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# WELCOME

Welcome to our May / June 2021 edition of Woof.

Life is slowly returning to something we might call normal, although it seems spring is having a hard time shaking off the winter cold.

If you feel the need to get out there, the walking group (P12) have some organised walks or visit the QRMW woods (P14). Alternatively you could take afternoon tea in Capel (P20).

For those not venturing out we have a couple of historic articles (P10, P25), a new article from Surrey Young Farmers and for anyone who loves to plan ahead, details of a Christmas fair (P18).

Have you been busy during lockdown? Have you finally finished that project that was started many years ago? Lately I have seen photos of friends' outside kitchens, dens, decks and even a beach bar! If you are proud of your achievement why not share it with us? Send a short story and photo to [editor@ockleymagazine.co.uk](mailto:editor@ockleymagazine.co.uk)

We hope to be able to add our calendar of events back into the next issue. So if you have a regular event or are planning one don't forget to let us know so we can include it and let everyone know.

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*Alan Hardy*



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# CORONAVIRUS HELP

## AID IN SICKNESS FUND

### CORONAVIRUS-EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Aid in Sickness Fund invite anyone living in Ockley, Okewood, Walliswood and Forest Green, who is experiencing financial hardship in the current crisis, to contact our welfare officer, Jane on 07814287926 or [janewaugh@btinternet.com](mailto:janewaugh@btinternet.com)

All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

## Mole Valley

Community Helpline – 0300 200 1008 open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

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## Capel & Ockley Church

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

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

Everything can be accessed from our website

[www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk](http://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk) but also watch out for Facebook postings and Youtube videos. Our church facebook page is Capel and Ockley church and there is a link on our website.

## **The Parish of Ewhurst, with Okewood & Forest Green**

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

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

## **Abinger Parish Council**

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

## **Ockley Parish Council: Help for people self-isolating**

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

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

Please contact Amanda Barclay by email ([ajbopc@gmail.com](mailto:ajbopc@gmail.com)) or telephone (07879898807).

*Ockley Parish Council*

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# **ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES**

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

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# OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Points to note since the last report

- Continuing concerns about the increased number of visitors to the village were discussed at the March meeting. It was noted that all villages in the area share these concerns. Not all visitors to the countryside are aware of 'the rules of visiting the countryside'. Many wander off public footpaths and end up in private gardens.

It is hoped that once paths have been identified and signs put up for circular walks around the village then visitors will keep on the official footpaths. Funding has been received for two kissing gates to be installed to replace two stiles.

Reminders of the Countryside Code have been put up at various points in the village.

*Respect other people, protect the natural environment, enjoy the outdoors.* Visitors have also been reminded to take their litter home and deal with any dog poo responsibly - putting it in bins specifically for dog poo or taking it home with them.

Once again, thanks to all those who help to keep the village such a good place to visit.

- The notice board at the end of School Lane is to be replaced by a new hardwood notice board.
- Please see the website for details of meetings to be held during the year. The Annual Meetings will be held on 4 May 2021. These will be virtual meetings.

## Coronavirus - easing of restrictions

Thanks to all those who have helped out with shopping, picking up prescriptions, keeping in touch with folks etc etc during the last year. Your invaluable and often 'behind the scenes' help has been very much appreciated by many parishioners.

Going forward - please support the clubs, businesses and other organisations in the village that have had a tough time during the last year. They will all be working hard to ensure that the village is able to return to 'normality' as soon as possible.

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# ST MARGARET'S AMERICAN CONNECTION

Henry Whitfield, who was the Rector of Ockley from 1618, resigned in 1638 during the troubled religious times in the reign of Charles I. The King James bible, the translation into English, had been published but the Book of Common Prayer with services in English wasn't published until 1662. Progress was too slow for Puritans and the civil war was about to start.

In 1639 Whitfield led a party of 25 families in two ships to New England. Some came from Ockley but more from Cranbrook in Kent and its environs, Whitfield's wife's home . While on board they drafted and signed a contract agreeing mutual support. It is the second oldest such contract after that of the Pilgrim Fathers 20 years earlier. It was signed by the head of the families (some with a cross as they couldn't write) but only by those on the larger ship.

After landing at Quinniapiack (now called New Haven), they made their way to what is now Guilford in Connecticut. They bought land off the Native Americans, the Quinniapiack tribe (then called American Indians) for a few trinkets. The Indians thought this a goodwill gesture and the tribal custom was that such agreements were for sharing the land not exclusive ownership which would cause problems in the future. The first house built was for Whitfield and his family, but it was large enough for church services and was built in stone so it could be a place of safety. Though the local tribe was friendly, neighbouring tribes weren't which is possibly why the locals welcomed Whitfield's party to give them protection. The house was said to be a copy of the then Ockley rectory, which was sited by Puttocks Copse, to the East of Stane Street(A29) shortly before the bend south of Ockley where the toll road was constructed in the 1820's. That Rectory has disappeared, but it would have been timber framed.

Whitfield's house in Guilford is now a state museum and holds many records and artefacts from the early history of the town. It was the first stone house built in Connecticut.

The land round Guilford was very fertile, and the inhabitants prospered.

The name Guilford is spelt without the second d, as was Guildford in Surrey at the time, but the name is more likely to have come from a prominent family in Cranbrook or the town of East Guilford in Kent at the mouth of the River Rother which may have looked like the American site.

Whitfield returned to England with one son leaving his wife and the other children behind. He is buried in Winchester Cathedral.

When Oliver Cromwell came to power as Lord Protector, he asked all able men who had emigrated to return to England and many did. However one of the settlers observed that Whitfield was not suited to life in the

wilderness being 57 when he returned to England, while all the other settlers were younger. 'His frail body was not suited to the cold winters or the manual labour'.

There is a wooden board in St Margaret's recording the names of those who signed the Contract and over the years many descendants have visited Ockley. Indeed, two years ago Pastor Mike, who is a descendant of Henry Whitfield joined a service. He is a Congregationalist Minister in New Mexico.

Gordon Lee-Steere

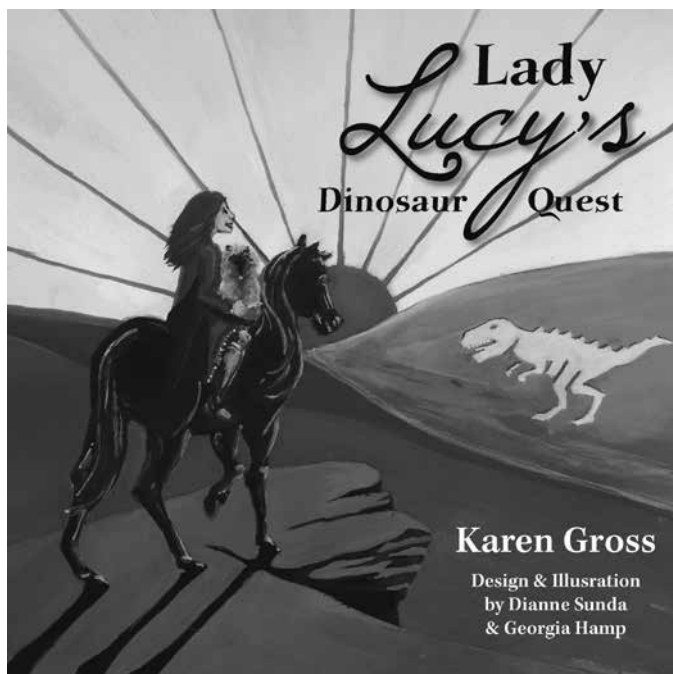
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# WALKING GROUP

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Wotton

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May Rudgwick

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June Betchworth

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June Shalford

We are now walking in groups of 6 again and possibly more by June but for now I will continue to take bookings for each walk to ensure restrictions are adhered to, as well as keeping the venue flexible according to when the pubs re-open. Email Sue - [srsjdixon@btinternet.com](mailto:srsjdixon@btinternet.com) or call 627168 to reserve a place. All walks start at 10am.

**Wotton** – strenuous 6 mile walk up onto the North Downs Way and back through Abinger Roughs via the Wilberforce Memorial

**Rudgwick** – Moderate 5 mile walk along the Downs Link returning along the river Arun to Tismans Common

**Betchworth** – Moderate 4.7mile walk with a short climb half way up Box Hill to the Pilgrims Way and along to the Brockham Lime Kilns.

**Shalford** – Easy 5.8 mile walk along the Wey Canal, out past Loseley and back along the North Downs Way and St Catherine's ruin.

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## WHICH PLANT AM I

My family has 18 relatives (species) in the wild!

We all have many adventurous roots.

My stems are usually upright.

I can grow up to 10 inches tall.

My leaves are arranged in rosettes.

My blades are usually large

My base ranges from heart shaped to very gradually narrowing.

My leaves are usually soft and can display spots in black or blue

My flower colours in bud are often pink or violet

When I mature, my flower colours change to blue!

*Dianne Buckley-Sunda*

**Answer p39**



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We now look forward to better times with more people being able to come and visit us to enjoy our woodland, to sit, reflect, walk and talk. With that in mind, can I remind you all that this year we have delayed our 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event by one month, thinking that by then most will have had their vaccinations and, being an open air event, everyone can come to enjoy the afternoon with us and meet up again at last. The date is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and it is as always open to ALL and will commence at 12.30 with the arrival of a number of Chelsea Pensioners in their brand new summer scarlets. We can't wait to welcome them to the tune of "Boys of the Old Brigade". We also have several families of Veterans coming to honour their loved ones by planting trees for whom we will be holding a Commemoration Service with prayers by our own village Vicar, David Grundy as well as others from the Willesden Church of the New Testament. We will also be welcoming the youngest members to the military the Cadets of the Frimley and Camberley brigade, the only cadets in the UK to be allowed to wear the Queen's Regiment badge. After the service we will have some entertainment, a Gospel Choir and our very own Veteran with not a bad voice. A BBQ, Bar, cake stall, tombola and grand raffle will be at the stalls and a number of vintage military vehicles on display, so there is something for everyone. So do put the date in your diaries.

In the meantime, may I remind you that I am making bird boxes, which several of you have bought, to raise funds to help our Veterans in times of difficulty. We have a few on display in our Visitors Centre at the woodland or contact [Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk) to arrange a time to come the woodland to see them. The woodland is open to everyone, bring a picnic and if I am there I am always pleased to have a chat over a cup of tea. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Paul Cooling, Chairman, The Quick Response Memorial Woodland*



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# NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

## Hopes of Ringing Again for Real

It seems a long time (and it has been!) since we rang normally in church. Our hopes of ringing at Christmas were

dashed by the last lockdown and despite a gradual easing of restrictions there is still little opportunity to ring our bells.

There was a call to toll the tenor at a minute after 12 for the National Day of Reflection on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown and this was done by one ringer at Capel and another at Ockley.

As it happened this coincided with a late decision to allow ringing just for the Easter Sunday service, if the ringers 'considered the risks acceptable' so the opportunity was taken to check the bells and fittings to ensure everything was in order.

At Ockley the ringing area is spacious and well ventilated and the ropes are quite far apart. In fact under the metre plus distancing rule only one rope needs to be left out, either the 3 or the 4 depending on who is ringing the adjacent ropes given that we have more than one ringer in two households. The Easter service ring was still limited to only 15 minutes, and wearing masks and using hand sanitisers. After 5 months it took a while for the rounds to settle into a regular rhythm but with ringing prohibited there has been no opportunity to practice.

There was sadly another call to toll the tenors the following week to mark the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh and this took place half -muffled at both churches at 6pm on the day he died. This was followed by a national request to toll 99 whole pulls, which is hand and backstroke, the next day at noon. The muffle was left on the tenor as it will be needed again to toll for the funeral. In normal times such an occasion would be marked by hundreds of churches ringing peals and quarter peals dedicated to the memory of Prince Philip but unfortunately this is not allowed under the current restrictions though there will no doubt be a number scored virtually.

There is little likelihood of further ringing until the end of this lockdown and even then it will no doubt be restricted till at least the end of June. Hopefully after the next easing in May we will at least have some limited practice time to help us work on our bell skills and perhaps see a benefit from the virtual practices that have continued throughout.



The weekly Zoom practices have kept us together socially, with the use of 'Ringing Room' for virtual ringing.

This computer application passed its first anniversary at the end of March, and has been upgraded with many developments along the way. It is generally recognised that virtual learning will be a useful training tool even when there are no more restrictions as it helps to develop theory and technical aspects without having to deal with a moving rope at the same time.

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Surrey Young Farmers have faced a difficult and challenging time, with the cancellation of their major fundraiser, the Cowpie Country show, in both 2020 and 2021.

From 19<sup>th</sup> April Young Farmers' members are taking part in the **"Give it Some YFC Welly"** fundraiser and have committed to walking 140 miles, which covers the club-to-club distance made up of 7 clubs, and back again! They will be walking, running, cycling, riding, and even pulling a tractor this summer to cover the distance and raise vital funds, all whilst wearing or carrying wellies!

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We very much hope lots of you can join us on the day so why not pop a note in your diary now! There will be plenty of shopping opportunities, the chance to meet up with friends and plenty of refreshments to choose from! Added to that, we will be raising much needed funds to support our historic churches and the Motor Neurone Disease Association which is helping families coping with MND all over the UK.

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But this season has been different. A pernicious new growth amongst our favourite places has appeared unannounced and uninvited and sought to restrict such joys.

I mean that multitude of new green signs sprouting from the ground across our community.

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Other estates nearby are opening up their lands where possible and generously creating permissive paths whereas our landowner seems to be relentlessly doing the exact opposite and seeking to lock down the access enjoyed by generations.

It's petty and it saps at the very heart of our communal spirit and well being in our village.

And it surely should be questioned and challenged.

I hope you too will support me by writing to the parish council and say enough is enough and that we need a community based review of the access and paths we have historically enjoyed and demand they are protected.

Please email the clerk of Ockley Parish Council [lfletcher605@btinternet.com](mailto:lfletcher605@btinternet.com) and tell them you are concerned and copy me in with any paths you have historically used that are now being threatened by these new restrictions.

Please let's see the end of such signs and let's get back to being a village where we respect each other but everyone can enjoy the place we live in.

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In 1878 he and his wife and ten children came back to England for a visit. Another child was born in England. They stayed for 16 months and the sea voyage was 4 months each way. They travelled with a cow on the return trip.

He again visited England with his wife and two daughters in 1898. This time the voyage took 4 weeks. He was very disappointed with Ockley and England. His father had died in 1890 and his mother in 1892. His eldest brother lived at Jayes with 6 unmarried daughters and his wife. James described him as an elderly and embittered man.

Ockley presented to him a feeling of strangeness and stagnation. "I visited Ockley where I was born. There were only half a dozen there who knew me, the rest having died, I suppose, for villagers in England do not go away much". The village had not changed much in appearance since his visit in 1878. Only one house had been built in the past 20 years.

His second brother Henry died a few days after James's visit to Ockley and he returned for the funeral where his two other brothers were too ill to attend!

He was disappointed too that there was not much interest in Western Australia or indeed Australia amongst those he met in London! That came with the gold rush in the next century.

But the point for me of his comments is that without progress there is stagnation! Some houses were built in the 20's and 30's extending the village south and along Weare Street. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, the Council Houses were built and a few developments have taken place since, but the village has lost its shop (in 1960 there were 3), post office and school.

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# VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## **Beare Green Young Farmers**

Colin Smith 01273 494528

## **Capel Camera Club**

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

See [www.capelcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.capelcameraclub.org.uk) or ring Dick Thomas on 01306 627569.

## **Capel Cricket Club**

[thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com](mailto:thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com)

## **Capel Tennis Club**

[lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com](mailto:lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com)

## **Girlguiding**

Rainbows:  
[capel.rainbows@btinternet.com](mailto:capel.rainbows@btinternet.com)

Brownies:  
[capelbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:capelbrownies@gmail.com)

Guides: [capelguides@outlook.com](mailto:capelguides@outlook.com)

## **Ockley Book Club**

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

Contact Angela Tarratt 07813 448 453 or [as@angelastrachan.co.uk](mailto:as@angelastrachan.co.uk)

## **Ockley Cricket Club**

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

games were played even before that.

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408.

## **The Ockley Society**

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

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

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

Contact the Chairman Alan Hardy for further information at [theockleysociety@outlook.com](mailto:theockleysociety@outlook.com)

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### Ockley Dramatic Society

We are a friendly group, we don't take ourselves too seriously but we do undertake our productions seriously. Now entering our 71<sup>st</sup> year, we have undergone a revival these past few years, attracting over 20 regular acting members and more than 20 children dancers. We put on a large scale pantomime each New Year and recently re started our summer productions which consist of two one act plays with a supper provided.

We utilise many skills, not just on stage, carpenters, artists, technical, musicians, props, coffee makers, cake makers, wardrobe, publicity, finance to name but a few roles.

If interested, please do call our Chairman for a friendly chat. Martin Pratt, Chairman, 01306 628155

### Walking Group

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

For more details please contact Sue on 627168 or by email to [srsjdixon@btinternet.com](mailto:srsjdixon@btinternet.com)

# A LETTER SENT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

We are writing about the Jayes Park signs that are springing up everywhere. To be honest we are concerned how far this will go.

We were very saddened to see the new signposts on the green recently as they automatically change Ockley from having a charming, picturesque village green that has seen countless village activities over the years, to an area that loses its charm and looks somewhat suburban.

We are also puzzled why lots of plastic / laminated notices have appeared on gates. Not only is this environmentally inconsiderate, but we do not believe that it will make one iota of difference to people who jettison their poo bags all over the place. Most of us walkers adhere strictly to the country code - these signs are another suburban intrusion into our beautiful countryside. They are not in evidence on other local estates such as Wotton, for example.

We have sighed and reluctantly accepted the above, however the new sign by the windmill only serves to confirm the concern we felt when other such signs started springing up during the last few years. Recently, more and more have appeared.

Back to the windmill - the sign affects two well-trodden paths. One that used to go down to the stile is now rerouted around the edge of the field. Fine. The other cuts across the field beyond the windmill into the beautiful bluebell woods where there is an unmistakeable path through the trees. Unmistakeable because many, many of us have walked the path for decades.

Please can the Council kindly explain why all this signage has suddenly become necessary. We are at a loss to understand why. We are also very worried that signs will continue to appear as they show no sign of abating. Please can you also let us know how many more signs are planned and where they are due to be put.

Our beautiful countryside is loved and appreciated by so many. We take care of it. It has survived for millennia without these signs - both plastic and wooden. Why is it necessary now to blight the beauty? Of course we hope there is a very good explanation for all of this, but we honestly cannot see what that could possibly be.

*An Ockley Resident*

# SUMMER COLOURING

Looking ahead a little, but here's to a sunny, safe summer!





# TO SPRING

**By William Blake (It's not summer just yet!)**

O thou with dewy locks, who lookest down  
Thro' the clear windows of the morning, turn  
Thine angel eyes upon our western isle,  
Which in full choir hails thy approach, O Spring!

The hills tell each other, and the listening  
Valleys hear; all our longing eyes are turned  
Up to thy bright pavilions: issue forth,  
And let thy holy feet visit our clime.

Come o'er the eastern hills, and let our winds  
Kiss thy perfumed garments; let us taste  
Thy morn and evening breath; scatter thy pearls  
Upon our love-sick land that mourns for thee.

O deck her forth with thy fair fingers; pour  
Thy soft kisses on her bosom; and put  
Thy golden crown upon her languished head,  
Whose modest tresses were bound up for thee.

# RIDDLE ANSWER FROM P12

*Which flower am I?*

**PULMONARIA**



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# BUSES UPDATE

ESRTP has been running fully-accessible minibus services in Mole Valley District for many years and, despite the Covid-19 situation, most have kept running.

Please note that our new contact & booking number is **01883 701270** and our new general email address is ***rtp@esrtp.org.uk***

If you have been kind enough to post our details on your parish or village website in the past, please would you update them as soon as possible.

As we will soon come out of lockdown, this seems a timely moment to remind you of the minibus services ESRTP runs, all or some of which may be of value to folks with transport needs in your respective areas:

## Mole Valley Buses4U

A public demand-responsive service on which concessionary passes are accepted. At present this service continues in a much-reduced form and primarily runs "shoppers" services for groups in Beare Green, Bookham & Boxhill. Destinations include Horsham, Leatherhead (Tesco) Redhill & Reigate (Morrisons).

Mole Valley Villager Services 22, 50, 433, 522

Timetabled public bus services on which concessionary passes are accepted:

**Bus 22** provides return trips from Newdigate/Leigh and the Abinger area to Dorking on Saturdays.

**Bus 50** provides return trips from Dorking, Coldharbour and the Ockley/Forest Green/Walliswood area to Horsham on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Saturdays the service links Leigh & Newdigate to Horsham instead of Dorking & Coldharbour.

**Bus 433** provides return trips from the Walliswood/Forest Green/Ockley area via Coldharbour to Dorking, continuing via Brockham & Leigh to Reigate & Redhill on Mondays & Thursdays.

**Bus 522** provides return trips from Newdigate, Leigh & Brockham to Dorking on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays. On Wednesdays, the service also serves the Walliswood/Ockley area and on Fridays, Cudworth.

**Bus 623** Timetabled public bus service on which concessionary passes are accepted providing a return trip from Ashted to Epsom on Fridays.

For downloadable PDF timetable leaflets for all these services please visit the Mole Valley page of our Buses4U website at:

***[www.buses4u.org.uk/MoleValley.htm](http://www.buses4u.org.uk/MoleValley.htm)***

# CAPEL CHORAL SOCIETY



## Singing together again?

Prospects for Capel Choral's singers once again gathering for 'live' rehearsals are gradually brightening as COVID-19 restrictions start to be lifted. The Choir paused its successful series of Zoom based rehearsals for an Easter break, but will be meeting on Mondays for a further 8 weeks, starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Subject to the lifting of restrictions, and given a suitable venue, we are hoping to have at least three outdoor rehearsals in person which are planned to start on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. It will be a huge relief to be able sing as a choir properly once again as Zoom technology does not allow singers to be able to hear each other.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> April over 250 joined a very entertaining online event organised by the Leith Hill Festival in which the current Festival conductor Jonathan Willcocks talked to former conductor, and now LHMFP President, the charismatic Brian Kay, about Brian's career in music, with reference to his excellent recent book, *Music, My Life*. The listeners were treated to a very enjoyable hour and a half, which lightened the mood of the sad day on which the death of the Duke of Edinburgh dominated the news.

Please contact the Capel Secretary, Rosemary Goddard, for details of the Choir's Zoom meetings, or if you would like to know more about Capel Choral Society:

Email: [rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com](mailto:rosemary@stylehurstfarm.com) , or telephone 01306 711259

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## VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S SCHEME

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

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

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

# Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

	433	522	522	522	433	50	50	50	50/22
TOWARDS REIGATE	M/Th	W	Tu/W	F	M/Th	W	Tu	F	Sat
Horsham Bus Station/Carfax							13.10	13.20	11.15
Broadbridge Heath Tesco							13.17		
Ockley, Cricketers Close	9.25	9.25							
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl	9.28	9.28						13.43	
Walliswood, Oakfields	9.30	9.30			12.49	13.09	13.35	13.45	11.39
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					12.51	13.11			
Mayes Green	9.32	9.32						13.47	11.41 R
Forest Green, The Parrot	9.34	9.34					13.49	13.49	11.43 R
Cricketers, Ockley					12.54	13.14			
Ockley, Inn on the Green	9.40	9.40			12.55	13.15	13.55	13.55	11.49
Ockley, Kings Arms Court	9.41	9.41			12.56	13.16	13.56	13.56	11.50
Capel, The Street		9.45 R							11.54 R
Coldharbour	9.44				12.59	13.19	13.59	13.59	
Dorking High St	10.00	10.15	12.20	12.20	13.15	13.35	14.15	14.15	
Leigh	10.15		12.40	12.40					
Newdigate			12.50	13.02					12.00
Reigate, Morrisons	10.30								Leigh Plough↓
Redhill, High Street	10.40								12.10
TOWARDS HORSHAM	522	522	522	50	50	433	522	50	50
	Tu	W	F	Th	F	M/Th	W	M to F	Sat
Redhill, High Street						11.40			
Reigate, Morrisons						11.50			
Newdigate	9.50	9.50	9.50						
Leigh	10.00	10.00	10.00			12.05			8.12
Dorking High Street	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	12.20	12.20	16.55	
Coldharbour				10.30	10.30	12.32		17.07	
Capel, The Street							12.54 C		8.27
Ockley, Kings Arms Court				10.33	10.33	12.38	12.58	17.13	8.31
Ockley, Inn on the Green				10.35	10.35	12.39 R	12.59 R	17.14	8.32
Ockley, Cricketers Close								17.15	
Forest Green, The Parrot				10.41	10.41	12.45 R	13.05 R		8.38
Mayes Green					10.43	12.47 R	13.07 R		8.40
Walliswood, Oakfields				10.55	10.45	12.49	13.09 R	17.20	8.42
Okewood Hill, Punchbowl					10.47				
Kennels Cross Roads					10.49				
Northlands					10.53				
Broadbridge Heath Tesco				11.14 R					
Horsham Bus Station/Carfax				11.20	11.10				9.04

C = Serves Capel at request of passengers set down there on outbound journey.

R = Operates at request of passengers already on board.

This is an edited version of the timetable - to see the full timetable visit:

[www.buses4u.org.uk/documents/MoleValleyVillagerLeaflet-17Jun2019.pdf](http://www.buses4u.org.uk/documents/MoleValleyVillagerLeaflet-17Jun2019.pdf)

## SCHEDULED RUNS

**IMPORTANT:** Ring 07802 460069 to confirm date & timing

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month to Tesco, Broadbridge Heath**

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month to Cranleigh**

09.45	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Abinger Hammer
09.55	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake

*Around 12.00 noon for the return*

### **Twice/month on Thursdays to Sainsbury & Waitrose, Godalming (ring to confirm dates)**

09.40	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE**

14.10	Holmbury St Mary
14.20	Peaslake
14.25	Gomshall

# USEFUL CONTACTS

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY	Dorking	Pauline Hall	883425
ANGLING SOCIETY	Ockley	Rob Wyatt	627471
CHORAL SOCIETY	Capel	Ian Moir	889817
CHURCHES			See p42
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	Cranleigh	Jackie Gaskell	01483 273378
	Dorking		876805
CRICKET CLUB	Forest Green	Richard Knight	621235
	Okewood Hill	N Overington	01483 272049
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	<a href="http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=17184">www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=17184</a>		
DIAL-A-RIDE			740505
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NURSERY	Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067
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OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall)		Gill Christie	711917
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Ockley: <a href="http://www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk">www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk</a>		Lesley Fletcher	01403 254111
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	Okewood Hill	Jane Hurst	627824
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