

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR

Parish News



APRIL 2022

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SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

April in Abinger brings new beginnings with blooming blossoms and the arrival of our new House for Duty Rector, Kia Pakenham. Kia and her family will be settling into their new home by now and we hope you will welcome them by attending one of the forthcoming Easter services. Look out for details about how and where you can meet Kia.

3rd April 10.30am	The Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
10th April 6.00pm	Palm Sunday No 8.00am Said Holy Communion this Sunday Choral Evensong
Weds 13th April 6 -7pm	Prayers for Peace There will be a reading or prayer every 15 minutes and time for reflection in-between. There will also be an area for candle-lit prayer. Please do join us in this quiet hour to focus on the thoughts and prayers you would like to offer.
14th April 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Institution of the Lord's Supper <u>at Christ Church Coldharbour</u>
15th April 3.00pm	Good Friday Good Friday Reflection and Meditations An hour of reflection, poetry, music, readings and stillness
17th April 11.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion Family Service
24th April 10.30am	The Second Sunday of Easter No 8.00am Said Holy Communion this Sunday Sideways Church - new angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation

St James' church is open every day and we welcome anyone who would like to come in and use the space as they need to.

KIDS AT ST JAMES'

3rd April **Sunday Club** within the Holy Communion Service.
10.30am All ages welcome, for arts, crafts and stories from the Bible.
Parents invited to join in or enjoy the main service as suits them.

Extra Sunday clubs for kids will resume in September with a relaunch of new activities

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

Palm Sunday, 10th April, is a special day in the life of Christ Church. We will be welcoming Revd Kia Pakenham to her first service as our new Rector. Kia will take an All-Age service at 10 a.m. Please put date and time in your diaries and watch out for village e-mails and notices nearer the time with more information about this special occasion for Kia, for Christ Church and for Coldharbour. There will be refreshments, a chance to chat to Kia over coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Kia will be taking our Maundy Thursday service, and Good Friday services about which more information appears elsewhere in the Parish News. Rev. Virginia Smith will celebrate our Easter Sunday Family Communion at 10 a.m., with refreshments afterwards. You can contact Sally at Parish Office or the churchwardens for more information about any of the services.

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From the Registers

Abinger Ashes 17th February Paula Hooper

Kia's first letter to the Parish

It is with great delight that I write this, my first Rector's letter to you!

By the time you read this we will have been in the Rectory for a couple of weeks and be looking forward to the Licensing service on the 7th April.



I move into the Surrey Hills with my wonderful husband, Guy and our youngest daughter, Lucy, and our three dogs – Snoopy, Nelly and Percy. Isabella (24) and Toby (21) are now living almost independently (!) in London and Godalming respectively.

We are so looking forward to getting to know you all; do make yourself known and hopefully we'll see you in either St James', Christ Church, in one of the lovely pubs or out on a walk!

With love

Rev Kia

Our Churches



DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Over the next weeks and months, St. James' Church will be supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) as they help families fleeing the conflict in Ukraine, as well as remembering the on-going crisis in Afghanistan.

Please follow this link to read more about the DEC's appeals and to make a donation if you are able to. <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeals>

If you are planning any fundraising yourself, do let the Parish Office know by emailing parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org

LENT APEAL 2022

The vulnerable and disadvantaged need our support

Bishop Andrew is making a LENT APEAL throughout the Diocese, asking parishes and individuals to make the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund the focus of Lent giving in 2022. Community projects funded in recent years include those which support people with disabilities, mental ill-health, the isolated and marginalised, young families and older people. The Fund supports training and skills programmes to help young people into work.

The collection at Kia's licensing will be given to this appeal.

You can find out more about the Bishop of Guildford's Communities fund and the work it supports at www.bgcf.org.uk.

St. James' Abinger Annual Parochial Church Meeting

You are invited to the APCM on Tuesday 26th April at 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel at St James' Church. All are welcome.

Christ Church Annual Meeting

Christ Church's annual meeting is on Sunday 24th April at 6 p.m. in the John Venus Hall. Rev. Kia Pakenham will chair the meeting. Its business includes election of churchwardens, election of PCC members, review of 2021, including fabric, financial performance and review of the annual accounts, and review and discussion of plans for the future. All are welcome to come.

This is also the time of year when the annual revision of the Christ Church Electoral Roll takes place. If you are on the Roll, you do not need to do anything unless there is any change to your information (such as change of address). If you would like to join the church Electoral Roll, please contact Helen Potter, Christ Church Electoral Roll officer, or the churchwardens, Mary and John Anthony. Membership is for everyone who cares about our village church. Please do contact us if you'd like to find out more. The end date for the revision and return of application forms is Saturday 9th April. The new Roll will be effective from 24th April.

Parish Office has started coming to Coldharbour again

Sally is in the JV Hall on the first and third Mondays of every month from 10am to 11am. However, this month there will only be one held during April - Monday 4th - as the 18th April is a Bank Holiday. Please drop in with any questions, or just for a coffee and a chat.

The Christ Church churchyard has recently had its many mature trees trimmed to improve access to the graves and to improve the appearance of the whole area. Now work has started to make all the graves, where possible, show their inscriptions better. The plan is not to make the churchyard like a well-kept garden but to keep most of its wild nature - its wild flowers which are wonderful and of great variety – and to make it continue to harmonise with its lovely rural setting. We need volunteers to come and continue the work. We suggest no more than 2 hours at a time. Contact Graham Mytton at Roffeys, 712122 or gmytton@gn.apc.org

From the Editors



Easter Sunday falls on April 17th this year and it is wonderful to be able to welcome Kia to the Parish in time for this important part of the Church's calendar. Kia will be installed as House for Duty Rector of Abinger and Coldharbour on Thursday 7th April at St James' by the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Revd Andrew Watson. Numbers at this service will be very limited so there will be a Celebration Service for Kia and everyone in our communities in May or June. It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome Kia to our villages - please keep an eye out for details.

This month the magazine is full of planned celebrations for the summer ahead – not least for the Queen's Jubilee. But uppermost in our minds is the dreadful situation in Ukraine. St James' Church and the Coldharbour Plant sale will be collecting for the appeal. Many people donated blankets, nappies and other essentials to a collection point at Annie's Tea Rooms and William Lewis has taken a minibus out to Poland filled with items the refugees might need. We have tried to highlight the many other ways in which we can help not only the refugees but those closer to home.

Liz Hamilton and Jenny Parker

Charities

Dorking Foodbank

Items for the food bank can be placed in the green crate in the porch of St James'. See also the WI article this month.



Anyone who needs help with food should go to the website: <https://dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/> or ring them on 07494226743. You will now need a voucher.

Caroline Evans' appeal to help re-build another Palestinian Home

Thank you so much to all of you who have already contributed to my fundraising. At the time of writing, I have reached 30% of my target of £1500, but there is still plenty of time as we don't leave the UK until after Easter. There are so many other things to give money to at this time (particularly thinking of the devastating situation in Ukraine), so if you are unable to donate, I will be very grateful for your prayers instead (or as well) for a successful home re-build! If you would like to make a donation, no matter how small, please either visit my Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/cw-evans3 or contact me (email: cwevans_shop@yahoo.co.uk, phone: 01483 202938). Many thanks.



The photo above shows Lola, whose house we were re-building in 2019 (on the right of the group photo) with some of her family and 2 of us 'helpers'.

Shere Village Cinema hands over Lifesaving Defibrillator (AED) to Community ATV First Aid

Shere Village Cinema recently donated £500 towards the cost of an AED, which is much needed lifesaving equipment used by the Community ATV First Aiders Philip Morris and Matt Atkinson. From Left to Right, Mike Keeble, John Wells and Caroline Evans (Shere Village Cinema) and Philip Morris Community



ATV First Aid (Photo - Jonathan Cross)

Surplus proceeds from the SVC's events and film showings go to charitable good causes and it is the committee's pleasure to be able to support the amazing work that the Community ATV First

Aiders do in their own time on a volunteer basis. Philip and Matt have attended over 100 incidents since inception, including 2 cardiac arrests and multiple injuries/accidents in the depths of the Surrey Hills, where access by ambulance or air ambulance is not possible. Keep up the good work as we are all grateful for what you both do.

Last collection for the MM charity

The MM backpack project is to close on 22 April, after running for 17 years. This is mainly due to the increasing shipping costs of sending the containers out to Malawi, but also due to the complexities involved since the Covid pandemic started. From now on they will focus solely on feeding hungry children living in the world's poorest countries with a nutritious meal each school day.



In early April the local MM team will be filling all the backpacks we have, with a view to sending them (and other spare items that we have collected since last summer) before Easter. **So, if you have been holding on to any donations please can you let Caroline know asap, but by Friday 8th April at the latest.** You are welcome to drop them off or Caroline will collect. Caroline Evans (Phone: 01483 202938 or email: cwevans_shop@yahoo.co.uk)

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

Come and have a coffee and a chat ...

SJs Café

Every Wednesday morning from 8.45 to 10.30. Join us on the comfy seats at St James' for a tea or coffee and a bite to eat.

Coldharbour Coffee Morning

Friday April 8th from 10.30 to 11.30 in the John Venus Hall



Front Garden Sale on Tues 5th and Wed 6th April

At Home Farm, Broadmoor, 11am onwards Call in on foot or on bicycle – there are refreshments available. Proceeds will go to local charities and Ukraine. Further information Hilly Bradley 01306 732292



Easter Egg Hunt 10th April at QRMW starts 12.30



The charge is only £6 per child (parents are free) which includes entrance to the hunt. Children must be registered in advance, so parents please contact debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk (Tel: 07778873806). There will be stalls selling Easter Eggs, cakes, crafts, an Easter soft toy tombola and a bottle tombola.

Coldharbour Plant Sale raising money for Ukraine on 23rd April

We are raising money for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at our plant sale next month. Please come and buy plants from us for your garden, friends and/or family. We will do the rest. We are all volunteers and we don't claim any expenses on this. All the money goes towards good projects. The UK Gov has promised to match pound for pound on all donations. We raised £1250 last year from our not so little village plant sale and we hope to raise even more next month. If you

buy the plants, we will get the money to where it's needed. We want to say huge thanks for your amazing support for our plant sale last year 22nd May. We had great support from local communities including Coldharbour, the Abingers, Westcott and Holmwood. We saw so many familiar faces and so many lovely smiles. We hope to see all of you again next month. Now that it's all ok to hug people - I'm on it!



Hot off the press- I was just called by a local garden centre who have heard about our village plant sale and they said “can we donate some plants to your sale?” How wonderful.

Jodechi Tiggs Morton

The Patchwork Garden Project: Sat April 9th 10.30-1pm

Come and visit the Garden to see the new developments and glasshouse



There will be teas, coffee and fabulous homemade cake, and a large plant stall. All plants are grown at the Garden by volunteers and all the proceeds to go funding our work Patchworking Garden Project Pixham Lane Dorking RH4 1QA – parking over the road at AVIVA offices.
www.patchworkinggardenproject.co.uk

Shere Village Cinema

Now open for bookings in April and May

Our website is in the process of being re-built and moved onto an easier to manage platform. There will be a newsletter coming out to announce the change-over, but we hope that the new website will go live early in April. In the meantime, please continue to use the current website for booking films etc.: <https://villagecinema.org>

Thursday 7th April. *The Courier* is based on the real-life story of salesman, turned spy - Greville Wynne, played by Benedict Cumberbatch. (Running time is 1 hour 51 minutes.)

Sunday 24th April. *Blinded By The Light* tells the coming of age story of a teenage Pakistani migrant who is introduced to the music of Bruce Springsteen.

Thursday 5th May. *Supernova* is a dementia-themed drama about love and mortality. Stanley Tucci and Colin Firth play Tusker and Sam, a couple who have been together for decades. Tusker is a respected novelist and Sam a

musician. The careers of both have been put on hold because Tusker has been diagnosed with early-onset dementia.

Sunday 15th May. *The Keeper* is the true story of Bert Trautmann, the German who played for Manchester City from 1949 to 1964.

All tickets cost £5/adult and £3.50/child. You can book tickets online at www.villagecinema.org or buy from the shops: Crumbs, and the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere

Shere Village Cinema Team



On Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th April in Shere village there's a Pop-up Gallery open 10am – 4pm

Featuring local artists and a variety of work including Paintings, Ceramics, Jewellery, Cards, Glass & Sculpture. Refreshments will also be available, so meet your friends for a chat & a browse. For enquiries contact Caroline Heslop carriehes@gmail.com

Holmbury Village Quiz is back on Saturday 30th April

7.30pm for a prompt 7.50pm start.
At St Mary's Church, Holmbury.
£15 per person

Make up a team of up to six people. The evening includes a supper choice of: Fish 'n' chips, Veggie or chicken 'n' chips.

Cash Bar, Great Raffle

The Quiz supports St Mary's Church



Bookings: Liz 730311 liz@franciscave.com

SALV Spring Open Evening April 26th

A talk on A Day in the Life of the Surgery at 8pm.

You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink for an informal talk with the doctors and staff after the talk at the Shere surgery. Admission is free.

The Abinger War Memorial has been restored

The war memorial on the Clock House at Abinger Hammer was showing signs of age so the Parish Council engaged a contractor to refurbish the memorial plaque and railings. This was no easy task as the memorial plaque, weighing about 80kg, needed to be taken down and to be remounted in an oak frame. The memorials were established in 1920 to commemorate the fallen soldiers of WWI. The three villages of Abinger Hammer, Abinger Common and Forest Green have war memorials.

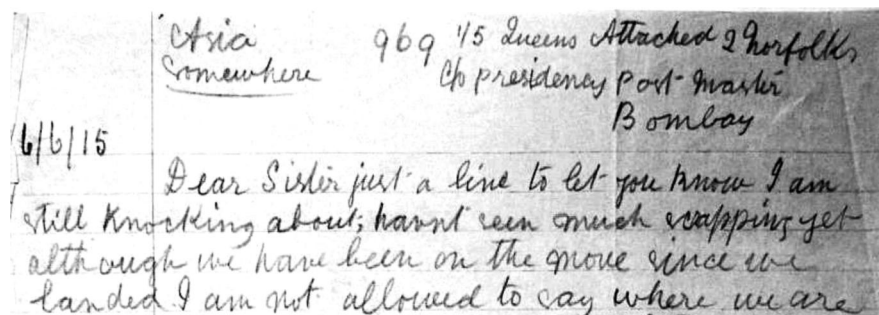
Councillors are extremely happy with the result and the quality of the workmanship.

Who were these men?

Private (Arthur) John Beckett. Jack died on 11th January 1916. Jack was a gardener and he lived with Ben Ovington's family at 23 The Dene, Abinger.

He enlisted in Dorking and died in Iraq where he is buried. He was 26.

Private Ernest Bone was 31 when he died in November 1918. He and his eldest



brother James both died in the First World War, and James, who was married and lived in Abinger, is commemorated on the Wotton war memorial. Ernest married Florence in 1916, and they had a baby girl. He enlisted at Shere and died of his wounds at Fort Pit Chatham. Florence and Ernest is buried at St James' Church, Abinger.

You can find out more about all these men at the Dorking Museum

DORKING MUSEUM

Easter Hunt for all the family. Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th April, 10am-4pm (Thursday 1pm-4pm) Search the clues for the name of a famous person who was very fond of Dorking Cockerels. When you have discovered the famous name there will be a special Easter treat for you.



MUSIC EVENTS

The Leith Hill Music Festival and the Investec International Music Festival celebrating Vaughan Williams 150 birthday.

The Leith Hill Festival: Dorking Halls 8th & 9th April at 7.30, £17-24, 01306 881717

After two years of being unable to hold a festival due to covid, the choirs and all their singers are greatly looking forward to making music together again. Most choirs resumed their rehearsals in the autumn, albeit under covid precautions, and are now once again enjoying singing. The combined rehearsals with Jonathan Willcocks have gone well and we can look forward to two excellent concerts. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams, the festival's first (and very long-serving) conductor, and the concerts will celebrate the occasion by including some of his short choral pieces. The main works in the concerts are Beethoven's *Mass in C* and *The Song of Mary* by Jonathan Willcocks (Friday 8th), and *A Little Jazz Mass* by Bob Chilcott, music from *Porgy and Bess* by Gershwin, and John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*, an uplifting setting of seven spirituals (Saturday 9th). This year, the festival will conclude with a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in June (postponed from its usual date in March).

Holmbury Choral Saturday 9th April 7.30pm appear at the Leith Hill Festival at the Dorking Halls

Holmbury Choral (many of whose members are from Abinger and Coldharbour) will be joining other choirs to sing music from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass* and Rutter's set of spirituals *Feel the Spirit* with fabulous soloist Melanie Marshall.

Orchestra: Southern Pro Musica. Conductor: Jonathan Wilcox

Tickets from the Dorking Halls.



Gilbert & Sullivan Masterclass with Richard Suart

Sat 9th April, St James'

Richard Suart is an opera singer and actor, specialising in the comic roles of Gilbert and Sullivan operas and operettas and most famously known for his numerous portrayals of Ko-Ko in *The Mikado*. Recently returned from touring with The Scottish Opera, Richard will be lecturing on the unique methodology of singing G&S and teaching those attending how to sing in the classic D'Oyly Carte style. Tickets £25, from tickets@dandgchoir.net



Dorking Choral Society

Rehearsals for Jephtha start April 13th

DCS invite old members and new singers to first rehearsals of Handel's final oratorio – *Jephtha*. The concert will take place on June 12th at St Martin's Church. Rehearsals at 7.30pm on 13th April at Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road Dorking RH4 3HB. Contact Lyn Groves on 07587 695254 or www.dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk

A great opportunity to sing a work that is rarely performed.

Coldharbour - Investec Festival - Friday 6th May

The Investec Festival celebrates Vaughan Williams' great musical legacy and Surrey Hills connections throughout its 2022 season, including this special event in Coldharbour on Friday 6 May.

The festival invites you to follow in Vaughan Williams' footsteps with a guided walk around Leith Hill (from 11am) followed by a talk in Christ Church (at 12.45pm), in which the distinguished musicologist, writer and lecturer Richard Wigmore will introduce RVW's life and works.

Tickets are available for walk + talk or for the talk only via the festival's box office at <https://tickets.iimf.co.uk>.



Abinger D&G Choir, Saturday 23rd April, 7.30pm



The Abinger D&G Choir have been rehearsing tirelessly since January in order to ready themselves for a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous operetta 'Trial By Jury'. With a cast of 34, work behind the scenes has been a whirlwind of activity. The Peaslake Village



Hall has been hired, professional soloists and musicians engaged, rehearsals scheduled, costumes fitted, props appropriated, and stage directions issued. When the audience settle, the lights dim and the curtain goes up the atmosphere will be pure Victoriana. Hopefully, William and Arthur will be looking down approvingly. Tickets £13 available from tickets@dandgchoir.net.



Jacqui Clemson, Production Manager, D&G Choir

Children



A new shop has opened in our nursery - the 'ACN Farm Shop' with fresh produce from all four corners of our hall. We've been buying plenty of beautiful flowers and generous amounts of groceries from each other with the tills going ker-ching ker-ching ker-ching! Not to be behind the times, our shop was also taking phone calls for deliveries to our very busy friends in the home corner! We've been rushed off our feet!

It's been wonderful to enjoy some sunnier days and we've been out and about ambling through the churchyard looking for signs of spring. Luckily there are plentiful primroses, crocuses and snowdrops popping up all over the place for us to spot. We have even been growing our own magic beans after reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They have come home with us so we can watch them get bigger every day. Some of them are already rivaling Jack's!



Pancake Day at the Nursery

One of our lovely mummies very kindly bought us a gift of some play sinks that actually run water! You can imagine how much fun we have using them, and they are also proving extremely useful in washing up our packets from our lunches in readiness to recycle them. What a great donation - thank you so much!

There's nothing more magical in this world than seeing a rainbow in the sky, so we've been learning a song about them (I think you can probably guess which one!) and creating rainbow collages from torn up magazines. We are all absolutely fluent in recognising colours and know a little bit more about the weather too.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we all shared our stories of the special people in our lives and made them some super keepsakes. They received love heart handprints, pasta necklaces and stained-glass love heart biscuits. Yummy!

We are delighted to announce that we are now offering breakfast and afterschool clubs. Full information can be found on our website abingercommonnursery.co.uk.

If you have a child looking to start Nursery, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com. We can't wait to show you around!

Teddy Bears' Picnic 2nd May 12 – 4 Abinger Hammer

*'Every bear that ever there was will
gather here for certain because
May 12th is the day the teddy bears
have their picnic!'*

**Raising money for Surrey
Hills School and Peaslake
Village School**



Abinger Common and Wotton WI

The March meeting was our first meeting of the year in the Evelyn Hall. Gatherings are shared between this and the Wotton Hall to reflect our title, though our membership is now drawn from more of the surrounding villages. This year there have been some extra-mural activities: in January there was a lunch at the William Bray in Shere and in February a very successful coffee morning was held at the Royal Oak in Holmbury - joined by several non-members. The ladies only realised it was time to leave when customers started arriving for lunch! Other outings are in the pipeline.

After the usual welcome, Lesley Childs introduced our speaker who told us about the Dorking area Food Bank, which is under the supportive umbrella of The Trussell Trust. After a needs assessment in Dorking revealed that there were real pockets of poverty and hardship, this local group was set up in 2015 run by Churches Together. Volunteers were recruited from the community and the Church. There are now up to 70 volunteers managing the project who collect and sort the donated food and, where necessary, drive and deliver it. 35% of food is donated by shoppers at Waitrose in Dorking, and 12% comes from church collections.



Over the worst of the pandemic donors were unable to get out so they donated money instead, and some still do. This enables fresh food to be purchased to add to the preserved food. Applicants are given a three-day supply of food for the size of their family. They access the Food Bank - based at the Christian Centre in Dorking - by a red voucher from a referral agency such as school, surgery, church, nursery, or Citizens Advice.

People need help for a variety of reasons: single parenthood, loss of job, disability, illness. A major precipitant can be the gap between applying for and receiving benefits - which can be as long as seven weeks. Our speaker gave us the case history of a mother of three who had fled an abusive husband and had to start again, only to become seriously ill. The volunteers at the Food Bank listen to the stories and signpost/refer people to agencies who can help them. Demand has increased and is now outstripping supply. After hearing this sobering talk, we lucky ones did our best to enjoy the customary excellent tea, and our speaker was helped to load our own food donations into her car.

Next meeting 7th April Evelyn Hall: Talk on the City Livery Companies.

Pat O'Brien

Coldharbour Village Fête returns in May this year. The date: Saturday 21st May, from 2 pm.



The last time we were able to organise the annual Village Fête in May was in 2019. In 2020 we were unable to have any such event at all and last year it was in September and although great fun and a happy event, it was not on the usual scale. But now after 788 days since lockdown began, the Village Fête returns on Saturday May 21st from 2.00 pm.

It will be the first all-village event on a big scale in a very long time. Everyone is sure to have a really happy day meeting old friends and making new ones. The Punch and Judy man, the Village Band, and the Super Strings Band are all now booked and the list of stalls, including teas, BBQ and bar are being prepared as we go to press. As well as the usual raffle (tickets will be available at the beginning of May) there will be an Auction of Promises. We don't yet know what will be on offer. Past auctions have included such things as holiday lets, will writing, hedge cutting, garden design, lifts to airports, visits to the seaside, portrait painting, professional photography and knotweed clearance. We are also looking for volunteers to run stalls or help in various ways. Here are a few of the things we need help with: **Lucky Dip**, **Teas in the church**, **Bottle Tombola** and a **Dog Show**, for example. If you have an idea for a stall, game or any children's activity to run, that would be especially welcome. Plus please start gathering bottles and cans, books, gifts, produce, children's prizes and old crockery to help the stalls go with a bang (or smash!). Nearer the time there will be a village email about where to deliver them. We would also like to borrow, if anyone has one, a small freezer for the ice cream.

And for the **Teas in Church**, and for the **Produce Stall** we will be in need of cakes please. And finally, we need individuals to help with setting up on the Friday 20th and the dismantling on Saturday after the final Tug 'o War! The more volunteers we get the more the volunteers and everyone else can enjoy the day.

G Mytton

Plans for the Queen's Jubilee in June

On 6th February this year the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service. The Jubilee weekend begins of Thursday 2nd June and here are some of the local celebrations being planned.

The Parish Council are organizing a special tree for the village greens to as part of the Queens Green Canopy initiative. Tree planting is planned to take place between October 2022 and March 2023

Thursday June 2nd Beacons

There will be beacons lit at Leith Hill Tower and in the field by Shere church.

Friday June 3rd to Monday 6th June



Local artists Jenny Parker and Katharine Amadeus are holding an exhibition and sale of their art, ceramics and crafts. There will be tea and cakes and other

refreshments and a section selling plants. The studio is in Abinger Bottom. For information contact

jennyjiparker@gmail.com

or instagram:tigerlilyrh5



Friday 3rd June: The Abinger Picnic



Jubilee Picnic on the Green

Friday 3rd June
from Noon
Bring your own

Abinger Common
Village Green



Sunday 5th June The Coldharbour Picnic



Coldharbour Village Big Jubilee Lunch at the Cricket Pitch

Sit down to eat with friends & neighbours from 1.30 - 5pm.

Bring your own food, alcohol, hot and cold drinks. Jubilee cakes provided.

Fancy dress competition - come as a Queen or in your fav 1950s outfit.

Saturday 11th June



After a two-year absence, the Abinger Medieval Fair returns with a bang in 2022. Plans are underway to make this year's event a great day out with fantastic stalls, games, music and performances throughout the day.

As ever the success of the Fair depends on all the wonderful volunteers who contribute in so many ways. This year, help is needed with running **Stocks** and **Splat the Rat, Beat the Goalie** and the **Coconut Shy**. All equipment will be provided, all that's needed is for you to turn up on the day.

We are also looking for a volunteer to create and run a **vegetarian and vegan food stall**. The previous stallholders are offering advice and recipes if required.

Finally there is always extra help that is needed throughout the day. This is a fun way to get involved with your local community and your support would be very much appreciated.

In order to get involved, please email me at lizandkeithi@btinternet.com.

Liz Irvine – Fair secretary

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B A Gunter	01306 628291
Dorking Glass	01306 882971
RB Fencing	01306 640143 01483 414745 info@rbfencingltd.co.uk
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The House Vet	01483 272999 info@rowlyhousevet.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



April

- 1,2, 7,9th Family Easter Egg Hunt: contact Dorking Museum
- 5th & 6th Garden Sale, Home Farm, 11am
- 6th SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 7th WI Meeting Evelyn Hall 2.30pm
- 7th Shere cinema *The Courier*
- 8th Coffee morning JV Hall 10.30-11.30
- 8th 9th Leith Hill Festival, Dorking Halls 7.30pm
- 9th G&S Masterclass with Richard Suart, St James'
- 10th QRMW Easter Egg Hunt
- 13th SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 20th SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 23rd Village Plant Sale, 9-12, CH churchyard
- 23-24th Pop up gallery, Shere 10-4pm
- 23rd Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan, D&G choir. 7.30pm
- 24th Christ Church APCM, 6pm
- 24th Shere cinema *Blinded by the light*
- 26th SALV open evening, Shere Surgery, 8pm
- 26th St James' APCM, 7pm
- 27th SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 30th Holmbury Village Quiz, St Marys Church Holmbury 7.30pm

May

- 2nd Teddy Bears Picnic, Abinger Hammer
- 5th Shere cinema *Supernova*
- 6th Walk and talk from 12.45. Coldharbour. Investec
- 21st Coldharbour Fete, 2pm Memorial Ground.

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Members of Wotton House Leisure Club raised over £400 for Ukraine (www.dec.org.uk and bearr.org) with coffee and a huge array of delicious homemade cakes. A few familiar faces here!



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