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WELCOME

This is a very full issue to try to fit in all that is going on in these villages, which is a good problem to have. Armistice Day, including a carefully curated exhibition to remember the lives of the many local men who died for us all. Bonfire Night. Carol Services, Christmas Quizzes, a wreath-making workshop, Christmas Day Services... Those are the big annual events but there are also new regular classes starting up: French lessons and a Breakfast Club in the Pavilion.

And who can resist a recipe for bread pudding entitled 'Blast from the Past', subtitled 'Feast pie in Aga Recipe'?

Not forgetting the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which I suspect is going to feature in these pages for many a month, because those creating it passionately want to see a kind of development that will enrich this area in every way possible, and in which everybody feels they have had a say.

I do hope everyone finds lots to interest them and has a really happy and not too stressful run-up to Christmas.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

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

The Ockley Society

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS



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

Torch light parade at 5.45.

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Dianne Buckley-Sunda

PICTURES FROM VILLAGE CHILDREN

Indeed, portray a thousand words, thanking all the volunteers who helped on that special Monday, first Bank Holiday in May.

I have received many notes of thanks for the wonderfully brilliant **TEDDY BEAR Picnic 2026.**

The notes contained delightfully charming sketches of Teddy Bears... May I share a few with you...



Village children have also been asking how they may help on the day!

It is such a pleasure to share this update with you.

Over 100 Teddy Bears have already been collected for the 2027 Teddy Bear Picnic.

How the children loved the already famous Treasure Map created by the Cricket Club and the Toy Raffle to support St Margaret's Church. Thank you all who helped so brilliantly and thank you all who composed a perfect Village Celebration!

Dianne Buckley-Sunda

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We will once again be opening Ockley Village Memorial hall for Remembrance Sunday from 10:30am to 1pm.

There was be a display about the people of the village who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

All welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits from 10:30.

LEST WE FORGET

Michael Spruce

BLAST FROM THE PAST
RECIPE FOR BREAD PUDDING

Otherwise known as Feast Pie in Aga recipe

350g (12oz) stale bread

450ml (3/4 pint) milk

100g (4 oz) butter

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 egg

225g (8 oz) raisins

225g (8oz) sultanas

225g (8oz) currants

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Break bread into mixing bowl and pour on boiling milk. Leave to soak for a few minutes and when quite soft mix in soft butter and sugar. Add beaten egg then fruit and nutmeg.

Bake for 7-8 hours in the simmering oven or leave it overnight.

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It is fine without cream or custard too.

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TOT CHARMAN'S MUSINGS

Our family and others around the villages. Memories from the past without the classic cliches of 'when I was a boy in Forest Green' as told to his son, Paul.

Recollections of the big houses, farms and occupants including Pratsham Grange and Little Birketts, rented at Watery Lane.

Mr Bovil resided here early last century. My Aunt Cissie was in service there and her future husband Walter Coppock was the chauffeur. They married in 1925 and set up home at 2 Beech Cottages on the Green. They also worked for other local families later.

The whole family and servants all went to their Scottish residence for a month in the summer, how royal!

The Shire horses even went up by boat. Surely a rough passage. If they could have been seasick I'm sure they would have been!

The Duboisons lived there later, a gentleman farmer as he probably went off to town.

Mr Wheatman ran the farm assisted by Franc, an exile from his home country, who stayed and ran another holding latterly.

They ran a Guernsey milking herd. We assisted them with animal transport to market, calves and cows, and helped with hay baling. Mrs Duboisons even stood for High Sheriff of Surrey, a real patron of the village and Okewood School.

As for Christmas parties, what an honour to be invited and privy to such a grand house. The children all went home with a gift.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Anyone who comes to the Pavilion Café in Ockley on a Wednesday morning at about 10.15am will see the Community Fridge van draw up. Two volunteers descend from the van with trays and boxes of food which have been donated by supermarkets from as far away as Deptford and Brighton, sorted at the Mid Surrey Community Fridge (MSCF) depot in Dorking and then brought out for distribution.

If the food were not distributed it would be put into landfill, so at a time of world food shortages (soon to be exacerbated by poor European harvests) this service benefits the community in more than one way.

MSCF is actively looking for volunteers to sort food at the depot and also to drive vans.

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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, 12 years ago. Run by a team of volunteers, it has raised more than £20,000 supporting charities, local charitable causes and Ockley events. Thanks to our customers' generous donations we've recently been able to support …

- **Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex**
- **Stroke Association**
- **Dementia Charity Run**
- **Young at Heart**
- **Ockley Village Teas**
- **Ockley Toddlers**
- **Amber Foundation**
- **Local hardship payments**
- **Local Parish Church projects**



VILLAGE LUNCHES

Come and enjoy a bowl of warming soup, sandwiches and cake at

Ockley Village Hall from 12.30 - 2.00 pm

Make a note in your diary

Monday, November 16

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

MONDAY DECEMBER 14 is our popular Christmas lunch at 12 noon for 12.30 seated.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

Carols on the Green



Saturday 5th December

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

You are all invited to join us for a Social Event for the official 'lighting of the tree'. Please join us for refreshments, a seasonal sing song and a much hoped for visit from Father Christmas himself.

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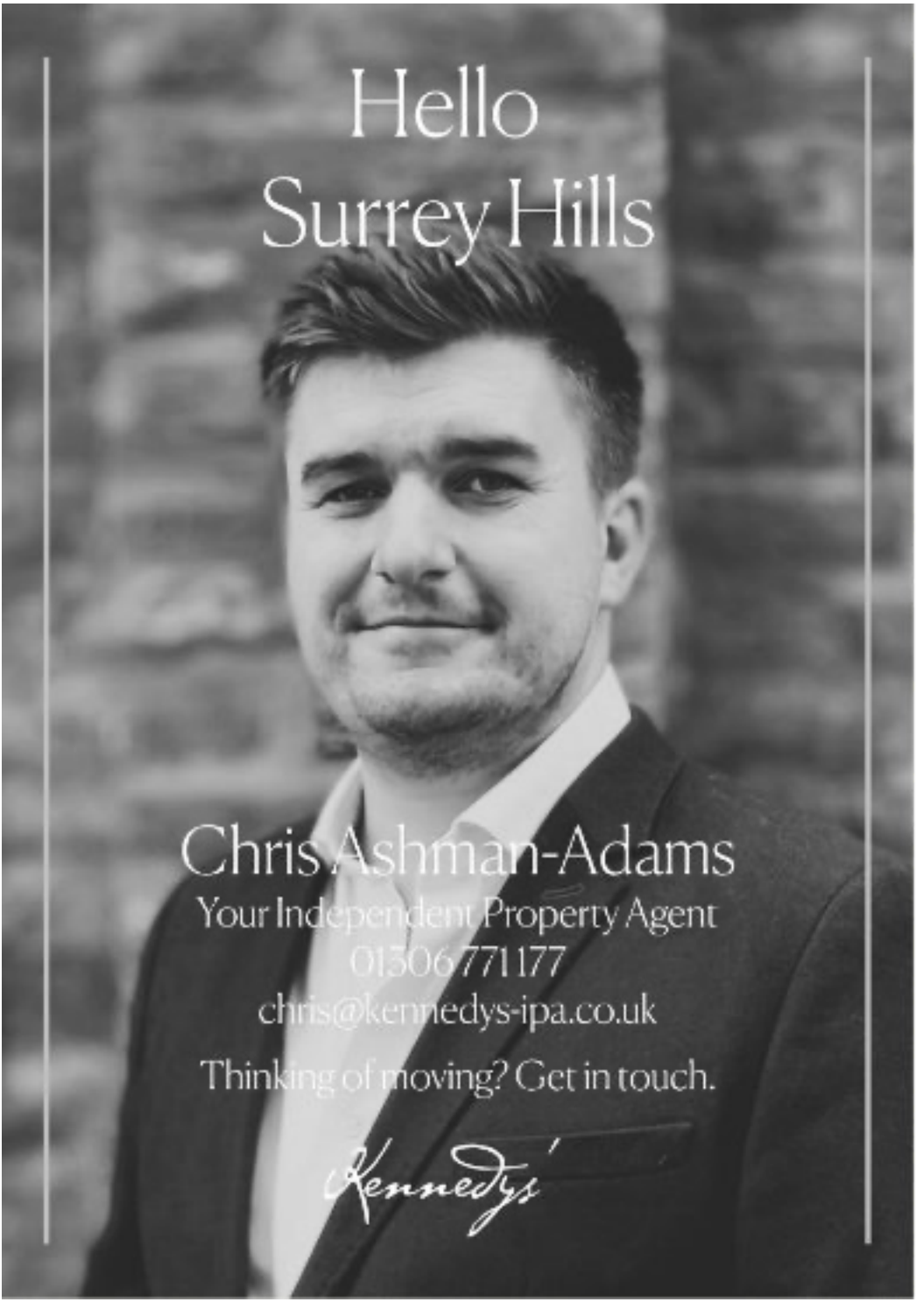
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ARMISTICE DAY

War Memorials

Armistice Day falls shortly after this issue of Woof is published so it seems appropriate to include a reference. Briony Thomas has produced short biographies of those whose names are recorded on the First World War Memorials in St Margaret's Church and the Ockley Village Hall which are available to view in the Village Hall after the Remembrance Day service in St Margaret's. I can add a few more details.

John Henry Gordon Lee Steere, whose parents, Henry and Anna Lee Steere, built Ockley Village Hall in memory of him and all the other people with Ockley connections who died as a result of the war, was their only child, born five years after his parents' marriage. He was educated at Eton and went to Sandhurst. There is a photograph of Old Etonians at Sandhurst in 1913 on which John has written all the names; over 75% didn't survive the war. He joined the Grenadier Guards and was a 2nd lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion. There are a series of letters he wrote to his parents (in pencil) which obviously went through the censor.

He left England on 13th October with a draft of reinforcements and stayed at St Nazaire for a fortnight. He met my maternal grandfather, Gordon Hargreaves Brown, from Broome Hall, Coldharbour, there, who was a captain in the Coldstream Guards and was recovering from being wounded but was killed 29th October 1914, at Ypres. John joined his battalion about 4th November after a fifty-hour train journey and a long march. His final letter dated 15th November reads: 'It rains here [Ypres] most days, so trenches are not very comfortable. My feet have not been dry for a week, washed my face once in the last fortnight, and not shaved since I left St Nazaire - quite a nice beard, I assure you. I fear this will be a long business. These Germans have so many fresh troops they keep flinging in, while we have only just enough to keep them off. All Battalions I've seen or heard of are at very low strength. No more now, as it is lunch time, and I must creep along the trench to Simeo and the food!' Simeo was John's cousin Symes-Thomson who was to be killed an hour before John, who was killed on 17th November 1914 aged nineteen.

John was buried in the Churchyard of Zillebeke, east of Ypres, and after the war his parents erected a monument to mark his grave. The graveyard became nicknamed 'The Aristocrats' Graveyard' because the gravestones were erected by families before Lutyens had designed the standard gravestone seen in all Commonwealth graveyards. There is also a fine memorial in St Margaret's Church. Because of John's death, my father, Charles Lee Steere, John's second cousin, came back from Australia to inherit the Jayes Estate. My father was killed in the Second World War, flying with 601 Squadron RAF over Belgium on 27th May 1940 during the

evacuation of Dunkirk. He is buried at Oostkerke Communal Cemetery, some 60 km from Zillebeke. The kitchen was added to the Village Hall as a memorial to those killed in the Second World War including my father.

Captain Maurice Arbuthnot lived at Elderslie and joined the 16th (The Queens) Lancers in 1914 which was part of the British Expeditionary Force which landed in France in September 1914. He returned to England for an operation in October. He was appointed Aide-de-Camp to General Sir Hugh Gough who became a Corps Commander in 1916. Maurice was mentioned in despatches in February 1916 and awarded the Military Cross in July 1917, before he contacted Spanish influenza while home on brief leave in October 1918 and died of pneumonia.

There is an unusual memorial in Okewood Church to 2nd Lieut. Richard Powell, which was originally a standing figure of a soldier with a roof above but became unstable as the metal rods supporting it had corroded and spalled the legs and so has now been laid down on the plinth. There are many similar forms of memorials in France. Richard Powell was educated at Eton, Haileybury and Trinity College, Cambridge, before becoming a journalist and later editor in the sporting department of The Times. Shortly after the beginning of the war, he joined the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps and obtained a commission in the Royal Sussex in November 1914. He led his troops in an attack at Rue du Bois, Richebourg-l'Avoué, on 9th May 1915 and was wounded and declared missing. His parents, who rented Hale House, and his wife hoped he was a prisoner but no trace was ever found. His wife moved to Scotland with their children and became estranged from his parents and the link was only re-established as I knew the granddaughters! He was a friend of Lawrence Binyon who wrote the poem which begins, 'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,' and who wrote a poem titled 'In memory of Richard Henry Powell' which reads:

2nd Lieut., Cinque Ports Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment
Strong, loyal-souled, full-hearted, blithely brave,
Only remembering love knows all he gave:
Beautiful be the stars above his grave.

Gordon Lee-Steere

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 12th November	**10am**	**The White Horse, Hascombe**
Thursday 26th November	**10am**	**The Punchbowl**
Thursday 10th December	**10am**	**The Parrot**

Thursday 12th November
Meet at The White Horse, Hascombe, GU8 4JA, at 10am for a moderate 6 mile walk around Hydon Heath and The Hurtwood with the option to take in Winkworth Arboretum.

Thursday 26th November
Meet at The Punchbowl at 10am for a moderate 6 mile walk across to Denne Farm and Winterfold returning via Warnham Lodge, Dawes Farm and Ruckmans.

Thursday 10th December
Meet at The Parrot at 10am for a moderate 4.3 mile walk through Leith Hill Wood to Tanhurst and across to Upfolds then down to Birketts and back across the green. This is a shorter walk to allow extra time for our Christmas Lunch at The Parrot. Any members of the group, past or present are welcome to join us, whether or not they walk on the day but lunch places are limited and must be booked in advance by contacting Sue on srsjdixon@btinternet.com or 627168.

Please ring Sue on 01306 627168 if coming so she can reserve a place for you for a well deserved lunch in the pub afterwards.

Holmbury St Mary Choral Society Concert

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A VISIT TO THE OCKLEY PAVILION CAFÉ

On my most recent visit, my dog, Ernie, hurtled up the steps of the Pavilion and hurled himself into the arms of a café regular. He feels really welcome, as do I. The café is always packed and this week was busier than ever and it wasn't even bacon buttie day, although there was, as ever, an impressive selection of home-made cakes. How to carry a full cup of coffee, a large, squishy cake on a plate and hold onto Ernie's lead as he pulled eagerly towards old friends? Indeed, where to go because there were no free chairs? It might have been just to distract Ernie from greeting everyone at the serving counter, but I was quickly rescued; my coffee was taken from me and a place found at a table – a big honour, the 'men's table' – and a chair magically appeared.

Thus the Wednesday Pavilion Café, an Ockley treasure.

I stayed so long that the café had nearly emptied before I left and so I found myself able to read the notices and discover quite how much is happening in Ockley in the run up to Christmas. The Pavilion Café will be hosting the following: a French class every Tuesday from 10.30 – 11.30, the Café every Wednesday morning, and a new event, a breakfast club from 7.30 – 10.00 every Friday morning. There will also be another dementia singalong on Saturday December 5th from 2.00 – 4.00.

And of course there will be the annual huge event, the Village Fireworks and Bonfire event on November 7th from 4.00 – 8.00, with mince pies, sausage rolls, mulled wine and mulled cider.

Last but not least, Friday 18th December will see the Christmas Get Together.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew



OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

We hope everyone enjoyed the long and very hot summer. As we head into autumn and winter there are some personnel changes at the parish council.

We are sad to advise that Barry Thorne is no longer a Parish Councillor. Barry has served on Ockley Parish Council (OPC) for several decades, as well has being the part of the Village Hall committee for many years, both as the OPC representative and as Chair of the committee. We will miss his historic knowledge of the village, and we give sincere thanks for all his hard work.

We are pleased to advise that we have Co-opted a new councillor to the Parish Council, Catherine Dampier, who joined the team at our September meeting. Catherine has lived in Ockley for many years and is well known in the community. She brings to the team some great experience from her past corporate working life and is also, as many will know, a local business owner, with great passion for the village. Catherine is also part of the current Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) steering group who are working hard to draft the village NDP.

The next meeting of the parish council is on Monday 8th November at 7pm in the village hall.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Both Okewood Hill and Ockley put on very successful events, fun to organise and fun to attend, and very generously supported. Okewood Hill's is growing exponentially, with a very popular plant sale, children's biscuit decorating and some highly desirable raffle prizes, also very generously donated.



Oakwood Village Hall's event getting going.

VILLAGE EVENTS NOVEMBER 2026

2nd Monday 10.30am & 19.30pm - Pilates with Camilla Birley
Forest Green Village Hall - Every Monday

2nd Monday 2.00-2.45pm - Seniors Exercise Class
Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Every Monday

2nd Monday 6.00pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves
Forest Green Village Hall - NOTE change of location - Every Monday (during term-time)

3rd Tuesday 9.00am - Pilates with Tiffany Lee - Every Tuesday (term-time)
Walliswood Village Hall

3rd Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am & 6pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves
Forest Green Village Hall - NOTE change of location - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

4th Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café
Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p17 for details

5th Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group
Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday

7th Saturday 5.00pm - Ockley Society Bonfire & Fireworks
Ockley Village Hall - See p18 for details

8th Sunday 10am–12pm - Café on the Green
Forest Green Village Hall

8th Sunday 10.20am–1pm - Lest We Forget
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11th Wednesday 7.45–9.00pm - Bell ringing practice
St. Margaret's Ockley - Every Wednesday except 1st in month

12th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group
The White Horse, Hascombe - See p24 for details

16th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches
Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details

26th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group
The Punchbowl - See p24 for details

27th Friday 7.30pm - Off the Scale
St. Margaret's Church - See p9 for details

Church services pp40-41 & 54-55

NOVEMBER 2026 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	3 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	4 Pavilion Café Ockley Cricket Club bar	5 Toddler Group	6	7 Walk from The Parrot Ockley Society Bonfire & Fireworks
8 Remem-brance Sunday	9 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	10 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	11 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	12 Toddler Group Walking Group	13	14
15	16 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	17 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	18 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	19 Toddler Group	20	21
22	23 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Village Lunches Seniors Exercise Class	24 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	25 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	26 Toddler Group Walking Group	27 Live music at The Cricketers Off the Scale	28
29	30 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class					

DECEMBER 2026 VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	2 Pavilion Café Ockley Cricket Club bar	3 Toddler Group Punchbowl Quiz	4	5 Walk from The Parrot Carols on the Green
6	7 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	8 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	9 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	10 Toddler Group Walking Group	11	12
13	14 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	15 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee	16 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	17 Toddler Group	18	19 Christmas Quiz & Carols
20	21 Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	22	23 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 Pilates with Camilla Birley Seniors Exercise Class	29	30 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	31 New Year's Eve		

VILLAGE EVENTS DECEMBER 2026

1st Tuesday 2.00-2.45pm - Seniors Exercise Class

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Every Tuesday in month

1st Tuesday 9.15, 10.30am & 6pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves

Forest Green Village Hall - NOTE change of location - Every Tuesday (during term-time)

2nd Wednesday 9.00am–12pm - Pavilion Café

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p17 for details

3rd Thursday 9.30am–11.30am - Ockley Toddler Group

Ockley Village Hall - Every Thursday

5th Saturday 5.00pm - Carols on the Green

Ockley Cricket Pavilion - See p19 for details

7th Monday 10.30am & 19.30pm - Pilates with Camilla Birley

Forest Green Village Hall - Every Monday

7th Monday 6.00pm - Pilates with Sarah Reeves

Forest Green Village Hall - NOTE change of location - Every Monday (during term-time)

10th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

The Parott - See p24 for details

14th Monday 12.00pm - Village Christmas Lunch

Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details

19th Saturday 7.30pm - Christmas Quiz & Carols

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - See p26 for details

Church services pp40-41 & 54-55

Pub events

Last Friday of every month: 8.00pm, live music at The Cricketers

Every Wednesday evening: 6.00-7.00pm Ockley Cricket Club bar open to all at Pavilion

First Thursday of every month: 8.00pm, the Punchbowl Quiz

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Update on the Ockley Neighbourhood Plan: Survey Results

What an amazing response we got to our Neighbourhood Plan Survey! Many thanks to all those of you who replied with your thoughts on our draft Vision and Objectives for the Plan. I'm glad to say that your approval scores and comments told us that we're going in the right direction. The Vision and Objectives (pp 36-37) have now been agreed by the Parish Council, and we are making good progress.

We had 86 responses to the survey, which means that about 1 in 8 adults in Ockley replied- a great result. That feedback has now been summarised as part of the next stage of work on the Plan, to ensure that the Plan really reflects the views and needs of our parish.

In summary, this is what you told us about housing, community facilities & economic activity:

- The village needs revival: we've lost shops, pubs, school, nursery and other amenities over recent years, which you think has badly affected the community and the local economy.
- Some development is needed to reverse this decline:
    - more affordable housing is needed, especially to enable younger residents to stay in the village - otherwise there is a real risk that many will be forced to move out.
    - we need to attract new residents with appropriate housing and attract new businesses to boost the local economy.
- However, development must be in keeping with our rural setting and the infrastructure needs to be in place to support it.
- The Inn on the Green and the Scott-Broadwood school buildings are both valuable community assets which you believe should be brought back into use for the village, not for housing.

The core purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is to give the community a voice on how future development happens in the Parish. We are working with a consultant to ensure your priorities are properly reflected in the Plan and can make a real difference to planning outcomes in future. Once it has been approved, the Plan will have to be considered as part of the planning process.

You also gave us your views on transport, recreational activities and the environment:

- Public transport services in Ockley are very limited and the train station can't easily be reached on foot, so it is a difficult place to live if you don't drive.

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- Traffic speed on the A29 is a real concern - an accident waiting to happen - and narrow pavements are dangerous for pedestrians. Traffic noise and pollution are an issue, too.
- Volunteers are key to running village activities and events - but more are needed. More local activities are needed for children and young people, in particular.
- The beautiful landscape in and around Ockley is a real asset, which must be protected.

Although some of these issues won't be directly addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan, they may help to influence planning decisions. These are important considerations for the future of our village and a helpful guide to priorities for the Parish Council, including where any funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy might be spent in future.

If you didn't manage to respond to our survey, it's not too late to give us your thoughts. As the Neighbourhood Plan takes shape over the next few months, we will be asking you for more feedback to make sure we're still on track to represent your views. Meanwhile you can keep up to date with progress by attending our Steering Group meetings, which are open to all. You can also find updates and a full summary of the survey results on the Parish Council website (www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk). And do look out for future WOOF articles! Thank you again for your help and support.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Ockley Parish Council

VISION

'To enhance the parish of Ockley as a vibrant rural community by building on its unique character and heritage. Our vision for Ockley is that our beautiful village is known for being an attractive destination as well as a fabulous place to live and work.'

OBJECTIVES

1. Housing

Ensure that the parish has housing of the right type, size and tenure to meet the varied needs of its residents and people who want to make Ockley their home. New housing development will be of a high-quality design, sympathetic to the historic character of our rural neighbourhood. Consideration must be given to providing housing that is accessible to people of all income levels.

2. Transport

Ensure that residents have efficient sustainable and safe ways to connect with each other, local businesses, parish facilities and the wider locality. Improve highway and pedestrian safety which will encourage traffic to slow down, stop and enjoy the village. This will help support local businesses and improve traffic safety.

3. Economic activity

Ensure there are suitable spaces and the right infrastructure to make the village a destination for visitors from elsewhere, a place to locate rural businesses, and supportive of home workers.This will create a thriving local economy that provides business opportunities, employment and meets the needs of the parish.

4. Community facilities and recreational activities

Provide for a broad selection of facilities and activities for both villagers and visitors of all ages, that helps strengthen the community.

5. Climate resilience and environment

Build a community which is increasingly resilient to climate change and energy shocks, by encouraging low carbon energy solutions and promoting sustainability wherever possible. Ensure the landscape and natural assets of Ockley are valued and preserved.

Friends of the Hurtwood

Although the Hurtwood itself is privately owned (in fact we now have 8 different landowners), it is the role of the *Friends of the Hurtwood* to manage the access to the 2,000 acres that it comprises. Many people are surprised to hear that there are a great many things that (without us) would not happen

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- No local events organised for members and the wider public
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- Viewpoints would not be maintained
- No regular inspections of dangerous trees
- … and many other tasks

Thankfully we are very active with all these things, but we continually need your help to keep on top of everything. Do please continue to support our efforts. All those who donate to us automatically become members and are invited to the annual meeting, can attend occasional exclusive events and have reduced entry cost to our speaker evenings.

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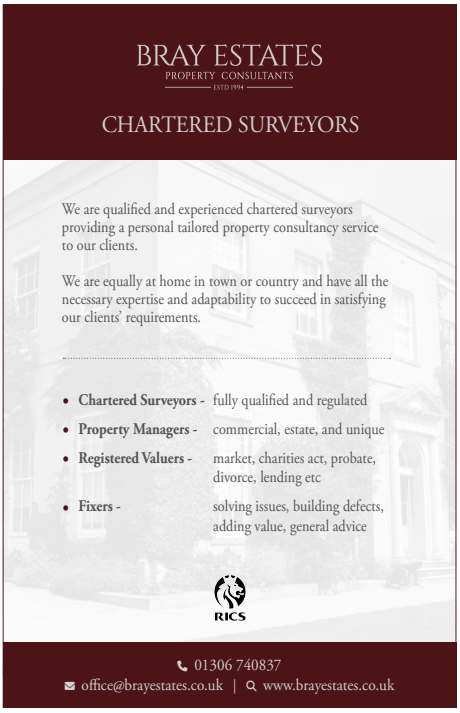
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Wishing everyone in our Parish a Merry Christmas!

UPDATE FROM THE EWHURST BRICK AND TILEWORKS COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Liaison Committee was held on the 11th September. Representatives from the adjoining parish councils, residents associations and amenity societies, Surrey County Council and the embryonic East Surrey Council attended, together with individual residents.

The committee learnt that this year's weather has created some difficulties for the works. The exceptionally wet early months of the year caused flooding in the pit and clay extraction was seriously delayed, although there was some benefit to local water courses later in the exceptionally dry summer as the filtered surplus water was steadily pumped out. Over two months without any rain has caused some concrete in the yard to break up and settlement cracks to appear in ancillary buildings, one of which will have to be demolished. There have also been an unprecedented number of power cuts which disrupt the manufacturing processes. An industrial supply requires all three phases of the electrical supply to be continuous, whereas households require only a single phase - hence any power cut affects the brickworks, but not necessarily all the households nearby.

Nationwide construction activity is below government expectations largely due to international and national events, but nevertheless Wienerberger's sales of the high quality wire-cut brick made at the Ewhurst works remain close to target, possibly aided by the closure of Ibstock's South Holmwood brickworks about 18 months ago. Sales of the Keymer range of tiles remain buoyant due to strong demand for historic renovation projects, where a handmade tile is frequently specified.

The number of complaints regarding lorry movements related to the brickworks remains at low levels and residents are reminded that it is helpful if any transport issues are reported immediately so that prompt action may be taken. Wienerberger have offered to pay to rectify the damage caused to a verge recently by an HGV having to take evasive action. For reference the contact email address for any transport issues is: ewhurst.transport@wienerberger.com or call 01306 623610.

The outstanding planning application to build a solar farm on land behind the factory has now been approved and it is hoped the project, which comprises of 4,000 solar panels generating some 1.4mW of electricity, will be completed in early 2027. This will provide about 35% of the electrical load at the site significantly reducing its carbon footprint, and the recent replacement of the fork lift trucks with battery operated ones will enable storage of some of the power produced. The panels will be situated in an open area that is ultimately due to be quarried and will be screened by the

existing woodland with further tree planting already undertaken.

It was noted that the planning application for an 82 room hotel and associated facilities at Gatton Manor has been approved, and that the transport plan submitted with the application shows the circulatory HGV route that the brickworks follow. It was recognised that the enforcement of this transport plan may be problematic.

There are no changes to the quarry and tile works or the second brick kiln projects, both remaining on hold. The planning application to build 13 houses on the site of the old brickworks to the north west of the main site has been refused, but the decision may be appealed by the developer.

The emissions from the brick kiln chimney have to be independently tested annually, as does the water in the cooling tower system to ensure both comply with statutory regulations. These tests have been carried out with good results.

Finally, the works recently took part in the nationwide Heritage Open Days event and this was well attended with guided factory tours taking place, products on display, the opportunity for visitors to hand make a tile, and demonstrations of clay carving taking place.

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

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

The next CLC meeting will take place on 11th March 2027 at 5:30pm, at the factory's visitor centre. If you are interested in joining the Ewhurst brick and tileworks CLC please write to us at Ewhurst.Transport@wienerberger.com or call our reception team on 01306 623610.

THIS COUNTRY HOME

Exciting new business comes to Okewood Hill



I have always been intrigued by the potential of some lovely old buildings just next door to Hale House. In the last couple of years I have tried to redeliver letters addressed to The Old Stables, a few hundred metres from our house, well set back from the road, and come across a total gem of a spot – walls and buildings to die for, just off the road into Okewood Hill and backing onto the woods and stream. It was, though, a sad, empty and clearly unoccupied collection of buildings.

Now the main half of them have been taken over by a furniture dealer, Antony, who runs an online furniture and interiors business. The buildings I remember were definitely dark and gloomy, now they are light and airy inside and perfectly suited to showcase some really delightful, and original, pieces. He told me that his core business is 'handmade tables and furniture crafted from reclaimed timber by British artisans, sold alongside antiques and vintage pieces sourced from across Europe'. This is not heavy 'brown' furniture, but has a light, modern feel and although I was particularly taken with some of the quirkier pieces, like a double-decker pair of baskets, dating from the 1960s, for fruit and veg, Antony emphasised that a big part of their business is making dining tables to order with customizable bases and tops, using reclaimed pine, new yellow pine or antique wood sourced from Poland. But what an eye he has! There is a quite beautiful tulip-wood-topped table (wood sourced from Yorkshire) on display in the main room – apparently a one off.



Also on view were charming, upholstered mini sofas, chairs and footstools, which are made locally by a craftsman with a choice of fabrics and colours.

Antony made clear that he welcomes visitors because there is no substitute for seeing furniture in real life, and I would thoroughly recommend a visit, but I understand that the ideal approach is to look online (www.thiscountryhome.com), and so get an idea of the range of furniture that he is producing and then go and see a selection at 1-2 The Old Stables, Okewood Hill RH5 5NA. The shop is only open from 11.00-3.00 at weekends but Antony will arrange private viewings on request, book online.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

THANK YOU FROM LIZ AND DOUG

With heartfelt thanks to everyone in Capel and Ockley

Thank you for all the wonderful kind words, beautiful flowers, generous gifts, cards, cakes and the extraordinary generosity shown to both Doug and I as we prepare to leave Capel and Ockley.

Our final Sunday was an amazing occasion. It was so special to see the church full, with familiar faces and friends from across the past 15 years, all gathered together to share in this very special day. The service was followed by such an abundant and joyful bring-and-share lunch, which was a wonderful reflection of the warmth, kindness and community we have been so privileged to experience here.

Words cannot adequately express how grateful we are for all the love and generosity shown to us. Sunday, 4 October 2026, will always be fixed in our minds as one of the very best of days, a truly memorable occasion that we shall look back on with enormous fondness.

We have been so blessed by our 15 years among you. It has been a privilege to share in the life of the churches and communities of Capel and Ockley, and we shall carry with us many precious memories and friendships.

As you look towards the future, please be assured of our continued thoughts and prayers. We pray that both churches will continue to flourish, that you will support and encourage one another, and that you will know God's guiding presence and blessing in all that lies ahead.

With our heartfelt thanks, our love, and every blessing for the future.

With much love,

Liz and Doug

SALV AUTUMN EVENING TALK AND AGM

SHERE VILLAGE HALL - Wednesday 11th November at 8pm

HOPE FOR THE BEST, PLAN FOR THE REST!

An evening of discussion around planning for your future to include Lasting Powers of Attorney, Wills, Respect Forms, Living Wills and Advanced Directives with GPs and legal guidance.

We hope to welcome friends and supporters of SALV, plus other villagers. You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink and an informal talk with the doctors, Surgery staff and Trustees after the meeting.

(Registered Charity no 1016023)

HALL FOR HIRE

OAKWOOD HILL VILLAGE HALL

The Oakwood Hill Village Hall is the perfect venue for hosting your next special event, please see all information below.





Facilites:

- Full Kitchen
- Parking
- Fully Accessible
- WIFI
- Staging
- Acoustic Padding
- Sound System
- Tables and Chairs

www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org

bookings@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org

Scan here to find out more..

VILLAGE CHARITIES

Abinger Consolidated Charities

For the benefit of residents in the Ancient Parish of Abinger (inc. Abinger Common, Hammer, Forest Green, Walliswood and Okewood Hill). If you or someone you know is struggling financially, don't hesitate to ask us for help.
Contact Kim Clark in confidence:
kimclark50@gmail.com

Amber

Provides a temporary safe home and support to homeless unemployed young people in crisis
(Reg. Charity Number 1051388).
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)
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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
dickthomas1000@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
caineyjane@gmail.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 home-cooked lunch in a private home.
www.tapestrydayclub.co.uk
(Registered Charity No. 1209048).

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 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

Forest Green Cricket Club

We play friendly matches every Sunday between the beginning of May through to the end of September, mainly on our home ground. New players are always welcome!

We also host a social member's bar in our pavilion every Friday evening throughout the summer.

For more information please contact our chair Malcolm Clayton on 01306 621 225.

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 77th year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting more than 20 regular acting members and 20 children dancers. We put on a large-scale pantomime each New Year and recently restarted our summer productions, which consist of two one-act plays with a supper provided.

We utilise many skills, not just on stage, carpenters, artists, technical, musicians, props, coffee makers, cake bakers, wardrobe, publicity, finance to name but a few roles. If interested, please do call our Chairman for a friendly chat, Stephen Dallyn, 07770 728300.

Walking Group

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

Wheelchair for Loan

Do you or anyone you know need a wheelchair for a short time?

If you do I have one available . Please give me a call on 07512 973661

(Wheelchair donated by the family of Doreen Scott.)

Michael

THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Well, what a year us gardeners and our gardens have had! Whilst we're assuming that by the time you read this, the colder, windier and wetter days will be with us, nothing is guaranteed these days. From May to October in the south east, September was recorded as the sixth dry month of the year and June-September, the driest four-month stretch on record. Our gardens - and us gardeners - have certainly been put through our paces.



As we write this in mid-October, we are just about starting to welcome more seasonal weather. Despite the daytime warmth continuing, the evenings are chillier and we have had some rain and mornings of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness' that are keeping vibrancy and freshness in our autumn gardens. We are still enjoying jewel-like blooms from roses, dahlias, cosmos and aster. Salvia and elegant gaura - some of the heroes of the drought - continue to bloom, alongside cyclamen, sedum and Japanese anemones.

Come November, there may still be a few hardy plants bravely holding on, but this is usually the time we 'put our gardens to bed' so they are ready for harsher winter weather. Now is the time to move tender plants into a greenhouse or conservatory. If you leave dahlias in the ground, do remember to give them a generous mulch. Take care, however, if you have very heavy clay soil as continual low temperatures can rot the tubers. If you're unsure, lift them, place them in pots or trays covered with compost or sand, and store them somewhere dry and not too cold.

Your beds and borders will appreciate a warm blanket of garden compost to nourish and protect them through the coldest months. You may already have divided and transplanted perennials but there may still be time before heavy frosts arrive. This can also be done in the very early Spring. And you've probably already planted your spring-flowering bulbs, although many can still go in until the end of November. Tulips actually prefer November planting as the colder conditions reduce the risk of rot or succumbing to fungal diseases so try not to be seduced by the early sale of tulip bulbs in early September!

Clearing fallen leaves from lawns is a good regular autumn and winter job. If you don't fancy the exercise from raking, an easy way is to run the lawn mower over them on a high setting. the collected leaves make a wonderful leaf mould for nourishing beds and borders once they have rotted down. Pop them into old compost sacks pierced with fork holes or make a simple open container from four posts and chicken wire. Breaking leaves down with a mower will mean that your leaf mould is ready that little bit sooner.

The weather this year has led to incredible late growth on a number of plants as they fought for survival, with wisteria and roses to name just two. Now is a good time to shorten tall roses by about one third to help prevent wind rock from damaging their roots and to tie climbers securely to their supports too. These roses can be pruned in winter but, apart from shortening excessive stems, leave most other roses until February at the earliest, apart from rambling roses, which are best done straight after flowering.

Winter is also the right time to give a good prune to dormant apple and pear trees (though not cordons) and wisteria (to two or three buds from the main branch).

Lift pots off the ground to help prevent waterlogging, and wrap them in fleece or bubble wrap if a hard frost is forecast. This is especially important if your potted citrus trees stay outdoors over winter.

In the vegetable garden, gather the remaining crops, including leeks, parsnips, carrots, sprouts and winter cabbage. And if you planted seed potatoes in a sack back in August, you may even have fresh potatoes ready for Christmas dinner!

As food becomes harder to find for our feathered friends, remember to keep bird feeders topped up with nuts, seeds and treats. Birds quickly become regular visitors, and arriving at an empty feeder means they have used precious energy for no reward. A reliable supply of food and fresh water will make a real difference to these much-loved garden companions.

Late November is also a lovely time to gather materials for a Christmas wreath. Holly, laurel, bay, rosemary, pittosporum and euonymus all make a good base, while a few berries or rosehips add an especially seasonal touch. If you're not sure where to begin, look out for the Christmas wreath-making class on Friday 27th November at Oakwood Hill Village Hall. You can book your place at www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new gardening year in 2027!

Emma Treeby and Martin Smith

VILLAGE HALLS TO HIRE

Need space for an event? Why not hire one of the village halls?

FOREST GREEN

Forest Green Village Hall is a carpeted, cosy hall. Suitable for family events, children's parties, group meetings, fitness classes, rehearsal room, functions, etc. Wheelchair friendly with outside space and parking facilities.

Charges from £8.00 per hour.

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

OAKWOOD HILL

Discover the hidden gem of Okewood Hill, the Oakwood Hill Village Hall!

Nestled on the picturesque recreation ground, next to the cricket club. This spacious hall can accommodate up to 100 people, making it the perfect venue for your next event. The hall boasts an array of amenities, including parking, a well-equipped kitchen, a sound system, seating, and Wi-Fi access. Accessibility is a top priority, with designated disabled parking bays, a convenient ramp, and accessible toilets. The hall's open-plan layout offers a stunning view of the cricket ground from its paved terrace.

Whether you're planning a community gathering, celebration, class or meeting, Oakwood Hill Village Hall is the ideal choice. For bookings and inquiries, contact 07544 525827, email bookings@oakwoodhillvillagehall.org website *www.oakwoodhillvillagehall.org* or find us on Facebook: facebook.com/OakwoodHillVillageHall

OCKLEY

Ockley Village Hall is the perfect venue for parties, wedding receptions, rehearsal room, fitness classes, meetings and much more. We have a purpose-built kitchen with a large electric range cooker. It is equipped to cater for more than 100 people and has a serving hatch. The building is wheel chair friendly. There is parking for more than 50 cars with designated disabled spaces. For further information please contact Bea Milne on 07553 266934 email ockleyvillagehall@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

The Cricket Pavilion is also available for hire at competitive rates.

Contact John 07791 520003 or jthorse99@gmail.com

WALLISWOOD

Why not hire this light and airy refurbished hall fitted with (free to users) fibre optic Wi-Fi. The hall is double glazed throughout and has full gas central heating. It has a fully fitted kitchen and the main hall can seat 80 people at tables, more if a buffet. The hall is ideal for holding parties, family gatherings and business meetings/training sessions and much more. Bi-fold doors open onto an attractive large secure playing field, ideal for children's birthday parties etc. Hire charges from £10.00 per hr.

For further information contact : walliswoodvillagehall@gmail.com or visit our website: www.walliswoodvillagehall.org

CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley
Rev. Gill Christie 01306 711917 www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green
web: www.okfg.org email: admin@okfg.org Tel: 07856 684477
Parish office hours; Weds, Thurs, Fri 9.30-1pm
Parish office located in St John the Baptist church, Church Lane, Okewood Hill RH5 5QT

THE ARK

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



- competitive hourly rates
- new extended car park
- venue holds up to 50
- easy access by car
- disabled access inc. toilet
- fully equipped kitchen

For bookings please email Liz Coleman: admin@okfg.org

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
www.friendsofstmargarets.org.uk

Friends of Okewood Church
Barry Thomson: 621234 barryjthomson1@gmail.com
www.friendsofokewoodchurch.org

Friends of Holy Trinity
Matthew Sparkes: matthew.sparkes@linklaters.com

ST. MARGARET'S, OCKLEY – CHURCH SERVICES

Everyone is very welcome to attend the services at St. Margaret's Church, Ockley.

The services for November and December are as follows:

November

1st	9.30am Matins
8th	10.45am Remembrance Day service Including display about the village people who sacrificed their lives Plus coffee and biscuits
15th	no service at Ockley (10.30am Parish Communion at St. John's Capel)
22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
29th	9.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship)

December

6th	9.30am Matins
13th	6.00pm Evening Worship
20th	9.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship)
25th	10.30am Christmas Day Parish Communion (Common Worship)

Should anyone have any queries, please do call Gill Christie 01306 711917 or email curate@capelandockleychurch.org.uk

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VOICE & VERSE



The Peaslake Players present a new cultural event for the calendar. **Voice & Verse** is an informal evening of poetry, words and live music - all enjoyed with food, drink and the very best company! You don't need to be a poetry boffin to appreciate the eclectic mix of live readings; some quietly moving, some very funny. All delightfully peppered with Irish folk and other live music. Just sit back and be entertained at shared tables, with plenty of time to eat, drink and chat. Come on your own or bring a group to this sociable village evening.

At Peaslake Memorial Hall on Friday, November 13. Doors open at 7pm.

Your £12 ticket includes all entertainment, nibbles and pizza and our very reasonable bar will be open throughout the evening.

Tickets: *www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk*

Info: *peaslakeplayers@gmail.com*

Welcome to
The Parish of Okewood and Forest Green

www.okfg.org

Parish office opening hours Weds, Thurs, Friday 9.30 to 1.00pm

Contact Us

Priest in Charge Revd Dr Peter Nevins vicar@stjnh.org.uk

Curate Revd Sarah Murphy curate@okfg.org

Parish Office Liz Coleman admin@okfg.org 07763 772179

Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@okfg.org

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Vicki Boxall 01483 790379
safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

Churchwarden Tom Murphy thomasjp.murphy@gmail.com

Churchwarden David Steel david.steel2@sky.com

Treasurer Rupert Harding treasurer@okfg.org

Monthly Service Schedule

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
OKEWOOD	**10.30am** All Age service	**10.30am** Holy Communion	**10.30am** Morning Worship	**10.30am** Morning Worship	
FOREST GREEN		**6pm** Evening Service		**6pm** Evening Service	**10.30am** Joint Holy Comm.

CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY

www.capelchoralsociety.com

Christmas nears

After rehearsing a substantial section of the music for the 2027 Leith Hill Music Festival, Rossini's very singable Petite Messe Solennelle, Capel Choral has now been learning music for its Christmas concert.

The concert will consist of popular carols for choir and audience, interspersed with some readings, which will be animal related, as appropriate to the Nativity. There will also be a 'Christmas Art Challenge' for children aged 12 and under who will have free entry to the concert.

The concert will be in Capel Parish Church on the 14th December at 7pm. Tickets are now available, price £7.50, contact Rosemary Goddard to book yours (details at bottom).

If you enjoy singing it is not too late to join this friendly choir this autumn. Choral singing gives a great sense of community and has proven health benefits. There are no auditions, just come along and sing!

Capel Choral Society meets in Capel's Memorial Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

For details of the Choir, and how to join,

contact Rosemary Goddard:

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

Website: www.capelchoralsociety.com

Capel Choral Society Registered Charity No. 1094126

THE ARTS SOCIETY CRANLEIGH

Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 2.00 pm:
HERE WE ARE AGAIN - THE GREAT BRITISH PANTOMIME with Dr Tony Lidington

Learn about the origins of slapstick and how Britain became the crucible of the pantomime form, independently from the rest of the world. Find out exactly why pantomime is so popular, what makes it so successful and how it remains such a joyful celebration of all that is quintessentially British.

Please note we are unable to welcome guests until further notice. No meeting in December.

Meetings are held at Cranleigh Arts Centre.

Please contact enidjonestasc@gmail.com or see our website:
www.theartssocietycranleigh.org.uk Registered Charity no. 1142228

The Arts Society Rudgwick

THE ARTS SOCIETY RUDGWICK

at the Rudgwick Village Hall.

On Thursday 5 November at 10.45 our speaker will be **Dr Lois Oliver** on **Rosa Bonheur: Animal Painter Extraordinaire (1822-1899).** Lois Oliver is an Art Historian with extensive experience as a Lecturer, Curator and Exhibition Organiser. She studied English Literature at Cambridge University and History of Art at the Courtauld Institute, completing an MA in Venetian Renaissance Art and writing her doctoral thesis on 'The Image of the Artist, Paris 1815-1855'. Currently Associate Professor in History of Art at the University of Notre Dame (USA) in London and a Visiting Lecturer at the Courtauld Institute, she lectures for arts organisations throughout the UK, and writes specialist audio interpretations for clients including the National Gallery, National Maritime Museum, Royal Academy, Royal Collection and Tate. She has appeared on a number of TV programmes for the BBC and Channel 5, as well as broadcasting on BBC Radio 3 and BBC Radio 4.

On Thursday 3 December at 10.45 our speaker will be **Timothy Walker** on **The History of Botany & Folklore of Plants that Surround us at Christmas**

Timothy Walker has had a life full of botanic experience between studying Botany at University College Oxford to being awarded a Master of Horticulture by the Royal Horticultural Society of London in 1985. He was Director of Oxford Botanic Garden, the oldest Botanic Garden in Britain, with 4,500 species of plants, and since 2014 a Senior Lecturer in Plant Biology at Somerville College, Oxford and now in similar posts at Pembroke, Hertford and Worcester Colleges.

Visitors are welcome with donations at the door and a guideline of £8 in support of our charitable status. Please let our Membership Secretary, Anna Trenter, know in advance on anna.trenter@fastnet.co.uk as seating is limited, also if you would like to learn more about the Society.

Free Coffee and Tea are always available from 10am.

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Service	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50
Horsham Carfax	-	-	-	-	-	-	13:10	13:20
Broadbridge Heath, Tesco	-	-	-	-	-	-	1317P	-
Ockley, Cricketers Close	09:25	09:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	09:28	09:28	-	-	-	-	-	13:43
Walliswood, Oakfields	09:30	09:30	-	-	12:49	13:09	13:35	13:45
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	-	-	-	-	12:51	13:11	-	-
Mayes Green	09:32	09:32	-	-	-	-	-	1347R
Ewhurst Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	1340R	-
Ewhurst, Bull's Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	1343R	-
Forest Green, The Parrot	09:34	09:34	-	-	-	-	1349R	1349R
Ockley, Cricketers Close	-	-	-	-	12:54	13:14	-	-
Ockley, Inn on the Green	09:40	09:40	-	-	12:55	13:15	13:55	13:55
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	09:41	09:41	-	-	12:56	13:16	13:56	13:56
Capel, The Street	-	0945R	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coldharbour, Broom Hall Farm	09:44	N	-	-	12:59	13:19	13:59	13:59
Coldharbour, Plough	09:47	-	-	-	13:02	13:22	14:02	14:02
Dorking High St, White Horse (Stop N)	10:00	10:15	12:20	12:20	13:15	13:35	1415R	1415R
Dorking Station	-	-	12:25	12:25	-	-	-	-
Brockham Green, Church	10:07	-	12:32	12:32	-	-	1422R	-
Strood Green, Tynedale Road	10:09	-	12:34	12:34	-	-	1424R	-
Gadbrook Crossroads	10:11	-	12:36	12:36	-	-	-	-
Dawes Green, Seven Stars	10:14	-	12:39	12:39	-	-	-	-
Leigh, The Plough	10:15	-	12:40	12:40	-	-	-	-
Shellwood Cross	-	-	12:44	12:44	-	-	-	-
Parkgate	-	-	12:47	12:47	-	-	-	-
Cudworth Park, The Poplars	-	-	-	1252R	-	-	-	-
Newdigate Bus Shelter	-	-	12:50	13:02	-	-	-	-
Leigh, Nalderswood, Dean Oak Lane	10:18	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
Irons Bottom	10:21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sidlow	10:23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodhatch, Angel	10:26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reigate, Morrisons	1030E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redhill, Queensway	1040E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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MTh Mondays and Thursdays only
N Via Newdigate
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TuW Tuesdays and Wednesdays only
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SCHEDULED RUNS

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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

Thursday once a month to Godalming Sainsbury/Waitrose

09.50	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

Thursday once a month to Guildford Lidl

9.50	Peaslake
10.00	Gomshall
10.10	Shere

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1. Switch on the defibrillator

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

2. Stick on the pads

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

3. Follow the instructions

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



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