

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR Parish News



JULY/AUGUST 2022

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EVENTS

July

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| 1 st | Coffee morning JV Hall 10.30-11.30 (p11) |
| 2 nd | HSMCS Concert St James' 8pm (p38) |
| 3 rd | Summer Music at LHP. 2pm (p 40) |
| 4 th | Dancing for Dave, Abinger Hatch 7.30 (p 38) |
| 4 th | DLHG talk on Abinger Observatory 7.30 (p 42) |
| 6 th | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am (p.11) |
| 7 th | WI Meeting Evelyn Hall (p 23) |
| 7 th | Shere Cinema <i>Death on the Nile</i> (p 42) |
| 10 th | Coldharbour Open Gardens 2-5 (p 40) |
| 13 th | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am |
| 15 th 16 th | Broadmoor open garden, 11am (p 40) |
| 20 th | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am |
| 20 th | Surrey Hills School Open Evening 5.30pm |
| 22 nd | WI lunch (p 23) |
| 24 th | Shere Cinema <i>Operation Mincemeat</i> (p 42) |
| 27 th | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am |

August

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| 3 rd | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am |
| 4 th | Shere Cinema Belfast (p42) |
| 5 th | Coffee morning JV Hall 10.30-11.30 |
| 7 th | Abinger and Wotton Flower Show (p 44) |
| 14 th | Shere Cinema <i>The Duke</i> (p 42) |
| 10,17,24,31 | SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10am |





Reflections from the Rectory

The sun is out,

The grass is ris,

I wonder when my holidays is',

- so my mother used to say around this time of year! Freedom has never tasted so good! With many of us having had to postpone our much anticipated travels from the last couple of years we are, at last, free to roam.

Rest is a vital part of what it means to be human - we are, after all human beings, not human doings - something I find tricky to remember at times!

Sabbath rest is a concept we have distanced ourselves from over time. We are a driven race living in a competitive, success driven culture and so taking proper rest can be viewed as being self-indulgent and even lazy but it is crucial to our well-being.

Even God took a day off!

So whatever your plans over the summer months, sit back, relax and enjoy!

With every blessing

Rev'd Kia

*"What do you think
succas is?" asked the boy*

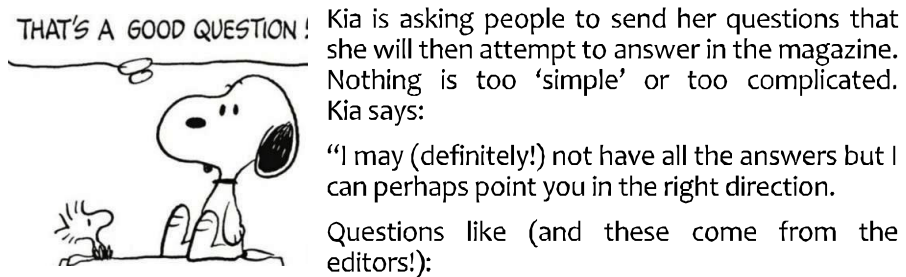


*"To love," said the
mole*

Church family emails

Each week I send out an email to the villages letting people know of upcoming services and anything else that is going on - if you do not receive these and would like to please let Sally know on - parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org

Do you have a random, poignant or (what you may think) silly question about faith, life and God?



'Will my dog go to heaven?'

'Would Jesus have been on the side of the Ukrainians in the war or would he have turned the other cheek?'

"Did Jesus lose his faith on the cross with his words 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"

Questions are welcomed from children and adults, those of faith and those with none. All correspondence to me will be treated in confidence and I will only publish answers if permission is given, and you can always be anonymous. I look forward to hearing from you!"

Please write to **rector@abingerandcoldharbour.org**

Dates for your diary - New events planned!

Youth Alpha:

Starting 11th September at the Rectory, 4-5:30pm we have a six week course for young adults 12-18yrs. This is for anyone interested in asking the BIG questions of life! A safe, fun environment to engage with the Christian faith - no experience necessary! DVD, conversation and food!

Messy Church:

From Saturday 10th September, and every second Saturday a month, we are launching Messy Church. A free fun packed afternoon from 3-5pm with craft, stories, music and food. Younger families welcome!

Small Groups:

If you would like to explore your faith, whether it is a small mustard seed or an established Oak and would like to be part of a small group to grow and

learn how to live out your faith in the real world, we would love to hear from you!

Julian Meeting:

Church services can be a bit wordy at times. Silence, being in a place of stillness to be with God, is a beautiful thing.

Julian of Norwich was a Mediaeval mystic from the 12th Century who was healed of a serious illness after encountering Jesus in visions revealing his Divine love. She was the first published female author writing about her experiences in 'A Book of Showings'.

Every 4th Sunday at 6pm, following a short reading, we will sit in the presence of God. If you've never experienced sitting in silence for a period it can be a little daunting but I highly recommend it! A great way to reboot the mind and soul before the beginning of the week!

Iona:

Iona services are simple and accessible family friendly spaces. They are more reflective in theme and lean towards creative worship with a focus on appreciating God within the world. You can find these services on the second Sunday at 10am at Christ Church Coldharbour and also on 4th September we are trialling an extra service with a new time of 6pm.

Holmbury and Wotton

You may like to try out different styles of service in the other churches in our benefice, run by David Grundy, with the assistance of Virginia and Martha.

Holmbury

1st Sunday of month: 9.30am Said Communion, followed by 10.30 am Funday (craft, songs and teaching for children).

2nd Sunday of month: 10am Sung Communion with robed choir and chancel altar

3rd Sunday of month: 10am Morning Prayer (we always write a different liturgy, order of service each time, depending on the occasion)

4th Sunday of month: 10am Slightly less formal Iona Communion.

Wotton

1st Sunday of month: 10am Common Worship Morning Prayer

The other 3 Sundays: Common Worship Holy Communion the centre of the magazine)

[For services at St James' and Christ Church see centre of magazine]

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, the Coldharbour Fete back in May, the Abinger Medieval Fair in June – how wonderfully our communities came together for these events. More about these later in the magazine. And, as Coldharbour Sue Smith's adventure shows, community is, of course, a much wider concept.

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 1ST July and Friday 5th August, 10.30 to 11.30
John Venus Hall



Volunteers wanted

A request from Rev'd Kia: "I have been so impressed with the community spirit demonstrated within our villages. Everybody seems willing to invest their time and energy in making it such a wonderful place to live and flourish! With this in mind - I would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved with the team running Messy Church. It is a community offering from our community to the community of young families in and around the villages. Whatever your age, if you could help with craft, hospitality or setting up - I would love to hear from you!"



Dorking Foodbank

Items for the food bank can be placed in the green crate in the porch of St James'. The food bank is needed more than ever at the moment.

Update from Abinger School meeting

A huge thank you to all those who came to the meeting to discuss the Abinger school site on 6th June. Questions were raised concerning the section 554 which, when completed, would release the site for sale. I had been informed that this had been passed but questions were raised as to where this public notice had been displayed. I have asked this question and have a meeting with Alex Tear (Diocese Director of Education) in the diary. Communication channels are open between myself and the Diocese and my emails have been responded to quickly and efficiently. I have an open email group that I regularly use to relay up to date information and if you would like to be included on this please let me know (rector@abingerandcoldharbour.org). I sense this will be an ongoing process over time and I will endeavour to be a positive channel between our community and the Diocese.

Rev'd Kia

Jenny and Katharine's exhibition

Our talented editor Jenny, together with fellow artist Katharine raised nearly £300 from refreshments and plants sales which was split between Ukraine and Orpheus, a local charity for young adults with learning difficulties to help them gain confidence through the visual arts.

Tiggs Morton reports on her adventure: One particular news item in last month's magazine caught my eye: the not-to-be-missed opportunity to visit an exhibition of art, ceramics and crafts in Abinger Bottom, but things did not go exactly to plan! A debate might have occurred in the car as to the exact lane turning... with further debate as to whether we should entrust Google Maps to intercede, but soon we were rewarded with some cheeky little signs appearing on various trees down the lane to guide us to our destination: with "almost there"; "hang in there", and "see you soon" – as we drove ever deeper into the forest, though the humorous signs only added to the experience of being on a treasure hunt.

We finally arrived at the studio and Jenny and Katherine's wonderful exhibition; up the meandering pathway we went and what we found was an incredible array of art and ceramics on sale; we ended up walking away with several lovely pieces with Katherine explaining what songs she was listening to that provided some of the inspiration.



The Poland-Ukraine border from the Surrey Hills



As some of you might I know, I have recently returned from a week in Poland, as a volunteer driver. Like many I had felt a great need to help in a practical and direct way but without the specialist skills that might be useful in such a crisis and without a spare inch of space in my happily crowded home to offer space to a refugee family I had few options. However, one day, back in March I heard an interview on Radio 4s' Woman's Hour with Ella Lasange, a Polish woman from Warsaw who had unwittingly started an initiative of women drivers giving lifts to Ukrainian refugees and thereby enabling their

onward journeys from the confusion of the border crossings. A single journey undertaken by Ella had grown to encompass a group of friends and acquaintances numbering 600 and the group Kobiety Za Kolko - Women take the Wheel - was born. Many of them drove the long hours between the border and Poland's large cities, others organised accommodation, medical care and logistics. In the muddle of many of the refugee centres, the mostly women and children refugees were vulnerable with stories of trafficking creating fear and uncertainty. The Polish government, underestimating the flood that would arrive and also the way the Polish people would open their arms to their neighbours, were slow to respond and so other privately organised initiatives like KZK were started up to help. The story I heard that day sat with me for some days before I made contact with Ella who confirmed the need for relief drivers. I then cancelled a much looked forward to holiday with friends cycling the Brittany countryside and booked myself a flight to Krakow and a minibus for the week. It was as (scarily) easy as that!

My family were quite reasonably concerned at my decision, fully expecting to be called on to rescue me from some calamity or other. I made them a promise that I would not cross the border into Ukraine, which I kept (this time!) and my son set up tracking via my i phone, something I am glad I agreed to as it was always comforting and sometimes amusing to think of him watching my lengthy and sometimes erratic journeys! Poland's major roads are relatively traffic free with the marvellous A4 carving its way across the country. As here in the UK where campervans herald the arrival of the Cornish

border, the presence of tractors everywhere and poignantly, convoys of military vehicles sometimes carrying tanks were a sure sign that I was in the vicinity of the border with Ukraine, an area of flat countryside and vast open fields.



On my first day, a seven and a half hour round trip saw me collecting a lady from Przemysl (loosely pronounced Shemshil), one of the eight major border crossings. Svetlana was being sponsored by an English family in Bristol and I was to take her to Krakow airport for her flight to the UK. (The group 'Love Bristol' are very active in helping with the red tape of visas). This trip, as with most, happened as a triangle of

contacts which started with a post on the KZK facebook page by a person who knew another person etc. Svetlana could not speak any Polish or English and we communicated through gesture and Google translate and by sharing her sandwiches! She had never been through an airport before and was leaving behind her home and two sons fighting. Svetlana is now safe with her Bristol sponsor and has a job at a local restaurant. Just one person, just a drive from A to B, just a small thing but actually a huge thing and I was then and continued to be humbled by the gratitude and love expressed by the people I helped during that week. In total, I covered 3500km and gave lifts to twelve refugees, individuals and families, all with different stories, all leaving behind menfolk fighting, elderly relatives, their homes and their pets. Without exception they were overwhelmed to be receiving help and more so when they learned that it had come from abroad. I also transported a van load of aid that had come from Sardinia and was languishing in a warehouse and destined for a unit near the border. This unit was run by a family who own a hotel which they had emptied in order to take in sixty mothers and children whom they were feeding, clothing and caring for. This wonderful hospitality was evident everywhere with grant money only just beginning to be available to host families as I left the country.

In all the time I was there I didn't actually meet any of the other members of the KZK group despite the huge supportive web that surrounded my driving days because of the enormous distances and the fact that most of them are fitting their driving into their working and family lives. Nevertheless, names became familiar through communications and postings and these names now litter my phone contacts list, Ella, Rosa, Marina, Katya, Edyta, Nella, Karina, Eva, a fabulous Bad Ass group of women who were achieving such

great things. Ella always addressed me as ‘Dahhrling!’ with her delicious accent and I forgave myself for sometimes feeling that I was involved in some kind of undercover operation, a feeling that increased as I would read the early morning reports from the brave few who would have made a night-time



trip into Ukraine to deliver aid and bring people out. Once a post reported a rescue of fifteen exhausted and traumatised people from a basement in Mariupol and a plea went out for shelter, clothes and food.

I am still in contact with the group and am doing what I can to help from here, which this week

was to help organise a ferry crossing for two refugees and their dog from the Netherlands to the UK, and can report that the DFDS ferry company are offering free transport for UA nationals on all their crossings (possibly a service not being too overused as the chance of actually getting a visa for the UK is onerous...please email your MP!) I am also helping to move specific humanitarian aid across the UK for an initiative that is making use of empty lorries driving across to the UA.

Sharing experiences with William Lewis

This week I had the huge pleasure of sharing experiences with another Surrey Hills resident who drove out to Poland in March. William Lewis who now lives on Coldharbour Lane bought a minibus, loaded it with aid and headed off into the unknown (although he stopped on his way at the six nations rugby game in Paris... but then on into the unknown!) Rather bizarrely, William had also cancelled a holiday with friends to make his journey. Annie at the tearooms in Abinger offered the collection point for the huge amounts of aid donated by locals and members of the Dorking squash club and also coordinated the many offers from local families to host any refugees that might be able to come back with William. The minibus was bought at auction and the tank filled by the company when they learned of its destination and was serviced before departure by MLT Autos in Dorking also free of charge. William took two days to get to Poland where he was to deliver his aid. He found, as I did, that some aid centres were already so full that they wished to cherry pick through the boxes, as they were already inundated by clothing they didn't need. Eventually with the minibus emptied of its load and now re loaded with

1000kg of pet food (always in need in UA) he headed to the border, arriving at the Medyka refugee centre, which is a bustling, intimidating place even by both our accounts never mind for the refugees who arrive here. Meeting up with an Irish volunteer called Derek, William arranged to carry a load of military aid into Ukraine but was prevented from crossing the border as he didn't have the original documents for his minibus. Undeterred, he and Derek commandeered an ambulance (don't ask!) and the aid was driven across the border. William registered with the transport hub which is housed in an old Tesco store, a place rather infamous among volunteer drivers, and got his green wristband which is all that you need to do to be able to offer a lift to any refugee at the centre. It's easy to see how this system was abused in the early days. Here William was unable to find anyone who had a visa for the UK and so collected eight passengers, two groups who were heading to homes with sponsors near Hamburg. Enduring a journey of 1189kms he dropped his passengers off at their different destinations. William had encountered the same communications issues with his passengers with no shared language but found that this group of people were not obviously grateful for his great kindness and has come away with different feelings about this process than I have. The minibus had limped into Hamburg with an engine problem and William now set about trying to get it fixed. Holing up in a hotel he waited for a mechanic but was forced to leave for home before it could be seen. He was later told it couldn't be fixed and would he please pay 500 euros to have it scrapped! Forbidding them to do any such thing, he arranged for it to be transported back to the UK and it is now back on the road ready for its next adventure. The above-mentioned Derek, having failed to meet William for a recent reunion in Dublin, turns out to have been arrested for going AWOL from the army!

Despite our differing experiences both of us feel the need to continue to help and to go back to the border area if the urgent need exists. Right now, the need for aid of all sorts in Ukraine is great, from pet food to military equipment and fuel is often limited to 10 litres at a time. However, as William found, the cost of driving across Europe is currently hefty and depending on the aid being transported and where it is destined for, might not be practicable. Poland is fully functioning, the shops are full and local groups often know the ever-changing needs across the border and among the refugees in Poland more quickly than we do, so direct funding might be the best way. Through my encounters I have some contacts of groups who are responding to these needs and requests. If anyone would like to offer financial or practical help directly please do get in touch.

Sue Smith (suesmith 63@hotmail.com)

CHILDREN

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School

Mr Coles writes: After a fantastic first summer half term we are delighted with the progress the pupils have made in so many aspects of their learning. From lots of sports tournaments, amazing class assemblies, to completing SATS and working hard together to be the best all of us can be every single day. I am incredibly proud of our school and all the children within it.



We celebrated the Queens Jubilee in style. A picnic style lunch was enjoyed outside, along with an afternoon's performance of some maypole dances. Each class created a portrait of the Queen from a different decade of her reign. They were amazing! Well done all!

Teddy Bears' Picnic 2022 was a huge success – raising over £8000 for our school. A big thank you for all the donations and to all the amazing volunteers who gave up their time to make it such a great family event. It was fantastic to see our extended school community coming together - parents, grandparents, pupils (past and present), teachers and school governors. Special thanks to Mr Coles for telling such wonderful stories to the children in the beautiful bell tent provided by #Sleepylily. Also a MASSIVE thank you to Becky Smith and Amy Smith for leading our Surrey Hills team and working with the Peaslake team to deliver a brilliant event. Monday 1st May 2023 will be the 40th anniversary of the Teddy Bears' Picnic so pop the date in your diary and make sure you come along to enjoy the celebrations.

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School

Open Invitation - Wednesday 20th July, 5.30pm onwards
to see all the improvements and learn about the changes we are making.

You are most welcome!



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee gave us a chance to join in the celebrations across the country in our own unique way. We all helped to make a huge crown that we

are pretty sure the Queen would rather wear than her current number – this one had milk bottle tops, pasta, buttons, tinfoil and pheasant feathers on it to boot!

The village phonebox was decorated with our fingerprint flag pictures and we even had time to create some red, white and blue paper flowers for the church.

It's been really lovely for some of us to spend some time with the wider community, visiting S.J.s Café and singing to both people and their dogs!!! There have been a few birthdays there too so our singing has been celebratory and we made colourful cards for those whose birthday it was.

Out in our gigantic garden we are becoming rather green fingered! We've been working away, planting lots of things that we will hopefully be able to eat! From tomatoes to courgettes and peas and carrots to potatoes. Watch this space! Perhaps we can cook them in our mud kitchen! When we do cook we do it in style. We recently made fish cakes from scratch. A whole fish was brought in for us to explore before it became said cake. We wondered at it as we poked, prodded and felt its smooth scales. Such a wonderful learning experience.



One Friday morning we met at the foot of Leith Hill for a sponsored saunter right to the very top. Even our two year olds walked all the way up!! It was such a lovely way to raise some money and for our parents to join us too. The wiggly jelly worms and tasty homemade cakes at the top refuelled us (after a considerable amount of rolling down the grassy hill) to make it back to the bottom. Thank you to all who participated and those who sponsored 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. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com. We can't wait to show you around!

The W.I.



The first Thursday of the month, WI day, was a Bank Holiday; however we kept to our normal routine, but with a distinctly Royal Platinum Jubilee theme and special tea. This included a party-sized cake created by Anne Steele, not just spectacular but delicious. Thank you, Anne, and the rest of the tea team, Avril, Carol and Denise plus the Committee, for your palace-worthy spread.

Glass is an interesting material, apparently classified as a supercooled liquid, according to enthusiast Brian Whicher who came to talk on “Airtwist glasses of the 18th Century”. We think of glass as man-made, but there is a naturally occurring form, made in the heat of volcanos, called obsidian. The earliest important man-made glass vase, the beautifully decorated Portland Vase, is Roman, and made around the 1st Century BC. It was smashed to pieces at the British Museum in 1843, then painstakingly restored and is back on display. In Britain there are records from 1226 of first glassmaking here at Chiddingfold. A method of creating air twist stems for glassware was invented around the middle of the 18th century. This uses less glass and was prompted by a new tax on glassmaking. We saw some beautiful examples of some of these early glasses and Brian explained how fashion had led to different styles over the years. For good sources of information, and to see glass on display, visits were recommended to the museums at Guildford, the V&A, and Bristol, and the National Trust collection at Mompesson House near Salisbury Cathedral.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th July, at the Evelyn Hall and will feature a talk on “Communications, then and now” presented by Coldharbour resident Graham Mytton. Later in the month, on Friday 22nd, we are invited to a Summer Lunch hosted by the Committee. Please do come to meet our friendly group - new members are always very welcome.

Claire Hill



SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

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| 3rd July 10.30am | Thomas the Apostle - Third Sunday after Trinity All Age Holy Communion with Sunday Club for children followed by refreshments |
| 10th July 6.00pm | The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Choral Evensong |
| 17th July 10.30am | The Fifth Sunday after Trinity All Age Service followed by refreshments |
| 24th July 10.30am | The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sideways Church - new angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation. |
| 6.00pm | Julian Meeting - half an hour of stillness with God (see p. 9) |
| 31st July 10.30am | The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service <u>at St. John's, Wotton</u> |
| 7th August 10.30am | The Eighth Sunday after Trinity All Age Leith Hill Benefice Service with Baptism |
| 14th August 10.30am | The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service <u>at St. Mary's, Holmbury</u> |
| 21st August 10.30am | The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service <u>at St. John's, Wotton</u> |
| 28th August 10.30am | The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service <u>at Christ Church, Coldharbour</u> |



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| 10th July 10.00am | The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Second Sunday Service followed by refreshments |
| 17th July 9.00am | The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Said Holy Communion (to be confirmed) |
| 6.00pm | Evensong |
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| 7th August 10.30am | The Eighth Sunday after Trinity All Age Leith Hill Benefice Service with Baptism <u>at St. James' Abinger</u> |
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| 21st August 10.30am | The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service <u>at St. John's, Wotton</u> |
| 28th August 10.30am | The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Leith Hill Benefice Service |

Coldharbour Matters

Parish Office at Coldharbour

This will take place on Monday 4th July and Monday 18th July from 10am - 11am in the JV Hall. Do pop in to say hello to Kia and Sally with any questions, or just for a coffee and a chat.

Blue Tits

Blue tits return to Christ Church porch every Spring to nest by the door, high up above, delighting all who come with their tweets.



A Hymn by John Venus and Elaine Sproule

Sunday 12th June was Trinity Sunday. A short time ago Alan Hustings, husband of church warden Mary, found a music manuscript in one of the cupboards at Christ Church. It was of a hymn, with words of a poem, Hymn to the Trinity, written by our former rector but two, the much loved and late John Venus, with music written by our former organist Elaine Sproule. She was organist and music director for many years. She died at Christ Church in 1993 while playing the organ at a service. Alan had the brilliant idea of us practising and singing this lovely hymn at the Trinity Sunday service. Together with choir members from both Abinger and Coldharbour congregations, we practised at home and then in the church, and on Trinity Sunday sang it as a choir and with the congregation. We did not have David Hansell, Elaine Sproule's successor after four or five other organists in the interim, but we are a community of sometimes astonishing talents: Bronnie Roberts, a mere teenager, who is well-known for her trumpet skills and who now also plays the tuba brilliantly, and is a major part of the Coldharbour Wind Band, is also now becoming an accomplished organist. And she did that for this event. It all went very well and we liked the hymn enough to hope that we will be able to sing it again.

The Coldharbour Fete

Last month featured pictures of the Fete held in May month's magazine, and before the outcome was known. Kerry Day writes: It was wonderful to be able to hold the full Coldharbour Village Fete again this year. New to helping with the organising I was overwhelmed by the community spirit. People gave so much; running stalls and activities, setting up/dismantling, donating, baking and support on the day. With a record breaking Auction of Promises which

raised £ 6,000 and an overall net income after expenses, including the Auction in aid of the DEC Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine and Christ Church, of £12,000.

Ride and Stride: Saturday 10th September

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) awarded Christ Church a grant this year towards the cost of essential organ repairs. SCPT is a heritage charity, whose main source of income is the sponsored 'Ride and Stride' for walkers and cyclists which takes place in many counties across the country on the 2nd Saturday of September to raise money for church restoration and repair. In SCPT's words:

The idea is that cyclists and walkers are given a list of participating churches in their area. They map out their own route to visit churches by bike or on foot, and then get friends to sponsor them for a fixed amount per church visited. The money that is collected is divided into two. Half the monies go to the church of the cyclists' choice; the other half is retained by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need (that apply for a grant). In the twenty years that the Ride and Stride has been running in Surrey we have raised over £500,000'.

We'd like to help them as they have helped us. If you'd be willing to take part or to help organise a team or two for a fun day out church crawling and raising money in a good cause, please get in touch with Mary Hustings (mary.hustings@btinternet.com).

Harbour Hymns

We are working on a revival of Harbour Hymns at Christ Church some time over the Summer. Harbour Hymns (Harbour = Coldharbour) is a festival of favourite hymn singing, with musical accompaniment, hymns chosen by anyone who has a favourite hymn and followed by suitable refreshments. If you like to sing, this is one for you! Date and more information to come via village e-mail and on the church website (www.coldharbourchurch.org.uk).

Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Mole Valley Stroke Club

Is looking for volunteers to help with the running of the group.

There are opportunities to help with administration, driving, at meetings
We meet on Wednesdays at St John's Community Hall, North Holmwood
from 10.30 – 12.30

For more information please contact Jacqui at
molevalleystrokeclub@gmail.com

Jubilations and Celebrations

Didn't we need these celebrations after those miserable two years of Lockdown? What a month of celebrations we have had – actually two months if we take the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Coldharbour Fete as marking the beginning! And what a glorious ending with the sun shining on the Abinger Medieval Fair. We begin our reports however with homage to the Queen.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Leith Hill Beacon and Coldharbour



We had two very enjoyable Coldharbour events during the Jubilee week and it was wonderful to see everyone out together. First of all the beacon lighting up at Leith Hill Tower on Thursday evening. We were very pleased to have had the tower servery for opening and also thank the National Trust for allowing the gathering to go ahead. And it was good to have a section of the village band playing some rousing numbers for us all to sing to. And thanks to our parish council for paying for the erection and removal of the brazier.

We were then going to have a kind of non-street party on the cricket ground. But because it looked very likely that the weather would not be kind, it was moved to Christ Church, who were pleased to help. And what a brilliant party it was. The organisers, Sue Skerritt, Hils Jupe and Amanda Hanlin



send their thanks to everyone who came, especially those who helped transform the Church with flags, balloons, wonderful cakes, their fancy



dress, dancing and laughter, and to the Sports and Social Club for funding it. Thanks also to the village band, who opened the event and basked the partygoers with the atmospheric and moving renditions of the national anthem and Land of Hope and Glory as well as other pieces! The last minute venue change proved to be a real bonus and

provided the Flying Giraffes (future bookings contact Steve Breed at breedstephen@gmail.com) with a wonderful stage on which to shine, which they certainly did, and they looked amazing in their retro gear! Steve and Choisanne's son, James stunned the crowd in the intermission with his amazing talent with his rendition of Nina Simone's *Feeling Good*, and an encore has been promised in the future. We also thank Sue Smith for her completely delicious selection of cakes. And thank also to Daniel, Vaughan and Luke for running suitably exhausting and exciting games for the children, and for the wonderful costumes, including Maddy the horse!

These were memorable village events and opportunities for all to catch up with each other after such a difficult two years, and to celebrate the Queen and her 70 years of service.

Abinger

Abinger was in luck with the weather. Lots of people joined in the picnic on The Green where we enjoyed some sunshine and admired some most extraordinary costumes, the best of which undoubtedly came from the Evelyn Cottages. There were various sightings of the Queen and even one of the famous Jubilee Trifle!!





And finally many thanks to the Kingfisher Farm Shop for decorating the Lych Gate so magnificently, and to Kim and Cherry for all the beautiful flower arrangements they did inside the church – both for the Jubilee and the Fair.

Abinger Medieval Fair



“That was a perfect day” was the comment I heard from a young child leaving at the end of the Fair – and it really was!

The afternoon began with the arrival of the May Queen, Yvonne, attended by Lily and Emily, on a beautifully decorated horse and cart led, as always, by Jess and Dan Brown – many thanks. She then sat resplendent on the recently refurbished throne, while Kia Packenham, the new rector, read out the traditional words to open the fair. This was Kia’s first fair, taking over from Tony Berry, and I’m not sure she had quite realised what she was letting herself in for! Thank you Kia for doing such a great job and for joining in so enthusiastically, and also to your family for their wonderful work on the face painting stall.

Next came the Maypole dancers from Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School who had the crowd cheering and clapping along as they wound their ribbon patterns. The move of the children from the Abinger Common site to Westcott brought new logistical challenges but Nicki



Kong, ably assisted by Becky Hopper, was not deterred and the show went on! Thank you to Nicki, Becky and everyone else involved. We were really grateful for the continued participation of the school children.

Then there were the stalls - where do I start? Every last stall looked truly stunning, each decorated by the stallholders themselves with creative use of bunting, flowers, hessian and even a rotary washing line! A huge thank you to all the stallholders and their myriad of helpers, many who have been involved over a number of years and many who were new to their role. Especial thanks to those just taking over the reins, Wendy and Stephen Round on Pimms, Polly Nicholson on Splat the Rat and Stocks, Paul Patterson on Beat the Goalie and Simon Obank on the Coconut Shy, helped by Zoe Burch and Dan Fairbrass, who were all new recruits this year. At the other end of the scale particular thanks to Sue Bouchier for all of her hard work at the Abinger Fair for over 50 years - she retires from the sweet stall this year. Thanks as well to Jenny Parker, also retiring from the sweet stall after many years of service.

When the stallholders were in need of a break they headed to the sanctuary of the vestry where delicious cakes were on offer by the team led by Mandy Woods, thank you all. From the vestry you may have been able to hear David Hansell giving an organ recital in the gaps between the other musical offerings, what a lovely new addition to the day, thank you David. There was also the opportunity to sit down in the Evelyn Hall and have a reviving cream tea - thank you to Eckpen and all her team, your help is much appreciated.

The Fair Committee would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make the day such a wonderful success. This includes all those who helped behind the scenes with setting up and clearing away, a huge job run very efficiently by a fabulous team of local boys. Other thanks must be extended to Tim Prideaux for stepping up to compere at the last minute, Henny and assistants for taking on the spit roast, Ed Bigland and help for putting hours of work in to boosting the wi-fi signal on the green to allow the successful use of electronic payments, Kevin and Clare Phillips for help in many ways, Clive Woods and anyone who was 'persuaded' at late notice to help with the car parking and the local Fire Brigade for rescuing the Sheaf that had got stuck on a telegraph wire! We wouldn't be able to do it without all of you so THANK YOU!

We are thrilled to be able to tell you that your hard work generated over £20,000 with all proceeds going to benefit local charities and amenities. If there are any local organisations that would like to benefit from the money raised, please apply by e mailing Liz Irvine at lizandkeithi@btinternet.com.

Anyone reading this and thinking that they would like to be part of such a successful, fun and community spirited event please do get in touch, new committee members always welcome!

*Joanna Durham (Chair) and Liz Irvine (Secretary)
on behalf of the Fair Committee*



EVENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST

‘Stage and Screen’

St James’ Church, Abinger

Saturday 2nd July, 8pm

Holmbury Choral Society invite you to a wonderful concert of much loved favourites ranging from West Side Story to Porgy and Bess and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves. This is Amy Bebbington’s last concert with us. Do join us for our usual refreshments, outside in the churchyard if fine at the end of the concert. Tickets available from jlberry@btinternet.com. Details on our [website](http://www.holmburychoral.org) www.holmburychoral.org.



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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

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Dancing for Dave

Abinger Hatch, Mon July 4th, 7.30pm

Please come and join Bin and her friends to watch the Morris Dancing, in memory of her Morris dancing husband Dave.

Yehudi Menuhin School

The Menuhin Hall would love to welcome you to the 2022 Summer Festival, 1-8 July 2022. Opening Concert with Ashley Wass and pupils of The Menuhin School; Picnic Concerts with The Menuhin School Junior Orchestra; Pupil Showcases; Benedetti Foundation workshop day; Festival Finale with The Menuhin School Senior Orchestra directed by Maxim Rysanov. Come and enjoy an uplifting and inspiring feast of music. Book at www.themenuhinhall.co.uk

Free Summer Music at Leith Hill Place, Sunday 3rd July



Do drop in between 2 and 4 in the afternoon and hear the Meadvale Singers performing two slots of light summer music for female singers. Why not enjoy tea and cakes on the terrace at the same time with one of the best views in the Surrey Hills?

Entry free for National Trust members and just £6 for adults and £3 for children.

Have some spare time? Do you love history, baking or gardening? We are currently seeking volunteers to welcome visitors to the house, bake our wonderful scones and cakes or help out in the courtyard garden. We're a friendly bunch, from a wide variety of backgrounds, and you can do as much or as little as suits you. Come visit and have a chat.

Gardens Open in Coldharbour on Sunday July 10th

Now is the time that many villages around the Surrey Hills have open garden days. We can see that Peaslake, Ewhurst, Bookham and several other villages have gardens to visit. Janet Mytton, Sue Skerrett and Lucy Brill have organised such an event for Coldharbour on July 10th from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Nine Coldharbour gardens will be open. Tickets at £5 can be bought in the Shop at the Plough prior to the day, or at the gates of the gardens on the day. There will be cream teas at the John Venus Hall. Plants will be on sale at several gardens. All proceeds will be divided between the DEC Ukraine Fund and the Dorking Food Bank. The posters speak of "Secret Gardens" but you can go and see what nine Coldharbourian gardeners get up to when you are not looking. They range in size from the tiny to the rather large!

OPEN GARDEN AND SALE

Friday, 15th July and Saturday, 16th July

11am onwards

at Home Farm, Broadmoor

REFRESHMENTS

Parking tricky ...

nearest car park: Broadmoor Hill

PROCEEDS TO LOCAL CHARITIES & UKRAINE



Dorking Local History Group talk: “The Royal Observatory at Abinger”

On 4th July Graham Dolan will be giving a talk on the Abinger Magnetic Observatory, which operated from 1923 to 1957.

Crossways, Community Baptist Church, 7.15 for 7.30pm (£2 at the door for non-members). For further details of these and other DLHG activities – or to join DLHG – go to <https://dlhg.org.uk>.



Now open for bookings in July and August

www.sherevillagecinema.com. Tickets on the website or from Crumbs and/or the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere. All tickets cost £5/adult and £3.50/child.

Thursday 7th July - *Death on The Nile* is Kenneth Branagh's 2022 version of the Agatha Christie novel. He stars as the Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot, who is on an Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer. (2 hours 7 minutes)

Sunday 24th July – *Operation Mincemeat* is the bizarre real-life story of a scheme cooked up by British intelligence in 1943 to fool Nazi Germany into thinking the allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than their actual target, Sicily. Adapted from the nonfiction bestseller by Ben Macintyre, John Madden directs, with Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen playing the stiff upper lipped chaps in charge. A star cast includes: Kelly Macdonald, Jason Isaacs, Penelope Wilton, Paul Ritter and Simon Russell Beale as Winston Churchill. (2 hours 8 minutes)

Thursday 4th August – *Belfast* is a beautifully shot coming-of-age story concerning Belfast during "The Troubles". The plot centres around Buddy (newcomer Jude Hill), who lives on a mixed street of Ulster-Protestants (of which his family belongs) and Irish Catholics. There is warmth and humour, much of it provided by Buddy's grandparents (played by Judy Dench and Ciaran Hinds). It is directed by Kenneth Branagh and inspired by his own childhood, and is filmed mainly in black and white, with music by Van Morrison. (1 hour 38 minutes)

Sunday 14th August – *The Duke* is the delightful 'true-crime' caper of how a 60-year old taxi driver, Kempton Bunton (Jim Broadbent) stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London in 1961. Helen Mirren plays Dorothy, his wife, and beautifully conveys both the exasperation and love she feels for her husband. (1 hour 37 minutes)



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Annual Summer Show & Cream Teas

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