

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR

Parish News



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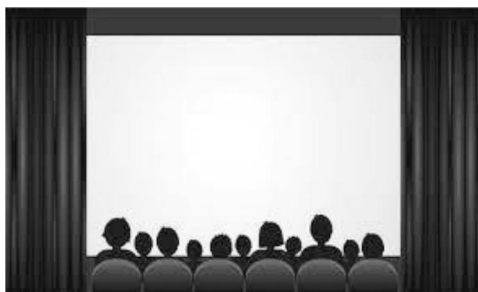


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From the editors

Congratulations to Bin Watmore, Will and Percy who correctly counted 19 doves in the Christmas edition of the magazine!

Looking forward to 2023, if you have spare time on your hands this month's magazine presents a number of volunteering activities that might take your fancy. See page 13 for a wonderful opportunity for any horse lovers - we remember Maisie Portlock used to help with Riding for the Disabled and now Jean Fielder from Sutton Abinger is involved. Young people may also like to volunteer - it can be part of the DofE. Also see the 'Children' section suggestion of how you may be able to contribute at Surrey Hills School.

Finally, no-one can have missed the wonderful news that Virginia McKenna has been appointed a Dame of the British Empire! Read all about it on page 11. Congratulations Virginia!

Jenny and Liz

Reflections from the Rectory



chocolate telling the nativity story on Christmas day – we had such fun!

And so to February with its promise of spring and new life. There might not be much evidence of it yet, but just beneath our feet there are stirrings; as seeds break open, ready to release their energy into the world, buds begin to appear on the trees and the hardy snowdrops surprise us with their beauty.

The promise of things yet to come.

Although it now seems an age ago I wanted to say how much we enjoyed our first Christmas here with you! From the plethora of families at the Christingle in Coldharbour to the



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And for me, February heralds the beginning of Lent. Do look out for what's on offer in your churches over this period – details are here in the Parish News and our websites are great place to explore and are kept up to date by amazing and dedicated people!

With love and prayers,

Rev'd Kia

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Crisis Coffee Morning

Sally McCance, who organised it, sends huge thanks to everyone who came and supported the Crisis at Christmas Coffee Morning at St James' in December. "We raised £468.20 on the day and with some very kind donations after the event, I was able to send £558.20 to Crisis".



What is Lent all about?

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, this year falling on February 22nd. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

But it isn't always about giving something up. In more recent years it has been suggested that we actually *take* something up! For example how about signing up to '40 acts of kindness' – for more information have a look at this website: 40acts.org.uk - The 40-day Lent Generosity Challenge from Stewardship.



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Lent Events

Lent is an opportunity to pause and reflect and to maybe try something new. To that effect this year we have various ways for you to get involved across our Benefice!



There will be a **Benefice Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Holmbury on the 22nd February at 7pm** to which we are all warmly invited.

On **Sunday 26th at St James, Abinger** we will be hosting a **Lent Lunch at 12pm** – a simple meal to mark the beginning of Lent.



Starting on **Tuesday 28th at 7pm at St James, Abinger** then alternating with Coldharbour for 6 weeks I will be running a Take Time Lent Course. This is an opportunity to enter the Easter story using our imaginations. You will be guided through a meditation using one of the Gospel readings where we can encounter Jesus' final days in a new and powerful way.



If reading is your thing, then how about joining me to read and discuss this book? 'Failure' by Emma Ineson is a book about what Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing things up. **Meeting at the Rectory on Monday 27th February at 7pm** for an initial get together then again on completion of the book here, at the Rectory, on **Monday 27th March**.

If you would like more information about any of these or would like to express an interest in attending, do please let me know!

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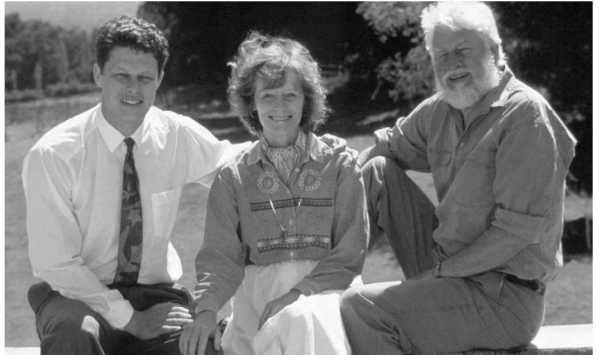
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Dame Virginia McKenna

Excellent news! Long-time Coldharbour resident and a regular member of the Christ Church congregation, Virginia McKenna was appointed a Dame of the British Empire in the New Year honours list.



Will, Virginia and Bill in 1984

We share with many in congratulating Virginia on this very well deserved award, which was for her work for Wild Animal Welfare and Compassionate Conservation.

In 1984, Virginia, together with her late husband Bill Travers and son Will Travers, established Zoo Check, which later became the Born Free Foundation, the name of the film about Elsa the lion cub, starring Virginia and Bill as Joy and George Adamson, for which Virginia was awarded a Golden Globe. Her early films include *A Town Like Alice* for which she received a BAFTA. Virginia also starred on the stage, winning an Olivier Award for her role in *The King and I* (in which she played with Yul Brynner).

As well as being a wild life campaigner and star of screen and stage, Virginia is an author and poet, with *Into the Blue*, a history of dolphins and their relationship with people) and *Tonight the Moon is Red*, an anthology of her poems, among her published works.

Virginia responded to news of her award by saying “*This award may be in my name, but I feel it really belongs to all those striving to end wild animal suffering and keep wildlife in the wild. Bill and I shared a belief in the power of one; one animal that needs rescuing; one species that needs protecting; one human community that needs supporting; one ecosystem that needs conserving. And the power that resides in each of us every day to do something about it. My husband Bill and I came to Coldharbour in 1957, after a two-year search for somewhere to live in the country. The little cottage we found, with its beautiful view, ended the search. Today I treasure it more than ever. And I know it means a lot to our children. Both Bill and my mother are buried in Christ Church Coldharbour’s beautiful churchyard - always a place of peace and reflection.*”



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Riding for the Disabled Association is there to serve the needs of local children & young adults. Our goal is to allow those to gain access to affordable horse riding to help improve not only their physical strength but also improved flexibility, balance and coordination.

Additional benefits come from the riders' mental health and wellbeing, allowing them to feel safe, connected and liberated on horseback. At Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead RDA, many of our riders are autistic or have severe learning disabilities, and we see, each week, progress that not only impacts their riding but feeds into the rest of their day-to-day life & education.

"It is a very humbling experience working with the RDA. It is an incredible honour to bear witness to the development we see in the children as they grow in confidence and ability. It takes a lot of courage to trust a horse and strangers and these children are an inspiration to me. I walk away from each session with a full heart." – 2022 Volunteer.

With over 90 regular riders, but an ever-growing wait list, we are always looking for new volunteers. With our 10 gorgeous and well-behaved ponies, we require 3 volunteers per rider to ensure a safe and enjoyable session for all.

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Kerry Dawes

The Friends of Dorking Community Hospital

This is a local charity that assists and supports hospital patients, visitors and staff. Dorking hospital is tucked away at the back of Dorking and many people don't know it's there, it is, however, a very valuable resource and has served a lot of us over the years, especially the elderly and women.

As with all of these things it relies on voluntary help to keep it functioning well and the Friends are currently looking for someone to take on the role of secretary. This is not an onerous job and would involve attending one meeting a month (Monday mornings), taking minutes and sending out to the Committee (a small and very friendly group).

If you think this is something that might interest you please contact Emma Desmier emmadesmier@hotmail.com or David Draper davidbesg@yahoo.co.uk

Emma Desmier



The Surrey Appropriate Adult Service

SAAVS offers support to vulnerable adults and young people who find themselves detained in police custody. They are seeking more volunteers and could use your help.

For further details see <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/news/detail/2023/01/06/do-you-have-a-new-year-s-resolution-to-be-more-community-active-to-make-a-difference>

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Mid Surrey Community Fridges was first opened in September 2017 to offer a solution to food waste by re-distributing surplus food and to help reduce the shocking level of food poverty they saw within the community. The Community Fridge team collects food from local supermarkets, businesses and surplus food charities.

Are we a food bank? The answer is no!

- Food banks help people who have been referred to them out of crisis.
- Community Fridges have food available to anyone; by taking the food you are diverting food from landfill and saving the planet!

We now have three fridges, our original site in the Dorking Christian Centre, our second site in the Harvest Church on Goodwyns and our third site in the Leatherhead Community Hub which opened in early 2019. We also have a refrigerated van, the Mobile Fridge, which serves many rural communities in Mole Valley and a small warehouse in Dorking.

Little did we realise the huge impact our operation would have for our volunteers and for our visitors. Our survey this year showed that 90% of our users felt closer to their community as a result of visiting us and we are helping Mole Valley DC to administer the Household Support Fund as we are reaching those 'quiet' people who are struggling to put food on the table and who don't quite qualify for help. We are currently saving around 5.5 tonnes of food from being wasted every week and it is all distributed from our Dorking warehouse. That works out at around 750 bags of food each week.

How can you help?

- Volunteer with us: back office, packing crates in our warehouse in Dorking, helping to run the different distribution sites, van driving
- Tell people about us, especially people who are struggling at the moment

One final message. Our food is available to everyone who can use it. There is no qualification necessary. We suggest a donation of £2.50 per bag of food to help us with our considerable costs and please feel free to donate!

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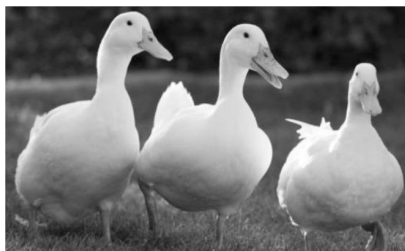
Tribute to Kevin Burt, an “Abinger Villager”

Kevin was born on 8th February, 1952 in Dorking and his childhood was spent as a Surrey boy. As a young man he worked for R. Coe as a foreman at the Watercress Beds, where he met Frankie, the love of his life. They married in 1973 and had two children, Matthew and Helen.

This year they would have been celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Kevin and Frankie moved into Evelyn Cottages in 1978, contributing so much to our community over 44 years, always generous with time and commitment.

As their children grew up, frequent trips to the Village Green for football and cricket games, often with other children joining in led to Kevin being approached by the then Rector, John Venus, to form a Youth Club for the children in the village. This became ‘The Acorns’. Football, cricket, bowling, games evenings at The Rectory and coach trips to the seaside became the norm. Fun days – happy memories!

During this time the Youth Club were asked to clear the pond of duckweed. This resulted in ducks and duckhouse being acquired. Kevin and family became the duck guardians for many years, with twice daily visits to keep them fed and safely put away at night.



Sadly, with an increase of road traffic deaths and the occasional fox helping himself to supper, a decision was made not to continue with them.

For many years, the Raffle and prizes at the Abinger Medieval Fair was in the hands of our very own Friar Tuck (Kevin) assisted by his Maid Marian (Frankie) who were great at encouraging people to part with their money.

When Kevin's health started to fail, he showed courage in facing life, always with a smile, always ready for a cheeky banter - he loved to converse on football and his passion for horse racing.

Family always came first with Kevin. He adored his son and daughter Matthew and Helen, Katrina his daughter-in-law, three grandsons- Aaron, Joshua and Harry. He was godfather to friends' children and Uncle Kevin to numerous others. Above all he was devoted to his wife Frankie.

Sadly we lost Kevin in the early hours of Christmas Day. He was a very close, dear friend over many, many years, not only to me but to many people in the village. I was very proud to be asked to pay this tribute to him. He will be so sadly missed.

Maureen Killick

Iris Mir 21st December 1931 – 3rd January 2023

Not many people buy a home that will suit their pets first and foremost but 38 years ago, that's what Iris and Ifty Mir did: 2 Chadhurst Cottages was basically a derelict property. But, it came with beautiful views and a large field, which was exactly what they wanted for their 5 dogs, 5 cats, 2 ponies, fruit trees and, of course, their son David. Their menagerie was acquired while living in their previous home on 4 acres in Wales and fostering animals for the RSPCA.



Over the years, their hard work created a habitable and hospitable home for all. And more importantly for Iris, fabulous gardens front and back. "I'd rather do gardening than housework" she often said.

Not many current villagers will have seen Iris when she sang in the Christ Church Choir; nor witnessed her and Ifty galloping over the Downs; nor heard her tales of travel to exotic countries when Ifty worked for British Airways.

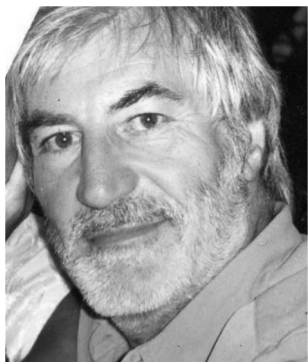
But many people (and animals) have benefited from her and her family's kindness over the years. Countless waifs and strays have been helped and cared for. Ifty summed Iris up in one word: "Loyal."

It's fitting that Iris's last actions were to feed the birds, check the garden and have her regular sit in her armchair with a cup of tea, which unfortunately she never got to finish.

Condolences to all the family.

Diana Hitchcock

Coldharbour Villager Mike Singleton



We try to write tributes when Coldharbour villagers die. But Mike Singleton's death last summer passed several of us by, probably because it was in the holiday season. But it is never too late. Mike, who with his wife Pam, moved to Coldharbour in the early 80s. Mike and Pam had a difficult last few years. He was diagnosed with dementia and went into care a few years ago. But we can remember a happy, funny and occasionally slightly controversial character. They lived first in Stable Cottage, then Old Stone Barn before downsizing when they moved across the road to Orchard Cottage. (They knew how to save money on removal costs. All three houses are within 20 metres of each other.)

Mike was born in 1941 in Co Durham. He is the brother of Valerie the TV presenter. He was educated at Brighton College. After school he became an apprentice mechanical engineer and his first job was at Burroughs Computers. But soon he branched out on his own and formed one of the early small and independent IT companies. He eventually sold this and retired quite early. Pam and he met and married when he was at Burroughs at a staff dance. (Remember those?) Pam was a BOAC stewardess (remember BOAC? Some said it meant "Better On A Camel.") Mike was almost always at the big village events. He is much missed and we send Pam our condolences and best wishes for the future.

Graham Mytton

Christ Church Roof

As Spring approaches and days begin to lengthen, work can begin to fix the hole on the north face of the church roof and mend the expanding crack along the ridge line. Scaffolding is scheduled to go up 6th and 7th February. Roof work will begin immediately after, subject to weather of course. In the meantime, a tarpaulin on the roof has helped to keep the worst of the weather out of the church. Assessing and addressing any damage to the internal roof space from water ingress will follow when the external works are finished. Fundraising to meet our target of £35,000 is also underway. Please contact the Churchwardens, Anthony and Mary, if you'd like to know more about the works or if you would like to help in any way.

The recent Snooker Night was a wonderful fundraiser – see next page!

Snooker Night Fundraiser

Rev'd Kia sums it up in a nutshell.

“A wonderful night was had by all as we gathered for a night of food, snooker and fun to raise funds for the church roof.”

£1570 was raised but the best thing about fundraising is all the fun we have together. Plus we certainly had our money's worth – luscious lasagnes followed by fruit salad and Sue's light as air meringues. The food and raffle prizes were generously donated by villagers, even by some who couldn't attend. Sue and Nick are superb hosts and created a very relaxing evening, belying all the efforts behind the scenes. Their team of helpers also ensured the evening went smoothly.

“We couldn't have done it without you” says Sue.

As for the snooker, most of us were intimidated by the full size table; the red wool cloth made it look daunting. The table is as old as the house (1890). Sue and Nick inherited it when they bought the house and say it's been very popular at gatherings, which is just as well, as it couldn't be easily removed.



The cliffhanger final was won by Alan Smith and Stuart McLachlan, though, as has been often quoted:

“To play snooker well is a sign of a mis-spent youth.”

No doubt the next fundraiser on 31st March, the Krypton Factor, will be equally successful. I leave the last word with Kia.

“A huge thank you to Nick and Sue Jeffries for their hospitality and to all who helped to make this a truly memorable event. Another example of the fantastic community of Coldharbour coming together for a worthy cause.”

Diana Hitchcock

CHILDREN

Happy New Year! Looking back to Christmas, we had a cracking super shiny and sparkly tree. Our cooking skills were put to good use when we made some amazing stained glass biscuits with boiled sweets as the glass. We had lots of fun bashing them into pieces with a rolling pin, then placing them into the middle of our biscuits to create a wonderful wintery window. If they weren't gobbled up on the journey home they doubled up as hanging tree decorations.

On 2nd December we watched the film 'The Star'. Another successful Christmassy fundraiser was our Raffle and we'd like to say a huge thank you to the Abinger Hatch for selling lots of tickets, and to all those super supportive local businesses who contributed prizes – The Kingfisher Farm Shop, Bocketts Farm, Seymours Estate Agents, The Dorking Halls, Si Salon, Tiny Talk, Waitrose Dorking, Co-op Shere and White and Sons Estate Agents.

Choo Choo!! All aboard the Nursery train to anywhere you like!! We started back in January to a very popular topic of transport. Imagine all the cardboard box vehicles that you can think of well that's what we'll be travelling in comfort in, on land, sea and air. You might just see us whizzing past!



Our tummies were nicely filled up on our first cookery day when we made our very own style of super noodles. Brimming with plenty of different vegetables and tastiness we were full up until tea time!

For our first forest school adventure of the year we went out for an exploratory wander and all had our own super cosy ideas about how to keep ourselves warm in the colder weather.

When you think of painting you probably think of paint pots – well not here! We had such fun making insanely cool ice cube paints! The messier the better!

With Valentine's Day around the corner we will be putting together a lovely Hamper which could be yours for the taking! Raffle tickets will go on sale in the Abinger Hatch from 1st Feb. Pop in for a drink and a chance to win!

If you have a child looking to start Nursery please get in touch. Spaces are filling up fast but there are still some afternoon sessions left and we are taking applications for all sessions in September. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com. We can't wait to show you around!



Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School

“All of our children, staff and parents would like to offer a belated Happy New Year to you all in what seems to be an already eventful 2023.

As the evenings begin to get lighter and there are those small signs of another change in the seasons, we look towards spring and all that it promises. We are busy in school learning from and with each other, building up an armoury of knowledge, skills and experience to take us forward into the year ahead.

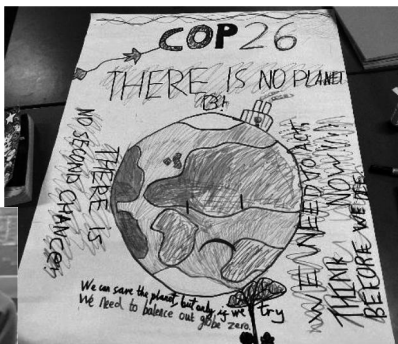
I tell the children, that it is every day, in every way, we have the chance to build ourselves up in incremental steps to become the best versions of who we can be and be the best for all those who are around us.

Our wider community plays such an important role in the wider context of experience and can offer so much support in so many ways. We have community members who are regular wonderful volunteers in the school and if you think you could contribute in some small way please do consider us. Whether you are a keen gardener, artist, musician or have led an interesting life and would like to share some of your life experience and inspire our children, we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch.

I wish all, on behalf of the school, much warmth, light and hope for the Spring months ahead and look forward to all the community events to come.”

Mr Simon Coles, Headteacher

Year 6 have been studying climate change as part of their 'How can we make the world a better place?' topic. They created presentations on the 2021 COP 26 outlining the main issues.



SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

5th February

10.30am

The Third Sunday before Lent

Candlemas - when we remember Christs presentation at the temple - a journey of light. Sunday Club for children

Refreshments after the service

12th February

8.00am

6.00pm

The Second Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Choral Evensong

19th February

10.30am

The Sunday next before Lent

Family Parish Prayer and Praise

Refreshments after the service

22nd February

7.00pm

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Benefice Service at St. Mary's Holmbury

26th February

10.30am

The First Sunday of Lent

Sideways Church - new angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation *

6.00pm

Julian meeting

Half an hour of stillness with God

*A Lent Lunch will follow Sideways at 12 noon.

Please let Sally at Parish Office know if you hope to attend for catering purposes!

Further information from Rev'd Kia on Lent can be found within the Parish News.

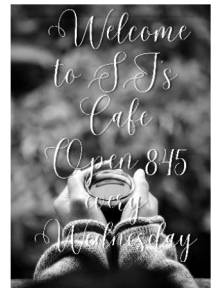


February 11th

Every second Saturday 3-5pm at St. James, Abinger. Come along for craft, stories, food and fun! All families welcome with children under 12.

SJ's Café Abinger on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 10.30am (ish). Join us on the comfy sofas at St. James' for tea, coffee, a croissant and chat!



SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

5th February	The Third Sunday before Lent
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm	Iona Service
12th February	The Second Sunday before Lent
10.00am	Parish Service (Iona with Communion)
	Refreshments after the service
19th February	The Sunday next before Lent
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm	Congregational Evensong
22nd February	Ash Wednesday
7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Benefice Service <u>at St. Mary's Holmbury</u>
26th February	The First Sunday of Lent
10.00am	Parish Communion (Common Worship)
	Refreshments after the service.
6.00pm	Julian meeting <u>at St. James' Abinger</u>
	Half an hour of stillness with God

Parish Office at Coldharbour

Monday 6th February and Monday 20th February 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!

From the Registers

Abinger

30 th November	Ashes	Betty Gilderdale and Margaret Mitchell
1 st December	Funeral	Raymond Adams

Coldharbour

17 th December	Baptism	Winifred Neve Witt
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Neighbouring Churches



www.holmburychurch.com

Sun Feb 5th 10am All Age Service

Sun Feb 12th 10am Sung Holy Communion

Sun Feb 19th 10am Morning Prayer

Weds Feb 22nd 7pm Ash Wednesday

Sun Feb 26th 10am Iona Communion

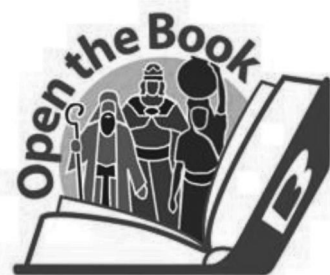
Holy Trinity, Westcott

An informal contemporary worship evening on 2nd February at 7.30 pm, led by a team from St. Pauls, Dorking. If you would like to come along and experience a new way to encounter God, I will see you there!

Rev'd Kia



Calling all drama enthusiasts!



Rev'd Tim Armstrong and the team at Holy Trinity are starting a new initiative at Surrey Hills Primary school called 'Open the Book'.

I know that the loss of our village school remains a sadness within our community, so if you would like the opportunity to engage with our local children this may also be something for you!

'Open the Book' offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told in a dramatic fashion during acts of collective worship/assemblies. I was personally involved with this in my previous parish, and it is tremendous fun! For more info: www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book

They are planning to run this on Wednesday afternoons between 2:45-3:15pm. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Tim who would be delighted to hear from you: vicar@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk

Rev'd Kia

YOUTH

Dorking Museum Half-Term Family Activity

The Museum remains closed while necessary roof repairs are carried out following October's fire in an adjacent building.



On **Tuesday 14th February**, 2pm-5pm, **Dorking Library** is hosting the Museum's half-term family event which marks the 40th anniversary of the discovery of Dorking's most famous dinosaur, the *Baryonyx*. The unearthing of its giant claw by fossil hunter Bill Walker in 1983 created a worldwide sensation because the

dinosaur was completely unknown to science. Today, the original skeleton is in the Natural History Museum and *Baryonyx* (meaning 'heavy claw') even featured in a Jurassic World movie. The dinosaur was named *Baryonyx walkeri* in Bill's honour.

Come along to see the story of the discovery of the *Baryonyx*, a life-size replica of the giant claw, models to show what the dinosaur would have looked like and items on loan from Bill's family including the original rock hammer that prised it out of the ground. Meet our young fossil enthusiast, Charlie, with some of his amazing collection of fossils and dino-bones. There will also be dinosaur art and craft activities and children will be invited to take part in the creation of a large *Baryonyx* artwork for the library wall!



Can you help?

The Museum urgently requires volunteers who can spend a few hours on the desk or in key functional roles in recruitment and HR, events, retail, education and family activities (in the Museum, in the community and/or working from home): training is provided. Please see dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities. The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. For an update on activities, to visit the shop, to become a member or to donate, please visit www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk.

Coldharbour young correspondent – Bradley Newman



‘Not another café in Dorking’ might be a first thought on seeing the words Cups & Co above a doorway. But the attractive turquoise exterior encouraged closer inspection. And on the door is a sign explaining that the ALDAG Charity, who also run a shop in West Street, are providing employment training for young people with different learning needs.

The turquoise theme continues into the interior with splashes of orange and white, wall paintings and stunning pictures made by the Patron’s son. The fresh and modern décor, delicious menu, tempting cakes and cheerful staff, make for a very inviting venue. Two paid

Team Leaders help the young adults gain work experience. 17 year old Bradley enjoys his Saturday job there.

“I usually work 1 – 5 pm and I have done 6 hour shifts. I like working the Till and the coffee machine best, but the washing up makes my back ache. The staff are nice and I get on well with the managers. It’s a fun place to work, but when it’s very busy there’s no time for chilling. On the longer shifts, I can have a sandwich of my choice and make it myself. I don’t get paid because I’m being trained. When I finish my training I want to get a paid Saturday/weekend/part-time job, maybe on the till in Lidl or in a coffee shop.

During the week I go to college full-time and I’m completing a motor mechanics course.”

Good luck to Bradley in all his endeavours. And congratulations to ALDAG for providing opportunities for the young people to fulfil their potential.

Diana Hitchcock

A Family during Lockdown – Donna Newman

Many families had a hard time during lockdown, and we have heard of the struggles they faced. Our family were fortunate; we have a positive story. Well, it was and is positive for me and is positive for my three boys’ ease into growing up.

Soon after being thrown into becoming a teacher, to my then 15yr old and twins of 13yrs, who amazingly worked really hard at their studies, which in turn, meant I also worked hard. I learnt so much about teaching (that is a tough gig!) and a lot about my boys. I decided, I did not have the energy or

desire to continue cooking for everyone twice a day, so informed the family of that fact.

At the time we were a family of 6 and so I suggested we each choose a day we would cook - not only cook, but prepare, serve, tidy and clear up. We tried many different approaches, teaming up with a lead cook, mixing and matching partners. But the favourite way to operate, and we still do, is to work alone - no bickering! 2 years on we still have the same routine; I for one am very happy about this! I am so impressed and proud with the boys' ability, skills and creativeness. There have been some hysterical disasters and some amazing masterpieces from all.



Robin's Gardening Tips for February



Despite the weather, signs of spring are appearing with snowdrops, daffodils and primroses coming into bloom. Bulbs do become crowded over time and snowdrops in particular can benefit from lifting and splitting on a regular basis. As soon as the flowers are over and before the foliage dies back, lift the bulbs, divide and replant as soon as possible. Bulbs planted like this, in the green, do far better than dry bulbs in the autumn.

If you have hellebores in your garden it is recommended that all old leaves be removed, clearing possible diseased leaves and allowing flowers to be seen more easily.

Once the soil starts to dry out (hopefully soon!) early crops of broad beans and peas can be sown directly into the ground, but do cover them with fleece or even newspaper, as you will probably be watched by the pigeons who will think they are for them.

If you have sown sweet pea seeds, do not forget to pinch back emerging plants once they have 2 pairs of true leaves. You will then get better flowers on the emerging side shoot.

Robin



WHAT'S ON?

Some Coldharbour Events for your diary

Coldharbour Coffee Morning

Village coffee mornings: Friday 3rd February and Friday 3rd March at 10.30 a.m. in the JV Hall.

Return of The Krypton Factor, to Coldharbour church, on Friday 31st March.

Helen Potter and Bex Clarke invite you to join them for a revival of the Krypton Factor, a fun packed evening of quizzes and challenges for all in aid of repairs to the church roof, inspired by that great Krypton, Superman. Further details to come via village e-mails, on the church website and in the March Parish News. Early booking encouraged. Helen can answer all your questions at helenpotter314@btinternet.com.

Fete planning meeting for Coldharbour village fete: Wednesday 1st March at 6 p.m. in the JV Hall.

Please do come to find out more about the Fete and to join in the planning to make it another Best Fete Ever. Everyone is welcome. (The Fete is on Saturday 20th May from 2 p.m. at the Coldharbour Memorial Ground)

Calling all marmalade chefs!

The **Kingfisher Farm Shop** are excited to announce another **Fanny's Marmalade Competition**. This is our ninth year of hosting this prestigious event. It is named after Fanny Maiklem, who loved marmalade and created the competition along with her daughter, Nellie at their farm shop. Sadly Fanny passed away 8 years ago. There was such a strong following for the marmalade competition that we thought it would be sad to let it go. Nellie put her full support behind our holding of the event and will hopefully be one of the judges, even if only judging the expressions on our faces!

As with previous years, we will be donating £1 per entry to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care in memory of both Fanny Maiklem and our dear Margaret Arminson.

www.kingfisherfarmshop.com/marmalade-competition

The closing date is Tuesday 21st February.



Film and Music



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Films start at 7.30pm. To book tickets online please go to the website: <http://www.sherevillagecinema.com>. You can also buy tickets from the shops: Crumbs and/or the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere. All tickets, except where indicated, cost £5/adult and £3.50/child.

Book now for films in February and March

Thursday 2nd February – The Banshees of Inisherin is written and directed by Martin McDonagh, who also wrote and directed the award-winning ‘Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri’. It’s 1923 and on the fictional island of Inisherin the sounds of the Irish civil war can be heard across the water, providing suitable background noise for the internecine struggles to come. Dairy farmer Pádraic (Colin Farrell) lives within a small isolated community on an isle off mainland Ireland, where his life largely revolves around pub visits with his friend, Colm (Brendan Gleeson). The film takes you to stunning Irish landscapes and numbs you with its comfortable scenery, cute farm animals and lovely violin tunes in the good old pub. Classification: 15 (Running time 1 hour 54 minutes).

Sunday 19th February – Mrs Harris Goes to Paris is a comedy-drama based on the 1958 novel by Paul Gallico. Lesley Manville plays Mrs Harris, a kind-hearted war widow who cleans houses for rich people in Chelsea, and who falls in love with one of her client’s beautiful Dior dresses. She resolves to scrimp and save until she can buy one herself, then packs herself off to Paris where various obstacles get in her way. This intoxicating parade of high fashion adds a sumptuousness and elegance that elevates the entire film. This is a feel-good fairy-tale – enjoy! Classification: PG (Running time is 1 hour 56 minutes).

Thursday 2nd March - Amsterdam is loosely based on a little-known attempt by some wealthy American businessmen to overthrow President Franklin D Roosevelt in 1933. The ambitious jigsaw puzzle of a plot may be difficult to follow at times, but stick with it as gradually the story comes together and there is a surprisingly satisfying ending. Beautifully filmed with many memorable scenes. Classification: 15 (Running time is 2 hours 14 minutes)

Sunday 19th March (Mother’s Day) - Ticket to Paradise is a romantic comedy about a divorced couple, Georgia (Julia Roberts) & David (George Clooney) who have a daughter, Lily (Kaitlyn Dever). When they find out that Lily is getting married to a local seaweed farmer, Georgia and David travel to Bali to

try to stop the wedding. This is a feel-good film so just sit back and enjoy, and come out of the cinema feeling happy no matter what the weather! Classification: 12 (Running time is 1 hour 44 minutes).

MUSIC IN DORKING

Feb 12th at 3.00, Carducci String Quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619



The first of three concerts arranged by the Dorking Concertgoers Society. Their programme begins with a quartet by the 'father of the string quartet', Joseph Haydn, known by its nickname of *The Joke* (you'll find out why!), and it finishes with one of Beethoven's last quartets, the impressive op.127 in E flat. The centrepiece is a quartet by Fanny Mendelssohn. She, as well as being the sister of Felix Mendelssohn, was a fine musician in her own right and a prolific composer whose music is now being more widely played and heard. Please note this is an afternoon concert starting at 3pm.

Feb 25th at 7.30, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra: St George's Church, Ashted

The concert opens with Fauré's exquisite short *Pavane*, and follows this with the first cello concerto of Saint-Saëns, a charming and elegant work, with Leo Popplewell as the soloist. The concert concludes with Beethoven's Symphony no.4, a fine piece that is less often heard than it deserves.

Feb 15th

The Dorking Halls presents a live screening from the Royal Opera House of Rossini's hilarious comic opera *The Barber of Seville*.

Ian Codd

Music Events at the Gomshall Village Sports & Social Club

11th February - Poacher 8.30 pm

11th March - Damo and the Dynamites 8.30pm

New Members are always welcome. Come in and see if you would like to join. Our prices are marginally cheaper than pubs.

Follow us on Facebook or email us at gomshallvillageclub@gmail.com to find out about events that are taking place.



The Diary of a Coldharbour Shepherdess (learning on the job)

It's January and the rain has been absolutely incessant. But...no winter lasts forever, and no spring skips its turn!

What a shepherdess & her flock would actually prefer, more than this constant rain, would be a decent bout of sub-zero temperatures which does a great job of killing off all the gastro worms in the ground that blight the sheep intestines and causes so much damage to their organs (unless we worm them regularly). However, so far we have had days and days of rain which is a breeding ground for lung worm and foot rot - thankfully no cases so far (touch wood!) and the flock are bearing up well and keeping most of their weight on.

Sheep are ruminants, which means they heat their body by eating, and if they can't eat enough they start losing their condition. I have 38 sheep and right now I am getting through 3 bales of hay a day! If we bought this hay - that would be £15 / day on hay – thank goodness we make our own in those long balmy sunny days and store it away in a barn for these deep, dark winter months.



Ellie the sheep

But I feel like a celebrity when I enter the field and a flock of lovely, shaggy, muddy sheep stampede towards me - relying on their shepherdess for food, and cuddles! It was whilst having a cuddle that I noticed my oldest sheep - 11 years old - had a slightly droopy mouth and I discovered a large mass on the gum. We bought this sheep in 2013 as a 1 year old male sheep for the freezer. Two facts changed his outcome: 1) he

turned out to be a she, and a pregnant she, and we called her Ellie (and her lamb Todd!) 2) I didn't realise how attached I would get to my sheep! So, 10 years later I got the vet out this week and she removed the mass. I'm not sure what the outcome will be for Ellie as she's quite an old lady now, but an old lady in great condition – I don't know how many 11 year old ewes there are in the British Isles, probably not too many!

Joanna Chaytor

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Abinger and Wotton W.I.

Our W.I. always celebrates Christmas with a flourish and this year was no exception. The meeting in early December saw the Wotton Hall festively decorated, there was a lively quiz, and a spread of elegant canapés. Later there was a most enjoyable Christmas lunch at the Clandon Regis Golf Club.

On January 5th we reverted to the usual format of news and business first, this time followed by a reminder of the four possible Resolutions on which members everywhere vote. This time two of the resolutions were water-related, the first about saving water and putting pressure on the Government and the water companies to eliminate wastage and maximise supply (and to save water individually), and the second about cleaning up our rivers. The other resolutions were to do with the exploitation of women tea plantation workers, and online gambling. The first resolution carried the day.

Then our speaker, Frances Fancourt with her colleague, Rob Page, told us about metal detecting. Frances said she had always been intrigued with the process and when she retired 12 years ago, decided to take it up and founded a U3A group. She gave us the history of the invention of a metal detector by a Frenchman in 1874, and then of a portable detector, of the kind used today, in 1925, and its uses in wartime, notably in locating mines. She described the equipment needed and the legal requirements. First, obtaining the permission of the landowner to operate on their land, and determining - if anything of value is found - how to divide the "profit", usually 50/50 between finder and landowner. Then the requirement to report any significant finds to the local Finds Liaison Officer, who in turn report to the British Museum. Anything of particular interest can be found on the British Museum Portable Antiquities website. Open and particularly ploughed fields are desirable sites, a lot of objects are detected, and the most frequent finds are of coins, particularly Roman coins. Coins are Rob Page's speciality, and he had brought a large collection of local finds of coins for us to see. It was emphasised that detectorists are not, in general, in it for the money but for the historical interest, often giving finds to museums. There is an official definition of 'treasure', which depends on age, at least 300 years old, intrinsic value (e.g. gold or silver) and the number of such finds in one location. Predictably, some of the questions at the end related to the TV series, and Frances said that this accurately portrayed metal detecting.

The illustrated talk was followed by the usual delicious tea.

Next meeting: Thursday, 2nd February at the Wotton Hall at 2.30 p.m. at which a Mole Valley officer will give a talk on Recycling.

Pat O'Brien



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“In 1766, Richard Hull, of Leith Hill Place, obtained leave from Sir John Evelyn (the second baronet of Wotton) to build a prospect tower on Leith Hill. Mr. Hull, on his part, undertook to keep up a pond for the use of the cattle turned out on the common. Mr. Hull died January 18th, 1772, and is buried in the Tower.



From the inscription on his tomb (now buried under cement) it appears he was a native of Bristol, and had served many years in the parliament of Ireland. We also learn that ‘he lived, in the earlier part of his life, in habits of intimacy with Pope, Trenchard, Bishop Berkeley, and many other shining characters of those times’.

After Mr. Hull’s death the Tower passed into the possession of Mr. Harry Thompson, an Oporto merchant. Mr. Thompson died in 1795 or 6, and the next owner of the tower was Mr. Perrin. Mr. Perrin added a coping and battlement to the Tower, which had by this time fallen into decay, as the persons employed by Mr. Hull to build the Tower did their work so badly.

About the beginning of the last century the interior of the building was used by gypsies, poachers, and other undesirable characters, to the great annoyance of Mr. Perrin, who then had the interior filled with cement, thus covering up the tomb-stone of Richard Hull. The interior staircase by which visitors had been accustomed to ascend to the top was also covered up. In this state the Tower continued until by deed dated August 4th, 1863, Josiah Wedgwood, Esq., of Leith Hill Place, conveyed to the present Mr. Evelyn, of Wotton, two pieces of land together with Leith Hill Tower.

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In January, 1899, the custody of the Tower was intrusted by Mr. Evelyn to Mr. Henry Roffey, the landlord of the Leith Hill Hotel, which is situated at the base of the southern declivity of the hill, and under the good and courteous management of Mr. Roffey visitors may see the Tower and enjoy the view from the summit for two pence. On Mr. Roffey devolves the expense and responsibility of keeping the building in good repair.

In regard to Mr. Richard Hull it may be incidentally mentioned that he belonged to a dining out club whose members used to meet at Wotton Hatch. Among the members were Colonel William Evelyn, of Send, Surrey (a son of Sir John Evelyn, first baronet of Wotton) and Mr. Lee Steere, of Jayes (ancestor of Henry Lee Steere, Esq., of Jayes, the present representative of the Steere family).

On the exterior wall of the Tower is a Latin inscription recording the building of the Tower by Richard Hull in 1766, and over the entrance to the turret is another Latin inscription recording the building of the turret in 1863 by the present Lord of the Manor of Wotton. The height of the Tower is 56 ft. 3-ins., (Leith Hill being 966 feet above the sea level), and the view from the top embraces nearly a dozen counties. To the south the view includes the counties of Surrey, Sussex and Kent, and through an opening in the South Downs the sea is frequently visible. To the north may be seen the North Downs, and beyond this range the most prominent points in Berks, Oxfordshire, Middlesex, Bedfordshire, and Herts, are discernible, while to the west one looks into Hampshire and Wilts. Leith Hill is computed to command a view of not less than two hundred miles in circumference."

Did you know? IN 1903 ...

*King Edward VII had been on the throne for two years.

*the following people were born: Barbara Hepworth (sculptor), George Orwell (writer), Amy Johnson (aviator), Evelyn Waugh (writer) and Bob Hope (comedian).

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The Coldharbour Parish Magazine of 1892

Mr and Mrs Longhurst of Capel, formerly of Japonica Cottage, gave me a book published in 1892 that was owned by the then Christ Church Vicar, Reverend John Rooker. The latter part of the book includes the monthly Parish Magazine for the year, and excerpts of the corresponding months will feature in this year's Parish News. There are many parallel concerns with our own times, though the Magazine has a more authoritarian tone, admonishing parishioners to lead a more sober and industrious life. Influenza is the pestilence of the time and advice is given to "...be careful, live regularly, keep in good condition....and do not panic".

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1892

Henry Elliott Malden Esq. writes the first Monthly Letter of the year "pro tem." Because of the absence of the Vicar, who, it transpires, will be absent for most of the year, due to his and his family's ill health. Henry: Churchwarden, Historian, Lecturer, Chairman of the Cricket club, Chairman of the Band Member of the Temperance Society, produced the Churchwardens' Receipts & Expenditure, together with a scolding (see right).

Churchwardens' Receipts and Expenditure,				December 27th, 1891, to January 24th, 1892.			
RECEIVED.				Dec. 28.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Dec. 27. Collection, Morning ..	0	17	8	Mr. Roffey's Book, Oil, Candles, &c., from Sept. 30th ..	1	8	11
" " Collection, Evening ..	0	1	0	Four months' care of Lamps ..	0	17	6
Jan. 3. Collection, Evening ..	0	3	9	Jan. 1. Music for Quarter ..	5	0	0
Jan. 17. Collection, Evening ..	0	4	2	Jan. 3. Organ Blower for Quarter ..	0	10	0
Jan. 24. Collection, Morning ..	1	0	0	Jan. 5. Mrs. Turner, for Coals supplied on Oct. 23. ..	1	5	0
" " Collection, Evening ..	0	5	0	Ditto, Dec. 29 ..	1	17	6
				Jan. 8. Mrs. Dodman, four weeks' Cleaning Church ..	0	10	0
	£2	11	7	Total ..	£11	3	11

The Churchwardens have no desire to go into debt again, and if some cold Sunday the congregation find that there is no fire or light for want of money to pay for them, the Churchwardens must not be blamed.

He reminds parishioners of educational opportunities, starting off with a lecture in January in Dorking Town Hall on the History of the English Bible and Common Prayer Book, illustrated by an Oxy-hydrogen Lantern. And warns people to get there early, as the Town Hall only seats 700 and the lecture is expected to be a sell-out.

Henry, with all his hats, is very involved in village life and notices "A Junior branch of the Drum & Fife Band appears to have started itself. Their penny whistles and toy drums discoursed sweet music in the neighbourhood and several tunes were clearly distinguishable. Every spontaneous effort of the kind, however humble in its beginnings, deserves encouragement."



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His main concern of February though, is the death of the Duke of Clarence. “Royalty in England is still the centre of the national life, the tie of imperial unity.” He compares the duties of a constitutional monarch with the umpire of a cricket game saying that the welfare of the game is dependent on the integrity of the umpire who has “...to know what things they ought to do and have the grace and power to fulfil the same.”

Diana Hitchcock

Dorking Foodbank

At St James', non-perishable items can be placed in the green crate in the porch. In Coldharbour, donations can be left in the church and in the box outside Plough Haven, driveway next to The Plough. At the moment more food is being distributed than is coming in, so your donations are very much needed.



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