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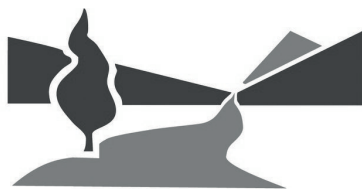
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WELCOME

Putting together this issue has been a labour of love for a very good reason: there has been a lot going on (sometimes necessitating last-minute submissions). I think, hope, we have managed to fit everything in and all involved will feel that we have done justice to their events and submissions.

Inside of course are photos from the Okewood, Ockley and Forest Green Fair and from Barbados Day but also from the Dementia Group's singalong, Melodies and Memories, which I attended, finding even myself taking to the floor. The Memorial Woodland has a new report, encouraged by local young people coming to help out. There are details of a Forest School nursery now running out of Oakwood Hill village hall. Cookery and eating is catered for – all take note of the upcoming Macmillan Coffee Mornings.

People feature. An Obituary of a wonderful local lady, Fay Jolly, plus a heartfelt thank you to the retiring Rector of Ockley church.

There is quite a bit devoted to what can loosely be called local politics, which really means lots of thoughtful and dedicated work to keep our communities open and effective: an interview with Hazel Watson, who has faithfully represented us for a great many years, important information from the Ockley parish council on their development plan, more from Cagne as to how we can still make our views felt over the expansion of Gatwick.

And a planned Harvest Supper with a murderous twist. . . And. . .

I hope there will be something for everyone.

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.

FAY JOLLY

A much loved Ockley resident, Fay Jolly, died in June aged 86 years.

She was born in November 1939 in Stockport, Cheshire into a close family. She was athletic and not only swam breast stroke for Cheshire, but also for England. She was in the last cohort to be called up for National Service and joined the WRAF. After training in England and becoming Corporal Ratcliffe, she was sent to Changi Airbase in Singapore. There was a Communist insurrection going on in Malaya



next door and she undertook parachute training so supplies could be dropped into the jungle. This did not stop her also swimming for the WRAF and she was the winner of the inter-services swimming championships held in Singapore.

She met Neville Jolly who was a fireman at Changi and they married in 1962 and came to live in Ockley. Neville's father was head gardener at Elderslie, famous for his dahlias. He was top dog in the dahlia competition at the flower show for many years. Neville worked on the farm and ended as farm manager.

Fay continued her sporting pursuits playing stoolball, hockey, netball and swimming and threw herself into village activities particularly the Young Wives group and the Guides and Brownies. She undertook numerous jobs in the village working at the nursery school, being a teaching assistant at Ockley School as well as a doing a stint as the village postman and the lollipop lady at the end of Friday Street. She was never one to sit still and in her own words, 'I think I washed up in every pub in the village.' Fay and Neville are survived by two children, Pauline and Steven, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gill Christie

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The Ockley Society recently received a request a request from someone in New Zealand about an ancestor William Gerard, who lived in Ockley from about 1732 to 1746. I was able to identify the coppice land he rented but was amazed at the information he had received from a professional researcher at the Surrey Record Office. The sources of information are many and various.

PARISH REGISTERS

became mandatory on 5 September 1538 when Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General to Henry VIII, ordered clergy to keep records of baptisms, marriages, and burials. It took some years for every parish to keep registers; they were handwritten so not always easy to decipher and the spelling of names could be phonetic as consistent spelling of surnames was not universal. Handwritten copies were made over the years with errors creeping in. They now exist in printed form too. The Mormon Church has copies because they believe that all ancestors of a Mormon converts will go to heaven when the world ends! The baptisms of William Gerald children are recorded.

PARISH BOOK

This book includes records relating to the management of the poor and other matters relating to the management of the church parish. William Gerard contributed to the poor relief fund from February 1732 to 1746.

SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES

In 1697 settlement certificates were introduced to allow people to move between parishes to obtain work provided they had a certificate from their home parish confirming that the parish would accept them back if they required poor relief.

No certificate exists for William or Mary Gerard.

MANORIAL COURT ROLLS (Lee-Steere family records, stored at Surrey History Centre and Transcript at Dorking Museum 1638-1880),

Land was owned by the Lord of the Manor who held it from the King. The occupier of the land paid rent to the Lord of the Manor or if held by copyhold paid a fee when land was transferred. There are indexes of land (in alphabetical order) and of landholders, tenants and occupiers paying rent. William Gerard paid rent from 1735 to 1741.

OCKLEY TITHE MAP

One tenth (the Tithe) of the produce from land was paid to the Church each year. An Act of 1837 converted the payments into cash and every parish was surveyed. The Ockley Survey Map of 1841 records who owned each piece of land and what they were due to pay. Old Broke, the parcel of

coppice occupied by William Gerard was then owned by my ancestor Lee Steere.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS re TRANSFER of LAND

Apart from the references to the transfer of land in the Manorial Court Rolls, old legal documents also exist. The Lee Steere family documents are at the Surrey Record office. Normally there is a document recording the transfer and two earlier documents proving the title of ownership by the transferee to the land. The earliest document in the Lee Steere collection dates from c1400. Similar documents exist for other families, the Evelyn documents for the Wotton estate including the Manorial Court Rolls were mostly burnt during the London Blitz in World War 2. The More Molyneux documents are at the Surrey Record office.

CHURCH RECORDS (Including the Parish Registers mentioned above)

Old records were stored at the Diocesan office. Ockley was originally in the Diocese of Winchester. It transferred to Guildford in 1927 so the old records are split between the Hampshire and Surrey Record offices and also the National Archives. I was searching for a copy of a faculty (the document authorising alterations to the church from 1918) and it is at the London Metropolitan Archive! From 1384 wills had to be registered with the Church and there are copies in the National Archives. Only the wealthy wrote wills and the earliest are in Latin! From 1858 wills were registered with the Government Probate office, as they are to this day.

FAMILY BIBLES

Often recorded handwritten details of family relations.

Gordon Lee-Steere

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UPDATE ON QRMW

I do hope everyone has had a great summer, the record temperatures will take some beating next year for sure. Our gardens have had a very difficult time and the Memorial Woodland has been no exception. Some of the young saplings have really struggled and the pond is very low on water. But I am confident all will recover once the rain does come.

In July we had a group of young volunteers who spent the day with us and, quite honestly, worked their socks off. They were employees from UNUM an insurance company based in Westcott, an absolutely delightful group of young people.



They took on the tasks asked of them with great enthusiasm: raking the leaves and twigs from the pathways, cleaning the benches, rubbing down the timber gate at the entrance to the car park ready for me to apply linseed oil and painting the circular seat by the monument with wood preserver. What they achieved in a day was so much appreciated.

We are keen to encourage groups like this to come to the woodland not just to work but to find out more about the charity and the work we do for our veterans in times of need. Please do contact Debbie, our charity secretary, for more information if you are a group looking for a day's voluntary work to help our charity.

As we come into September our woodland will take on a completely different look when the leaves on the trees start to turn gold and a variety of fungi appear on the woodland floor. Every season has its own beauty and never fails to move me when I walk through the gates. Do remember the woodland is open 24/7 for you to come and reflect and enjoy the flora and fauna. The kettle is always on!



Do put 11th November in your diaries, when we have our remembrance service, attended by children from Surrey Hills School and St John's C of E School, Dorking.

Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

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- **Local Parish Church projects**

MUDDY BOOTS, BIG ADVENTURES AND A NEW HOME AT OKEWOOD HILL



If you arrive at Jack and Gill on a typical morning, you probably won't find rows of children sitting quietly at tables. You are far more likely to find muddy boots, children discussing a worm they've just discovered, someone carrying a stick that is apparently extremely important, and a group heading off on their next adventure. And that is exactly how we like it.

I started Jack and Gill in 2003 and, over the years, it has grown and evolved alongside the children and families we care for. We are a small, family-run childcare setting and, although much has changed in more than 20 years, our belief that children need time, space and freedom to explore has remained at the heart of everything we do.

This September, we are beginning an exciting new chapter as we open our nursery at Okewood Hill Village Hall. For us, the hall is much more than simply a building. It will become our indoor base and place of safety: somewhere warm, welcoming and familiar where children can play, rest, eat and learn. Our youngest children will spend more of their time based there, with plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning, while our older children and those who are developmentally ready will be able to access our woodland provision.

So, what actually is Forest School?

It is a question we are asked quite often. Forest School isn't simply taking children outside to play. It is about giving children regular opportunities to spend meaningful time in the natural environment, allowing them to develop confidence, independence, resilience and a real connection with the world around them.

A typical day might involve searching for mini beasts, building structures, climbing, potions in the mud kitchen, listening and watching the birds come to the bird feeder (they always come when we arrive like clockwork), using tools with careful adult support or simply becoming completely absorbed in an imaginative game or artwork amongst the trees.

Sometimes, the best learning happens when an adult takes a small step backwards. A child trying to work out how to move a heavy branch is learning to problem-solve. Children building things together are negotiating, communicating and working as a team. A toddler carefully

navigating uneven ground is developing strength, balance and an understanding of their own body. To the children, they are playing. To us, there is an enormous amount of learning taking place.

We are outside in all sorts of weather. Rain is not automatically a reason to stay indoors and mud is certainly not something we are frightened of! Of course, children's safety always comes first and we make careful decisions around extreme weather, high winds and conditions in the woodland.

People sometimes imagine a Forest School child as one who wears shorts in the snow and never comes inside. We aren't quite that extreme! Our approach is very much about knowing the individual child. Some children throw themselves into woodland life immediately. Others need time to watch, feel safe and gradually build their confidence. Both are absolutely fine. That personal approach is incredibly important to us.

Because Jack and Gill is family-run, we want families to feel that we genuinely know their children. We know who needs a little extra reassurance in the morning, who will spend an hour looking for insects, who loves climbing and who would much rather sit quietly and make a potion from leaves and water.

The move to Okewood Hill Village Hall feels particularly special because it gives us the opportunity to become part of an already thriving village community. We hope Jack and Gill will play a positive role in village life, with the hall becoming a place where children, families and the wider community feel connected. We are excited to work alongside other local organisations and businesses and to contribute to the vibrant community that already exists here. We don't want to be simply a nursery that uses the hall.

Jack and Gill will be open Tuesday to Friday, 7.30am to 6.00pm, for 50 weeks of the year, offering flexible childcare from birth until reception to support the varying needs of local families.

As Jack and Gill begins this next chapter, there is a huge amount happening behind the scenes and, if I am honest, probably more lists on my desk than I would like to admit! But when I think about the hall filled with children again, and about a new generation growing, learning and making memories in Okewood Hill, it feels incredibly exciting. There will still be muddy boots and there will definitely still be sticks that are far too precious to leave behind. And we wouldn't have it any other way.



Tonia Jackson-Robson, owner

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OCKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you so much to those of you who responded to our article in the May/ June edition of WOOF, asking for volunteers to restart work on a Neighbourhood Plan ('NP') for the parish. We're glad to report that work is now well underway. In this edition, we are highlighting the benefits of having an NP, sharing our proposed Visions & Objectives of the NP and asking for your feedback to ensure the Plan reflects the views and needs of our community.

Remind me, what is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Source: Gov.uk

Shaping the future of Ockley

Ockley is a unique village, with many community volunteers who run events and weekly spaces to meet that enrich our society and make Ockley a great place to live. But living here also has challenges.

What kind of housing is available and at what price determines how many people can make Ockley their home. A survey undertaken in 2022 informed planners what kind of housing is most needed. It also provided evidence of other issues including poor transport links, traffic speed through the village, the need to stimulate the village economy, plus the need for more recreational facilities especially for younger people.

How can the Plan make Ockley a better place to live?

Once approved, the Neighbourhood Plan will set out a shared vision of how we want our village to develop in future and will:

- A. form an important part of the process for granting planning permission

in the local area, including what infrastructure should be provided

- B. enable us to have more input into where and what type of new homes and business premises should be built and also how those should look
- C. give the village an increased share of the Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') paid by developers. With an NP in place the CIL is increased from the standard 15% to 25%.

First step: Draft Vision and Objectives

Our group of volunteers has now drawn up a draft Vision and Objectives describing the future we want for our village. We are sharing these with you here, to get your thoughts. Once agreed, these will form the foundation of the Plan, so it is vital that they represent the views of our community.

What happens next

Do the Visions & Objectives reflect the future you would like to see for Ockley? This is YOUR Neighbourhood Plan, so we need to ensure it reflects YOUR views. Please give your feedback and comments by email to Clerk@ockleypc.co.uk or scan this QR code to access our brief online survey. Thank you!



BARBADOS DAY AT OCKLEY CRICKET CLUB, SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

Ockley Cricket Club organised a hugely successful event. No one needed to go to the West Indies for the weather or for a cricket match.

A crowd spread itself out under gazebos or just sat on the grass to watch a Surrey League Eleven take on a Barbados Eleven. Caribbean tunes livened the atmosphere and smoke spiralled up

from stalls selling roasted yams and jerk chicken and all manner of delicious food and drink. Fittingly, Barbados won.



WALKING GROUP

Thursday 10th September	10am	Scarlett Arms, Walliswood
Thursday 24th September	10am	Six Bells, Newdigate
Thursday 8th October	10am	Village Way Car Park, Cranleigh
Thursday 22nd October	10am	Cricketers, Ockley

Thursday 10th September

Meet at 10am at the Scarlett Arms, Walliswood for a moderate 5.25 mile walk through Northlands to Lowerhouse Lane across Hurtwood Park to Plough Lane returning over North Breache Manor to Lyefield Farm, and back to the start via Pond Head Farm.

Thursday 24th September

Meet at 10am at the Six Bells, Newdigate for a moderate 5.9 mile walk across Horselands and Green Lane Farm to Cidermill Farm, then through Glovers Wood, returning via Page wood to Greenings and Cudworth Manor.

Thursday 8th October

Meet at 10am at Village Way Car Park, Cranleigh, for a moderate 6.5 mile across Knowle Park to Rye Farm and on to the Downs Link up to Whitley Manor then returning via the Wey South Path and rejoining the Downs Link further south to get back to the start.

Thursday 22nd October

Meet at 10am at the Cricketers, Ockley for an easy 4.6 mile walk across Elmers Farm to Birches Wood and then Waleys Lane, over to Holbrook Farm and returning via Tiphams and Vann Lake to Friday Street.

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RETIREMENT OF VICAR

Rev Liz Richardson will retire as the Vicar of Capel and Ockley on 8th October this year. She and her husband, Doug, have been an integral part of life in Capel since 2011 and in Ockley since 2018.

Over the last 15 years not only has Liz served the parish faithfully with the annual round of services from Christmas, through Easter, to Harvest and Remembrance, but with great sensitivity has come alongside families as they celebrate weddings and baptisms and organised funerals.

Rev Liz's regular presence at the enormous number of annual parish events; Capel Military show, Capel show, Ockley cricket events, to name but a few, demonstrated her commitment to the people of her parish (not just church goers). The Vicarage fete held for many years at her home in Capel along with the nativity scene placed in her front garden each Advent has shown both her engagement with the parish and how important it is to bring the reality of the Christian faith into the heart of the parish.

Rev Liz's acting ability was evident in some Ockley Dramatic Society productions, while her love of art and her personal talent in this field has inspired many to think more deeply about the great questions of life as well as provided some beautiful pictures to admire.

Rev Liz has been a committed governor of Scott-Broadwood School both in Ockley and Capel since her arrival and her embracing of school services in the church and after-school club in Capel has given the children of this parish a confidence to engage with church and 'big' questions openly.

The Murder Mystery actors are delighted Rev Liz can offer her support one final time at this year's performances (18th-20th September), as they and many, many people in this parish will miss her presence sorely.

There will be a retirement collection for her and her husband Doug who will move from the Vicarage in Capel at the end of September and if you would like to make a donation, please contact Gill Christie (01306 711917 or curate@capelandockleychurch.org.uk).

The appointment of a new vicar is not the most straight forward of processes, so please keep this issue in your prayers.



VILLAGE EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2026



1st Tuesday 9.00am - Pilates with Tiffany Lee - Every Tuesday (term-time)

Walliswood Village Hall



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

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



1st Tuesday 1.30pm–2.30pm - Seniors Exercise Class

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - Every Tuesday



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, see p18 for details



6th Sunday 12.00–5.00pm - Ockley Cricket 7s

Ockley Green - See p15 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)



9th Wednesday 7.45–9.00pm - Bell ringing practice

St. Margaret's Ockley - Every Wednesday except 1st in month



10th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Scarlett Arms - See p24 for details



13th Sunday 10am–12pm - Café on the Green

Forest Green Village Hall



18th Friday 10am–12pm - Murder Mystery Dinner

Ockley Village Hall - See p13 for details ALSO at Chapel Memorial Hall 19th & 20th



21st Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details



24th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Six Bells, Newdigate - See p24 for details



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SEPTEMBER 2026

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee Seniors Exercise Class	2 Pavilion Café Ockley Cricket Club bar	3 Toddler Group Punchbowl Quiz	4	5 Walk from The Parrot
6	7 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley	8 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee Seniors Exercise Class	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	15 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee Seniors Exercise Class	16 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	17 Toddler Group	18	19
20	21 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Camilla Birley Village Lunches	22 Pilates with Sarah Reeves Pilates with Tiffany Lee Seniors Exercise Class	23 Pavilion Café Bell ringing practice Ockley Cricket Club bar	24 Toddler Group Walking Group	25 Live music at The Cricketers	26
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OCTOBER 2026

VILLAGE EVENTS – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

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Ockley Cricket Pavilion - Every Wednesday, see p17 for details



8th Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Village Way Car Park, Cranleigh - See p24 for details



17th Saturday 9.00am - Breakfast Together

Oakwood Hill Village Hall - See p11 for details



19th Monday 12.30pm - Village Lunches

Ockley Village Hall - See p20 for details



22nd Thursday 10.00am - Walking Group

Cricketers, Ockley - See p24 for details



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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

First Sat of every month: 9.30am-12.00pm walk from The Parrot, Forest Green

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The concern follows the Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill [HL], which includes provisions on airspace change and would give the Civil Aviation Authority expanded rule-making powers.

Campaigners say residents must have a clear, independent route to challenge decisions that affect their communities.

"A modern airspace system must not be achieved at the expense of fairness, health or democratic accountability. Residents deserve an independent route to raise concerns when decisions about flight paths affect their homes, sleep, wellbeing and quality of life. We are asking MPs to stand up for communities on the ground and support proper independent oversight of the airspace change process."

What to ask your MP

Please ask your MP to support stronger safeguards for communities affected by airspace change, including an independent airspace change ombudsman outside of the Civil Aviation Authority as the Bill progresses through the House of Commons.

A suggested letter can be found at www.cagne.org

How to take part

Find your MP using the UK Parliament's Find MPs service and write using your full name and address.

Please write to your MP now and ask them to stand up for communities and countryside that could be affected by airspace change supporting the national call for an independent ombudsman outside of the CAA.

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HAZEL WATSON INTERVIEW 21.07.26

I had the great pleasure of meeting County Councillor Hazel Watson for a cup of coffee at Denbies for the purpose of interviewing her for Woof. I see her as the 'go to' person for local friends whenever they want 'somebody to do something', which is very reassuring.

I had heard Hazel's name so often and of her willingness to campaign for local people's rights that I expected a bit of a battleaxe but instead met a charming, petite, softly spoken person who seemed really happy to give me the time to ask all my questions and give me detailed answers.



'When did you start as a councillor?' '1993, when expecting my first child.' That is 33 years, I calculated. Wow! She rattled off the names of the various villages she has represented, including Brockham, then Westcott along with the northern part of Dorking, before she came to be the divisional councillor for Dorking Hills, which currently includes Forest Green, Walliswood and Okewood Hill. I had done a bit of research and knew that she had been involved either through campaigning or through membership of committees in a very wide range of subjects, including potholes, speed restrictions in villages, Age Concern Surrey, initiatives for young people, protection of the Surrey Hills as an unspoilt area, planning, liaising with the police, the Brickworks, and as Governor of the Ashcombe School.

My next question was about the future. She is, we know, due to retire when the new East Surrey Council comes into being on 1st April 2027 (April Fools Day, I can't help noticing!). Does she think that the new council will be a good thing? To my relief, Hazel does. She spent some time telling me about the current waste of resources and time due to either unnecessary duplication, eg the number of council offices, including expensive buildings, scattered over Surrey, or unhelpful separation of function, eg at present Surrey County Council is responsible for road mending and clearing the drains but the district councils are responsible for road sweeping which means leaves often get left on the road and are washed down the drains thereby blocking them as the services are not co-ordinated. I am sure all the Woof readership will nod at this, as we all watch potholes get mended, knowing that they will soon reappear due to blocked drains and subsequent flooding, and back will come the potholes! She also said that reducing the number of administrators in separate offices will have significant financial benefit, and therefore more money available for getting things done.

I confess to being fairly digitally challenged so my heart sank a bit as Hazel said that the aim for the future was to improve online facilities. No more Hazel to ring, I thought, and incomprehensible online forms to navigate. Hazel disagreed. For example, she said, there is already an excellent online facility, FixMyStreet Surrey, for reporting potholes, where we can upload photos and the advantage for the council from that is that the computer will collate all the entries for each pothole, which saves a great deal of office time and therefore money because otherwise office staff must read a large number of emails, or even letters, per pothole. With FixMyStreet, more money will be available to actually fix the potholes. She kept referencing potholes, probably thinking that to be an illustration well within my limited digital understanding!

Trying to identify a friendly future under East Surrey management, I asked whether our new councillors, Claire Malcomson and Abhiram Magesh, for whom we voted last May, will be at the end of a telephone? Obviously that will be up to them, but Hazel expects that they will see that as part of their roles, although at the moment she remains the go-to person because they are very busy setting up their offices, establishing their budgets and just working out their priorities. She also said that the new Dorking Hills 'ward', which they will represent, will cover the whole Woof constituency, including Ockley, which will be neat.

Feeling reassured by now, I moved the conversation on, to ask what Hazel looked back on as her greatest achievements while representing our villages. Two things in particular stood out for her. The first was after the 2013 mega cycle event, the RideLondon-Surrey Classic cycle event, sponsored by the Prudential and backed by the Mayor of London and Boris Johnson. 147 professional riders took part and it was televised (I remember watching it and thinking how stunning the countryside looked). It followed the Olympic route as closely as possible and included three circuits of Holmbury St Mary, Forest Green, Walliswood and Ockley via Leith Hill. Hazel told me that local feelings had run high about the unsuitability of these small villages as backdrops for a cycle racetrack and the impact on them of people being effectively penned in their houses, and pubs being shut, for a whole day in high summer. She spoke at a meeting in Forest Green later in 2013, which led to Surrey Council successfully taking up the cause. Thereafter this three-lap part of the circuit was omitted from the race.

She is also very pleased to have been instrumental in the creation of appropriate lower speed limits on these local roads and in the villages, as well as the gateways at the beginnings and ends of the villages, repairing broken culverts and reinstating drainage channels, and in protecting the grass islands at road junctions through introducing granite setts and corner posts. That and signage for the Brickworks, on whose liaison committee she sits. She has also played a big part in obtaining funding to improve

many of our village halls and sports club houses throughout our area.

Most of all, though, she wanted to say that she has loved her time as a councillor; she wouldn't have carried on if she hadn't! She has found it enjoyable, interesting and challenging. She said that she has always been happy to answer the phone, seven days per week, because that has meant that she has known who she is representing. I kept thinking of the hours and hours of patient attendance at committees, which has been her invisible role but, surely, a totally invaluable part in making local government effective and one for which she can't claim achievement because it is a collaborative work. And how grateful we all can be to her, and maybe dare to be hopeful for the new, more efficient centralised East Surrey Council, although she will be a hard act to follow on the personal front.

Amanda Elsdon-Dew

THE GARDEN IN EARLY AUTUMN

What a year it has been for the weather! With hardly any rain in May and June, followed by high temperatures and more dry spells through July and early August, many parts of the garden have certainly had a challenging time. Now, as we ease into autumn, we hope the rain has finally arrived. The days are getting shorter, the air is softer, and it is time to enjoy the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. There is still fruit to gather, including apples — although ours were not at their best this year — and autumn raspberries. For many of us, this is a favourite time of year, with those rich autumn colours of russet, orange, amber and scarlet glowing in the low sun. It is also a wonderful moment to get out and enjoy the beautiful Surrey Hills right on our doorstep.

Over the coming weeks, do keep an eye out for the shrubs and trees that put on a particularly spectacular autumn display — liquidambar and acer, Cotinus and cotoneaster, and, of course, Virginia creeper.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs such as narcissi, iris and crocus now, but leave tulips until the colder weather in November to help avoid the fungal disease known as tulip fire. You can also plant garlic and finish putting in autumn onion sets, ready for a lovely crop in early to mid-summer next year.

Before the frosts arrive, October is often a great time to move and plant trees, shrubs and climbers, as well as to get hedges settled in. If the ground is nicely moist, you can also divide perennials that have become a little too large, moving them into gaps in your borders or sharing them with gardening friends.

Harvest pumpkins and squashes, along with the last of the beetroot and carrots.

Prune roses lightly once they have finished flowering, removing the tall top growth to help protect them from wind rock. You can then give them their proper prune in spring.

Take hardwood cuttings from Buddleia, Weigela, Ligustrum (privet), Philadelphus, Forsythia and Willow. Why not have a go and see if you can make a few 'plants for free'?

Prepare and mulch your beds. October is a brilliant month for digging over areas of the garden or vegetable plot and adding organic, peat-free compost or well-rotted manure. As the colder weather arrives, it will help break down larger clumps into lovely crumbly soil and improve the ground for next year.

If you plan to leave your dahlias in the ground over winter, give each plant a protective layer of compost. If not, lift the tubers and store them in soil or sand somewhere dark and frost-free.

Plants of the Month

Dahlias are among our favourites, with their wonderful range of shapes and colours and their ability to keep flowering well into October. There is 'Bishop of Llandaff' with its striking red blooms, 'Fascination' with pink florets and bronze foliage, and 'Bantling' with its bold orange pompoms. We should also give a special mention to the cheerful purples, warm pinks and bright whites of the asters, which are such a familiar and welcome sign of the move from early to mid-autumn.



Finally, a belated "well done" to everyone who entered fruit, vegetables or flowers in this year's Okewood, Ockley and Forest Green Summer Fair and Flower Show — and warm congratulations to all those who won a prize. The horticultural side of the show has been part of it from the very beginning in 1893 and remains at its heart today. It is never too early to start thinking about what you might 'grow and show' next year, so enjoy making plans, and happy gardening!

Emma Treeby and Martin Smith

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.



Facilities:

- 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)

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

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.ssgambia.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.](mailto:capel.rainbows@btinternet.com)

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 theoockleysociety@outlook.com

Ockley Dramatic Society

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

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

OKEWOOD, OCKLEY AND FOREST GREEN SUMMER FAIR

Well done to the considerable crowd who turned out, dogs included, despite the searing heat. And well done too to the 100+ volunteers who made it run so smoothly and, crucially, cleared up afterwards.



Lack of rain didn't stop the marquee produce from looking, and smelling, as fresh, as ever. And the standard of crafts and painting was very high indeed. I can't help but mention one winner, in the children's section: a very ingenious and carefully constructed model of a burnt-dry garden. Many a spectator uttered a rueful chuckle at that.



It was great to see the Surrey Union hounds, as friendly as ever, the usual brilliant dog show. Plus running races, vintage cars, loads of stalls, with things to buy, things to eat and, of course, things to drink. Plus a new addition for our traditional fair: a real Punch and Judy.



MELODIES AND MEMORIES – BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC



Melodies and Memories is a dementia-friendly sing-along for older adults, welcoming those living with dementia along with their family members and carers. It's a relaxed afternoon of familiar songs, laughter, homemade cakes and good company.

The group is completely free to attend, with no need to book. We simply ask that, if people wish, they make a small donation in our collection box to help cover refreshments and support future

sessions. For everyone's comfort and support, anyone living with dementia should attend with a family member or carer.

We're now looking forward to our Christmas Special at Ockley cricket pavilion on Saturday the 5th of December, 2.00-4.00 pm, which will include festive singing, homemade cakes, refreshments and a Christmas raffle. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for everyone.

We'd love to welcome new faces. If you know an older adult who might enjoy a friendly afternoon out, or someone living with dementia who would benefit from music and companionship, please help us spread the word.



Sometimes all it takes is a familiar song, a cup of tea and a friendly smile to make someone's day. We hope you'll join us this December and help our community continue to grow.

Cheryl Gurney

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 ocklevillagehall@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. Liz Richardson 01306 711260 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 May and June are as follows:

September

- 6th 9.30am Matins
- 13th 9.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 20th 9.30am Parish Communion (Common worship)
- 27th 9.30am Harvest Festival

October

- 4th No service at Ockley (10.30am Parish Communion @St. John's Chapel. Rev Liz's last service in this parish!)

The following services have yet to be confirmed.

These are the provisional services as at the time of printing. Please check the website capelandockleychurch.org.uk for up to date information.

- 11th 5pm Evening worship
- 18th 9.30am Matins
- 25th 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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



EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Affiliated to: BC, SCBA, WSEA, & SCWBA

If you would like to try your hand at bowling, Ewhurst Bowling Club is the place for you. We are having an Open Day on Saturday 16th May from 10:30am to 4:00pm so please come along between these times. We also invite you to our Bowls for Beginners Practice 19th and 28th May and 2nd and 9th June 2:00 to 4:00pm.

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

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

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

We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly club.



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

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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

Return to singing!

Capel Choral Society singers are looking forward to returning to singing at their regular Monday evening rehearsals after the Summer break. The Choir will meet from Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in Capel's Memorial Hall.

Under its Musical Director Anna Tabor, the Choir will be starting to learn the set work for the 2027 Leith Hill Music Festival, Rossini's Petite Messe Solonelle. The title is Rossini's little joke as the Mass is neither 'little' nor 'solemn', being a large-scale work which is very enjoyable to sing. The Choir will also be learning music for its Christmas concert.

Capel Choral is seeking to increase its numbers, so this small friendly Choir will always welcome new singers. Singing in a choir gives a sense of community with fellow singers and has proven health benefits, so we look forward to meeting new singers in September.

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 Graham Tyrrell Wing at Shere Surgery....so nearly there now

We are nearly there! All the reports and plans have now received positive responses and SALV is just waiting for the final go-ahead from the two authorities – Guildford Borough Council and for the NHS, the Integrated Care Board, (ICB) which is the statutory NHS organisation responsible for planning, commissioning, and overseeing healthcare services and managing local NHS budgets.

Thanks to the generosity of SALV supporters the funds are in place just waiting for the green light. Here's hoping that the next two weeks will bring the necessary formal approvals so we can start BUILDING!

Our lovely surgery and wonderful doctors need more space and facilities to serve the hugely expanded number of patients on their roll.



The Arts Society Rudgwick

Our speaker on Thursday 2nd July at 10.45am 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. She spent a decade working in museums, initially at the Harvard University Art Museums, before joining the curatorial team at the V&A and then the National Gallery in London. 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 interpretation 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. Also a keen violinist, she plays regularly with orchestras including the Endellion Festival Orchestra.

Visitors welcome with an £8 donation guide in support of our charitable status. Please email our Membership Secretary Anna Trenter on Anna.trenter@fastnet.co.uk as seating can be limited. Complimentary coffee/tea served from 10a.m.

Our next lecture will be in October after welcoming our new members at a coffee morning in September.

THIS LECTURE WILL BE PRECEDED BY OUR AGM at 10.30 am



Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 2.00 pm:

JOHN SINGER SARGENT - THE PRIVATE RADICAL with Gavin Plumley

Whether drawing duchesses or portraying princes, John Singer Sargent was high society's leading portraitist. Flaunting a consummate technique, his luxurious canvases mirrored his subjects' wealth. Yet beneath the dazzling veneer of works such as Madame X, The Daughters of Edward Darley Boit and Lady Agnew of Lochnaw lurks a much rawer world by far. Sargent certainly scandalised Parisian society and the city's Salon with his frank depictions of human sexuality, yet he was even more modern than they might have feared.....

Please note we are unable to welcome guests until further notice.

Meetings are held at Cranleigh Arts Centre.

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

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, Queenswv	1040E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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



Serving Wotton, Abinger
and Shere Parishes

SCHEDULED RUNS

IMPORTANT: Ring 07802 460069 to confirm date & timing

1st & 3rd Tuesday each month to Tesco,
Broadbridge Heath

13.50	Holmbury St Mary
14.00	Forest Green
14.10	Walliswood
14.15	Okewood Hill

2nd and 4th Saturday each month to Cranleigh

09.45	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Abinger Hammer
09.55	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake

Around 12.00 noon for the return

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

We suggest a voluntary donation of £5 per trip
Please text or ring 07802 460069
or email: waspbusinfo@gmail.com
to confirm date and times and to book

USEFUL CONTACTS

CHURCHES	Ockley	Rev Liz Richardson	01306 711260
	Forest Green & Okewood, Liz Coleman		01306 628156
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	Cranleigh		0808 2787980
	Dorking		0808 2787930
CRICKET CLUBS	Forest Green	Malcolm Clayton	01306 621255
	Oakwood Hill	Dave Bishop	01306 627524
	Ockley	Loll	01306 712408
		Jason	07918 784446
DIAL A RIDE			0300 123 7749
GATWICK CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN		Peter Barclay	01293 862821
GATWICK NOISE COMPLAINTS			01293 311568
GP SURGERY	Capel		01306 711105
Patient Participation Group		email ppg.lhp@gmail.com	
JAYES PARK ESTATE OFFICE			01306 621261
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094
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HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

1. Switch on the defibrillator

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

2. Stick on the pads

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

3. Follow the instructions

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



Local AED locations

- Beare Green Village Hall RH5 4RD
- Capel Village Hall RH5 5LB
- Forest Green Village Hall RH5 5RZ
- Ockley Cricket Pavilion RH5 5TR
- Plough Pub Coldharbour RH5 6HD
- Punchbowl Inn Okewood RH5 5PU
- Walliswood Village Hall RH5 5RJ

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