

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR

Parish News



MAY 2022

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EVENTS

May

1 st	CH Cricket Cub: Verdayne Home, 1.30
2 nd	Teddy Bears' Picnic, Abinger Hammer (p.37)
4 th	SJs café, St James', 8.30 – 10am (p.19)
5 th	WI Meeting Evelyn Hall (p.39)
5 th	Shere cinema <i>Supernova</i> (p.31)
6 th	Vaughan Williams Talk, CH (p.33)
7 th	Organ Recital, SJs, from 11.30 (p.7)
8 th	CH CC: Billingshurst Home, 1.30
11 th	SJs café, St James', 8.30 – 10am
13 th	Coffee morning JV Hall 10.30–11.30 (p.19)
15 th	CH CC: Temple Sheen Eccentrics Home, 1.30
15 th	Shere Cinema <i>The Keeper</i>
18 th	SJs café, St James', 8.30 – 10am
21 st	Coldharbour Fete, 2pm (p.27)
22 nd	CH CC: Merrow Home, 1.30
25 th	SJs café, St James', 8.30 – 10am
25 th – 28 th	<i>Gut Girls</i> , Peaslake (p.31)
29 th	CH CC: London Itinerants Home, 1.30

June

1 st	SJs café, St James', 8.30 – 10am
3 rd	Abinger Jubilee Picnic (p.23)
4 th	Chilworth Manor Open Gardens (p.44)
5 th	CH Jubilee Picnic (p.23)
3 rd – 6 th	Art at Abinger Bottom (p. 35)
2 nd – 5 th	DGA Exhibition (p.35)
11 th	Abinger Medieval Fair (p.29)



SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

- 1st May**
10.30am **The Third Sunday of Easter**
Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Reading: John 21: 1-19
- 8th May**
8.00am **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Said Holy Communion
Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-14, Luke 24: 36-49
- 6.00pm Dedication Festival Choral Evensong
Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-14, Luke 24: 36-49
- 15th May**
10.30am **The Fifth Sunday after Easter**
All Age Service with Baptism
Reading: Acts 11: 1-18
- 22nd May**
10.30am **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Sideways Church - new angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation
- 29th May**
10.30am **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Holy Communion Benefice Service
at Christ Church Coldharbour
Readings: Ezekiel 36: 24-28, John 17: 20 - end

***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.***

Photograph taken at Prayers for Peace led by Hilary on 13th April - a really beautiful reflective hour with the sun pouring in to church.



Double Dedication Delight – May 7th & 8th in St James'

Organs & Evensong

St James was built and dedicated 'before 1086', the plaque in the porch tells us. However, we know more precisely that the re-dedication of the church following post-war repair work took place on May 12th, 1951. This allows us to keep May 12th (or an adjacent Sunday) as our 'Dedication Festival'. This year that will be Sunday 8th May, when the anthem at Choral Evensong (6.00 pm) will be Handel's famous *Hallelujah Chorus*.

But the previous day there will be two opportunities – or, at least, the same opportunity twice – to enjoy a short (50 minutes) recital of music for two organs played by David Hansell and his regular collaborator Philip Drew. They will offer something of an 18th century Grand Tour taking in Paris (François Couperin), Hamburg (CPE Bach), Leipzig (JS Bach) and Venice (Antonio Vivaldi). The organs will be St James' lovely resident Nicholson and David's portable electronic instrument, which is quite a good tonal match for the pipes. *Admission free*

Saturday 7th May, St James'

11.30 – refreshments available

12.00-12.50 Recital of music for two organs played by David Hansell & Philip Drew.

3.30 – refreshments available

4.00-4.50 Recital of music for two organs (repeat performance)

Sunday 8th May, St James'

6.00 – Choral Evensong, with music by Stanford, Dyson, Handel & Bach

David Hansell

From the Registers

Abinger

18 th March	Ashes	Susan Burgess
18 th March	Funeral	John Oickle
26 th March	Baptism	Annie Abbott
30 th March	Funeral	Brian Ward

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

1st May 9.15am	The Third Sunday of Easter Said Holy Communion <i>Readings: Acts 9: 1-6, John 21: 1-19</i>
8th May 10.00am	The Fourth Sunday of Easter Second Sunday Service <i>Reading: Luke 24: 36-49</i>
15th May 9.15am	The Fifth Sunday of Easter Said Holy Communion <i>Readings: Genesis 22: 1-18, John 13: 31-35</i>
6.00pm	Evensong <i>Readings: Daniel 6: 6-23, Mark 15: 46-16: 8</i>
22nd May 10.00am	The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion <i>Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 5: 1-9</i>
29th May 10.30am	The Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Benefice Service <i>Readings: Ezekiel 36: 24-28, John 17: 20 - end</i>

The Parish Office will be held in Coldharbour on Monday 16th May

Kia's Palm Sunday service at Christ Church

On Palm Sunday we were delighted to welcome Rev'd Kia and Guy for Kia's first service at Christ Church, an All Age Communion service. It's many years since we had a donkey to help us with a traditional Palm Sunday procession. But Kia suggested a procession in the churchyard around the church and so, on a beautiful day, blessed by Spring sunshine, that's what we did, accompanied by 'Lord of the Dance', played by Debby and members of the Village Band. It was a special service and a perfect start to Rev'd Kia's ministry in Coldharbour.



Welcome Kia!

Some of you may wonder who the lovely woman wearing a dog collar is on the front cover of our magazine. In case you have missed the news, Rev'd Kia Pakenham is now permanently with us as our "House for Duty" Rector, and living in the Abinger Rectory with her husband, Guy, and her youngest daughter Lucy (seen here doing the reading). Kia is very keen to meet everyone as you will see in her Rector's letter.



She was "installed" by Rt Rev'd Andrew Watson at a special service at St James' on 7th April, attended by a lot of splendidly dressed clergy and some more ordinary looking people from Abinger and Coldharbour. And of course the celebration continued afterwards at The Hatch.



Rector's Letter

As I write this I am reflecting on my first, rather full, two weeks of my time here with you!

Easter has just been and gone and we have walked together through Holy week with services at Coldharbour and Abinger where we remembered the Institution of the Lords supper; Good Friday, with reflections on the stations of the cross which then bought us to the celebration of Christ Rising on Easter day. It was wonderful to see and meet so many of you at these services and I look forward to getting to know all of you better!

As a family, can we take this opportunity to thank you so much for the incredibly warm welcome that we have received since moving here with special thanks to all those who helped organise the Licensing service and the delicious refreshments afterwards at the Abinger Hatch; your generosity and bonhomie have been second to none!

As we enter May (my favourite month and nothing to do with the fact we have 3 family birthdays!) it signals the beginning of village fete season and I am so looking forward to the much anticipated Coldharbour fete on the 21st May.

Whether you consider yourself a church-goer or not I would love to meet you – so please, don't be shy – I'm always up for a cup of tea and a chat!

You can contact me on 737106 or the new email rector@abingerandcoldharbour.org

With every blessing

Rev'd Kia



LOCAL PEOPLE

Meet Ross Stephenson from The Plough



The change in ownership and management of Coldharbour's Plough that happened mid-pandemic has brought many new faces to our favourite village venue. We featured manager Enes Uner in a recent edition (along with his puppy Great Dane, Raki - Raki getting very much larger every day. Over the next months we will feature some of the other members of staff. Some are living in the Plough or nearby and all are very much a part of our community. Ross Stephenson is one of the regulars serving at the bar or waiting at table. He was "born and brought up in

Capel", went to Scott Broadwood, Weald and Priory schools. After university (musical theatre) in Portsmouth, he has already had three parallel or complimentary careers. He was a cabin crew steward for Norwegian until the pandemic when he was laid off like so many others. For a few years he has lived and worked in Spain where, among other things, he was a media manager for a football club which was a kind of academy for young and upcoming players. He also developed skills in media production. He is soon about to resume his airside career with Virgin Atlantic in June. But he will retain his role at the Plough. These days having a palette of skills and paid jobs is the way to go.

Harry Collis

Happy Hundredth Birthday!

Harry Collis who lived in Coldharbour for many years, and who now lives in Capel, will be 100 on May 6th. We all wish him a happy day. He still lives in the cottage that he moved to with Mary a decade ago. But they both remained in touch with the village and we still think of them in that way. Mary Collis died in 2020.



THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY



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 13th May, 10.30 to 11.30 John Venus Hall

Dorking Foodbank

Items for the food bank can be placed in the green crate in the porch of St James'.

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 to get a food parcel. There may also be help with fuel costs available.



Mary's Meals – 160 Backpacks packed and sent off!

In April the local Mary's Meals (MM) team got together to sort and fill 160 backpacks. It was a sad day for us all as these were our last ever backpacks for the MM charity, and some of us have been involved with the project for over 10 years. However, we are happy in the knowledge that we have packed up 1,384 backpacks over that time. They will have brought happiness to the children receiving them, in addition to their school meals from MM, in Malawi.

I want to say a really big thank you to all the people who have helped over the past 10 years and to all of you who have contributed the essential backpacks, clothes, towels, stationery, tennis balls and so much more, as well as money.

We hope to do some fund-raising for MM in the future. Many thanks for your support and generosity, and God bless you all.

Caroline Evans (Phone: 01483 202938 or email: cwevans_shop@yahoo.co.uk)

Easter Chicks and Bunnies for Ukraine Appeal



Avril Sharman from Broadmoor writes: The Easter Chicks and Bunnies thank all the generous people from Abinger and Coldharbour who bought them in aid of Ukraine.

The money raised was £222 plus gift aid.

Well done, Avril!

Coldharbour Teas for Ukraine

The generosity of friends and visitors from across Leith Hill knew no limits on 20th March when teas at the church in Coldharbour raised an incredible £3,050 for the DEC Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine.

Across the Hills, kitchens swung into action, blenders whirled, bowls creamed, eggs cracked, flour clouds blew and ovens baked to produce the most tempting array of cakes and goodies to support the Teas. Thank you to everyone who baked, came and donated to make all this possible, and especially to Debby for organising the teas for the church.

Dorking Local History Group

The DLHG are continuing their popular programme of talks on a fascinating range of topics, some of which are live and some accessible via Zoom. The programme in May includes a live talk by author Ros Black on **“Amazing Women of the Temperance Movement”** (9th May at Crossways, Community Baptist Church, 7.15 for 7.30pm, £2 at the door for non-members) and a Zoom talk by William Aers on **“Anglo-Saxon Surrey”** (23rd May, <https://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/>). For further details of these talks and other activities – or to join DLHG – go to <https://dlhg.org.uk>.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Friday 3rd June: The Abinger Picnic



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.

FETE AND FAIR

Coldharbour Village Fête

The first full Fête in Coldharbour since 2019 will start at 2.00 pm on Saturday 21st May at the Memorial Ground. There was no event in 2020 and in 2021 we had a scaled-down version in September. Now we can once again get together and restore what has happened for more years than anyone can remember.

Not everything will be as before. This year there is no dog show. But we see the return of the popular Auction of Promises. We don't yet know what services will be on offer but in the past they have ranged from garden design through hedge cutting, airport taxi services, country holidays to will writing. There will also be the Superstrings Band, the Coldharbour Village Band, the Punch and Judy show, a bar, a barbecue, teas, cakes, a range of interesting stalls with competitions, tombolas, games and more.

We have a few things to ask for. Setting up on Friday 20th and taking down on Saturday after the Fete has ended are both very important. The more helpers we have the quicker it is all done and the more enjoyment had. It is also a great way to get to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Donations are also needed. Gifts for the gift stall, cakes for the teas, bottles for the bottle tombola, books for the book stall, prizes for children, old crockery for those who love to smash it, and produce for the produce stall. Also, we need a small freezer for the ice cream stall. This year there is no bric a brac stall so no item of that sort is required.

We have all become used to going cashless but our village Fête will probably be the last event/enterprise anywhere in the entire history of mankind to go cashless and it is not going to be this year. So off to the cash machine and if you can remember your ATM pin, bring cash.

It is going to be good to see you all again!

Graham Mytton

**THE
COLDHARBOUR
VILLAGE
FETE**



Sat 21st May
2.00 p.m.

**AT THE COLDHARBOUR MEMORIAL
GROUND**

**Live Music, Punch & Judy, Tug-o-War,
Magic Show, Raffle,
Children's Games, Gifts, Books,
Produce, Tombola, Coconut Shy, Teas,
Beer, Pimms, BBQ,
Auction of Promises
Lots of Fun for Everyone**

cash
only

The Old Fair of Abinger

11th June

The 11th June is rapidly approaching and the Fair Committee can't wait to get the show on the road after a two year hiatus. This year, in the main arena, there will be great entertainment provided by Little Nippers dog racing, with an opportunity for your four-legged friends to get involved too. As well as this, there will be a birds of prey flying display which will be a spectacle not to be missed! Outside of the main events, you can visit the many stalls selling everything from homemade cakes to new plants for your garden. Then, of course, there is the opportunity for you to test your skills with Toss the Sheaf and Splat the Rat. As always, there will be plenty of high-quality food and drink available at various stalls throughout the fair. You may even create the perfect end to a perfect day by winning one of the many fabulous raffle prizes on offer.

All of this fun doesn't come without the amazing commitment of the stall holders. We still need help to run the Beat the Goalie and the Coconut Shy. Time is running out so don't miss this opportunity to get involved in a fun local event whilst knowing you are helping to raise money for lots of local charities. Please contact Emma at emmadesmier@hotmail.com if you are willing to help or would like to know more.

The committee would also be very grateful for any time you could spare to help with the fair set-up and take down at the following times:

Friday 10th: 5pm meet on the green

Saturday 11th: 7am meet on the green

Saturday 11th: 5.30pm meet on the green

PTO for requests for donations from stallholders ...

The stall holders would love your help with donations so please get in touch with them if you have anything you can help with:

Cakes: We would be very grateful for contributions of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and loaves. Deliveries by Friday 10th June to either Rachel at Fir Cottage, RH5 6JL, or Kim at 32 Evelyn Cottages or Rachel can collect. You can contact Rachel as follows: rachel_podolier@hotmail.com 01306 731506 or 07934 707779

Apothecary: Calling for Arts & Crafters - We would love to sell your wares.

Looking for:

- Lotions & potions, soaps, candles, bath salts, lavender bags
- Cards, bunting, material squares, dog bandanas, festival hair bands, kids medieval dressing-up. And any Gift ideas- especially for Father's Day!

Please email Julie Constable on julie@julieconstable.co.uk

Rag Tag & Bobtail: Jacqui would like any jewellery, accessories, soft toys or gift sets in good condition.

Jacqui Clemson 730279 jc@barkerhart.co.uk

Plants: Please call Hilly Bradley on 730292 if you have any plants or garden related items.

Bottle Tombola: Sonia & Maidens will be on their collection rounds starting 23rd May leading up to the 10th June. Donations of alcohol in any shape or form will be gratefully received. Alternatively donations may be left on number 3's doorstep. Many thanks, Sonia and her Maidens.

Books / DVDs / Computer Games: Hillary Swift is running the book stall this year and would like books, Movie DVDs, Computer Games (e.g. Playstation 3 & PC CD-Roms). Please leave books in the porch of St James Church the week before the fair. Please, no magazines, brochures or mouldy books.

White Elephant: We'd love to have your unwanted treasures! Please leave donations of any table top sized items in the barn behind the Abinger Hatch from May 28th. No electrical items please.

Emma Desmier emmadesmier@hotmail.com

Sweets: Any donations of sweets or homemade fudge would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue Boucher 730408

Preserves: Lucy Harlow would love any donations of jams, chutneys or cordials for the stall. Please contact Lucy Harlow on 01306 731741

Shere Village Cinema

Thursday 5th May – *Supernova* is a portrait of a couple dealing with dementia. Heartfelt performances from Stanley Tucci and Colin Firth as Tusker and Sam. 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 after the Second World War. A remarkable story of tragedy and triumphs, this is a heartfelt blend of romance and football.

Thursday 9th June – *The Sound of Metal* is the story of Ruben (Riz Ahmed), a heavy metal drummer, who experiences sudden hearing loss while on tour in the US. This is a powerful but sensitive exploration of the ‘disability’ of deafness, that challenges perceptions and assumptions about loss of hearing.

Sunday 19th June – *King Richard* is the story of the real-life amateur US tennis coach, Richard Williams, played by Will Smith, who fought his way up to help his daughters, Venus and Serena, become the world’s most sensational winners. It is a study of how the individual can achieve the impossible.

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.



THE GUT GIRLS

This exciting, fast moving play is set in Deptford at the turn of the century, tracing the lives of five girls who worked in the gutting sheds of the Cattle Market and how their

lives are changed when the sheds are closed down.

Although the girls are unwilling participants in a club founded by Lady Helena to find alternative employment, the results are not without tragic consequences. Expect laughs and tears as your journey through the grimy cattle sheds, raucous music halls and homes of the gentry, in late Victorian London.

Written by Sarah Daniels and Directed by Ted Horton. By kind permission of Concorde Theatricals

Performances run from 25th-28th May. TICKETS ON SALE END OF APRIL – www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk



MUSIC IN COLDHARBOUR

THE LEGACY OF VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Investec Festival - Friday 6th May

We are delighted to be hosting the Investec International Music Festival in the Surrey Hills at Christ Church on Friday, 6th May. A guided walk around Leith Hill is followed by a talk in the church with writer and broadcaster, Richard Wigmore, who will introduce RVW's life, works and Surrey Hills connections, including those with Christ Church and nearby Leith Hill Place. The walk is sold out. Tickets for the talk at 12.45 are available from www.iimf.co.uk/boxoffice and cost £ 10. More information about the event and the Festival is available at www.iimf.co.uk.



The Organ at Christ Church

The current organ at Christ Church was installed in 1904 as part of a major refurbishment of the East end of the church in memory of Sarah, the wife of Sir Alexander Hargreaves Brown of Broome Hall. Over the years the organ has from time to time had its own major refurbishments, one of which was funded in the 1930's by a legacy from RVW's sister, Margaret, whose home church was Christ Church. In this 150th year since RVW'S birth the organ is once again in need of some care and attention, and we are raising £3k to keep it playing tunefully for the decades to come. We expect the work to be carried out in May, with no disruption to services. Please contact Mary Hustings if you'd like more information about this project.



VISIT LEITH HILL PLACE

Step inside the childhood home of one of England's most influential composers, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Soak up the atmosphere of this majestic house and gaze at the awe-inspiring views across the Surrey Hills.

HOLMBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Musical Director Cole Bendall, who will be taking over from Amy Bebbington in the Autumn. Cole brings to the choir vast experience in vocal technique as well as working with choral societies. Recent performances and master classes have included

collaboration with instrumental groups and orchestras both in the UK and abroad. We are really looking forward to working with him.



Holmbury St Mary
Choral Society
Amy Bebbington - Conductor
Helen Wharmby - Piano

STAGE & SCREEN

Featuring much loved favourites from musicals,
opera and film, with soloists from the
Royal Academy of Music

Gershwin, Bernstein, Cole Porter, Bizet and more

Saturday 2nd July
8pm (doors open at 7.30)

Saint James' Church
Abinger Common

Tickets: £15
19 & under: Free

Available from
jkberry@btinternet.com
holmburychoral.org

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Amy Bebbington after more than a decade of high levels of achievement both at the Leith Hill Musical Festival and in our Christmas and Summer Concerts.

A 'must' date for your diaries is **July 2nd**. This will be Amy's final concert with us and will be held in St James' Church, Abinger. It is sure to be spectacular, featuring much loved favourites from Stage and Screen. Tickets available from jkberry@btinternet.com. Details on our website www.holmburychoral.org.

Javed Kumar

BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION

Saturday 21st May

Brockham Choral are celebrating their 70th Anniversary performing J. S. BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 7pm in St Martin's Church, Dorking, RH4 1UX. Music Director Cole Bendall will conduct The Covent Garden Sinfonia with The Reid Consort and the Surrey Youth Choir.

Soloists include EVANGELIST David Walsh, CHRISTUS James Kennedy

Tickets available by email: brockhamctickets@gmail.com

Adults £16 in advance, £18 on the day

Students under 25 in full-time education £10

Further information & tickets www.brockhamchoral.org

ART

JUNE JUBILATIONS



**Friday June 3rd to
Monday 6th June**

Jenny and Katharine invite you to their exhibition and sale of art, ceramics and crafts for the QUEENS JUBILEE WEEKEND. We are open 10 – 4pm Friday 3rd to Monday 6th June. WOODLANDS, ABINGER BOTTOM, RH56JN

There will be tea and cakes and other refreshments and a section selling saplings and seedlings as part of the Queens Green Canopy initiative.
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DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS

The Dorking Group of Artists – Summer Exhibition 2 - 5 June

The Dorking Group of Artists are delighted to be returning with their popular annual exhibition at Betchworth Village Hall. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 220 pieces of new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. The paintings will appeal to all tastes with different subjects and styles, and in a wide variety of prices and media. There will be large selection of unframed paintings for sale too. Entrance to the exhibition is free, and Betchworth Village Hall is opposite Knights Garden Centre, so come and make an afternoon of your visit. Betchworth Village Hall, Station Rd, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF: Thurs 2nd June – Sat 4th June 10.00am – 5.30pm; Sunday 5th June 10.00am – 4.00pm

CHILDREN

Closure of the Abinger Common School

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School welcomed pupils at the Abinger Common site for the last time at the end of the Spring term on April 1st and very sadly this was not an April fool. The Good Shepherd Trust decided to close the site on account of declining intake numbers and consolidated the Reception and Key Stage 1 children to the Westcott site where thankfully SHASPS continues to operate, and long may it continue.

The school building in Abinger was first opened in 1863 on a quarter acre of Glebe land and operated as a stand-alone Church of England School until 2010 when it amalgamated with Westcott School to become Surrey Hills Primary School. Ironically this decision was largely an effort to stem the then vulnerability of the Westcott School. In 2017, an OFSTED inspection found the School to be inadequate, centred around safeguarding after an unfounded allegation against a member of staff and this meant the School was forced to become an Academy under the stewardship of the Good Shepherd Trust.

Parents were first made aware of the potential closure of the site in September 2021, only three days after the commencement of term, and the Good Shepherd Trust undertook a consultation process with the community. Over 300 responses were submitted to the GST, a testament to the passion felt in the Community towards its potential closure.

Despite a valiant effort, it became clear that there was little that could be done to affect the process, the crucial nuance being that this was a closure of a site rather than an actual stand-alone school. The GST were simply obligated to provide a business case as to why the Abinger site was not viable which then required sign off from the Regional Schools Commissioner whose remit from the Department of Education is to reduce the number of school places to reflect the declining birth rates, so this was somewhat of an 'open and shut case'. Had Abinger still been a stand-alone school, a far greater level of scrutiny would be required and greater opportunities available for appeal.

Whilst it was clear the current numbers were not sustainable, one of the most contentious issues was the premise for the reasons behind this. The GST primarily cited county and country-wide falling birth rates, which may well be the case, however the strong feeling amongst parents was that the primary reason was the 'inadequate' OFSTED rating, which understandably led to many children in Abinger and the surrounding areas being sent to other neighbouring schools. Sadly, COVID meant that re-inspections were delayed and not enough PR was done to re-establish faith in the School which had

been rated as 'good' in both quality of teaching and outcomes. For many parents, the timing of the School closure was equally regrettable, coming mid academic year, and after a period of such disruption to children's education as a result of COVID.

This closure of the School has been upsetting to the children, parents and the broader community, but particular mention ought to go to the wonderful teaching staff who have put their own concerns aside and navigated this difficult time with great dignity to minimise the disruption to parents and children.

So it was with great sadness that Abinger School closed its doors after 160 years. Attention now turns to the building itself and whether there is a desire to retain this as a community asset of some form. There have been lots of ideas mentioned and communication has commenced with the Diocese to understand what their thoughts are. Perhaps a favourable outcome would be to see the building continue to support our youth in some way and who knows, if the village continues the trend of being desirable to young families moving out from London, perhaps one day there will be a need for another school.

Jim Hartley

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**





The nursery garden is our favourite place to be and we've been lucky enough to have some sunnier weather to enjoy. We've been busying ourselves tending to and watering our plants and preparing the soil for our next batch.

We are well on our way to becoming super green fingered! Being outside is also a great excuse to get involved in some wonderful water play. We wash our pots and pans from the mud kitchen and always have something fun to splash about with in the water tray.

Mother's day is of course a special time for us as we all love our mummies! We invited them in to sing for them – we'd practiced our singing every day and even sang a well-known rainbow song in another language!! Then we were all able to enjoy tea and homemade cake and games in the garden on a gloriously sunny day.

Our Easter fundraising event 'The Great Abinger Bake Off' was a huge success and we welcomed so many children and parents from within the village and surrounding villages. The cakes in both the children's and adult's categories were expertly crafted and there were many worthy winners. Thank you to everybody who baked, judged, helped and came to enjoy the day.



We have been going on mini adventures on our forest school afternoons, walking through our beautiful countryside, across fields and through the woods. Our bug boxes came too and we spotted lots of lovely bugs and an abundance of ants. Oh how we wished they could have come home with us!

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. We can't wait to show you around! Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com.

Abinger Common and Wotton WI

How much do you know about the City of London Livery Companies? Our speaker, Jo Marbutt, told us that there are currently 110 and that more continue to be created. Although the first London City Guilds were established probably following the Norman Conquest in 1066 and they reached their most influential from 1400 when there were between 35 and 40, their value is still of importance in today's world. The membership stipulations have evolved over the years, but their aims remain to support one another and raise funds for philanthropic services. Currently yearly donations to charities top £77 million and the provision and support of almshouses, schools and colleges, churches and trade apprenticeships continues. Training in vocational skills is a primary aim and the City & Guilds certificates have world-wide recognition.

The Guilds have an order of precedence, with the Worshipful Company of Mercers, the merchants, being number one. Tradesmen were obliged to join their Guild or they could not operate in the City. Apprentices served a 7-year apprenticeship following which they could apply to be granted Freedom of the City. The early Guilds had their Livery Halls in the City but the Great Fire of London destroyed the originals and following this changes had to be made to survive. The Guildhall in London is the headquarters of them all and every year a new Lord Mayor of London, always a member of a Livery Guild, is appointed.

On the second Saturday of November the new Lord Mayor processes from the Guildhall to the Royal Courts of Justice to swear allegiance to the Crown, riding in his state coach, the oldest horse-drawn coach in regular use that dates from 1757. This magnificent coach can be seen at the Museum of London.



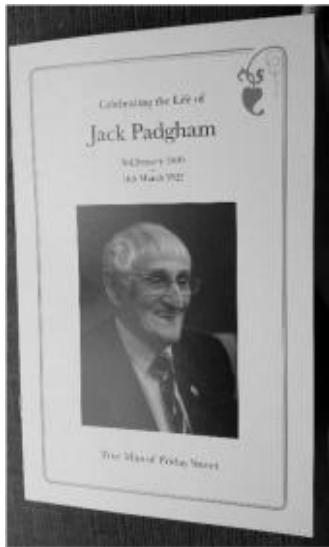
After the talk, we enjoyed tea provided by Di, Hilary and Pam.

The next meeting will be a Ploughman's Lunch on Thursday, 5th May, at the Evelyn Hall, hosted by the Committee. New members are always very welcome.

Claire Hill

Farewell to Jack Padgham - a true Friday Street man

3rd January 1930 - 11th March 2022



There are not many people of whom one can say they lived all their lives in the place they were born, as was true of Jack. Jack and Christine Padgham have already featured several times in the Parish News with their first-hand accounts of local history, the last one being a few months ago when Jack put us right about the details of the bombing of St James' Church towards the end of the war, which he had witnessed personally.

Jack, the youngest of six, was born in 1930 in Yew Tree Cottage (the little house with the scarecrows in the garden in Friday Street). His father, Nelson, was a gardener at Wotton House, which is why the family came to live there. From the age of five he went to Wotton School, walking through the woods to get

there every day. Wotton School no longer exists - William Evelyn Court is now on the site of the school. When he left school at the age of 14, Jack worked first of all in Bury Hill Market Gardens and then for the Forestry Commission. Both these agricultural jobs were reserved occupations and therefore he was exempt from National Service. After that he had many years working as a driver, for a long time for the Milk Marketing Board, where he collected the metal churns of milk from farms. At the age of 61 Jack finally returned to gardening.



Christine came on the scene in the early sixties and they were married at St James' in 1963. The two of them then set up home together in Yew Tree Cottage after the death of Jack's father, raising their three children there, Glen, Louise and Deryk, all of whom have inherited Jack's love of nature.

Jack was born in Yew Tree Cottage and spent many hours in the colourful garden, which continues to give so much pleasure to people passing by the cottage. It was his wish to die there but sadly that was not to be. Jack now lies at rest in the churchyard at St John's Wotton, close to the graves of his parents. This poem below, read by David Grundy at the graveside is a fitting farewell.

Put out to seed again

Michael Ashby

**It's my turn now to be planted
Put out to seed again
While the fruits of my earthly labours
Flourish in the sun and rain**

**It's a wonderful day to be planted
In rich, deep loamy soil
A natural bed, for a tired gardener's head
With green fingered hands of toil**

**Please plant a tree or a bush for me
To celebrate a gardener's life ways
I strove to enrich the world with beauty
Over many many gardening days**



The Life & Times of Lambo... by Joanna Chaytor

I live in Coldharbour and I've been keeping sheep for 8 years - some are pets and some for the freezer. One morning at the end of lambing in April 2019 I found a 3 day old lamb in a hypothermic state. I scooped him up - he was limp, his eyes closed, he was lifeless and too cold. Once home, I wrapped him in a (borrowed / stolen) red Virgin Atlantic blanket and laid him in a dog bed by the warm log burner.



I called him Lambo. And I didn't fancy his chances. He was too weak to suckle, so I gently placed a feeding tube into his mouth, waited for his reflux to start swallowing the tube, and then pushed it into his tummy, I slowly pumped 60ml of warm colostrum milk into him. We kept the log burner on 24/7, and sometimes I thought he died as he seemed so lifeless. I continued with feed tubing until the third day when he suddenly lifted his head, looked around, and I said "welcome to the world Lambo" - we were on the up, ish!

And so started a rather peculiar sheep & shepherdess relationship that was never intended, was a massive inconvenience, hugely embarrassing at times, tiring and expensive, but I wouldn't change it! Lambo's near death came right at the end of lambing and my mum was moving house after 30 years and I was required up in Lancashire to help. Who was going to give Lambo his bottles, his injections of antibiotics, constant attention and daily thermometers up his bum so I could update the vet?!

So, Lambo travelled from Coldharbour to Lancashire! We stopped for fuel and of course Lambo would decide to stand up in full view, and there was lots of bemused pointing and confusion around me. I pretended not to notice and wished the fuel pump was faster, "Excuse me, is that a cat in your boot?" (Sometimes the general public seem far removed from livestock detail, even ones in the back of an Audi at a fuel station in Leatherhead) - "No it's a lamb". I would then either be asked if I was going to eat him - erm, would you - he's up to the eye balls in antibiotics, wheezes and hasn't got an ounce of meat on him?!

"Will he live in your house forever?" - No! He poops every 20 minutes and unless he sleeps with me he yells so much no one can get any sleep.

Lambo's constant pooping meant he had to wear a nappy – embarrassing. When DPD would knock on the door they'd be greeted by me, a labrador, and a skinny lamb wearing a nappy that rattled when he breathed. Anyway, Lambo was also a massive fascination to many people, including children, and the removal men in Lancashire - they'd arrive every day and their first question would be, "Has Lambo drunk all his bottle?"

A couple of weeks later, back in Coldharbour, and Lambo had recovered from his pneumonia, and was able to go out in the field during the day and have a poop there rather than on my floor, but he'd still come home every evening to keep warm, and I wasn't going to drive down the lane every 4 hours through the night to give him a bottle!

When Lambo would get home he'd hop, skip and jump round the house, skidding on the wooden floor, head butting the cat, running up the stairs, pooping, and then he'd leap onto the poof only to be presented with a bowl of lamb nuts - this had to stop!!

One day when Lambo was about 10 weeks old I went to the field to bring him home for the night. Our usual routine was he'd have a bottle in the field, and then we'd walk to the car and go home. This time, he drank his bottle in the field and I started walking to the car, except this evening he didn't walk with me. I stopped and looked behind me, he was watching me, but not moving. I gulped, walked on slowly, and then when I reached my car I looked back just one more time - he was still watching me from afar - he was also telling me it was time - time for him to be a sheep, with other sheep. Day and night. My Lambo was a man (a castrated man but a man)!

I'd be lying if I said I didn't have a lump in my throat as I drove home. That night was not a good night! I was back in his field at 6am the next morning with his morning bottle and he gulped it down (he was now starting to digest grass as well as milk) and I stroked and patted him and told him how brave he was!



Lambo is now 3 years old - no longer the skinny, wheezy, nappy-wearing lamb! He's huge and handsome, has an air of aloofness, and has an amazing soft fluffy fleece on him! Lambo has never forgotten - he still trots towards me when I arrive, he still knows his name is Lambo, he still loves a cuddle and a chat. He'll always be my Lambo.

Chilworth Manor NGS Open Garden

**Saturday 4
June,
11 am – 5 pm**



Explore the extensive grounds and lawns of Chilworth Manor, a former monastery, and enjoy all its beautiful features like a terraced walled garden, herbaceous borders, topiary and fruit trees, stewponds, Japanese

themed garden, woodland garden walk and many statues. The alpacas are there as well to greet you!

The children can enjoy their own special Garden Trail, so why not make it a family outing! Coffee, teas and home-made cakes are served all day. All proceeds go to the two churches of Chilworth and Chilworth CofE Infant School. Chilworth Manor Vineyard will be selling their latest Sparkling wines throughout the day.

Garden entry is £7.50 (children go free) in aid of the National Garden Scheme. Book your tickets via <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/3019>

Queen's Green Canopy - The Hurtwood

The Queen's Green Canopy initiative continues across the country to plant trees in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for 70 years of leadership and service. Thanks to the generous donations from local Surrey residents, members of the Friends of the Hurtwood and local landowners, enough funds were raised to plant three small copses on the Hurtwood. The first two were planted on Friday, March 25th with the third one to be planted in the Autumn.

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, was present at the first planting as the Queen's representative in Surrey. At the site on Shere Heath, 15 trees were planted - birch, lime, hornbeam and whitebeam. At the second site, on Holmbury Hill across from the Pinetum, hornbeam, birch, beech and whitebeam were planted.

Update from Shere Surgery

DR EMMA WATTS WRITES: Spring is finally here. This usually brings a bit of relief as winter illness levels reduce. This Easter, sadly, Covid levels were at the same peak as midwinter, putting strain on us, the Royal Surrey, the Emergency Services, and Community Nursing services. Together with staffing absence due to Covid throughout the system we continue to have an extremely challenging time.

Dispensary: Prescription numbers rose during the pandemic due to increased ill health from Covid and the psychological impacts of the pandemic, increased hospital waiting times leading to us managing sicker people within the community for longer, plus our normal workload. Dispensary are processing in excess of 10,000 prescriptions per month. At the same time, stock availability of some crucial medications (HRT being a current out of stock example) has been challenging. Please bear with us - it is our current priority. In the meantime, we really need everybody to be using Brenda the Vendor if they can. We still have a significant volume using the window because they prefer it, but it keeps a dispenser from dispensing.

Recruitment & Retention: Despite us being a close-knit team, we are struggling to keep staff or recruit new ones. We have vacancies in every team (except the nursing team) and these gaps are being filled by a tired workforce doing overtime. We were sad, but excited, to say a temporary goodbye to Dr Amy Bissell as she goes off on maternity leave. We have been unable to recruit a GP to cover her maternity.

Safety: We have improved the car park lighting and put in better CCTV to make staff feel safer as they leave at night. Sadly, we had to remove some of the trees by our exit to improve visibility and also for the CCTV. Our CCTV is picking up drug dealing frequently each week, and we are considering our options on how to address this.

Space in the building: As I tried to explain on BBC Countryfile, our patient numbers have risen from 5000 to over 8000 with no increase in consulting space. In addition, there are now far more appointment requests per head than we have ever seen. Whilst there is no current ability to fund an extension, SALV very kindly purchased for us 3 phone box booths. These are now in action. We use them for telephone and online consultations, booking space in a consulting room downstairs for face-to-face appointments. They are a quirky, but practical, solution to our capacity problem.

I very much hope to be able to write more positively next month. We remain absolutely committed to trying to provide the best service we can to our community, and we do appreciate your ongoing support.



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