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1st 8th 15th SJs café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am

22nd 29th

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We thank Bogdan Schiteanu for the lovely photograph on the front cover.

From the editors - Spring arrives!

March – the start of Spring! On March 20th the days start to get longer and on March 26th the clocks go forward. – Don't forget!

Planning for Spring and Summer events is underway so do look out for meetings to plan the Coldharbour fete and Progressive supper. Buy your tickets for Easter egg hunts and make a card for Mothering Sunday on 19th.



brought us Valentine's Day and in Abinger Bottom romance was in the air as the residents all turned out to scatter daffodils and wave Philippa Sleap on the way to her wedding.

Am I envious? -by C Pagham

Who was this geezer Valentine Him with the penchant for hearts? He's never ventured into this neck of the woods, Never seen him around these parts. I've heard of Eros on a plinth And Cupid with a bow, But this Valentine bloke who the heck is he? I'd really like to know. One man, one house, and yes, I admit I'm really not much of a bard. When you've love in your heart you see it, it shows, Don't need no blooming card. Am I envious of all these recipients? On 14th of Feb each year? Do I mention the fact very frequently That I am still waiting for one to appear!

Reflections from the Rectory

I find Lent a challenging time – I guess I'm supposed to!



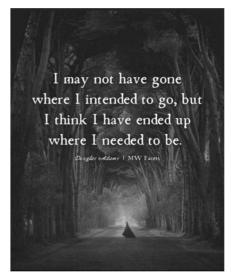
Lent in the Christian Calendar is a period of deep reflection and giving time to listen to God. That is why, traditionally, we give things up – not to lose weight or to jump start a new routine – but to put something down to make space for more of God.

'Making time' is something I think we can all struggle with. There are so many demands on us – from children to grandchildren, to work and leisure, to all the different societies and communities we are involved in. Often, they are of our

own choosing - and we do like to be busy don't we?!

Slowing down is an alien concept in our success driven culture. But it is vital if we want a balanced and sustainable life. So, can I encourage you all this Lenten season to be counter-cultural? Take a moment to sit. Grab a cuppa. Pick up a book. Chat with God. Reflect on where you are and how you got there. And breathe!

With love and prayers,
Rev'd Kia
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Electoral Roll

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Every year our churches have to review and update our Electoral Roll.

What is this, I hear you ask?! And why might I consider being on it?!

What is the Electoral Roll?

It is your parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Do I have to join?

You can, of course, be a full and active member of St. James and Christ Church without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the Electoral Roll. Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to:

- Stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod)
- Attend the APCM and participate in votes

What does the Electoral Roll affect?

The maximum number of PCC lay members. If the Roll is not representative this means that the PCC is too small for the workload involved, putting heavy strain on the members.

The Church of England is governed by a synodical system which joins with the Bishops to make decisions. Being on the Electoral Roll is the entry point and Christians share an individual responsibility to be part of the "Body of Christ" and to participate fully in our part of His Church. This system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision making. Also, the system is intended to ensure that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life, including doctrine and services. The Electoral Roll does NOT have a direct bearing in the way the Parish Share is assessed – it is based on estimated membership and socio-economic factors.

Do I qualify for the Roll?

To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet ALL the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over (though you can apply in the year you become 16 and your name will be entered once your birth date has passed).
- You must be baptised.
- You must be a member of the Church of England and EITHER live in the parish OR have attended a church in the parish regularly for at least 6 months.

Why join the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St. James and the Christ Church community and to the vision of the churches. But it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England, at Deanery, Diocesan and national levels. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, where the elections take place for the parochial church council or the parish's representatives on the deanery synod. In addition, those who live outside the Parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings). However, if you live outside the Parish and want to come onto the Electoral Roll, you must have been worshipping at your chosen church for a minimum period of six months. Numbers are important in the present climate in which the Church of England needs to be aware of the commitment of its people. Church morale is affected by statistics and while it would be wrong to inflate the significance of the Roll it would be a missed opportunity to ignore it. Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you're a regular St James or Christ church, you should be on the electoral roll!

I'm convinced – how do I join?

If you would like to know more or have any questions about this, please email Sally parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org and we can help!

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News of Road Closures from Thames Water

Hollow Lane is the next road to close, between the junction of Brickyard Lane and Wotton Footpath. It seems the pipes are at a high risk of bursting. The work is planned to start on 28th Feb and not be completed till the end of May 2023.

There will be a diversion route in place as it will affect buses. Thames water number is 0800 3169800.

ABINGER SCHOOL SITE

An update from the Diocese of Guildford -

Following on from our update in September, we can now let you know the next steps with the former school site in Abinger.

As a former Church of England school, the site is held in trust for the purposes of Church of England education. When the site is no longer needed for this purpose, the Diocese is required under Charity Commission regulations, to seek best value from the site for the purpose of Church of England education across the wider Diocese.

The Diocese have now appointed Savills to market the site and to receive any enquiries about it. Any parties that are interested in the site should contact Savills directly at their Guildford Office on 01483 796 80.

It is customary that, when a Church of England school site is sold, a small percentage of the sale proceeds are returned to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the local church so that some of the funds can be invested in activities which will support the mission of the church to children and young people. It will be up to the PCC to decide how to use these funds within the parish and local community. If there are any further queries in relation to the site, please direct them to Canon (Mr) Alex Tear, Diocesan Director of Education by e-mail at: alex.tear@cofeguildford.org.uk

WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Turkish/Syria Earthquake - donations

The devastation caused by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria is uppermost in our minds. We feel so impotent. If you would like to help you can send donations to the DEC Turkish|Syria Earthquake appeal. https://www.dec.org.uk, https://www.redcross.org.uk/ or to The White Helmets https://www.whitehelmets.org/en/

Who are the White Helmets? They formed to save lives in Syria when the Syrian government began dropping bombs on homes and neighbourhoods. The volunteers save people on all sides of the conflict – pledging commitment to the principles of "Humanity, Solidarity, Impartiality" as outlined under international humanitarian law. The White Helmets' motto is taken from the Quran: 'to save a life is to save all of humanity'.

The Surrey Appropriate Adult Service -volunteering

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.

Dorking Foodbank - donations



Please keep up your donations. They are much needed. Things like Loo roll 4 packs

1 Litre cartons of UHT milk Jars of instant coffee Tinned potatoes

1 Litre cartons of long-life fruit juice Sponge pudding long-life twin packs

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.

WHATS ON

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL filming with BBC 7th and 8th March

We are looking forward to the BBC coming to the Cathedral on Tuesday 7 March and Wednesday 8 March for two special services.

On Tuesday, the BBC will be recording a service from the Cathedral at 5.30pm that will be broadcast on Mothering Sunday. The service will last an hour and we would welcome people to come along to be part of the congregation. Please arrive at 5pm to be seated by 5.15pm.

On Wednesday, the BBC will broadcast Evensong live from the Cathedral on BBC Radio 3 at 4pm. The service will last an hour and once again, we are looking for people to come along to be part of the congregation. You will need to arrive at 3.30pm and be seated by 3.45pm.

We very much hope, you would like to attend these special services

COLDHARBOUR COFFEE MORNING -3rd MARCH FRIDAY

10.30-1130am

Many years ago Gill Mills decided to start a village coffee morning. Her cakes were legendary and the coffee mornings always very popular. Like everything else, these had to stop over the lockdown period and in that time Gill sadly lost her fight against cancer.



Once things had returned to normal, the coffee mornings began again. Now they are run by a variety of people in turn and are as popular as ever, with a lovely cross-section of the village in attendance (and a tasty selection of sweet treats!).

The coffee mornings run from 10.30-11.30, usually on the first Friday of the month with

occasional changes. The dates are always on the village website and village emails usually sent out. Proceeds normally go to the upkeep of the Village Hall but occasionally we have charity fund raisers where all takings go to the chosen charity.

If you would like to get involved, please let me know and if you haven't yet been down, why not come along to the next one which will be Friday 3rd March (and then 14/4 - a week later than normal due to Easter). Debby.chapman@hotmail.com

SJ'S CAFÉ ABINGER 8.45-10.30

The church is open every Wednesdays 8.45am – 10.30am. Join us on the comfy sofas at St. James' for tea, coffee, a croissant and chat!

The Repair Café St James Abinger 15 thMarch 9.00-10.30am

On Wednesday 8th March, we will be trialling a Repair Café to run alongside SJ's Café in St. James' Church, Abinger - between 9am and 10.30am. We will be offering sewing repairs, minor alterations to clothes, sewing of tears in seams, hems, darning, zips etc!

Please do drop in and see if we can help. This will be a free service. Any donations will be put towards running more Repair Café sessions. Do you have a skill that you could offer at the Repair Café? Please contact the Parish Office if you do!

The Krypton Factor at Christ Church Friday 31st March



Come and join us in Christ Church Coldharbour for the revival of the Krypton factor evening on Friday 31st March, in aid of the church roof. Fun packed evening to suit all ages and abilities. Rounds will include a word search, joke solutions required, guess that tune, a construction round, the return of a blindfold round, a

taste test, and a showstopper finale.

Tickets cost £15 and include a meal of chilli con carne with baked potatoes and all the trimmings, together with a tasty pudding and a pay bar. Vegetarian options will be available. There are generously donated fabulous prizes for a wonderful raffle. Early booking is encouraged. Helen Potter and Bex Clarke can answer all your questions.

Helen Potter

Helenpotter314@btinternet.com and spextor@btinternet.com

The Great Abinger Bake-off and Easter Craft Fair

26 March 2-4pm

Come down to the Evelyn Hall on the 26th March from 2- 4pm. Run by the |**Abinger Nursery.** The categories to be judged, in two age categories (children and adults) are:

Biscuits, cupcakes, traybake, showstopper.

Children £1 per entry / Adults £2 per entry All cakes to be brought to the hall by 1.30pm and will be auctioned off unless otherwise specified.



Dorking Local History Talks. 6th and 20th March

The DLHG continues its popular programme of both live and Zoom talks on a fascinating range of topics. These are free to members, but non-members are welcome. Upcoming dates include:

Dorking & the Mayflower: Monday 6th March Live talk by Randal Charlton,



who collects artefacts relating to Dorking and the Mayflower, including letters between politicians on both sides of the Atlantic and hundreds of press cuttings on the "Mayflower II" adventure of 1957. at Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB, 7.15 for 7.30pm, £2 at the door for non-members.

Special Operations Executive at Winterfold in WWII:

Monday 20th March

A Zoom talk by writer Paul McCue about the training of some of WW2's most famous agents at Winterfold, including Violette Szabo ("Carve Her Name with Pride") and Noor Inyat Khan. : https://www.meet-up.com/Surrey-History-Meetup/.

For further details of talks and other activities – or to join DLHG – go to https://dlhg.org.uk.

QRMW 2ND April Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday 2nd April. This is a hugely popular event and to avoid disappointment on the day please contact Debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk to register the children.



For £6 the children can enter the Easter Egg Hunt which sets off at 12.30 and all children receive a goodie bag then enter one of the Egg and Spoon races with prizes for the winners. We also have egg and spoon races for the Mums and Dads which can be quite competitive! It's an excellent family fun day with something for all ages. A raffle with great prizes, an Easter Egg Stall at exceptionally cheap prices, a lovely craft stall an Easter bunny soft toy stall, plus the BBQ will be on the go with hot dogs and burgers and hot and cold drinks for sale. So do come with some Cash (the card machine doesn't work in the Woodland due to the lack of internet signal). All monies raised go towards assisting our Veterans who are down on their luck.

MUSIC



5th March at 3.00, Carducci string quartet at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619

The Dorking Concertgoers continue their string quartet series with the second appearance of the Carducci Quartet. Haydn's 'Sunrise' quartet, Beethoven's 'Rasumovsky' quartet, and Mendelssohn's last quartet, written in memory of his beloved sister. The third and final concert of the series will follow in April.

12th March at 7.30, LHMF Verdi Requiem at Dorking Halls, £17-26, 01306 881717

This March, the choirs of the Leith Hill Music Festival will perform Verdi's great *Requiem*. This is a huge and highly

dramatic piece of music, needing a choir of some 200 singers and a very large orchestra. Verdi was primarily an opera composer and his sense of drama is very evident in his Requiem, not least in the stunning Dies Irae movement with its enormous brass fanfares and rousing choral effects.

18th March at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia at St Martin's church

The Dorking Philharmonia's concert will include Tchaikovsky's delightful and melodious *Serenade for Strings*. This proved to be a popular success for the composer, and it is distinguished by a lovely waltz and a very moving elegy among its four movements. The programme will also feature music by Richard Strauss, Delius and Mozart.

22nd March at 7.15, opera screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717 The Dorking Halls has a screening of Puccini's opera *Turandot*, live from the Royal Opera House. Will the mysterious Prince Calaf solve the three riddles posed by the icy Princess Turandot and thus save his life and gain her love? The opera features the well-known aria 'Nessun dorma'. *Ian Codd*

COLDHARBOUR PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART? CONTACT AMANDA BY 19TH MARCH

On **Saturday May 6th**, starting at **6.30pm**, Coldharbour will be hosting its first Progressive Supper. For those unfamiliar with these events, a progressive supper is a three-course dinner served at different houses. Diners move from house to house, eating a single course before moving on to the next venue. They are great fun but need a lot of planning which is why we are starting now.

The event requires volunteers to host either a starter or a main meal in their homes and then everyone meets up in the church for pudding. Costs for diners will be £20 per head for a delicious three-course meal and we are asking for a minimum donation of £10 per head from those happy to host. Alcohol is not included in any of the courses so if you fancy a glass of wine or two, please bring your favourite tipple as you move around the village. So that we can start looking at logistics, please email amandahanlin@aol.co.uk before 19th March with the following information:

- a) Whether you can host a starter or main meal and how many guests you can cater for in addition to yourselves.
- b) Whether you will attend as a guest along with any dietary requirements you have.
- c) If you can donate a pudding. This will be a fundraising event for the church roof as well as a memorable way to celebrate the King's coronation across the village. It goes without saying that if anyone cares to donate over and above what we are asking it would be much appreciated. There will be a donation box in the church on the night.

 Amanda Hanlin

Coldharbour Fete Planning Meeting 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. Please come along with your ideas and suggestions. Or come to find out more, maybe volunteer to help, and meet a few people. No previous experience necessary! (The Fete is on Saturday 20th May from 2 p.m. at the Coldharbour Memorial Ground).

Abinger Village on the Green

As the evenings get lighter and warmer, we are hoping to organise some regular weekend fun with games, a BBQ and a chance to catch up with friends

and neighbours on the green here in Abinger Common. There will be something for everyone!

Watch this space for more details and if you have suggestions, would like to help in anyway, or have vital skills to offer (think football fanatic, rounders referee, board-game buff, BBQ maestro) please contact Henny Maxwell.

maxwellhouse2010@hotmail.co.uk.



Films at Shere cinema

In January, we said a very big thank you to Sue Pears who had recently retired as a long-time Committee member and helper of the cinema. Sue has worked tirelessly on local ticket sales, writing newsletters, and ensuring that the ice cream cabinets were always topped up – to name just some of the things she was involved with! The gift was a



specially commissioned portrait of the village hall, painted by local artist Peter Elliott. The photo shows Caroline Evans (chair) presenting the portrait to Sue.

If you are still having problems buying tickets online, please send a message to: info@sherevillagecinema.com or phone Jill: 07833208158, and we will do what we can to help – we want you to join us! Note that although the website uses the PayPal platform, you don't need to have a PayPal account – and can buy a ticket(s) (and ice creams) with a credit card.

To book tickets please go to the website (www.sherevillagecinema.com), or buy 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.

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. It stars Christian Bale as Burt and John David Washington

as Harold, who play long-time best friends, who are suspected of a murder that they didn't commit. Classification: 15 (Running time is 2 hours 14 minutes) Start time: **7.30pm**

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) Start time: **7.30pm**

HAZEL HUBBARD

Hazel died in February and was known by several villagers. She was brought up in Coldharbour, daughter of Stephen and Gladys Weller, and niece of Louise Weller who ran the Coldharbour Post Office.

It was Louise who was postmistress and shop owner when it moved across the road from The Old Post House to what is now Post Box House. Hazel often helped her aunt in the shop.

Hazel came to many coffee mornings in recent years and was a friend of Rose Winchcombe since they were both children more than 85 years ago.

Hazel's funeral will be at the Guildford Crematorium on March 8th at 1.30.

If you intend to go please tell Graham Mytton 712122 or gmytton@gn.apc.org.

YOUNG REPORTERS

Home is where the heart is by Emma Nelson of Coldharbour (in Australia)

Like many others, my friend and I decided to take a gap year before continuing to university. At the beginning of January, after months of eagerly waiting, we set off to our first stop, Fiji. After two flights and not much sleep, we arrived and recovered from the 12-hour time difference, in the comfort of a family friend's house. Over the next two and a half weeks we embraced the difference in culture and were surprised by how welcoming and laid back the Fijian people are, a far cry from the fast-paced England we know. My time in



Fiji was consumed by plenty of snorkelling, scuba diving, island hopping and hiking.

After enjoying what Fiji had to offer, we set off on the next leg of our journey to Australia, landing in Brisbane and then overland down the Gold Coast. The hustle and bustle of Brisbane felt more like home as we immersed ourselves in its many attractions. We spent our week there at koala sanctuaries, feeding kangaroos and visiting some incredible museums but the most significant was our visit to the Queensland Art Gallery.

As we wondered around enjoying the art, I stumbled upon a landscape remarkably like Coldharbour, further observations and reading of the small print led me to discover that the painting was in fact of Coldharbour, painted in 1916 by Lucien Pissarro. This discovery stopped me in my tracks, and amongst the excitement of seeing my own home in this painting on the other side of the world, was the reassuring feeling that amongst all the uncertainty

that comes with travelling, there is also the underlying notion that home is always with us one way or another.

Since then, we have continued making our way down the Gold Coast, with a short stop in Surfers Paradise, followed by a week enjoying the sun in Byron Bay, then heading on to Sydney. Despite enjoying a small taste of what travelling has to offer, I look forward to returning home, back to Coldharbour!

A Day on the Farm by Lottie Harlow in Abinger



There is never a dull day here at Shootlands Farm with the company of all of our animals!

Just the other day we had to round up the cows and sheep into their new spring paddock and ended up going on an unplanned jog after them!

Anyone interested in saying hello to our gorgeous animals is more than welcome to wander down the footpath; beware the cows may be up for a fun game but they're very friendly - and usually on the other side of the fence!!



SERVICES ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

5th March The Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Sunday Club

for children

Refreshments after the service

12th March The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

6.00pm Choral Evensong

19th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

11.30am All Age Mothering Sunday Service

Refreshments after the service

26th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30am Sideways Church - new angles on faith with breakfast,

laughter and conversation

6.00pm Julian meeting at Christ Church Coldharbour

Half an hour of stillness with God

2nd April Palm Sunday

10.30am Joint Palm Sunday Service

Refreshments after the service

From the Registers

Abinger

2nd February Funeral Kevin Burt

Parish Office at Coldharbour 6th March and 20th March 10-11am JV Hall. Do pop in to say hello to Kia and Sally with any questions or just for a coffee and a chat

For full details of services at **St John's Wotton** and **St Mary's Holmbury** please go towww.holmburychurch.comwww.wottonchurch.org/services

SERVICES CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

5th March The Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

12th March The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Service (Iona with communion)

Refreshments after the service

19th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

10.00am All Age Mothering Sunday Service

Refreshments after the service

26th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Communion (Common Worship)

Refreshments after the service

6.oopm Julian meeting

Half an hour of stillness with God

2nd April Palm Sunday

10.30am Joint Palm Sunday Service at St. James' Abinger

Refreshments after the service

7.00pm Compline

APRIL SERVICES AT BOTH CHURCHES

2nd April Palm Sunday

10.30am Joint Palm Sunday Service Refreshments St James

7.00pm Compline Christ Church

3rd April Monday

7.00pm Compline **St James**

4th April Tuesday

7.00pm Compline Christ Church

5th April Wednesday

7.00pm Compline St James

7.00pm Institution of the Lord's Supper Benefice Service **Christ**

Church

7th April Good Friday

1.00pm Christ Church Good Friday Reflections and

3.00pm <u>St James</u>.....Meditations An hour of reflection,

.....poetry, music, readings and stillness

7.00pm Compline at <u>Christ Church</u>

8th April Saturday

7.00pm Compline **St James**

9TH April EASTER DAY

10 am Family service <u>Christ Church</u>11.30am Family service St James

Calendar for Children & Youth Abinger & Holmbury

Children Under 12 years old. We have 2 regular get togethers most months for children under 12 years old in the Benefice. One at St Mary's Church, Holmbury and one at St. James' Church, Abinger. You are welcome to come to either or both, no matter where you live.

Sun Mar 5 th	10.30-12 00.00	Funday	St. Mary's Holmbury
Sat Mar 11 th	3.00 - 5.00pm	Messy Church	St. James' Abinger
SunMar 19 th	11.30am	All Age Mothering Sunday Service	St. James' Abinger
Sun Apr 2 nd	10.00 - 10.50am	Palm Sunday All Age Worship	St. Mary's Holmbury
Sun Apr 2 nd	10.30am	Palm Sunday Family Service	St. James' Abinger

Sat Apr 8 th	3.00 - 5.00pm	Messy Church	St. James' Abinger
Sun Apr 9 th	10.00 - 10. 50am	Easter Sunday Children meet in the Church Room during the service. Easter egg hunt after service.	St. Mary's Holmbury
Sun Apr 9th	11.30am	Easter Day Family Service with Easter egg hunt after the service	St. James' Abinger

Holmbury Fundays: Most 1st Sundays of the month 10.30am to 12 noon. Refreshments before the start with a story, songs and then crafts linked to the theme of the day. There is short service of Holy Communion 9.30am to 10.15am before this.

Holmbury All Age Worship: 1st Sunday of the month - when no Funday, 10am to about 10.40am. A service suitable for all ages, children and adults alike.

St James Abinger Messy Church: Most 2nd Saturdays of the month 3pm to 5pm Crafts and a story followed by food.

St. James' Abinger Family Parish Prayer and Praise Service: Most 3rd Sundays at 10.30am with the Worship Band. No communion on these Sundays.

Youth ages 12 to 18yrs

Youth Alpha at the Rectory, Abinger CommonTerm time: Every Sunday 4pm to 5.30pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

What is the biggest event in March? The Great Abinger Bake Off of course!! If you've not participated before dust off your aprons and your pinnies and get baking!!! And if you 'd rather feast



on Easter delights then you must come too! With crafting fun galore this is a whole community event not to be missed. 26TH MARCH AT THE EVELYN HALL. The categories to be judged, in two categories (children, adults) are: Biscuits, cupcakes, traybake, showstopper. Children £1 per entry / Adults £2 per entry. All cakes to be brought to the hall by 1.30pm to be auctioned off unless otherwise specified.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year we went on a magical dragon ride across the Bohai Sea. What an adventure! On the way we stopped off at a Chinese restaurant to practice our chopstick skills and make some playdoh sushi. We drew Chinese symbols in the sand and even had time to make paper lanterns and paper dragons. Getting stuck into cooking was given a new meaning when we created some of Paddington's favourite sticky delicacy! We each came home with a lovely pot of marmalade – and were able to give a big jar to the grown-ups in SJ's Café too. Meanwhile imagine our surprise upon entering the hall one Monday morning to find a swirly, sloshy, swamp (yes that's right swamp!) in the middle of our play tray. Well, the dinosaurs had gathered to make the most of this glorious green goo and then the next day it was pink!!!

If you have a child looking to start Nursery please don't hesitate to 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 o7842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com We can't wait to show you around!

Kate Fairbrass



Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School

It is a real privilege to come to work every day to our school. When it is bright and frosty and the ground sparkles with the newly frozen dew, I reflect on how special a place it is.

I wish you all a bright beautiful start to spring, with hope and faith abounding What a wonderful way to learn about the importance of measuring accurately! Bees enjoying their practical maths lesson measuring ingredients



Using just a pair of wire clippers, a pair of bent-nosed pliers and finger-friendly PVC coated chicken wire they created their own 3D sculptures.



Sleeping Beauty at the Abinger Hammer Hall

The Stage Right Theatre School, Junior Musical Theatre class performed their pantomime Sleeping Beauty at Abinger Hammer Hall on 4th February.

They played to a packed audience of friends and family who enjoyed



participating loudly by booing the evil fairy Maleficent and cheering the hero prince. There were ghosts and custard pies and all the traditional elements of

pantomime.

The children gave a great performance and have built confidence and stage skills whilst having lots of fun.

Lesley Lane



MOTHERS DAY IS ON 19TH MARCH

Picture Courtesy of www.funlovingfamilies.com

A home-made card makes a great Mother's Day present. Why not colour this



picture in, cut it out and stick it on a piece of coloured card for a lovely homemade present?



And here's a joke to go inside your card.

What's the difference between a crocodile and an alligator?

Well, you'll see the crocodile in while...... but you won't see the crocodile till a bit later!!

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

February has bought lots of beautiful weather - cold and sunny, lots of hay runsmaking sure the sheep are never without ample hay, and lots of foot care due to issues from the weeks of wet weather. Foot care involves cleaning the offending foot in a warm salted-water bath, then I cut back the hoof wall, and apply foot spray to the bit in-between their toes - this normally resolves the lameness. If required I give them a quick shot of painkiller, and if infection is present they may require a fast acting antibiotic. However, I never ignore foot issues on my flock.



Exciting news - next weekend we scan our 4 ewes for pregnancy! I chose my ewes and

ram collaboration carefully -for me their wool is my main interest - the colour, the spirals and the length - 1 am trying to breed the perfect wool sheep! I chose 2 Herdwicks and 2 Icelandic ewes to go with Forest the ram - the very friendly white ram who will hand out cuddles and kisses to strangers (and a little more to a ewe in season...!).

This Saturday we will find out what we can expect from this dalliance they had in October. I always like to make a quick prediction, so I say - 2 twins, 1 single and 1 empty (a rather disparaging, slightly insensitive, word they use for livestock if there is no patter of tiny hooves...). In previous years we have had many shocks with our scans! One year they all scanned empty - horror! It turned out Herdwicks ovulate later (who knew - not me!) - evolution has told Herdwick ewes that if have their little lambs on the side of a Lake District mountain (where Herdwicks originate from) in February the chances are the little lamb won't survive those bitter elements. So, they ovulate later in the year than other sheep, and give birth April onwards - clever sheep.

Meanwhile, in other news - Ellie (the ewe with the growth on her gum) is doing well and enjoying being able to eat uninhibited!

Lastly, the boys must be hearing that precious sound - the sound of grass growing - they are more interested in the grass than the hay. Spring is literally round the corner!!

Robin's Gardening Tips for March

Despite the recent milder spell, don't be tempted to sow seeds in the ground yet. The old advice to check the warmth of the soil prior to planting was to sit down on the ground with a bare behind! Not really recommended.

Nature has a way of catching up and I am preparing to sow some vegetable seeds in the greenhouse-tomatoes, melons, peppers, chillis and aubergines especially.

If, like me, you find that with the recent very cold weather hydrangeas have suffered, hold off pruning or cutting back for a few weeks yet, then cut back to a healthy outward facing bud. However, pruning can be done of apple and pear trees, also roses. Don't touch stone fruit trees as they should be pruned mid-summer to prevent infections, especially silver leaf.

If you had mistletoe in the home for Christmas, by now the berries should be ripe and can be rubbed into cracks in the bark of host trees. Though it may take several years before you can cut your own mistletoe it is fun to try and grow your own.



Abinger and Wotton W.I.

What happens to all our rubbish? Matthew Pearson of Joint Waste Solutions a recycling company jointly employed by Mole Valley, Elmbridge, Woking and Surrey Heath councils, came to enlighten us.

This was a subject that raised many questions as members wanted to ask about a variety of different items. There are many answers to be found online on the Surrey Environment Partnership website – WWW.Surreyep.org.uk. With a /what-to-do-with-an-item/ page and several videos with explanations on what happens to discarded food, glass, paper and card, and plastics. We should be quite careful about what goes into the green bin as many tons have to be rejected for recycling, such as take-away pizza boxes (too greasy). Rejected items are mostly burnt and this process is used to create energy.

Our tea hostesses were Annie Chesterton, Dena Burrell and Sandy Hodge, plus donations of cakes from Maggie Butcher and Jan Hunt. The talk and the delicious tea were both greatly enjoyed by those present.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd March at 2.30 pm Venue: The Evelyn Hall, Abinger Common. Johnny Young from Peaslake will talk about how to recognise symptoms of various medical issues and explain resuscitation techniques. New members are always very welcome.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK FOR A MOMENT

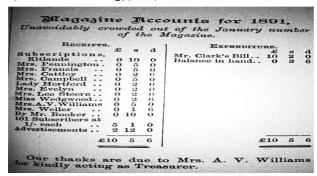
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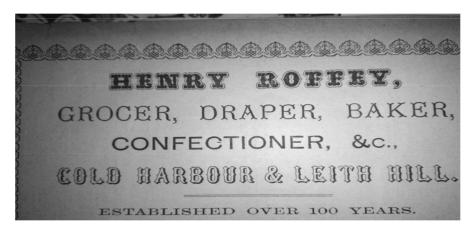
The Reverend John Rooker and family, still absent, writes from Bournemouth, disappointed, as they had planned to be in Egypt, up the Nile. But their health is

improving, and Mrs Rooker is able to take short walks and enjoy the sunshine.

Then, as now, the Magazine's upkeep was reliant on subscriptions, donations and advertisers.



Every month, Henry Roffey took a third of the single advertising page.



The two other regulars were:

J.L. Playfoot: 85-86 High Street, Dorking - General Drapery and Family Mourning and an "... agent for Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Clothing." Dr Jaeger advocated it was healthier to only wear animal fibres (wool) close to the skin, rather than plant (cotton and linen). In 1884, Lewis Tomalin, having capitalised on the craze for woollen longjohns, expanded the range with woollen suits. This was the beginning of the Jaeger Fashion brand, with the camelhair coat being their invention.

L.H. and W. Saubergue: 98 High Street, Dorking – Manufacturing Ironmongers, Bell Hangers, Gas & Hot Water Engineers, Tent Makers. In 1868, Lewis Saubergue was one of the first British men to buy a foot-propelled velocipede, a 'boneshaker' due to its construction of iron, wood and no springs. Unsurprisingly, Lewis drew large crowds when he toured Germany on it in 1870. One can only hope his woollen underwear kept him healthy. By 1892, thousands were coming to cycle on Box Hill and Ranmore, especially after the Daily Telegraph wrote that "Dorking cannot be surpassed as a centre for excursions." And two-week festivals were being held at summer camps. Which probably did wonders for Lewis's tent business.

W.H. Barker, a butcher from Holmwood, only advertises once, undoubtedly aiming for the gentry "Families waited on Daily at Cold Harbour." He would know their needs, as along with other shopkeepers, farmers and wealthy landowners within 20 miles of Beare Green, he was a member of the 'Beare Green Society for the Prosecution of Thieves' which provided mutual insurance and paid rewards, on conviction, to safeguard their property, except for gaming and highway robbery.

19th July 1873 Fatal Accident on Abinger Roughs.

Many people who walk their dog on Abinger Roughs will have seen this monument to Bishop Samuel Wilberforce 1803-1873, who fell from his horse on 19th July 1873 whilst riding with Lord Granville.





Samuel was born at Clapham Common, the 5th child of William Wilberforce, the great



campaigner against slavery and the slave trade. Samuel was one of the great speakers of his day. He is remembered for his famous speech in opposition to Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution. At a debate with Thomas Huxley in 1860, Huxley 'Are you related to an ape on your grandfather's or your grandmother's side?'

A great friend of Gladstone, he was riding to meet him in Holmbury St Mary, which had become very popular

with rich Londoners. He had had two heart attacks in 1870 and 71 and he died instantly where he fell. The family erected this granite memorial. He's buried in Lavington next to his wife and there is another memorial to him in Winchester Cathedral designed by George Gilbert Scott.

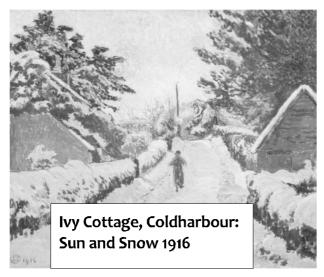
With thanks to Roger Christian

1916 Lucien Pissarro's Coldharbour Connection

Lucien, son of the better-known Camille, came to Coldharbour for a year from November 1915 to July 1916 and lodged with Mrs Ansell of Ivy Cottage, during which time he became a British citizen.

His father Camille Pissarro had five sons: Lucien, Georges, Félix, Ludovic-Rodolphe and Paul-Emile. To the dismay of Camille's wife Julie, who was concerned about her children's financial future, all of them followed in their father's footsteps and took up art at an early age. Thus, Pissarro became the master of an informal art school within his own family.

The Stern Pissarro Gallery in St James, London lists 13 artists with the name Pissarro and there may be more. Leila Pissarro, Camille's great granddaughter



is co-owner of the gallery. She is an active painter and art dealer.

Lucien Pissarro had a extraordinary life. Born in Paris in 1863 he moved to London in 1883 to learn English and made a living for working publisher of music. He returned to Paris and began an active career as a painter. But he often returned London and finally

shortly before the Great War, settled in England. According to the book 'A Catalogue of the Oil Paintings of Lucien Pissarro' published in 1983, 21 oil paintings of Coldharbour were produced during the months January to July 1916, and a further 2 were painted later from sketches.

His painting 'Teatime Coldharbour 1916' is on show in an art gallery in Brisbane and caused great interest when Emma Nelson posted it on Coldharbour Facebook from her travels in Australia. (See Emma's article)

In 2016, shortly before the centenary of Pissarro's time in Coldharbour, several villagers thought it might be a good idea to try to mount an exhibition of as many of his paintings and pastel sketches as could be put together. The owners of some of the better-known paintings, including the Tate and the Manchester Art Gallery, agreed in principle. Also, the current owner of "Coldharbour from Roffys" was interested in cooperating. However, we did not then have anywhere in the village with the requisite security demanded so had to abandon the idea. I think we should ask the National Trust at Leith Hill House— maybe now it might be possible for the 110th anniversary in 3 years time?

Lucien often misspelled words in titles "Roffys" was one. Another was "Crockhurst" Lane instead of Crockers – unless of course it then had that name. Does anyone know? In a letter to his daughter Orovida (also an active

artist) while painting "Wild Hyacinths, Coldharbour" he wrote "it was a beautiful day – but unfortunately the *bracon* are making such rapid progress that they simply swamp the blue bells". Some things don't change!

Graham Mytton

SHERE SURGERY

We have managed to recruit 2 new Dispensary Technicians! This is so exciting for us as we have struggled to recruit for a very long time. Both



have been working in Community Pharmacy so, although we are different, they are settling in quickly.

We hope to increase the sign up to @BrendaVendor and we will be working on this soon, contacting those who offered to help by being Brenda Ambassadors!

We also want to convert as many people as possible who are on repeat prescriptions to an automated version, so they no longer need.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS WITH THE NURSES

October: 64 missed appointments (13 hours of nurse time)

November: 81 missed appointments (19 hours of nurse time) December: 95 missed appointments (21 hours of nurse time) January: 56 missed appointments (11 hours of nurse time)

TOTAL: 296 appointments where patients did not attend, amounting to 64 hours of wasted nurse time over 4 months.

With services stretched as they are we cannot allow our precious nurse resource to be wasted. We will be considering options around this.

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please call to cancel, even if desperately late notice as at least it gives us a chance to repurpose that valuable time.

Dr Emma Watts

Directory of Local Businesses

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Peaslake Beauty Room.	01306 731182	
Avril Munford	pamperyourself@thepeaselakebeautyroom.co.uk	
The Beauty Shed -	07748 244621 www.thebeautyshedsurrrey.co.uk	
Garden Beauty Studio	thebeautyshed@gmail.com	
BUILDERS etc.		
B A Gunter	01306 628291	
Dorking Glass	01306 882971	
RB Fencing	01306 640143 01483 414745 info@rbfencingltd.co.uk	
LHP Groundwork and Drainage	01306 628412 info@lhpl.co.uk	
Lyne & Co Capel Building and	01293 871008 nfo@lyneandco.co.uk	
Renovation		
AR Surfacing (drives&patios)	07771 808332 alfie.vanloo@sky.com	
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS		
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The Plough Inn, Coldharbour	01306 711793
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	dancearamix@btinternet.com
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