguiding

Rainbows: capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

Brownies: capelbrownies@gmail.com

Guides: capelguides@outlook.com

Ockley Book Club

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.

The Ockley Society

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

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

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

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



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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

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.

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

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50	50/22
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		L						Leigh Plough ↓
Redhill, High Street	10.40						1		12.10
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TOWARDS HORSHAM	Tu	w	F	Th	F	M/Th	w	M to F	Sat
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		İ			
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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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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
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2nd & 4th Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE

14.10 Holmbury St Mary

14.20 Peaslake 14.25 Gomshall

VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S SCHEME

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIET	TV	Dorking	Pauline Hall	883425	
ANGLING SOCIETY			Rob Wyatt	627471	
CHORAL SOCIETY			lan Moir	889817	
CHURCHES		Capel	Idii Woli	See p42	
CITIZENS' ADVICE BU	IDEALL	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378	
CITIZENS ADVICE DO	MLAU	Dorking	Jackie Gaskell	876805	
CRICKET CLUB		Forest Green	Dichard Knight	621235	
CRICKET CLUB		Okewood Hill	Richard Knight	021233	
DISTRICT COUNCILL	∩D	Okewood Hill N Overington www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?ar			
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GP SURGERY - Capel	ı	appointments/end		711105	
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HOUSING ASSOCIAT			Janet Stenson Tom Chambre	710443	
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LOCAL VOLUNTEER		IEAW	Cimon Figa	01483 630370	
LOCAL VOLUNTEER			Simon Figg	01306 627094	
MOLE VALLEY: Hand NATIONAL CHILDBIR	,		Halam Durding Conith	01737 845630	
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NURSERY		Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067	
OKEWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall)			Cheryl Barclay Gill Christie	621140	
	ROUP (Thurso	aays, viilage Hall)	GIII Christie	711917	
Parish Councils			David Diabanda	01002 742255	
Abinger: www.abinger-pc.gov.uk			Paul Richards	01903 742255	
Ockley: www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk			Lesley Fletcher	01403 254111	
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION		Okewood Hill Gary Crouch		628018	
SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR Ockley		Ockley	Maureen Newman	627001	
SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST			S	01483 795440	
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VILLAGE WEBSITES					
	ww.ockley.org		D 1106		
Forest Green: www.forestgreenvillage.co.			David@forestgreenv	illage.co.uk	
Walliswood: www.walliswood.org				6.400.60	
VOLUNTEER CENTRE Dorking			Peter Herman	640369	
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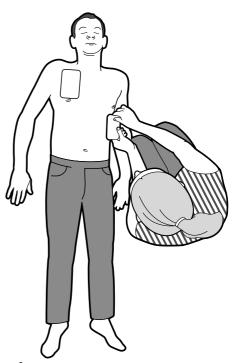
 Remove or cut through clothing and wipe away sweat from the chest if necessary

2. Stick on the pads

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

3. Follow the instructions

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Local AED locations

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- Capel Village Hall RH5 5LB
- Plough Pub Coldharbour RH5 6HD
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- Walliswood Village Hall RH5 5RJ

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