

**ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR**

# Parish News



**JUNE 2023**

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Wed, Thurs & Fri: 8.30am – 6.30pm (Closed 1.00-2.00pm)

\*Dispensary takes calls after 11.00am

Dispensary is also open Saturday morning for prescription collection only

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Dispensary 9.00am onwards

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# EVENTS

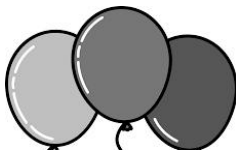


## June

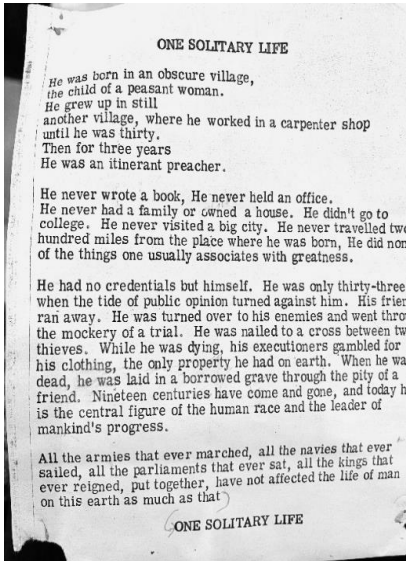
- 1<sup>st</sup> WI, Evelyn Hall, 2.30 pm,  
Shere Cinema, *Empire of Light*, 7.30 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> CH Coffee Morning, JV Hall, 10.30  
2<sup>nd</sup> SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Abinger Medieval Fair, 2pm  
10<sup>th</sup> SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30 am  
14<sup>th</sup> *Twelfth Night*, Coldharbour Cricket Ground  
15<sup>th</sup> Holmbury Village Quiz 7pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Shere Arts Week  
19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Shere Cinema, *A Man called Otto*, 7.30 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30 am  
21<sup>st</sup> D&G's concert of French music, SJ's, 7.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30 am  
28<sup>th</sup>

## July

- 1<sup>st</sup> HSMCS Concert *Blue Zoo*, St James', 8pm  
5<sup>th</sup> SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30 am  
6<sup>th</sup> WI, Evelyn Hall, 2.30 pm,  
6<sup>th</sup> Shere Cinema, *The Fabelmans*, 7.30 pm



## Reflections from the Rectory



I love our churches; the history they span and the lives they have touched. This year marks the 175th anniversary of our Church at Coldharbour, and St James' has been knocking around since the 12th century.

I don't know which one of my predecessors put this on the back of one of the cupboards in the vestry at St James', but I love it.

It is a wonderful reminder of the man Jesus that we seek to follow. It speaks of a deep humility, a resilience and a love that has impacted generations worldwide. A real man, fully human yet

fully divine; it speaks of a God who was prepared to go to any lengths to demonstrate his love for us. A mystery that eludes us, compels us and inspires us throughout history, for today and for tomorrow.

Another exciting historical event that happens at Abinger every year is our Mediaeval Fayre!

Huge thanks to all who make this extravaganza possible, and I look forward to seeing you all there on Saturday 10th June!

With love and blessings Rev'd Kia



## From the editors

We would like to express our gratitude to Diana Hitchcock for all the work she has put in to reporting from Coldharbour over the last months, both writing articles herself and encouraging her neighbours to contribute. We send our sympathy to Di and her family at this time of loss.

*Jenny and Liz*

## Di Prideaux gets the Lord Lieutenant's Award of Appreciation

Di was recently presented with an Award of Appreciation by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux. This award aims to "recognise individuals who contribute exceptional service to our local communities".

She has volunteered for 25 years as a therapist at the Fountain Centre, a drop in cancer day centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

When she was interviewed on Radio Surrey Di said what a wonderful place the Fountain Centre was and what a privilege it is to have been involved for so long.

Congratulations from all of us, Di!



## This month's cover picture

Many thanks to Cherry Clarke for her beautiful flower arrangements in St James'. The ones she did for the Coronation were a real triumph – sourcing the right colour flowers at this time of year is not easy!

## 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.



# Coronation Celebrations

Abinger's Big Picnic – Abinger Common and Abinger Bottom









## Coldharbour's Progressive Supper

Saturday May 6th saw not only the coronation of King Charles III but the dawn of Coldharbour's Progressive Supper. Between 18.30 and 21.00 the village was a buzz with people eating their

way from one house to another before congregating at the church for a finale of delicious puddings and a toast to our new King.

The opportunity to sit down and enjoy a dinner course with people that you may only say hello to in passing, turned out to be one of the main highlights.

Moving from house to house kept the evening fresh and exciting. Coming together at the church was the perfect ending, reminding everyone yet again, of that special magic that Coldharbour nurtures.



Like many of these events, so many people gave up their time to help and

make it a success. Thank you to each of you - you know who you are. All proceeds go towards the repair of the church roof. Missed it this year? Well, at the request of this year's guests... we'll be doing it again next year too!



*Amanda Hanlin*

## A Right Royal Occasion for the WI



As our meeting was on the same day as the local elections and the Evelyn Hall was a polling station, we met in the Holmbury Church Room, so our Holmbury members were on home ground for a change. This was a Coronation



special, so the room was patriotically decorated with flags and crowns. There were imperial crowns strung across the windows and a very regal and solid looking crown on a scarlet and gold plinth in the corner. Members were also festively dressed. In Lesley's absence, our treasurer (and former President) Sally Frost presided and it was her idea that we should create cardboard crowns in the style of the one to be used for the Coronation. We were provided with golden material for the basic structure but it was up to us to assemble it and to bring and stick on decorative items. On my table we had jewel like beads and all sorts of colourful images which were processing round the edge: guards, beefeaters, flag wavers and of course the golden coach and the King and Queen. It was emphasised that this was a non-competitive activity! After the allotted time, we cleared away the debris and newspaper covering on the table, to reveal royal blue cloths with a Union Jack in the middle on which we placed our crowns for inspection and admiration. They were quite impressive.

After this crafty effort we were all given glasses of bubbly and we toasted the King. This was followed by a royal-themed quiz. Finally, there was a splendid tea prepared by the hard-working committee. Just when we thought it was all over, Sandy came round with royal crested packets of seeds, reflecting the King's love of nature and gardens. So... a right royal occasion.



*Pat O'Brien*

**Next Meetings:** 1st June, Evelyn Hall - Speaker Major Whittle: "Venice"; 6th July, Evelyn Hall - Speaker Belinda Knox Spinks: "Decluttering made easy"

## Coldharbour's Coronation Coffee Morning

Coldharbour celebrated the coronation in style with a themed coffee morning. Pam Pulling-Smith made a magnificent bejewelled corona cake - as well as her famous date cake, and lots of royal goodies were enjoyed by all who went.

Pam will also be baking for the **next coffee morning on Friday June 2nd**.



## The DGA visit Coldharbour

On Tuesday 2nd May the Dorking Group of Artists were invited to Coldharbour to sketch and paint in the churchyard and around the village in the steps of Lucien Pissarro.

We had coffee and biscuits in the church (raising £56) whilst listening to a brief lecture on the history of Pissarro, his time in Coldharbour and where he enjoyed painting.



We recommended places to work - the most popular being “Ivy Cottage” and the beautiful view from that end of the village.

I'm sure lots of amazing masterpieces will be emerging from this inspiring visit to Coldharbour.

The weather was kind to us and we all had a very enjoyable morning.

*Patsy Simpson, Sue Skerritt*

## Coldharbour Fete



What an afternoon! The Coldharbour Village Fete showcased the village at its very best. Wall-to-wall sunshine, hundreds of visitors, delicious food and entertainment for all ages. The fete was opened by Coldharbour's very own Dame Virginia McKenna, recently returned from Windsor Castle where she was awarded her Damehood, conferred by The Prince of Wales, in recognition of her work for Wild Animal Welfare and Compassionate Conservation. Following her speech, Coldharbour's village band proceeded to play Born Free from one of her most well-known films of that name.



Throughout the afternoon the crowds enjoyed music from The Superstrings Trio who were joined by former village resident and superb saxophonist, Al Stewart. Coldharbour's village band also entertained the crowds throughout the afternoon. Music was provided for all tastes.



Returning by popular demand, the dog show did not disappoint. Approximately 30 dogs of all shapes and sizes paraded around the ring with their owners in tow, with judge Bonnie Eastman facing the difficult task to find winners for a number of classes ranging from the best behaved to the waggiest tail. In recognition of outstanding performances by all, every dog was rewarded with a biscuit. As always, there are way too many people to name everyone individually, but particular thanks go to sponsors Meaby & Co, Mole Valley District Council and The Plough Inn, advertisers, stallholders, entertainers and businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle organised by Helen Potter. Thanks also to the organising team who were as hard-working as ever before the day, during the afternoon and after everyone had gone home, ably led by Kerry Day, to MC Penny Darbyshire who kept the whole afternoon running on time and to Hils and Bernard Jupe for ensuring the dog show ran smoothly. As we go to press, final attendance numbers and funds raised have yet to be confirmed but this year's village fete was undoubtedly one of the best.

*Gaye and Peter Tindall*



## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2pm

The Abinger Medieval Fair is nearly upon us and there is so much to look forward to. This could be the year that you win one of the fabulous raffle prizes, that you toss the sheaf further than ever before or that you finally succeed in splatting that rat! The amazing raffle prizes this year include a £250 voucher to spend at the Abinger Hatch, a gliding experience, a £200 car service and lots, lots more. There will be plenty of opportunities for refreshments while you are trying your hand at all these fun activities, you might even win your beverages on the bottle tombola!

Rosie will be entertaining us all in the main arena with her miniature ponies getting up to all sorts of tricks including a death defying balancing act and a chance to meet and greet both Rosie and the ponies. While you are having a great day out don't forget that you will be helping to raise money for lots of great local charities and organisations.

We know some people who find it difficult to walk, or who use a wheelchair, come to the fair. Everyone is different, so please contact [abingerfairsec@gmail.com](mailto:abingerfairsec@gmail.com) and we will see how we can help with access issues.

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** : 5pm meet on the green

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** : 7am meet on the green

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** : 5.30pm meet on the green

We will be placing cones on Abinger Lane to stop cars blocking the road and would once again ask for your assistance in moving your cars so that we can put the cones out. This year the road cones will be set up on the evening of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all residents for your help and co-operation.

**As always, the hard working stall holders need your help...** last year we were short on cakes, we would love it if you could channel your inner Mary Berry and stir up a cake or two, delivery details next page.

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

**Cakes:** We would be so grateful for contributions of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and loaves, however small. Deliveries by Friday 9th June to either Rachel at Fir Cottage, RH5 6JL, or Kim at 32 Evelyn Cottages or Rachel can collect. You can contact Rachel as follows [rachel\\_podolier@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_podolier@hotmail.com) 01306 731506 or 07934 707779.

**White Elephant:** We'd love to have your unwanted treasures! **No broken or electrical items please.** Please leave donations of any table top sized items in the garage at Oak Hollow RH5 6JL from May 29<sup>th</sup>. Oak Hollow is the first house in Abinger Common Road, just before the Cake Stall drop off point. Thank you, Emma Desmier, [emmadesmier@hotmail.com](mailto:emmadesmier@hotmail.com).

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

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

Please email Julie Constable on [julie@julieconstable.co.uk](mailto:julie@julieconstable.co.uk). Many thanks!

**Rag Tag & Bobtail:** Jacqui would like any jewellery, accessories, soft toys or gift sets in good condition. Items can be dropped off to her or left at White Elephant collection (note new location for White Elephant collection above). Jacqui Clemson tel. 730279 [jc@barkerhart.co.uk](mailto:jc@barkerhart.co.uk).

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

**Tombola:** Sonia & Maidens will be on their collection rounds starting at the end of May leading up to the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Donations of alcohol in any shape or form will be gratefully received. Alternatively, donations may be left on number 3 Evelyn Cottage's doorstep. Many thanks, Sonia and her Maidens.

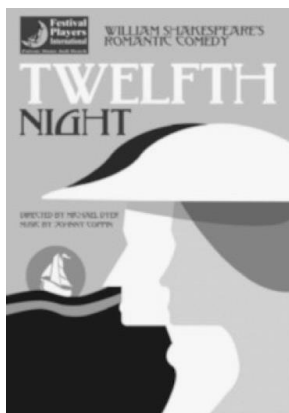
**Books:** Hillary Swift is running the book stall this year and would like books that are in excellent condition only please. Please leave books in the porch of St James' Church the week before the fair. **Please, no cookery or self-help books, no DVDs or games and no magazines, brochures or damaged books.**

**Sweets:** Any donations of sweets would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Catherine Russell 07776230346

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

## WHAT ELSE IS ON IN JUNE...?

### Twelfth Night - Thursday 15th June



It's that time of year again! The Coldharbour Cricket Pitch will once again be playing host to the fabulous Festival Players as they perform their latest Open Air Shakespeare production.

It's the usual tale of the pursuit of love, hampered by disguise, mistaken identity and hilarious trickery... assured to entertain!

Bring a picnic or order a hot pie along with your tickets.

Booking details on Eventbrite:  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-air-shakespeare-tickets-633501769847](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-air-shakespeare-tickets-633501769847)

A poster for a 'FRENCH CONNECTION CONCERT'. The background is dark with a large French flag (tricolor of blue, white, and red) waving on a flagpole. The title 'FRENCH CONNECTION CONCERT' is written in large, bold, white serif capital letters. Below the title, the text 'The D&G Choir' is written in a smaller, white serif font. Underneath that, 'Conducted by Martin Hall' is written in an even smaller font. Then, 'Present' is written, followed by 'An Evening of French Music Including' in a small font. The title 'Fauré's Requiem' is written in a larger, bold, white serif font. Below this, 'St James Church Abinger' is written in a bold, white serif font. At the bottom, 'Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Wine available for purchase' is written in a small, white sans-serif font. At the very bottom, 'Tickets £10 e-mail: [tickets@dandgchoir.net](mailto:tickets@dandgchoir.net)' is written in a small, white sans-serif font.

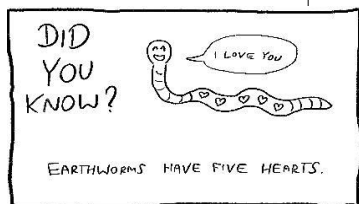


## Arts Week 2023 at Shere Church - June 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>



St James' Church, Shere, is hosting an Arts Week: poetry readings, drama, film, organ recitals, jazz, chamber music – there is something for everyone and most events are free. The art exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm every day and explores how art, words and music can help us with our spirituality or faith. Local artists have contributed their wonderful artworks, many of which are for sale.

The week culminates in a Celebration Concert at 6.30pm on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> featuring Shere Parish Church Choir and associated musicians. The festival café will be open for refreshments from 10.30am – 12.30pm each day. It promises to be a wonderful week - do join us! More details at: Instagram: @sheregathering    www.facebook.com/shereparish  
www.parishofshere.com



### Holmbury's Village Quiz

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

St Mary's Church, Holmbury

7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

**£20.00 per person** includes a delicious  
fish and chip supper or veggie alternative

**Bar available**

Teams of up to six people

Bookings: Liz 730311 [liz@franciscave.com](mailto:liz@franciscave.com)

*Fundraiser for St Mary's Church building*

## SERVICES

### ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
10.30am	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Sunday Club for children Refreshments after the service
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Barnabas the Apostle</b>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.30am	Family Parish Praise Refreshments after the service
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.30am	Sideways Church New angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation
6.00pm	Julian meeting Half an hour of stillness with God



#### **SJ's Café on Wednesdays**

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

#### **AND Repair Café at SJ's**

We will continue to offer sewing repairs, minor alterations to clothes, sewing of tears in seams, hems, darning, zips etc.! Please do drop in to SJs and see if we can help. Some weeks it may be necessary for items to be left rather than repaired while you wait. This is a free service. Any donations will be put towards running the Repair Café

[www.stjameschurchabinger.org](http://www.stjameschurchabinger.org)

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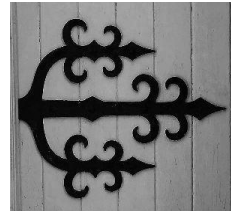
### CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Barnabas the Apostle</b>
10.00am	Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion) Refreshments after the service
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm	Congregational Evensong
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
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 5<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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!

[www.coldharbourchurch.org.uk](http://www.coldharbourchurch.org.uk)



#### Coldharbour Coffee Morning

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.30 am at the John Venus Hall. Pam Pulling-Smith will be baking.

**Abinger**  
30<sup>th</sup> April

#### From the Registers

Baptism

Rupert Daly

... AND JULY

## Holmbury Choral Society Summer Concert - Saturday 1st July



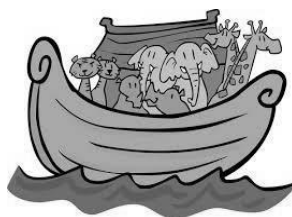
St James Church, Abinger Common, 8pm

Hot on the heels of their prize-winning performance at the Leith Hill Music Festival, Holmbury St Mary Choral Society returns to its summer home of St James' for a jazzy July concert joined by mezzo-soprano Rosanna Harris and conductor Cole Bendall.

A brilliant blend of driving jazz grooves and strong choral writing, Will Todd's Mass in Blue is a delightful tapestry of spiritual sensitivity and contemporary edge. Joseph Horowitz's Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo is a playful and colourful theatrical illustration of the famous Old Testament story; Holmbury Choral celebrates the 50th anniversary of this lively, friendly work in its summer concert. Audiences of all ages welcome!

£20, to include refreshments. 19s and under FREE!

To book tickets: <http://holmburychoral.org/concerts/>



**Q: Did all the animals on the ark come in pairs?**

**A: No the worms came in apples.**

**Q: What animal could Noah not trust?**

**A: The Cheetah.**

**Q. Which animal on Noah's Ark had the highest level of intelligence?**

**A. The giraffe.**



## SHERE VILLAGE CINEMA

**Book now for films in June and July**

To book: [www.sherevillagecinema.com](http://www.sherevillagecinema.com)), or from Crumbs or the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere. £5/adult and £3.50/child. If you are having problems please send a message to: [info@sherevillagecinema.com](mailto:info@sherevillagecinema.com) or phone Jill: 07833208158, and we will do what we can to help. All films start at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 1st June – *Empire of Light*.** Sam Mendes' loving ode to cinema set in a tumultuous 1980s Britain, but it's also about racism, loneliness, mental illness, and our ability to connect. The fictional Empire cinema overlooks an unknown seaside town in the south of England. It's one of those rare places where people experience something magical to light up their lives in the cynical, broken world. With Olivia Colman, Colin Firth and Micheal Ward. A poignant, intelligent and handsome film, wonderfully shot by Roger Deakins. Classification: R (1 hour 59 minutes).

**Sunday 18th June – *A Man Called Otto*.** The story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbours. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that will turn his world upside-down. This is a delightful comedy drama full of joy and hilarity, but also with moments of heartfelt emotion. The story's frank, unflinching, and unapologetic exploration of suicide is both powerful and touching. Classification: PG - 13 (2 hours 6 minutes).

**Thursday 6th July - *The Fabelmans*.** Steven Spielberg. It gives a compelling insight into how the most commercially successful film-maker of all time became enchanted with the medium that would make him a household name. Classification: PG - 13 (Running time is 2 hours 31 minutes).

**Sunday 23rd - *What's Love Got to Do with It?*** A British romantic comedy about the different ways that relationships can be built, and what cultures can teach one another. With Lily James, Shazad Latif and Emma Thompson The sparky chemistry between James and Latif leaves few surprises in how it all pans out, but it's a disarmingly sweet film. Classification: PG - 13 (Running time is 1 hour 30 minutes).

*Thank you for your support. Do join us for our films in June and July if you can.*  
Shere Village Cinema Team

## MUSIC IN DORKING

**3rd at 7.30, Brockham Choral Society** at United Reformed Church Hall, £16,

**10th at 4.00, Ladybirds Choir** at United Reformed Church Hall, £7.50, 01306 877256

**13th at 7.15, opera screening at Dorking Halls**, £19, 01306 881717

**17th at 6.00, Mickleham Choral Society** at Mickleham Village Hall, £15

**17th at 7.30, Dorking Philharmonia** at St Martin's Church

**17th - Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society** at Betchworth Church

Brockham Choral Society offers a programme of uplifting songs for a summer evening, including John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*, Harold Arlen's *Over the Rainbow* and Kate Rusby's *Underneath the Stars*. You are invited to bring your friends and a picnic. Music Director Cole Bendall, Accompanist Marion Lea, Mezzo-soprano Ellen Smith. Admission adults £16, children, students under 25 in full time education £10. All tickets must be booked in advance: [brockhamcstickets@gmail.com](mailto:brockhamcstickets@gmail.com)

The Ladybirds Choir, directed by Helena Twentyman, presents "That's show business!", a selection of songs from the world of entertainment. Songs by Burt Bacharach and Irving Berlin, music from Disney and James Bond, and celebrations of Paul O'Grady and King Charles III. The concert is raising funds for The Meeting Room, a charity which supports homeless and vulnerable people. There will be tea and cake to enjoy afterwards!

Mickleham Choral Society's concert is entitled 'Hot Summer Swing'. Together with the 19-piece Milestones Big Band, they will present toe-tapping music for a summer evening. The bar opens at 5pm and the music starts at 6!

Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society will present a concert of Madrigals for a Summer's Day. The music will include pieces by Morley, Finzi, Elgar and Rutter, and there will also be tea, cakes and fizz to enjoy!

The Dorking Philharmonia will play a programme of Scandinavian music: Nielsen's *Helios* overture, Grieg's *Symphonic Dances*, and Sibelius's powerful second symphony.

And finally, there is a screening at the Dorking Halls of Verdi's opera *Il Trovatore*, live from the Royal Opera House in London. Antonio Pappano conducts a first-rate cast in Verdi's dramatic music.

Ian Codd



# Young Reporter

## May - June Memories

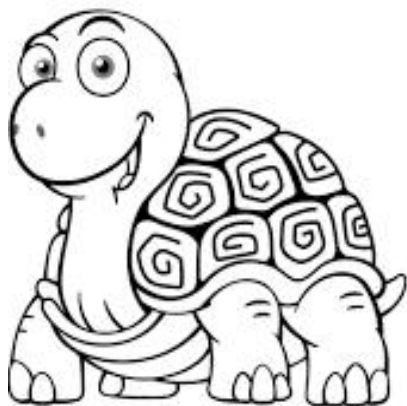
By Eleanor Puckett, aged 9

I have a pet tortoise called Cutters. He is approximately 27 years old and we inherited him from my grandad. He only recently came out of hibernation due to the climate. Normally, Cutters goes into hibernation around my dad's birthday (October) and comes out of hibernation around my mum's birthday (March). This year things were slightly different. Cutters came out about three weeks before my birthday (May). We were all worried because a few years ago we lost him. He had escaped from his enclosure. Eventually he was found in the middle of Anstie Lane by Jem and her horse Boo. Soon after that, we became friends with Jem and I had riding lessons with Boo at Crockers Farm. So this year, we were relieved when he dug his way out of hibernation again, and we knew he was safe!

This Saturday we shall be attending Coldharbour Village Fete, and I will be helping to run two stalls; an amazing face-painting stall with assistance from my friend Amelia and an arts and crafts stall too. I am excited for the House Vets stall because I am an animal lover, especially of rescued pets. I am looking forward to trying all the nice food and delicacies. I enjoy listening to the Coldharbour band play as I am a musician myself, having learned the clarinet with Mrs Chapman, and with my ongoing piano lessons. I am also a singer, so I am looking forward to the entertainment.

To wrap it all up, here is a joke that Cutters would enjoy:

**My favourite teacher at school was Mrs Turtle.  
Strange name but she tortoise well.**



## CHILDREN



The sun did us a huge favour this week and stayed in the sky just long enough for us to take a walk to the top of Leith Hill. Armed with cake and hot chocolate we excitedly explored every interesting fallen tree, beastly bug, tree root and stick covered in moss as we trekked. You wouldn't have missed us in our red, white and blue finery with our flags waving along the route to gently ease us into the spirit of the coronation. It was lovely for many of our parents to walk with us and join in the fun too.

At the end of a full on term we can sometimes be rather tired so we ended last term in a lovely calm manner talking about our feelings. Now this can be difficult for anyone to do so we used colours to help us figure it out. We explored the coloured rice in the tuff tray while looking at the excellent 'Colour Monster' book. We discussed what could make us feel happy, sad, angry etc. and what we could do to change the mood we are in or to help others feel happy.

Our comfiest week ever was 'wear your pyjamas and onesies to nursery week'. We (and the grown-ups!) donned our cosiest sleepwear in which to while away the hours, and donated money to a super cause – Crackerjacks Children's Trust – who support families with children with a disability. We raised a phenomenal £120 – thank you so much to everyone who took part and donated - with special thanks to those at SJs café who gave so generously.

Bugs have been an important part of our learning recently as we love to discover all things tiny and tickly. We've been singing Incy Wincy Spider and perfecting our climb up the water spout, listening to our favourite spider story 'Ahhhhh Spider' and learning the 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly!' song. We collectively thought of different ways to create our own spider webs and liked feeling the stickiness that we couldn't get off our



fingers!! We are very much an outdoorsy lot so we were keen to spend some time in the garden planting our potatoes and getting the growing area ready for more planting. We were also very surprised to find some dinky dinosaur bones hiding in our digging area!!

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 07842 978823 or email [abingercommonnursery@gmail.com](mailto:abingercommonnursery@gmail.com). We can't wait to show you around!

*Kate Fairbrass*

## Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School



Bees spent a lovely morning planting their sunflower seeds. We are really looking forward to watching them grow!

Butterflies have been reading the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony

Browne. To build on our learning we decided to make a long, dark tunnel in Forest School, using any materials we could find. We had to work together as a team to make sure it would be safe to



crawl through. The fun part was finally being able to go all the way through on our bellies – hard work but really exciting!



Hedgehogs have been enjoying our new History topic about the Tudors and learning facts about Henry the VIII. We are very much looking forward to our trip! They have also been enjoying P.E., learning new skills in cricket and athletics. We have also been

doing some drama in our English lessons, based on poor Victorian children and what life was like for them back then.

Squirrels have been enjoying their weekly visit to our school library. Every Friday the class visit after lunch to relax for half an hour with a good book. A lovely way to begin the weekend!



Foxes Class have been making Automata on the theme of Stone Age animals. They learnt about the effect of different shaped cams, the role of the camshaft and follower and how to construct a working model. 'It was really difficult at first, but when you started to understand the workings, it got easier and easier! Eventually after a lot of trial and error, it worked!' 'It was quite tricky, especially the animal on top - I struggled to make it look realistic! I was really proud of my automata in the end though.'



During Badgers class English lessons, we have been exploring narrative poetry. The book 'Moth'

by Isabel Thomas has inspired us to find out more about the story of the Peppered Moth and its evolution journey. Recently, we researched information about the Industrial Revolution using the many books in our library.



*Mr Simon Coles, Headteacher*

## **The Diary of a Shepherdess (learning on the job)**

Sunshine, birds singing, grass growing ... I love you spring!

One of the delights of being a shepherdess is the annual milestones that I find so comforting as the years slip on.

Mid May, and we are finally able to book the shearer in. A few days beforehand we start building pens in each field and then move all the ewes together to a central location with suitable ground and pens for shearing. The rams can only be moved the morning of shearing, so they don't get any ideas, other than a haircut...!

Our shearer, Holly, elegantly turns the sheep around on a sixpence, balancing them on their bottoms, turning them to each side and finishing with their head and neck as she runs her gyrating clippers over their thick, scratchy, itchy winter wool... leaving behind a beautiful naked figure and soft virgin wool - the sheep are so relieved to feel the sun on their backs again.

After the 28 ewes are done we start on the 9 boys. Holly says "rams" and "pets" are two words she never wants to hear together, as some of our rams must weigh as much as Holly! But she deftly works through them, her

strength in her skill and commitment, as she turns them around and removes the fleece. Normally the fleece comes off entire and it lies on the ground as one large springy rug that now looks big enough to cover a large horse.

It's a hectic day - the sheep are alert, Holly wants one sheep after another that we need to keep pushing through the pens. And, at the other end of the process out comes the fleece, which I gently fold up, tie and name (after the sheep). Later in the year I will drive them to Cornwall (that's a long way to inhale lanolin!) to be made into delicious curly felted fleeces (or vegetarian sheepskins) for benches, stools and sofas, which I then sell.

It's refreshing to see the sheep let go of all that weight which they have been carrying this year - be like a sheep - let go!



The other milestone is the arrival of lambs in mid April - this year I had 5 cute-as-a-button lambs. Of course they won't stay lambs for long, so I have to make sure I have the time and grazing to commit to them for life (sheep live about the same length as a dog - which isn't long enough).

Lambing & shepherding is a great balancer - we see the circle of life presented to us - the birth, the life, and then the death - and all we can hope is the death catches us (and my sheep) alive and living this wonderful life.

*Joanna Chaytor*

## Robin's Gardening Tips for June



Well, the danger of a frost is over, but the weather has not been kind to gardeners with so much rain. Unfortunately the slight warmth has made grass grow but despite the plea for no mow May, it has needed it!

If you have soft fruit bushes, do consider covering them- old net curtains are ideal. I have noticed that once the fruit has started to form the pigeons love to nip them off- green and unripe; stripping the bushes in a day.

Due to the colder wet weather many early sown seeds did not germinate but rotted off, so carrots, beetroot etc. may need to be resown. Start off courgettes, marrows and pumpkins inside and let them get to at least two true leaves before planting out so they are able to withstand slug attacks.

Regular hoeing can help control weeds.

Fruit trees benefit from being given a gentle shake this month to dislodge loose fruit - June drop- nature's way of restricting the number of fruit a tree carries.

Remember - all the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.



## An Abinger Book Club Recommendation

### ***The Keeper of Stories* by Sally Page**

*The Keeper of Stories* is about friendship and relationships. It's a story about second chances, misplaced guilt, forgiving yourself, starting over, rebuilding and living life. It explores how your childhood can influence your life but mostly it's about human nature with all its flaws and inconsistencies. Everyone has a story to tell, sometimes ordinary people find themselves in the most extraordinary situations or carry out the most extraordinary deeds. It is a privilege when someone chooses to share their story with you.

The main character is Janice, a cleaner in Cambridge, who collects the stories of other people, she listens to what they have to say, people trust her with their stories. She can't recall what started her collection. Maybe it was in a fragment of conversation overheard as she cleaned a sink? Before long (as she dusted a sitting room or defrosted a fridge) she noticed people were telling her their stories. Perhaps they always had done, but now it is different, now the stories are reaching out to her and she gathers them to her...

## JEAN RIDGERS

*We reported Jean's passing in the April magazine. Her funeral at St James', attended by many of her friends and neighbours, was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the address by her great nephew Simon Moss filled in many of the gaps for those of us who only knew Jean in later life. Below is an extract from it:*

In Henley on Thames, six years after the Great War, on 8th March 1924, Jean Margaret Bundy arrived - the first child to Mr and Mrs Charles Bundy. She was later joined by her adored sister Joan, completing their family.

During the Second World War, Jean contributed to the war effort by digging for Britain and joining the Land Army. This was the first time she wore trousers. Jean met Maurice in 1942 while he was in the Fleet Air Arm. Jean married her dashing husband on 24 April 1944 at St. Stephen's Church in Windsor. They were happily married for 42 years until Maurice's death in 1986.



**Jean at the Abinger Pageant of Sport, 1952**

After honeymooning in Devon they moved to the West Country and shortly thereafter moved to Dorking, as Maurice was made Clerk of Dorking and Horley Rural District Council. They settled into Surrey, moving to Abinger Common in 1965, as the Dorking Road in Wotton got too busy for their cats.

Jean's main passion was acting and singing. She performed in over 50 individual productions between 1950 and 1985 for a number of companies, including The Westcott Players at the Hut Theatre in Westcott and the Dorking Dramatic & Operatic Society at both Dorking Halls and the Green Room Theatre. Her final stage performance was in 1985.

Sadly her loving husband died in 1986. At this point Jean could not drive so she stopped performing. Impressively Jean managed to learn to drive in later life, gradually making her way to Dorking.

Jean showed her wilfulness and determination by reaching her 100th year - an impressive feat by any standards. Her spirit lives on in the community, shown by examples such as the opening declaration of the Abinger Medieval Fair, that is still used today. We will remember her for her friendship, community spirit and all she has given over her life to the support of others.

God bless you Jean, you can rest in peace.

# Local History

## 1892 Cold Harbour Parish Magazine – June Village Industrial Exhibition and Flower Show

Mrs Margaret Malden, wife of Henry and granddaughter of George Heath (the Heath family owned Kitlands, her home; Anstie Grange; and huge tracts of Coldharbour) wrote a short account of how the exhibitions originated.

“The first idea of such a thing was taken from a story ‘Thwarted’

and as long ago as 1875 my sister and I planned such an exhibition for Cold Harbour... but at the time it was impossible to carry out. In 1881, Mr Raine, who was then Curate-in-charge of the parish suggested a flower show... and this gave the opportunity to try the exhibition combined with it. But nearly everyone scoffed at the idea and said it was impossible in so small a parish - there would be nothing to exhibit – what there was would be rubbish....nothing but objections and cold water. But Mr Raine supported us through thick and thin....He made a list of every house in the parish and its inhabitants, without which we should have been in great confusion.

When we began talking of the plans in the cottages, everyone said exactly the same thing, ‘Oh what a capital idea! Of course I could not make anything myself, but I daresay other people might do something’. We pointed out that if everyone said that nothing would be done, and at last nearly everyone promised to try. And what was the result? Our 500 people produced 394 things for the first exhibition and over 100 for the flower department!

	1882	1883	1885	1888
Quilts... ..	10	10	5	8
Rugs ... ..	12	2	4	10
Cushions ... ..	7	7	3	1
Antimacassars ... ..	46	22	3	7
Pincushions ... ..	22	12	8	14
Stockings and Socks ... ..	16	12	7	25
Comforters ... ..	5	10	1	1
Woollen Petticoats ... ..	8	22	6	9
Small things in Wool Work ... ..	37	52	20	41
Plain Needlework ... ..	48	20	23	75
Fancy Work ... ..	69	44	19	78
Shawls ... ..	16	10	10	2
Carpentry ... ..	28	51	30	63
Miscellaneous ... ..	70	61	39	94
Brass Work ... ..	...	...	...	58
Total number of things Exhibited ... ..	394	335	178	486
Number of Prizes ... ..	133	141	120	137

Amount Sold:—1882, £18 0s. 0d.; 1883, £20 17s. 5d.; 1885, £23 8s. 8d.; 1888, £26 8s. 7d.

Let us hope that this year's exhibition will beat the record in every way.

I am sorry now that I have kept no record of the number of things in the flower show each year, but I have kept careful lists of the other things, and I think your readers might like to see them.”

The 1892 exhibition, held at Kitlands, on 3rd May, invited a few non-residents to exhibit and gave free entrance to all exhibitors. The Show received 579 exhibitions and although it was “an exhibition not a sale; good were sold to the amount of £15 0s 2d”.

The judges, the Miss Whatmans, awarded the prizes. “The knitting gave them the most trouble, for at first sight it all seemed equally good...it was discovered that in several cases the wool was split, and would therefore go into a hole on the first time of wearing, so these could not have prizes, nor any garment in which the button would not go through the buttonhole. These two rules threw out a great number of competitors, who would do well to take the hint next time....Otherwise almost everything submitted was extremely good.”

*Diana Hitchcock*

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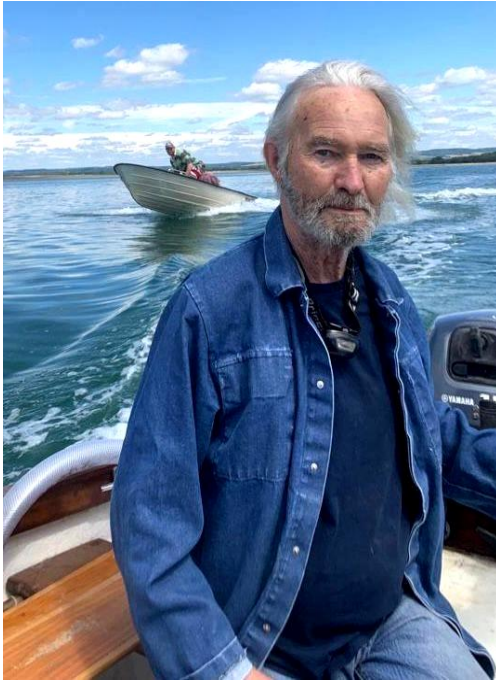
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# BARRY HITCHCOCK

8th October 1943 – 11th May 2023



Barry loved dogs, birds, animals, jazz, opera, shanties, black music, Levi jeans, John Wayne, Arsenal, playing football and stoolball, sex, smoking, drinking with his mates, camping, Scotland, snorkelling, the sea, his boats and his family. Hopefully not necessarily in that order.

Barry didn't like green vegetables, cooking, changing nappies, suits, religion, pompous people, Leonard Cohen (or any folk music), his wife's West Indian timekeeping, his wife's driving (unless he was drunk).

Barry was clever (he won a scholarship to Latymer Upper Boys School), observant, strong, funny, loyal and kind.

Barry was a good singer - he used to serenade his wife with 'Hoochie Coochie Man' and Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Three Little Maids From School Are We', though he never learned 'Nessun Dorma' like she asked him to.

Barry enjoyed a challenge, including his wife Diana. They lived and worked together for nearly 52 years. He was very proud of his children Zoe, Jago and Suki, his grandchildren and the closeness of his family.

Barry walked his own path: the grass was always green under his feet. He lived in the now, he was content. He had no regrets.

His truly happiest time was when he was lobster fishing on his little boat in Jersey, living in a tent above the beach – no bills, no cares, barefoot and free with a spring in his step.

All good things come to an end. Sail on Barry, you never needed a life jacket. Sail on.....