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WELCOME

Welcome to the final edition of 2020 and what a strange year it has been.

Last issue we were getting quite excited about the possibility of Halloween, Bonfire, the Pantomime and Christmas. With the new set of regulations all these have had to be cancelled, well not Christmas obviously!

But do not despair, despite these rules there are events happening in our area. There is an Art Exhibition (P17) at Denbies 17-22 Nov, a Story Art Exhibition (P28) in the Ockley Village Hall on 12 Dec and a Remembrance Service (P18) at the QRMW Woodlands on 11 Nov.

The walking group (P27) still meet every 2 weeks if you feel the need for some fresh air and exercise.

Other items to note, one is the post office (P15) which opens every Tuesday between 8:30 am and 10am in the Ockley Cricket Pavilion and another is the consultation regarding new housing in Ockley (P20) on 16 November at 7:30pm. There won't be a bonfire this year so the fire will remain in place until such time as we are allowed to gather. We ask that NO MORE wood / debris be added to it.

The closing date for submissions into our next edition (Jan / Feb 2021) is **Dec 1st**, please send your articles to editor@ockleymagazine.co.uk

Keep safe, healthy and sane!

Alan Hardy



The Ockley Village Facebook page is here to encourage local businesses, charities, societies and clubs to share their news with the villagers of Ockley as well as keeping the community connected. Please message the Ockley Village Facebook page to post your news. We have an excellent response rate and a loyal following. We look forward to hearing from you.

CORONAVIRUS HELP

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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

All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

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Council Tax Support – council.tax@molevalley.gov.uk 01306 879187

Business Grant Scheme – molevalley.gov.uk/coronavirus_business_support

Capel & Ockley Church

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

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

Everything can be accessed from our website

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

The Parish of Ewhurst, with Okewood & Forest Green

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

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

Abinger Parish Council

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

Ockley Parish Council: Help for people self-isolating

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

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

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

Ockley Parish Council

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

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

IN MEMORANDUM – SUSAN CHARMAN

Robert and all the family would like to express their gratitude for all the cards and condolences received following Susan's passing away on 18th September. In accordance with her wishes following a direct cremation her ashes will be scattered at a nearby favourite location of hers. Should anyone wish to make a donation to any of; The Children's Air Ambulance, St Catherine's Hospice or Macmillan Cancer Support please contact Sandra at Cranleigh Funeral Service, Sussex House, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 7AE, telephone 01483 275758. Thank you.

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protective place, I will continue to surprise you at Christmas time.

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Some of my genes can move from place to place, dancing with other flowers! This is why I manifest such diversity,

My flower head ranges in size from 2 inches to 1 foot. You will all know and recognise the flowers of many common members of my family.

We do not attract pollinating insects through scent. We have no member of the family painted blue! However, our colour chart is formidable.

Which Plant Am I?

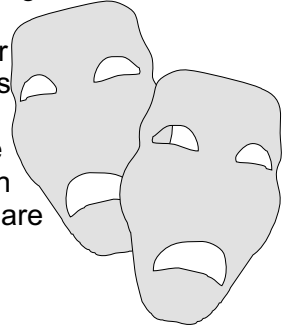
Dianne Buckley Sunda
Answer Page 27

Is there a pantomime coming soon?

Oh no there's not!!

Some of you may have seen advertised that dancers and actors were attending our pantomime auditions in October? Up until early September, there was strong support for drama and music activities to recommence (even if when it came to the performances we faced some restrictions) but because of print deadlines, those adverts were written several weeks in advance, when things looked a bit more positive.

The changing 'covid' situation meant that no amateur productions could commence this autumn and so we are not able to proceed.



Fear ye a not though, the panto will be back in 21/22 - *oh yes it will!*



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YOUNG AT HEART

Well, hello everyone, who would have thought that we would still be in this situation !!

Rules changing virtually every day, so sadly, with this in mind, we will be unable to meet in December. It is my intention, that early in December, either Diana or myself (maybe both of us) will visit each of you, (staying at the regulatory distance).

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and hope that in 2021 we will be able to return to some sort of normality.

My best wishes,

Linda

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MILESTONES IN MY LIFE

The milestone on the wall outside our house attracts the attention of many walking by. The three distances London, Horsham and Abinger Hammer are correct for they were measured by cycling the former routes quoted. In the case of Horsham via Slaughter Bridge A281 and Broadbridge Heath village. It came about in 2006 when milestones were being recorded countrywide for a national data base. There is a series of milestones on the road from North Chapel to Petworth, most of which are high up on cottage walls and two were missing from the series and needed replacements. That on my front wall was a try out for such replacements.

Locally there is a plated stone in Capel north of church. I used this as a reference for casting a new plate for the 36th milestone on North Parade in Horsham, it was smashed off during the invasion scare in 1940 when such were either treated in that way for plates and larger stones removed or buried, as may have been the case of that at Ockley.

After several successful replacements I thought as the Ockley stone is the only one left throughout the length of the A29, to have a replacement for one a mile south at the Okewood Hill junction might be acceptable. I knew of a pile of suitable gravestones stacked against the wall of St Johns, and requested permission to have one which I knew belonged to a family long since gone from this area, my request was refused.

Shortly after that episode I recorded the stone on Mile Point House in Havant which at the time was being rebuilt and the milestone slab was on the site. The builder was the person who looked after the gravestones in the local graveyard and the slab bore the name of a deceased resident on the back.

When Prince George was born there was a news item that the residents of Bucklebury were considering a commemoration of some kind, and made a request for suitable Ideas. Being the sort of person I am, I forwarded the suggestion of a milestone not having the slightest idea whether there was a suitable site. I vaguely knew the village having passed through it on cycle tours to the Cotswolds.

I was contacted by the local primary school Headmistress at the time, so paid them a visit and indeed they had a very suitable site. The school is situated at the end of a cul-de-sac and within the forecourt there is a turnaround with a small Island in the centre. To be in keeping with the surroundings I decided it should be a slab stone mounted in a brick pillar.

If one uses a Royal name one has to seek the Queen's permission, administered through the Cabinet Office. So I did That! But it was decided for educational reasons only to use the date of birth, to make future generations of children think. The stone was finally put in during the

August holiday and on the return to school parents were asking "What was that!". It is surprising what firms and others are prepared to do for schools. In this case Ockley Bricks provided the hundred handmade bricks, some of which I had cut with my diamond saw into being 'specials' to fit around the stone slab, constructed by a local Bucklebury builder. Handmade bricks are far from being cheap.

In discussions with the Headmistress and the staff who wanted a royal unveiling, which at so short a notice was impossible but settled for an unveiling by the Middleton family. Rather than one of the girls presenting a bouquet to the guest, Joyce and I offered a pair of "Thomas Tank Engine" dungarees. There again a try-out pair was needed. Joyce found a beautiful piece of suiting and made the dungarees but I had to do the embroidery as Joyce did not know enough about railway engines. Engine driving wheels in perspective are tricky, their shape is elliptical and if not quite right can appear to lean inwards or outwards. The try out pair was later given to one of the 'greats' and is still being handed down to later arrivals, which may be the case in the Middleton household too.

One of the oldest milestones was a mounting block and was sited near the Richmond Park gate at the London end of the Kingston Bypass A3. It had a chequered history of being moved around and at one time was built into a wall of a barn in Wandsworth. Later to be in a Garden Centre, referred to as a 'nursery', which was near Tibbets Corner. Removed in wartime to the private garden of a local Counsellor who years later gave it to the Wandsworth Museum.



Of recent times it was found to be in the yard of Wandsworth Museum being too heavy for the wooden floors. Its true original site was on the promise of a 1/3 scale miniature, which could be within the museum and which I agreed to make. The actual original stone was Portland, from the roach bed. Locally, within Forest Green, such a piece of stone, identified by its fossils, was being used to protect roadside verge. I did a swop with the owner and from that, carved the miniature. The engraving includes a riddle which has never been translated. The

distance quoted is remarkably accurate for that period when distances were only those between town wall gates, so the mileage through Kingston, Guildford and Petersfield would not have been in the calculation. It was not until John Ogilby's "Book of Roads" appeared in 1666 that the true distance was known, Ogilby refers to 'Vulgar Computation and The Dimensiration.. Locally in his Arundel Road it is 'Dorking 24'3 and 'Stone Street 30 (for Stone Street read Ockley and the '3 as furlongs- 66 yards).

In more recent years Wandsworth Museum was destroyed by fire but my miniature replica survived the heat and after reconstruction will be back in its place.

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The service will be open every Tuesday from 8.30 am to 10 am.
Please support the service: USE IT OR LOSE IT.
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Thanks also to Ockley Cricket Club for opening the pavilion for this PO service.

- Please see the website for details of meetings to be held during the year. Meetings may be held remotely but parishioners can always request a link to attend the meeting.

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NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Not Just Virtual Bellringing

A recent article in the Spectator described how quiet it is in London even after lockdown, when there had been a partial return by commuters and realised it was because the church bells



in London are not being rung. She urged the powers that be to get them ringing again as 'everything about bellringing is an antidote to terrible 2020.' The author went on to relate her own experience of visiting a bell tower a few years ago and how addictive she found it to handle a bell – controlling such a huge weight and its precarious balance.

Happy as we are to be ringing again, at the time of writing restrictions remain in place so that we are only able to ring some of the bells at any one time, and for a maximum of fifteen minutes from start to finish, on any occasion. No practices are allowed and instead we continue to meet in Zoom and use Ringing Room, a computer application that enables us to ring together remotely by pressing a key for each bell.

When the lockdown was first announced a few of the top tier ringers voiced concerns that we would not be ringing till Christmas, and that seemed rather pessimistic back in March. Now, however, although we are ringing, it is on a very limited basis and not likely to change for some months yet.

In normal times there would be numerous groups holding supplemental practices through the week, outside of regular service ringing and practice nights. These are useful for focussing on specific methods, by bringing ringers of similar abilities together, but also for social reasons, often with a pub included, visiting different towers or ringing on higher numbers of bells. These groups have obviously not been allowed to ring and had suspended activities awaiting the lifting of restrictions. As we appear to be entering a second wave, a number of these groups are now arranging substitute virtual meetings, to keep the ringing community connected and up to speed, in recognition of the fact that it could be another six months before ringing returns to anything like before.

Although not such an issue locally there is also a concern that a number of ringers, will not return to their tower bands when the time comes - those with health concerns, or frailty, particularly after not ringing for such a long time, or even that in the interim they have found other things to do with their time. This could have a devastating effect on the future of ringing which has developed and passed from generation to generation

in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, and friendship, as well as a challenge of wits and skill. Frustratingly, we are unable to recruit new ringers to offset any potential losses as teaching requires close contact, even without the restrictions on sharing ropes and the 15 minute time limit.

As in other aspects of life, we have realised how important the social side of ringing is, even if we had not thought much about it before, and this will no doubt keep us going through these trying times. We hope to be able to ring for the Remembrance Service in November on half muffled bells as usual, even if not all six, and to bring some festive cheer at Christmas, as far as allowed, and see where we stand in the New Year!

For more information contact Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com

NORTH WEALD ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION

17th - 22nd November. 10 - 4pm

Denbies Art Gallery, London Rd, Dorking, RH5 6AA

The North Weald Art Group, a locally based society that includes both amateur and professional artists, is holding its annual exhibition of paintings, prints and mixed media works at the Denbies Art Gallery.

Most works in the exhibition are for sale as well as a selection of unframed works.

John Yardley, the renowned watercolour artist and the group's president is one of the exhibitors.

There is ample free parking at Denbies as well as a fine restaurant and cafe. There is also a shop selling wine and gifts as well as a farm shop selling local produce. Well worth a visit.

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

Website. northwealdartgroup.org.uk

Facebook. North Weald Art

Twitter. @NorthWealdArtgr

QRMW UPDATE

As we move into Autumn the woodland is changing colour from green to gold, the fungi which pop up overnight have amazed us again this year, so many different varieties, sizes and colours and the stream is flowing once more.

We have missed not being able to attend or hold our usual events this summer due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and pray that all of our friends have kept safe and well during this difficult period. We know from the work that we do as a Charity the pandemic has affected many both financially and mentally.



At the woodland we are fortunate that social distancing is not an issue and therefore whilst we have had to cancel events such as our Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas at the Woodland for families and children we are able and WILL be holding our usual Remembrance Service at the Woodland on 11th November. Social distancing will be observed and we will Remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and we pray for future generations.

On 11th November the children from Year 6, St John's C of E School Dorking will also be attending as they have in previous years to sing and read their Remembrance poems and lay their own made poppy wreaths at the Monument. This is always a very special day in our calendar to which ALL of you are welcome. Please arrive in time to gather in the Monument area by 10.45 for our Service of thanksgiving and Remembrance for those brave servicemen - Lest We Forget.

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Gosh! (actually, other words come to mind but this is a friendly magazine), what a year it has been. Two months ago, it looked reasonably likely that we could run most of our seasonal events, albeit with modifications, and then it all changed.

These are our current thoughts, correct at the time of writing (October) although by the time you read this events might have over taken us. See the website, for up to date details: www.ockley.org.uk/ockley-society



Bonfire Night 2020

You may recall that a hurricane on the day of the 2019 event resulted in our first ever cancellation in 32 years. We still have the bonfire in situ, the fireworks are purchased and the event is (naturally) outdoors.

Alas, it was not to be and the event was cancelled as we would not be permitted any gatherings. We will be back in 2021 and those of you holding tickets from the cancelled 2019 event will have them honoured next year.

Who knows, by the time you read this, it might be very different. There are three main considerations in the programme of events: 1) whether any additional wave is expected, 2) legal restrictions in place and 3) public acceptance of whether people will feel comfortable joining in with.



Cricket Sevens:

Originally scheduled for 6th September: we did hope at one point that a reduced version would be possible. Changing guidance told us that we would not be allowed to have that many people together on the Green, so, with reluctance, this was cancelled.

The Autumn Quiz

Cancelled but not forgotten.

Captains have been e-mailed about an idea the quiz masters have for hosting an on-line quiz evening.

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Carols on the Green: 12th December

Frankly, it's looking unlikely: no gatherings in public, no singing, no socialising outside bubbles or households...

IF we can proceed as usual, then look out for the banners

Otherwise.... we'll be back in 2021!

O C K LYMPICS

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

2021:

Much has been written elsewhere in this magazine about the community spirit evident this year; which we in Ockley have long benefited. The Ockley Society would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy 2021 and hope to see many of you soon.

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WALKING GROUP

The dates for the walking group for the next 2 months are as follows:

Thursday 12th November Ockley Green 10am

Thursday 26th November Oakwood Hill 10am

Thursday 10th December Forest Green 10am

The group continues to meet, currently observing the maximum of 6 per walk so please call Sue or email on srsjdixon@btinternet.com if you want to be included as spaces are very limited. I have not included specific starts as this will be decided nearer the time depending on any changes to the restrictions. All walks are about 6 miles long, shorter for more strenuous routes.

NO REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY TEAS

Iris and Michael will not be able to do the tea and coffee in Ockley Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday due to the current regulations around the need for a dishwasher so we cannot sterilize the china.

THE SNOWY OWL DECEMBER TREAT- 'TWEET'

Once again it is that special time of year, thought Snowy Owl, to create a very enjoyable and memorable treat for Father Christmas. However, he pondered, I must try and think of some special surprise for him this Merry Season! Snowy then thought to ask the Magic Sleigh Reindeer, all of whom are very close to Father Christmas, to suggest an event that would really make him smile with pleasure. So the Reindeer all agreed and they put their heads together to suggest the perfect idea that was new and exciting that Father Christmas would enjoy.

Snowy was advised gleefully, by the Reindeer, that this year Father Christmas wanted to share a special 'Art-Story-Time Exhibition' in the Village of Ockley as he had collected art work from children living in 55 different countries around the world. How unique thought Snowy.....the Elves and I could display these very colourful pieces of art work as part of 'The Story Time Programme' in the Village Hall for all the families to see.

Snowy loves flying over the Ockley Village Hall and St. Margaret's Church so he thought this Event was a great idea and it was warmly received. He, secretly, knew that Father Christmas was going to make his first village stop at Ockley this year, so how perfect this Event plan could prove to be. A surprise of an 'Art Story Time' for families in this spacious Village Hall would make Father Christmas very happy.

When Snowy outlined all the fun to be had, including the preparations, the Elves danced to their musical words:

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The house and stable block were re roofed in 1984 affording an opportunity to undertake a restoration, quoted below in verse. An article on that restoration was published in "Period Homes" magazine at the time describing exactly all the problems involved in such a restoration.

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For forty years it slept in peace,
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wheel still,
Until an engineer's eyes devoured
the feast,
Of pinion, bearing, palette and pawl,
A derrick was rigged and the clock
was raised'
With an oath of o doubtful praise.

Lowered away in funereal haste,
It hung precariously from the rope,
And as it descended forlorn and
barefaced
Encrusted in guano, grit and grime'
One beat of the heart through the
escapement wheel,
Recorded the fact, it might still tell
time!

Forty days and yet forty more,
With every piece carefully dissected,
The anvil, forge, the lathe and the
saw.
Turned metal bright and surfaces
true
To be polished and finished to an
exact degree,
To run yet again clean and free.

With all parts agleam and correctly
assembled,
Hands and faces in gold leaf
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The mighty hung and trembled,
As the weights exerted their power to
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Next, we are replacing the inefficient hot air heating system with a piped hot water system with radiators. The old system was noisy and had to be turned off during concerts and services, meaning the Church cooled down rapidly. It also heated the roof space first before spreading downwards while the rapid heating and cooling was not good for the structure.

All pews have finned radiators (replacing the electric pew heaters which are expensive to run and have been removed). Other areas have wall mounted radiators.

The heating was completed and in use by the end of September, though problems setting the programmer meant that the Church was not warm before the service on 4th October!

The next project is to provide lavatories in a wooden building in the graveyard and there are repairs needed to the chancel ceiling and the lighting (installed in 1947 as part of the war Memorial) so it hasn't done too badly!

Donations to this or the other work the Friends undertake to maintain the Church would be gratefully received.

We were hoping to organise a Golf hole- in-one competition with a prize of a car at the Flower show, but the Flower show was cancelled. Maybe next year.

Gordon Lee-Steere

DOES OCKLEY NEED ITS CHURCH?

There has been a church in Ockley since the 12th century but this is the stark question now facing us.

Ockley is not just a collection of houses in a remote part of the countryside. We are a village with a strong community spirit and sense of belonging. Nevertheless, in recent years, the quality of village life has been impoverished by the closure of two of our pubs, the post office, shop, hairdresser and village school.

Ask yourself, would you be happy to see our church go the same way?

Many don't see it as being their problem. We hear various views:

"The Church of England must be rich, they can pay for it." In fact, St Margaret's receives no income from the Church of England. We only keep the building and services running due to the generous donations of a smaller and smaller number of people. The 'Friends of St. Margaret's' donors have paid for essential building works. The Covid 19 lockdowns meant we had no weekly collections for five months. Even before that, although costs have been cut to the bone, St Margaret's' running costs were more than our income. This is unsustainable. If things don't change, we will lose the services of our vicar.

"I'm not interested in religion" Do you support visiting the elderly? Do you care about the poor, lonely, sick and dying? Do you think our youngsters should be able to meet up and socialise safely? Quietly and behind the scenes, our vicar Liz provides vital local support to some of those most in need in our community. The Church was behind the popular weekly 'pavilion café', toddler group, 'TLC' teas for the elderly and 'youth café' for teenagers, all based in Ockley.

"I only go to church at Christmas" Which is great, the atmosphere on Christmas Day at St. Margaret's is a wonderful way for families to start the celebrations. Many local couples have also been married or had their children baptised at St Margaret's over the years. Friends and families find solace in coming together to say farewell at the funerals of loved ones. The well attended Remembrance Sunday service pays tribute to Ockley villagers and others. The Harvest festival is an opportunity to make donations to the Dorking food bank. All will find a friendly welcome at Sunday services or a place for quiet peaceful contemplation during a busy week.

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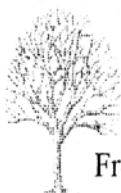
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CHURCH CONTACTS

St. Margaret's Ockley

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

St. John the Baptist Okewood & Holy Trinity Forest Green

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

Parish Office: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 12.30

St Peter & St Paul Church, The Wilson Room, The Street,

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HISTORIC CHURCHES

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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 barry.thomson@btconnect.com
www.friendsofokewoodchurch.org

Friends of Holy Trinity

Peter Bennett: 621252 peterbennett@mimail.co.uk

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another busy working month in school. We are now well into our stride - children and adults are used to the new procedures and working pace. I have been overwhelmed by how well the children have returned! It never fails to amaze me how resilient and brave the children are. Several elections have taken place for roles within school, including Head Boy/Girl, Prefects, Sports Crew and House Captains. Congratulations to all those children who have been selected for a role.

Open Days

We are looking forward to holding our Open Days in November, for Reception and Year 3 places from September 2021. To book an appointment please contact the school office on 01306 881136, for further details see the flyer.

Dorking Schools Virtual Competitions

Over the Autumn term the Dorking Schools Sports Partnership (DSSP) are running Virtual competitions, for all its eleven schools. Children compete in the challenges in their classes and then their teacher sends the results through to DSSP. All children at Surrey Hills are taking part, Year 1 and 2 have competed in a multi skills challenge and years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a virtual cross country. Great fun was had by all.

Pumpkin Competition 2020

Unfortunately due to Covid the Dorking pumpkin competition couldn't go ahead this year, however, it didn't stop our green fingered pupils hitting the pumpkin patch. We are pleased we have been able to run our annual pumpkin competition as usual. Families have been busy growing pumpkins, drawing pumpkins and all other things pumpkins. The focus this year was celebrating our NHS Superhero's, we had a great turn out of entries with judging taking place this week.



Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, we have not been able to gather at church this Autumn to celebrate Harvest this year. Instead children kindly brought food donations to school, which after being quarantined were taken to the Dorking Area Foodbank. Thank you to all our families for their support.

Head Boy and Girl

Hi, I'm Max. I started out at Surrey Hills when my two brothers were here and I'm really pleased to be Head Boy. I've made some fantastic friends here and I think it's a really special school. I love sports, particularly hockey and football, but I also like playing the French horn. I hope I can help many of the children at the school settle in and enjoy their time as much as I have. If anyone has any questions I am always happy to help.



Hello! My name is Freya and I am very proud to be Head Girl this year. I remember really well my early years at Surrey Hills School and looking up to the oldest children, because they were always friendly, kind and helpful. I promise I will always do my best to be these things as your Head Girl. Despite this slightly different time at school, I also hope to organise lots of fun activities for all the pupils to enjoy.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook, here you can see daily life at Surrey Hills All Saints and can share in the amazing learning opportunities the children experience. Twitter @SurreyAllSaints, Facebook Surrey All Saints.

Mrs Ratcliff

Headteacher

VILLAGE CHARITIES

Amber

Provides a temporary safe home and support to homeless unemployed young people in crisis.

philippa.wilford@amberweb.org or 01306 627924

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust

We provide veterinary support for mainly equines, but also other animals who require our help.

We also run a primary health care clinic for the local people.

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

Ockley United Charities

Gives financial assistance in the form of an annual gift to parishioners who are of restricted means, also paying part costs of nursery school fees (Ch No 200556).

Tim Pryke *prykes@uwclub.net*
Danesfield, Ockley, Surrey, RH5 5SY

Okewood, Forest Green and Ockley Aid in Sickness Fund

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

Contact Jane Waugh the welfare officer for the trust at 07814 287926

JaneWaugh@btinternet.com

John Ede Trust

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

www.johnedetrust.org or Keith Posner 888990

Stella's School Scheme

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

The Quick Response Memorial Woodland

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

www.qrmw.org

(Registered Charity 1174651)

Local NHS GP Surgery

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The Old Forge Surgery,
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VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Beare Green Young Farmers

Colin Smith 01273 494528

Capel Camera Club

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

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

Capel Cricket Club

thony.birch@bennettchristmas.com

Capel Tennis Club

lynettevonkaufmann@gmail.com

Girlguiding

Rainbows:
capel.rainbows@btinternet.com

Brownies:
capelbrownies@gmail.com

Guides: capelguides@outlook.com

Ockley Book Club

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

Contact Angela Tarratt 07813 448 453 or as@angelastrachan.co.uk

Ockley Cricket Club

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

games were played even before that.

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

Most of our games are Surrey Downs League matches.

Contact Loll Figg on 01306 712408.

The Ockley Society

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

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

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

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



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Ockley Dramatic Society

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

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

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

Walking Group

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

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

Bus Timetable Mole Valley Villager - 50, 433, 522

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

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

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

09.40	Holmbury St Mary
09.50	Gomshall
10.00	Peaslake
10.10	Shere

2nd & 4th Monday of each month to the Library, SHERE

14.10	Holmbury St Mary
14.20	Peaslake
14.25	Gomshall

VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S SCHEME

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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.

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	www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=17184		
DIAL-A-RIDE			740505
FRIENDS OF SCOTT BROADWOOD SCHOOL		School Office	711181
GATWICK AREA CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN		Peter Barclay	01293 862821
GATWICK NOISE COMPLAINTS			01293 311568
GP SURGERY - Capel	appointments/enquiries		711105
	repeat prescriptions		713010
HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP		Janet Stenson	713319
HOUSING ASSOCIATION		Tom Chambre	710443
LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM			01483 630370
LOCAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS		Simon Figg	01306 627094
MOLE VALLEY: Handyman Service			01737 845630
NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST		Helen Burling-Smith	731511
NURSERY	Walliswood	Rupert Thorne	627067
OKWOOD, OCKLEY & F.G. FLOWER SHOW		Cheryl Barclay	621140
OCKLEY TODDLER GROUP (Thursdays, Village Hall)		Gill Christie	711917
Parish Councils			
Abinger: www.abinger-pc.gov.uk		Beccy Anderson	07716 928430
Ockley: www.ockley-parishcouncil.co.uk		Lesley Fletcher	01403 254111
POLICE (Non-emergency)			101
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	Okewood Hill	Gary Crouch	628018
SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR	Ockley	Maureen Newman	627001
SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST			01483 795440
TENNIS CLUB, (Lawn)	Capel	Stephanie Everett	07971 606633
TWO COUNTIES art/craft		Janet Mitchell	627322
VILLAGE WEBSITES			
Ockley: www.ockley.org.uk			
Forest Green: www.forestgreenvillage.co.uk		David@forestgreenvillage.co.uk	
Walliswood: www.walliswood.org			
VOLUNTEER CENTRE	Dorking	Peter Herman	640369
WASP Bus			07802 460069
YOUNG AT HEART		Diana Cuthbert	621326



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3. Follow the instructions

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

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