

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR

Parish News



JULY/AUGUST 2023

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EVENTS

July

- 1st HSMCS Concert *Blue Zoo*, St James', 8pm
- 5th SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 6th WI Evelyn Hall 2.30pm
- 6th Shere Cinema, *The Fabelmans*, 7.30 pm
- 7th Surrey Hills School celebration open day
- 7th Coldharbour Coffee Morning JV Hall 10.30–11.30am
- 9th Treasure Hunt 2pm from Dorking Museum
- 12th SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 15th Pretend archaeological Dig Dorking Library 10–12
- 19th SJs café & repair café, St James', 8.45 – 10.30am
- 20th Closing date for offers on Abinger school house
- 21st WI summer lunch at Wotton Village Hall
- 22nd Open Day Goddards Abinger
- 23rd Open Day Goddards Abinger
- 23rd Shere Cinema *Whats Love Got To Do With It* 7.30
- 28th Family Treasure Hunt 2pm from Dorking Museum

August

- 3rd Shere Cinema *Allelujah* 7.30pm
- 4th Coldharbour Coffee Morning JV Hall 10.30–11.30am
- 13th Shere Cinema *Everything Everywhere All at Once*
- 28th Peaslake Village Fair

HAPPINESS IS



...the first day
of summer holidays.

Reflections from the Rectory



As this is our summer edition spanning a couple of months may I wish you Happy Holidays with a chance to catch up with family and friends without the pressures of school runs or school traffic!

Wherever you spend the summer may it refresh and revitalise you!

In August our churches take a fallow month, a pause in the normal cycle of services. Instead, we join together, taking turns in our churches across the Benefice, so do keep the service schedule handy!

I would like to say a huge thank you to ALL of you who made the Abinger Fair such a phenomenal success! From the Fair committee to the stunning flowers in church and to all the stall holders who worked tirelessly in 30-degree heat – a record year – Well Done!

Rev'd Kia

Prayer is fundamental to who we are as Christians. Even those who do not have an active belief rarely refuse the offer to be prayed for. So, to this end, we have set up a new email address – prayer@abingerandcoldharbour.org If you, or anyone you know would like prayer then do please email me in confidence.

Don't hide your light!



During the many and varied conversations I have had over the last 18 months, I have noticed that there is a wealth of gifts and talents across our villages that are going unsung. This has inspired me to have a month across our churches and community to celebrate and encourage you to declare your passions! We all have unique gifts and talents that make us who we are. Be it reading, walking, baking, bird-spotting, playing football, conservation, knitting, driving, talking or



indeed anything else you enjoy and would like to share more broadly, don't hide your light! Please get in touch through the Parish Office email or come along to one of our services in September and find out how we can help to make your gifts shine.

Rev'd Kia ☺



We hope you enjoy reading the Parish News and find it interesting and informative.

We are very fortunate in having a team of people who give a lot of their time to produce and distribute the magazine and we are very grateful for the support of all those who advertise.

We also rely on individual donations to ensure the magazine can continue. If you would like to make a donation towards the funding of our wonderful Parish News all you need to do is drop Sally an email to parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org

Thank you!

From the editors

This edition's front cover features two happy participants at last month's Coldharbour Fete - Olivia Scruby and Elsie Lea. Both Coldharbour and Abinger fetes were blessed by lovely weather, made enormous amounts of money for charity and -as the photos show, everyone had a very good time (If you'd like to see the photos, and indeed all of the PN, in colour you can find us on the churches' websites in full technicolour).

Jenny and Liz



Coldharbour Coffee Mornings at the John Venus Hall
on Friday 7th July and 4th August 10.30-11.

SJ's Café Abinger Every Wednesday morning in term time from 8.45am to 10.30am (ish!) join us on the comfy sofas at St.James' for tea, croissants and chat.

We will be continuing to run the **Repair Café** between 8.45am and 10.30am when SJ's Café is taking place. Some weeks it may be necessary for items to be left rather than repaired while you wait. We will continue to offer 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 is a free service. Donations go to the Repair Café.

A Tribute to Barry Hitchcock



Diana and the family hosted a wonderfully magical, evocative and ethereal tribute to Barry in his much beloved and amazing legacy, "The Green Escape" on Sunday 12th June.

It was attended by over one hundred friends and family (nobody really counted!) and Diana spoke with great courage and poignancy about his loves, his family, some of his adventures (and there were many!), his humour, the toads, lobster pots and music. Elgar, Nessun Dorma and sea shanties wafted through the trees and amongst the foxgloves, ferns and the twinkling chimes.

The sun shone and the thunderstorm held off and Barry's humour and sense of fun was encapsulated in "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" which he always did!

Barry is, and will remain, embroidered in Coldharbour history, in the history of the pub and in the hearts of his close family and countless friends.

Rest in peace Barry, you are a legend, and we all send our thoughts, strength and love to your family.

Thank you, Barry, for being "just you" and enriching all our lives.

Sue Skerrit, photo by Peter Tindall

What's going on at the Volunteer?



The historic pub in Water Lane, which has been a pub since the 16th century, became a victim of the Covid epidemic and the owners, Hall & Woodhouse, put it on the market. At the end of August 2022, and with only a few weeks' notice that it was being sold, Paul Cleaver and the residents (The Volunteer Community Group) raised a substantial amount (£600,000) to put in an offer, with a business plan,

to run the pub for the community. However, the owners accepted a sale from JPW property developments.

A planning application was made in April 2023, to turn it into holiday flats with a bar area. The proposal is to demolish the single storey extension and build a new rear and side extension for the bar area. The old building will be turned into 4 self-catering holiday flats with a manager's flat and in the garden, there will be two pods for lets. The plan shows the redesign.



The Abinger Parish Council raised several objections in a letter in May, voicing the worry that the holiday lets might become classed as domestic dwellings, that the pub would no longer be a community facility and that the expected noise would negatively impact on the area. At a meeting in Abinger Common the developer presented his plans. It was attended by 30+ residents, many of whom voiced their objections.

In response, the planning departments have made recommendations that in order to protect the amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring properties, restrictions should be placed on: delivery vehicles, waste collection and times of opening, and for parking spaces and charging points for electric cars and bikes to be incorporated in the plan.

The planning process concludes at the end of June at which time the application will be debated, and Mole Valley planning will decide on whether the application is granted or not.

Paul Cleaver and the Volunteer Community Group hope that planning will not be granted and that the developer will think again about his involvement in the pub and give it up to someone who truly wants to retain the pub with the character it has had for many generations. Paul is a parish councillor: cleaver.paul@gmail.com

J Parker

And what news of Abinger School?



The old school has gone up for sale with Savills who advertise that they are of the opinion that the site has planning potential for a well-designed residential scheme. The site is to be sold via Informal Tender, unless sold prior, and the bid deadline has been set for **the 20th July 2023 at midday.**

Having spoken to Savills, it seems the owners are looking for a bid of £1M or for a bid subject to planning of £1.5M. But interestingly who owns the site? It seems the schoolhouse and school are owned by the Diocese but that the woodlands and playing fields are owned by Surrey County Council. The site is held in trust for Church of England education but, as a spokesperson says, “When the site is no longer required for this purpose, the Diocese as a registered charity 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.”

Savills have had some interest from people not wishing to build houses. At the moment there is no knowing how the money will be split between Council and Diocese. The Council can't sell the land without the school though, as their land is landlocked.

J Parker

Are you frustrated at the closure of all our local banks?

Mole Valley District Council wants to hear from residents and businesses about the effect of bank closures in Mole Valley. The Post Office is contracted to operate Banking Hubs and provide cash services. The banking hub is a shared banking space, similar to a traditional bank branch but available to everyone. The hubs currently consist of a counter service where customers of any bank can withdraw and deposit cash, make bill payments, and carry out regular banking transactions. In addition, there will be private spaces where customers can speak to someone from their own bank about more complex issues with the banks working on a rotating basis so there will be staff from different banks available on different days. The purpose of this survey is to gather evidence to submit a community request for Banking Hubs in Mole Valley. Go to the council web site or Click on this link if you are reading on line: [Mole Valley Banking Hub Survey \(Page 1 of 2\) \(office.com\)](#)

Hazel Watson

MOLE VALLEY CONNECT BUS SERVICE

You may have received a brochure about this new service already. Surrey County Council is providing an on demand, door to door shared bus service to help people travel round Mole Valley. There are four new electric mini-buses. Travel times are Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 6 pm. Journeys can be booked with 30 minutes notice or up to 7 days in advance. There is a fare structure – one for adults and one for under 20s. Note that the minibuses have steps although one vehicle has a lift designed to take baby buggies or lightweight wheelchairs – it's not suitable for heavy wheelchairs



Conrad Campbell who is 15 and lives in Abinger booked a ride with the new service

Being in an isolated area of the countryside it's not easy to get out to see my friends, Last Saturday I booked the new Mole Valley bus from my house to the Dorking Leisure Centre.

To book my slot I simply downloaded the app, created an account and chose my destination and time. It was two pounds which was very cheap compared to the bus I would normally have used to get there, which was about 4-5 pounds. Although the bus did get a bit lost at the top of my lane, with a quick call to the driver I was able to find it and get on quickly. I was quite surprised as it was just me on the bus, but I was not complaining as I spoke to the driver who was local and very friendly. When arriving in Dorking I was asked exactly where I would like to be dropped off and where it suited me most. Overall? - 10/10 experience and definitely recommend and will use again.

Conrad Campbell

Sounds like a really good experience! If you'd like to book then telephone 0300 123 7751 between 9 and 5 Monday to Friday or go on line at www.molevalleyconnect.org.uk - or get the App "Surrey connect" which is available from Google Play for androids or the App store for iphone. Visit



surreyccgov.uk/molevalleyconnect for a demonstration of how to book using the App. Free bus passes are valid after 9.30am Mondays to Friday and any time at the weekend or bank holiday. Otherwise, the prices start at £2 and go up to £15 for journeys over 15 miles.



Robin's Gardening Tips for July and August

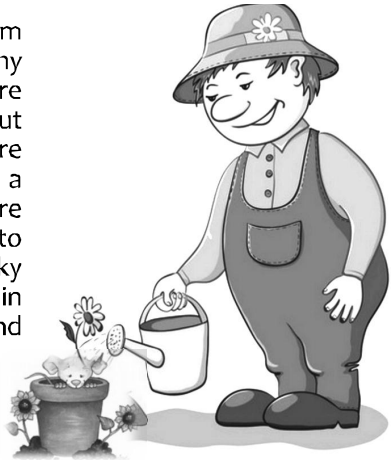
As usual, British weather is unpredictable! Either too much rain or not enough!

A problem I have encountered this year has been non germination of seeds! Fortunately, nature has a way of catching up - so it's a question of resowing many varieties.



Mice have eaten the beans sown in the ground, so by soaking them in cold water overnight and starting in pots prior to planting out it should hopefully solve the problem!

If you have plum trees, now is the time to carry out any pruning. Remove any branches which are crossing over or rubbing against others, but obviously not if they have plums on. Where you are able, give apple and pear trees a good shake to get rid of small fruit and where necessary, thin large clumps of set fruit to get a decent sized one. If you are lucky enough to have snakes head fritillaries in your garden, why not collect seed and scatter it at once in another spot. The fresher the seed the more likely they are to germinate.



Remember plants in terracotta pots will

~~dry out~~ quicker than those in plastic pots, so do keep an ~~eye~~ on them re the watering.



If you have a rhododendron or azalea that is special, why not try and propagate one? Easiest way is to find a branch near the ground, make a cut partially through the stem, then push down into the ground, holding it in place with a brick and some fresh soil. Forget it for a year or so, until you notice additional growth.

Good luck and keep watering.



Fetes and Fairs



Stars of the Show:

**Elsie Lea, William and Olivia
Scruby, Freddie and Theo Lea**

Coldharbour Fete, held on the 20th of May - The figures are in!

This year's Coldharbour Fete broke several records: the number of people who came, the amounts raised by individual stall holders, the number of new stalls and activities and a new record net proceeds of exactly £10,000, including £2.1K from sponsorship and programme advertising! The funds raised for Christ Church will help to maintain our village church hall and churchyard and to pay those regular bills that come with the responsibility of looking after them. Charitable donations are being made to the National Trust to support our local area, Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK and to Born Free.

The Abinger Medieval Fair -



What an amazing day, the sun shone, the skies were blue and the Abinger Medieval Fair unfolded for another year of revelry....and a record was set **...takings exceeded £22,000!**

It is truly incredible what a village can do in such a short space of time. At 2pm the green looked beautiful with all the stalls decorated and glinting from afar. We had lamb roasting, a beautiful May Queen and a wonderful performance by Rosie and her miniature ponies. As everyone who takes part knows, this is a special day when Abinger comes together. The reality is that none of this happens without a team of volunteers and a very hard-working team at that. There are so many people to thank that it is impossible to list every name, there are hundreds of people who volunteer their time in some way – **thank you everyone!** Special thanks must go to Joanna, our chair, who has kept us all focused throughout the year. We must also thank and say goodbye to Bill Dewick – thank you Bill for everything you have done with our web page, programme and much, much more over the years. And a huge thank you to Carmel and her husband David who are our outgoing Treasury team. They have done a great job keeping our finances in order and helped set us up with a card payment facility. As you may know, card payment did cause some pain when SumUp decided to suspend our account without notice partway through the afternoon ...we were a victim of our own success and exceeded the takings limit. Luckily all was resolved and service restored.

As most of you know, the profit from the fair is used to support our local charities and amenities. If your local charity/amenity would like to benefit from the proceeds, please put your request in writing to Liz Irvine by September 1st. Emma Desmier, on behalf of Liz Irvine Fair Secretary abingerfairsec@gmail.com



By the way - Did you buy a complete tea set of Villeroy and Bosch at the Abinger Fair? If so, you will have found that it is missing this teacup!

Annie Chesterton has it for you and if you contact her on 07855 388703 she will arrange to get it to you.

MEMORIES OF A GREAT DAY





What's on in July and August?

If you'd like to go to another village fete, then Peaslake are holding their Fair on **August Bank Holiday**. As usual the bands will be playing, burgers sizzling and beer flowing. The school field will host family fun and dog shows and more, along with lovely cakes, jams and produce. Tea in the hall, Pimm's, ice-cream, bottle tombola, bric-a-brac, books, and lots of lovely street stalls from local village groups, local food producers, local craftspeople.

Contact: Alice Williams 07812 491397, alice.k.williams@gmail.com

Goddards, Abinger Common opens to visitors 22nd and 23rd July

The Landmark Trust are holding Open Days on 22nd & 23rd July. Goddards will be open on these days. Goddards is a unique Arts & Crafts house designed by



Edwin Lutyens in 1900. The beautiful garden, designed by Lutyens with a planting plan by Gertrude Jekyll is kept in that spirit, by one gardener, and any volunteers interested in assisting there would be very welcome. Further details are on the Landmark Trust website. Contact: TJames@landmarktrust.org.uk.

SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

2nd July 10.30am	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Sunday Club for children Refreshments after the service
9th July 6.00pm	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Choral Evensong
16th July 10.30am	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Iona service Refreshments after the service
23rd July 6.00pm	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Patronal Festival Evensong to celebrate St. James' Day on the 25th July Refreshments after the service
30th July 10.30am	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service <u>at St. John's Wotton</u>
6th August 10.30am	The Transfiguration of our Lord Benefice service <u>at St. Mary's Holmbury</u>
13th August 10.30am	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service <u>at Christ Church Coldharbour</u>
20th August 10.30am	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Benefice service <u>at St. John's Wotton</u>
27th August 10.30am	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service Refreshments after the service
6.00pm	Julian meeting Half an hour of stillness with God

From the Abinger Registers

27th May Baptism

Aurelia Austin

SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

2nd July 9.00am	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9th July 10.00am	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion) Refreshments after the service
16th July 9.00am 6.00pm	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Congregational Evensong
23rd July 10.00am	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Common Worship) Refreshments after the service
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Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on:

Monday 3rd July and Monday 17th July from 10am - 11am in the JV Hall. Do pop in to say hello to Kia and Sally with any questions, or just for a coffee and a chat!

MUSIC IN JULY and AUGUST by Ian Codd

July sees some more summer concerts presented by the various choirs in and around Dorking, but not much in August!



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/>

1st July at 12.00, An organ duet recital will be given by Martin Hall and Peter Gould at St Martin's church – please note this takes place at midday.

1st July at 6.30, Dorking Choral Society at St Paul's church, £18. Vaughan Williams's *Dona nobis pacem*, a deeply moving work expressing a plea for peace in the world, together with Gerald Finzi's lovely settings of Seven poems of Robert Bridges and a selection of other short pieces.

9th July at 5.30, Leatherhead Choral Society at Manor Farm, Little Bookham, £20. The Society present a Tudor Concert with Supper, and Bookham Choral Society has a concert entitled 'Sun, moon, sea and movie stars'

15th July at 7.30, Bookham Choral Society at St Nicolas's church, Bookham, £15, 01372 375644

The Yehudi Menuhin School's Summer Festival runs from 1st July to 7th July
01932 559400 the menuhinhall.co.uk

Lazy Jazz Sundays – every Sunday at Polesdon Lacey from 3rd July to 28th
August. 2-4pm. polesdonlacey@nationaltrust.org.uk

WI Report for June 2023

Following a welcome from committee member Val Belam, we were reminded that tickets were still available for the **Summer Lunch on Friday 21st July** at Wotton Village Hall. This lunch is arranged by the committee but offers of puddings from members attending would be very much appreciated.

Our speaker, Major Whittle, was then introduced, and he told us about the range of subjects that he has prepared presentations on and that he has given 90 talks over the past 20 years, so we were expecting an entertaining afternoon and were not disappointed. We had selected the wonderful city of Venice and were treated to his beautiful slides as he took us on a tour up the Grand Canal and round about the many islands that make up the city. Founded in the 5th Century, Venice is made up of over 118 sandy islands which became occupied as the local people retreated from barbarian raids. By the 10th Century it had become a major maritime power with fortresses still to be seen in Brindisi, Split, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Crete and Cyprus. Marco Polo was born in Venice in 1254 and travelled the Silk Road as a merchant, explorer and writer. Nowadays one can reach the main island by train or by car via the causeway, but the railway link was only built in 1846 with the road alongside being made later.

We also learnt about the threat of rising sea levels and flooding due to high tides, and how the MOSE project is trying to solve these problems.

Of course, no one-hour lecture can cover the wonder of La Serenissima – the Republic of Venice – with all the palaces, churches, and incredible art to see, and we all agreed that we must visit in person before too long.

Thank you to our tea hostesses, Debbie Stafford, Denise Williams and Kathy Millar.

The next meeting is on July 6th, 2.30 at the Evelyn Hall, with a talk “Decluttering made easy”. Following this is the Summer lunch, as above. There is a coffee morning in August and we then look ahead to Thursday, 7th September, 2.30 pm, back at the Wotton Village Hall with a talk on Rewilding at Knepp Castle.

Claire Hill



**SHERE
VILLAGE
CINEMA**

Book now for films in July and August

We are having difficulties again in trying to find films that are available for us (the SVC) to show (that are available to us via Filmbank media or another licensee). So many films are now available for

streaming e.g. on Netflix etc, but unfortunately, we are not able to get the licenses to show them! Also, we often don't have much advance warning of what is/will be available! However, please do bear with us, and we will show the best films that we can, and let you know as soon as we can!

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

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. Classification: PG - 13 (Running time is 1 hour 30 minutes).

In August we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 3 August - *Allelujah* – is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. The film has been adapted by Heidi Thomas (creator of *Call the Midwife*) from the play by Alan Bennett. It stars a formidable selection of British acting talent', including Judi Dench, Jennifer Saunders, Derek Jacobi. Classification: 12 A (Running time is 1 hour 39 minutes).

Sunday 13th August - *Everything Everywhere All at Once* – was a sensation at the 2023 Oscars, winning 9 Oscars including: best picture, best director, best actress, best supporting actress, best supporting actor! Classification: 15 (Running time is 2 hours 20 minutes).

In June, the cinema committee was delighted to donate £500 to Cherry Trees, Clandon (home-from-home, short-break respite care for children with complex disabilities) to pay for a new set of plates and cutlery etc. The staff told us that the children are very happy to have the new stock

YOUNG REPORTER

**A Personal Interview with Ukrainian Refugee
Anastasia Romanchuk, aged 9 by Eleanor
Puckett, aged 10**



Eleanor Puckett, who lives in Coldharbour, has a school friend called Anastasia who is a Ukrainian refugee. Anastasia is going back home for the summer to see her father. Eleanor interviewed her friend for the Parish News about the differences between Ukraine and England at this time of year

Eleanor: What are the main things you notice in the Springtime in the Ukraine?

Anastasia (Nastya): There is a lot of rain and rare days of sunshine.

Eleanor: What main colours come out on the trees there in Spring?

Nastya: You notice a lot of reds, orange on the leaves, yellows and a mixture of those colours as the leaves change.

Eleanor: What are the main differences between Summer in the UK and Summer in the Ukraine?

Nastya: When I visited home last Summer, it was worse than before because of the War. Surprisingly, Summer in the Ukraine is not as hot as here and schools have longer Summer holidays in the Ukraine.

Eleanor: Are there any other differences in schooling?

Nastya: The schools are bigger in the Ukraine, and they have many more children who attend from 5 to 6 year olds all the way up to 18 year olds. The Maths is much harder in the Ukrainian schools

Eleanor: Do you have the same types of wild and domestic animals as we have here in the UK?

Nastya: They are mainly the same, except we do have some different types of birds. I have a pet cat back home.

Eleanor: My birthday is in the Spring, when is your birthday?

Nastya: In the Summer, I will go home for a visit.

Eleanor: How will you celebrate your birthday in the Ukraine?

Nastya: Birthdays are the same as they are here, we have presents and a party. We say: "З Днем Народження" to mean "Happy Birthday"!

Eleanor: Have a Happy Birthday in the Summer and thank you for telling me about the Spring and Summer and Nature in the Ukraine. I will miss you when you go home.

A ONCE YOUNG REPORTER

This little boy flew from Rio to London when he was 4. Do you recognise him?



I was brought up in Brazil, with a Brazilian mother and an English father. In 1955, when I was 4, we flew from Rio de Janeiro to London to visit my father's family (English was my second language).

It was the first international service into the newly opened (modern style) Heathrow Airport. The poster shows how we had four stops to make it and it took four days. I remember how we sat in seats against a bulkhead that had a shelf on it and my sister who was 20 months old sat in her carrycot on it.

The airplane was a 4 propellor engine, 3 tail finned Lockheed Super constellation and the company was Panair do Brasil – a division of Pan American.



When we crossed the equator my parents and I got certificates. My sister is very peeved that she didn't get one – maybe because she was a baby and didn't have a ticket either!

Here he is today: Bernard Jupe. Hasn't changed a bit!



CHILDREN

This school holiday the Museum offers free family activities at Dorking Library

On Saturday 15th July 10am – noon there is a **'Pretend Archaeological Dig'** at a 'castle': carefully uncover an object, clean it, draw and measure it, think about what it is, where it came from and what it tells us about the past.

A **'Reading Challenge'** (Thursday August 24th, 2-4pm): look up facts in non-fiction books and colour a picture linked to the Library challenge. Aimed at 4–11-year-olds, materials are provided, and children must be accompanied.

There are free wildlife craft activities at Dorking Library on Saturday 5th August (10am–2pm), with the help of Dorking Arts

Society. **'Totally Wild**

Creations' – create 'jumping mini-beasts', make a luxury hotel for garden bugs and an irresistible bird feeder. Lots of wildlife goodies to take away! The Walking in Dorking team offer a **Family Treasure Hunt** for young history detectives – with a prize for all children: start at 2pm from the Museum on Sunday 9th and Friday 28th July, Thursday 3rd and Wednesday 30th August (only £4 per family).



SCHOOLS



Our community has come up trumps all round this month with the first being an exhilarating exploratory day out at one of the local farms. The owners kindly opened up their gates to us and we

were able to get a closer look at some lambs and cows. We spent the WHOLE day outside - starting with a trek through the woods to get to our base camp where we climbed tree roots, ran super fast downhill, spotted wildlife, had an al fresco lunch and finally were treated to holding some freshly hatched chicks!

Following that we were donated two huge, unusually shaped, cardboard boxes. Well, you can imagine how much this sparked our imaginations! The first was shaped like a boat – big enough for at least 3 of us to fit in – add a string and hey presto! We could pull each other around the garden! The second was an already made



house shape complete with roof. With a carefully cut out door and chimney we were ready to move in. Just for good measure we made sure we painted the outside with fabulously bright colours. Fanciest house in Abinger!

Last year we grew our own vegetables in the garden of the Abinger Hatch and once again we have been busy prepping the area, weeding, digging and planting. We are so lucky to have this opportunity to nurture a garden and look forward to cooking what we produce. A huge thank you to the Pub and parents for supporting us with the purchase of topsoil, a truly beautiful garden sign - made by Paul Medsell - and the veg to grow. We are hoping our garden will also attract some beautiful butterflies as we have been learning all about their life cycle. We cared for some caterpillars and watched them create cosy cocoons before releasing them as fully grown butterflies. We learnt about symmetry by painting pictures of wings and cooking cakes with wings too!

What a super day the Abinger Fair was! We walked the procession with pride - dragons, maidens and knights leading the way! Our Children's Corner was full of terrific toys, yummy biscuit decorating and creative crown making and our grown-ups had a fabulous time helping out. Thanks to all who came.

If you have a child looking to start Nursery please don't hesitate to get in touch. 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!

Kate Fairbrass

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School



for all of them. Huge thanks to Mrs Spear and Mrs Banyard for accompanying us.

Hedgehogs class absolutely loved



Bees and Butterflies had a fabulous day out at the British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield. The children were amazed to see a variety of wildlife close up and they were especially excited to see a stoat and some baby badgers. They were able to hold a real deer antler which was as big as most of them! The coach trip was a huge event considering it was the first school trip



their trip to Hampton Court. The children were so incredibly well behaved, they loved seeing the palace and exploring all of the rooms. They asked loads of brilliant questions and loved exploring outside in the gardens too.

Squirrels class demonstrated some excellent teamwork this half term too. This was evident in their coronation artwork

where they created group pictures. They have enjoyed our unit in science all about light. To develop our understanding about light further, the children carried out a science experiment where they looked at shadows and how they changed over a distance.

You may have noticed a row of hedging that has been planted along the side of our playing field. The children have been helping Mr Memish plant each tree. Year 6 pupils have also completed a project finding out about how the hedge will encourage wildlife into our grounds. Groups of pupils used this research to enter a Good Shepherds Trust competition: GST Eco-Prize for Biodiversity. Our video was created by: Holly, Saffie, Ruby, Bella and Lois. If we win the prize, we will receive a nature experience day for the whole school!



On Monday 8th May, our fantastic school choir opened WESTfest, our local village fair. The weather was surprisingly good, and we raised over £740 selling candy floss and second-hand toys. So far this year we have spent over £2000 on amazing workshops, have bought new books for the school library, provided fantastic soft furnishings to make the library a relaxing space and bought forest school equipment to support our children's outdoor learning activities. We have also provided



the prizes for each term's reading challenge, run an Easter egg hunt for the children and bought bookmarks to mark the coronation.

Year 6 have completed their SATS. They showed perseverance and self-belief in tackling some very challenging papers. Despite the extra pressure, everyone came in early for a sociable breakfast so they felt relaxed and calm.

"Our preparation was hard, but we were ready for the tests." (Beth) "Long live the croissants!" (Sam) "I loved watching Number Jacks after each test!" (Sammy)

Mr Simon Coles, Headteacher

The Diary of a Shepherdess (learning on the job)



It is June and warm and the grass is growing; and for those keeping livestock it is when we see our animals at their happiest. The sheep love the tender grass resulting from the sudden sunshine.

and shorn they loll about devouring fresh grass and basically loving life! It's not often I play down the responsibilities and hard work of being a shepherdess, but in contemplation, June is a very quiet month!

**sweet
Contented**

For me, the big milestone is getting them shorn. Once all that thick matted winter wool is off their backs it eliminates all risk of fly strike. Fly strike is what happens after the rain and when the spring sun starts to shine and the air temperature increases - the blow fly appears and with it their intent desire to lay as many eggs as possible in their short lives in damp dirty surfaces. And they often choose a sheep's thick winter fleece, normally around their bottom where the vegetable matter (otherwise known as poo) lurks. Sorry if you are eating! Within hours of the flies eggs being laid they hatch into pulsating maggots that then start boring and dining on my sheep flesh, and basically starting to eat them alive (even more sorry if you have pushed your lunch to one side!). Obviously we do our best to spot it, and then stop it - pretty much always successfully - but the week before shearing I was dealing with one fly strike every other day - so hallelujah once they are all shorn and all that worry is over! Feet up!

Even more exciting is that I got the shearing date spot on (just by luck), the temperatures lifted straight after and they were able to enjoy the sun with their naked bodies! And then we moved them all onto fresh grass - and their little eyes nearly popped out of their head. They were no sooner off the trailer and their heads were down pulling at the sweet stems. In fact they are all so fat and content that when I do my daily checks on them they nonchalantly acknowledge my arrival with a glance, but they certainly don't bother to get up - instead they lie there with their huge bellies on one side, blissfully chewing the cud and burping, and wondering what I actually want. I'm enjoying the long, easy, contented days of June shepherdessing! JChaytor

Local History

1892 Cold Harbour Parish Magazine

This month, by way of a variation, I offer a puzzle. What do Christ Church, the Vicarage, the Infant School, Broome Hall, the Hope Diamond, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Oscar Wilde have in common? Well, the Church, the vicarage and the school were built by **John Labouchere** who was born in Broome Hall, the family home. His other house was in Portland Place, London.



Labouchere was a banker of Huguenot descent. He and his father were partners in Thomas Hope's bank, Hope & Co. Thomas' younger brother, Henry, owned the Hope Diamond, the largest blue diamond in the world. John Labouchere was a dedicated supporter of Great Ormond Street Hospital, who banked with his firm. He was an evangelical Christian who subscribed to 30 charitable and campaigning societies.

His son Henry, an Old Etonian with a history of cheating and gambling, was a vehement opponent of feminism; an anti-semitic; a man Queen Victoria called "that horrible, lying Labouchere" and in 1892 she refused to let Gladstone offer him a government position. Henry instigated the Labouchere Amendment which, for the first time, criminalised male homosexual activity in the UK. In 1895, the Amendment was used to prosecute Oscar Wilde, who was given 2 years hard labour, though Henry regretted that Wilde didn't receive the 7-year term he had originally proposed in the Amendment.



Reverend John Rooker writes in the Parish Magazine that the Infant School roof needs repairing and the July 10th Offertory (money collection) will be used for it: *"I trust that all will try and help for the school belongs to the village. It is not right that every expense should fall on the gentry. The villagers ought to bear a share - even though it be small."*

He was excited that Christ Church received a rare visit from the Bishop of Winchester, for the Confirmation of 25 children. The porch and gates were painted and the guttering done, so that: "when the Bishop arrived, everything looked as bright as a new pin".

The vicar is renting out the vicarage in August, as he does every year: *"The trial of this beautiful place for a Vicar is that he generally has to let the house to increase his income, and people mostly want to take the place in August."*

Early Airbnb? Reverend Rooker will be staying in Norbiton Vicarage, obviously not as beautiful!

Diana Hitchcock

SHERE SURGERY

Thank you to everyone who responded to the SALV email cascade where I requested help writing to the local MP about the discrimination against rural populations that is embedded within the new 'GP Recovery Plan'. This seeks to use pharmacists to plug the gap created by having far too few GPs. We don't have enough pharmacists either and they are under significant strain, so we aren't sure that increasing the burden on them will be that helpful or effective. Nevertheless, we are a dispensing practice because our area is too small to make a pharmacy viable. There is £640 million allocated to this new scheme. 17% of the population live in rural areas with a dispensing doctor, and they will NOT have access to these new services. We are calling for a change in the policy wording to include dispensaries in the new scheme, so that rural patients have equity of access to services, rather than being a poor second to their urban counterparts. I am hoping that Jeremy Hunt, who published the inquiry into the future of general practice and is now in a position to influence how the £640 million is spent, will accept my invitation to meet with the CEO of the Dispensing Doctors Association and myself, to try to agree a solution.

In more positive news, last month my son Felix presented his study on Brenda at the National Conference for Remote and Rural Medicine. I am delighted to tell you he spoke really well and was awarded both the student (he was the only non-medical/ school student) prize and the audience choice prize! The audience included the Surgeon General, Tim Hodgetts, and other incredible speakers, so it really was a baptism of fire on public speaking for Felix! He is hoping to present to you at the next SALV evening meeting.



Finally, don't forget sunscreen and hydration during this hot weather, and please continue to look out for our elderly and unwell, who may struggle more with the heat.

Emma Watts

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