

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR

Parish News



OCTOBER 2023

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EVENTS



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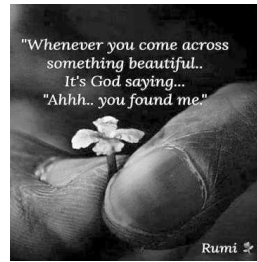
- 1st Harvest Festival +Auction, St J's, 10.30
- 3rd Sleeping Beauty auditions (junior) PVH
- 4th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9-11
- 5th WI Meeting, Wotton Village Hall
- 5th Shere Cinema, *Joyride*, 7.30
- 5th Sleeping Beauty auditions (adult) PVH
- 6th CH village coffee morning 10.30-11.30
- 6th CH Quiz Night 6-10
- 8th Peace speaking at Christ Church, 10.00
- 11th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9-11
- 13th -15th DGA exhib at Denbies
- 14th Messy Church St James' 3-5
- 15th Shere Cinema, *The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* 7.30
- 18th SALV Open Evening, 8pm
- 21st Organ Recitals, Christchurch 12 and 4
- 21st Family Activity, Dorking Library 10-12
- 22nd Christ Church celebration service and luncheon
- 26th Grand reopening of Dorking Museum

Nov

- 11th QRMW Remembrance service
- 18th Progressive supper, Abinger

From the Editors

We would like to say a big thank you to Dena Burrows who has delivered the Parish News to houses in Abinger Hammer for nearly 30 years. Delivering the magazine is all part of the free service that this magazine offers, and we have many unsung heroes – so thank you to everyone who trudges up and down in all weathers to pop the magazine through the letterboxes. Look out for our coming articles on some of the unsung heroes behind the scenes. We start with an article about Dena. If you could make a small contribution to the costs of publishing it would be most appreciated. Sally will give you bank details or an address to send to. Contact her at: parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org



Reflections from the Rectory



October brings a chill to the air as we notice the change in season around us; the beauty of Autumn colours, perhaps the first fire being lit and hunting out those winter woollies we stowed away!

We are so blessed here in the Surrey Hills to easily appreciate the bounty of God's creation in the magnificence of the landscape but also the small and delicate details of nature. God calls to us through the grand and the humble! Traditionally it is a season of thankfulness as we gather in the harvest and give thanks for all we have.

This year it is the turn of St. James to host our Harvest service on 1st October with a produce auction where we give food to the foodbank and any financial donations to charity.

This month also sees another opportunity to give thanks as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Dedication of Christ Church – do look out for the special articles in this issue for ways you can come and join in the celebration!

Rev'd Kia 😊

COMMUNITY

Coffee mornings

Coffee mornings are such a big part of the social life of the villages.



St James is open every Wednesday morning 9-11am during term time for coffee and a chat and the chance to get your repairs fixed! Will Vigas took these photos of a meeting in September.

In Coldharbour the monthly coffee mornings are always well attended and Friday 1st September saw a very good turnout. Anthony and Patsy provided a delicious assortment of cakes, there were flowers on the table of course! It was lovely to see Terry and Gilly Knight who had come all the way from Ellen's Green. Sheila Briggs after a long absence also joined us along with Ifty, Mir and Jane Multon who are relatively new members. A very noisy and animated hour and a half of catching up with friends over coffee and cake. It is a very important date in village life as it is an opportunity for villagers to meet up with others that they don't normally see.



Debbie shows Ann the darning mushroom and mini loom for mending socks

Hilary Jupe

The next meeting in Coldharbour is on the 6th October, 10.30 in the John Venus Hall. Come and share memories to celebrate the church's 175 anniversary.

Thank you, Dan Russell

It is with great gratitude that we thank Dan for his time as Church Warden at St. James' as he relinquishes this role. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside him for the last year and a half with his energy and insight.

Thank you, Dan!

Thank You to Dena Burrell for delivering the Parish News

Dena and her husband Vic have just moved from Abinger Hammer to Holmbury St Mary (temporarily) so Dena has had to give up delivering the news which she has been doing for nearly 30 years.

Dena and Vic ran Stirling Antiques for many years. Avril Sharman has written this for us. "I got to know Dena through the WI and she has been a hard-working member of the Committee for many years. She always gets in touch with people who may be poorly or in need of a visit and can be relied upon to help out where needed.

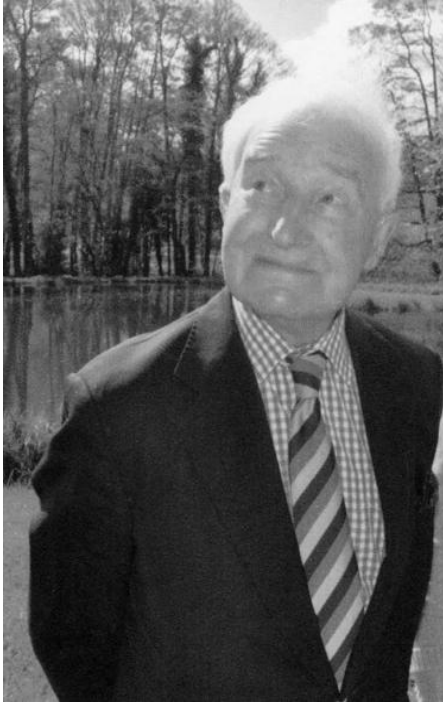


Dina and Vic came to Abinger Hammer in 1968 from Brighton where they had an antiques shop. They have two children and two grandchildren. Dena has been involved with brownies in Holmbury and still works in the Nursery in Abinger one day a week. The children love her and enjoy her songs and stories many which stem back to her Irish background. I could not wish for a more loyal friend."

Henny Maxwell from the nursery has written 'Dena has been involved with Nursery education for the last 20 years. Firstly, at Abinger Hammer Nursery and then we were lucky to have her join us at Abinger Common Nursery. She is the life and soul of the party especially when making up amazing stories or singing action songs. She has taught our children yoga loves to join in the PE sessions and keeping us neat and tidy. We love having her here and won't hear of her retiring!'

Thank you, Dena, for all your hard work for us.

COLIN WALKER 20 Dec 1936 - 7 Aug 2023



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Colin Walker, who died suddenly at Sutton Place, Abinger Hammer on 7 August.

Colin and Viv moved to Sutton Place, in 1974 shortly after their marriage. Following a period of 2 years National Service, Colin worked in the City throughout his working life. Prior to that, he attended Wellington College where he loved sport, particularly running. He also loved golf, with a handicap of 4 and he and Viv enjoyed many golfing holidays.

Colin is well known to many of us in Abinger Hammer, Shere and beyond: he and his beloved green Landrover were often to be seen, clearing out ditches, trimming verges, chopping up trees, sweeping up leaves and clearing snow. He loved the countryside and took an active role in preserving it. He had served on the Friends of the Hurtwood Committee for some time.

Colin was a man who was always willing to help in a crisis and will be hugely missed. We send our deep and sincere condolences to Viv at this very sad time. A JustGiving page has been set up to raise money for a memorial bench to be sited in Abinger Village in memory of Colin. Donations can be made to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/karen-Hall-768 Annie at the village shop can also accept donations.

Trevor Hall

Coldharbour welcomes Saffy, Copi and their owner Lisa

My full name is Lisa Jago. I moved out of Bermondsey (with a short stint by the beach in Margate) before buying Fig Tree Cottage in Coldharbour. I had promised my rescue Bull Terrier Saffy that I would buy her a house and a garden on the day I collected her in December 2020 and so here we are. Recently joined by Copi a Miniature Bull Terrier rescued from a terrible situation in Spain. I'm a solicitor and am the Head of Legal for an American asset manager. So, when I'm not buried in work, I'm out with the dogs.



Thank you to Lisa we all look forward to meeting you. *Hilary Jupe*

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Organ Recital Sat 21st October in Christ Church Coldharbour

Readers will recall that this time last year the lovely (though tiring) organ in Christ Church was successfully given some much needed TLC to solve various problems of unreliability. To test it, mark the Dedication Festival and celebrate Ralph Vaughan William's 150th anniversary our organist David Hansell and his long-time friend Philip Drew gave a recital of organ duets which truly put the instrument through its paces. It emerged with flying colours and David and Philip are back on Saturday 21st October as part



of the 175th celebrations for the dedication of Christ Church.

They often play music by ‘composers that only organists have heard of’, such as Gustav Merkel (whose Sonata in D minor was a highlight in 2022) but cannot be accused of that this time! Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Vaughan Williams are on the menu. Mozart described the organ as ‘the king of instruments’, though he never wrote a major work for it. However, he did write three quite extended masterpieces for a mechanical organ operated by clockwork. These contain quite a lot of notes (!) as they were designed for a machine, but four hands and four feet can play them all! This programme will include the exquisite *Adagio & Allegro in F minor and major*.

The young Beethoven also studied the organ, writing a handful of student works and a gem for mechanical organ in his maturity. David and Philip played this to mark the Beethoven anniversary in 2020 and are delighted to play it again now. As with the Mozart, two people are needed to cover all the notes! Then there’s Bach. There’s always Bach! His organ sonatas are works of great beauty, though much of the music was arranged by him from music for other instruments. This recital will end with his truly glorious Sonata no. 6 in a respectful re-arrangement by David for two organs. It’s really good fun for both players and listeners.

Towards the end of his life, Vaughan Williams set poems by William Blake to strikingly original music for voice and one accompanying melodic line. As a complement to the organ music Jenny Hansell (soprano) will sing some of these songs. Vaughan Williams never heard this music in a formal performance, but you can.

11.30 Refreshments 12.00 Recital (ends 12.45 approx)

3.30 Refreshments 4.00 Recital (repeat performance, ends 4.45 approx)

There will be a retiring collection towards the ongoing maintenance of the church and organ.

Music in Dorking



4th October 2.30pm and 7th October 12.00 noon St Martin’s church Dorking
Two events at St Martin’s church form part of the **Mole Valley Arts Alive Festival** and are held in support of the William Cole Trust which supports the young choristers and organ scholars at the church.

On 4th October Stephen Fort, a former scholar of the Trust and now pursuing a successful career as a singer, will present a gramophone recital playing popular music from the 1930s to 1950s - with tea and cake! On 7th October he will give a recital of English songs, including music by Vaughan Williams, together with pianist Edward Picton-Turbervill.

Both events are free, with donations to the Trust.

7th October at 7.30pm, Nicholas McCarthy piano recital at Dorking Halls, £21, 01306 740619

The Dorking Concertgoers begin the season on 7th October with a piano recital given by the brilliant left-handed pianist Nicholas McCarthy. Nicholas is the only one-handed pianist ever to graduate from the Royal College of Music, and he is a fine musician as well as a virtuoso of the keyboard. His programme contains original pieces for the left hand as well as some arrangements, and it includes composers from Bach to Scriabin.

7th October at 3.00pm, *The Elixir of Love*, Donizetti from Royal Opera House at Dorking Halls, £19, 01306 881717

17th October at 7.30pm, an evening with Jonas Kaufmann, the world-famous tenor, from the magical setting of the Verona Arena. screening at Dorking Halls, £19, 01306 881717

14th October at 9.45am till 5pm, LHMFC Come & Sing at Dorking Halls, £25, 01306 881717

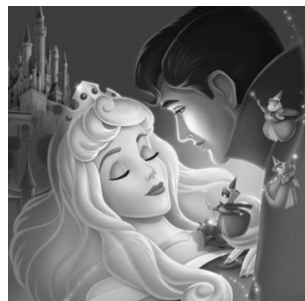
The Leith Hill Music Festival is holding a Come-and-Sing Day, led by the Festival conductor, Jonathan Willcocks. Singers will rehearse the Brahms Requiem (sung in German). The day will finish with an informal performance of the complete piece, supported by two professional soloists. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know this great and inspiring work.
Ian Codd

Auditions for Sleeping Beauty in Peaslake

Peaslake are preparing their ever-popular panto and this year it's going to be 'Sleeping Beauty' (plus 'guests'), for which auditions for adults and juniors will take place on:

Tuesday, 3rd October 7.30pm Juniors (13+)

Thursday, 5th October 8.00pm Adults



VENUE: Peaslake Memorial Hall, Peaslake Village Rehearsals will begin the week following the auditions and then twice weekly (once weekly for Juniors), breaking for Christmas and New Year, returning early January when we'll also be rehearsing on Sunday afternoons. We will also be looking for backstage help so there will be plenty of opportunities to join us in what will be yet another spectacular and fun-filled show. - www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk - and on our Facebook page.

The Dorking Group of Artists – October Exhibition 2023



DORKING GROUP OF ARTISTS

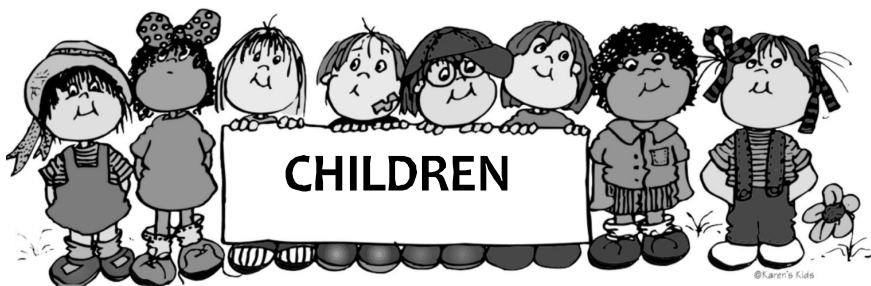
Friday 13th October, Saturday 14th October 10.00 – 17.00; Sunday October 15th 10.00 – 16.00

The Dorking Group of Artists is delighted to welcome you to our next exhibition at Denbies. Exhibiting members, many professionals among them, will be displaying over 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. Entrance to the exhibition is free and Denbies has a good shop, café and restaurant, Come and make a day of it! There is plenty of free parking. For more information: www.dga.org.uk
Contact Angela Hall (Chair) Email: committeedga@gmail.com
Membership queries: j.andersonwood@gmail.com



The Founder of 'Fountain of Peace' at Christ Church

We are excited to invite you to a very special service at Christ Church, Coldharbour on **Sunday 8th October at 10 am**, when Peace Ruharuzi, the founder of Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation in Uganda, will be inspiring us with the story of her life. Peace ^{was} born into a family of 14 children and was ^{give} given away when still a small child to relatives to be a domestic slave. Life was hard, but when she was sponsored through Compassion, she gained an education, and vowed that she would dedicate her life to caring for the poorest of the poor. Peace will be telling us just how she has spent the last 20 or so years doing just that. For more info on Fountain of Peace see their website: <https://www.fountainofpeace.net/>



Messy Church!

Do come and join us on **Saturday 14th October** from 3-5pm at St James' where we have our next exciting instalment of Messy Church. We will be exploring all things Harvest as we get messy with Playdoh, paint, sewing, food and more! Suitable for families with children 0-11yrs



Family Activities at Dorking Library: The Museum is continuing free monthly family activities in Dorking Library. On **Saturday 21st October**, 10am-noon, as part of Surrey's learning festival, come to the library and learn more about Dorking Museum, handle some of the Museum's artefacts and try to guess what they might have been used for. You will then be able to go to the Museum in West Street to see more. Aimed at 4–11-year-olds, materials are provided, and children must be accompanied.

Abinger Common Nursery



At the end of the Summer Term in true Abinger Common Nursery tradition we held our sports day and graduation. The Red, Blue, Green and Yellow Teams went head-to-head in running, jumping and packing up suitcases! We practiced ahead of the day to make sure we could show off our skills to the best of our abilities and we did just that! Our parents

Abinger Common Nursery are currently looking to recruit a part-time Nursery Practitioner (term time only) to join our team.

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CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We are looking for a nursery practitioner who

- has a genuine passion for working with children;
- has a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage;
- recognises the benefits of outdoor learning;
- understands the importance of working in partnership with parents;
- has the ability to inspire children's learning through play and
- has a Level 2 qualification or higher (or a desire to gain a level 2 qualification)



We can offer you:

- A position as a Nursery Practitioner part-time (term time only) in a rural location in the heart of the Surrey Hills.
- The position is a 1-year contract. Depending on intake numbers, the contract may be renewed each academic year.
- The chance to become part of an imaginative, creative, diverse and friendly team.
- Lovely children and parents to work with.
- A chance to develop your Forest School knowledge and skills.
- The opportunity to attend regular workshops and training to further your knowledge of the Early Years.

The hours required are:

- Flexible working hours with a minimum of 15 hours per week between 8.45 and 2.45 Monday-Thursday and 8.45-11.45 on Fridays. Hours will increase throughout the year as the number of children on roll increases. There may be hours available during our wrap around sessions.
- Rate of pay: £10.50-£11 an hour.

Start Date: 27th November 2023

For more information or to apply for the position please contact Hayley Hatton (Nursery Manager).

- Tel: 07842 978823 • E-mail: abingercommonnursery@gmail.com

A new hymn for Christ Church by David Hansell and Rev Virginia

Not everyone will realise that hymn tunes all have names. Some of these, especially the older ones, are relatively mundane and just tell us which psalm fitted that tune, e.g., the tune to which Psalm 100 is sung is called *The Old Hundredth* – we know this as *All people that on earth do dwell*. The explosion of hymn writing in the 18th century stimulated an enthusiasm for the writing of tunes by even the most distinguished of composers such as Handel who wrote the music for *Rejoice the Lord is King*. They often used names for the tunes that related to themselves in some way. William Croft was organist of St Anne's church in London, and the tune he wrote for *O God our help in ages past* is called *St Anne*.

Several composers have named tunes after the places in or near which they lived. Our very own Ralph Vaughan Williams named a tune after the village in which he was born – *Down Ampney* is the tune for *Come down, O love divine* and he wrote the tune *Abinger* for *I vow to thee, my country*. But he failed to write a tune for *Coldharbour*. We might almost regard this as dereliction of duty! What is more, no-one else seems to have written a *Coldharbour* either. Until now!

As the choir knows all too well, I do compose from time to time and when I was thinking about the 175th anniversary service my first thought was to plug this grievous gap in the repertoire. It seemed right to seek new words as well and I was delighted when Rev'd Virginia agreed to write a poem for the purpose. I think it's fair to say that the whole process was more complicated than we thought it might be but by late July we'd got there! Her words are lovely (*O wonder, O glory . . .*), with several local references



and I hope that my tune is a suitable partner to them.

We'll learn the hymn and use it for the first time at the service on 22nd October. Further details are under wraps until then.

David Hansell Organist & Choirmaster

SERVICES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER



1st October 10.30am	Harvest Joint Harvest Service Refreshments and auction of gifts following the service (further information can be found within the Parish News)
8th October 6.00pm	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Choral Evensong
15th October 10.30am	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Family Parish Praise Refreshments after the service
22nd October 11.00am	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity A Celebration Service for the Leith Hill Benefice <u>at Christ Church Coldharbour</u> marking the 175 th anniversary of Christ Church, followed by a bring and share lunch afterwards, bringing your preferred 'finger food' to share (further information can be found within the Parish News)
6.00pm	Julian meeting Half an hour of stillness with God
29th October 10.30am	The Last Sunday after Trinity Sideways Church New angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation
5th November 10.30am	The Fourth Sunday before Advent Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Sunday Club for children Refreshments after the service
3.00pm	All Souls Service – remembering, with thanksgiving, those who have died Refreshments after the service (further information can be found within the Parish News)

Please note - due to the Celebration Service for the Leith Hill Benefice marking the 175th anniversary of Christ Church taking place on the 22nd October, the 4th Sunday services that would have taken place that day will take place on the 5th Sunday in the month (29th October).

From the Registers

Abinger

12 th August	Wedding	Cameron Manson and Bethany Lane
26 th August	Wedding	Sean Kennedy and Georgia Dalton
12 th September	Ashes	Alan Hislop

Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on: Monday 2nd October and Monday 16th October 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!

All Souls Services Sunday 5th November

**10.00 am at Christ Church, Coldharbour
3.00 pm at St James' Church, Abinger**

Both services will be quiet and contemplative, to remember with love and affection those who have died and whose memories we still honour and treasure. Names will be read out and candles may be lit to remind us of the light with which they enriched and still enrich our lives. All are most welcome to attend and after each service, refreshments will be offered providing a time in which to share memories and bring consolation and comfort to one another.

At St. James' Abinger, Kia will light a candle and give a blessing for all those names that we have previously had listed for past services. The list will be placed near the altar but these names will not be read out. Those attending will be invited on arrival to write down the name of loved ones whose names will be read out during the service, and they will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

Shere Village Cinema (SVC) – Book now!

The film we showed in late August: *Everyone, Everywhere All At Once*, was a rather ‘confusing’ film to say the least! It was extremely difficult to follow the fast-acting plot across different time zones, and a number of people walked out near the start or didn’t stay past half. It wasn’t our best choice of film! Hopefully, our next films will be more popular/acceptable! You will see that we will be showing 3 films in November, this is because we will only be showing 1 film in December to allow for the busy Christmas period, when many people including the committee are too busy to have time to go to the cinema! However, we will be having a special event **on Sunday 10th December** to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the SVC!

In October we will be showing - the following films:

Thursday 5th October – Joyride - a heart-warming and bittersweet tale of two unlikely travellers who find solace in each other while on the run from their pasts. Joy (Olivia Colman), an uptight solicitor is accidentally ‘kidnapped’ by 13-year-old Mully (Charlie Reid). Classification: R (Running time is 1 hour 34 minutes) Start time: 7.30pm

Sunday 15th October – (Unfortunately ‘French Exit’, isn’t available) So instead we will be showing:

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Harold Fry receives a message that his old friend Queenie who lives in a hospice, is dying – he sets out to walk 500 miles to see her. Running time 1hr 47 min.

In November we will be showing the following 3 films:

Thursday 2 November - The Eight Mountains

Sunday 19 November – I Want to Dance with Somebody

Thursday 30 November – Asteroid City

Advance warning - on **10th December** we will be celebrating **our 10th anniversary** with a special event! – Further information and details will be in the November magazine and in a special newsletter.

To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to the website: www.sherevillagecinema.com). You can also buy tickets from the shops: Crumbs and/or the Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company in Shere. All tickets, except where indicated, cost £5/adult and £3.50/child.

NOVEMBER - Dates for your diary

ABINGER

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

NOV 18th

The Progressive supper is always great fun and a way to meet up with old friends and make new friends. The team - Michelle, Emma, Amanda and Bin are working hard to finalise arrangements so keep the date in your diary. The cost

will be £20 and the profits go to charity. Come as a guest or sign up to serve a starter or a main course for a small group size of your choice. Or please contribute a pudding!

You won't know who you're dining with till the day before when the envelopes and the venues arrive on your doorsteps, then everyone to the Evelyn Hall for puddings.

If you are interested, please contact acprogressivesupper@gmail.com so the team can keep you updated. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The QRMW service will take place on Saturday, 11th November at the Woodland Pasturewood Rd RH5 6JG. ALL are welcome to come and join us for this service and we are looking forward to some of the children from St John's C of E Primary School in Dorking joining us. We gather around the Monument at 10.40 and there is plenty of parking in our car park for you to join us. Hot drinks will be served after the service. WE also have a selection of poppy day items for sale Centre www.qrmw.org
Paul Cooling Chairman



On Sunday 12th November 10.50am a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial COLDHARBOUR

The Great Outdoors

Seasons of mist

&

mellow fruitfulness

Broome Hall Farm

We live in a rural area but in many ways we are not very rural in our ways. In past times being rural meant that you were part of a different way of life.

Until around the 1960s living here would have meant that for example, at least some of us would have been involved in some way in the harvest. The cutting of hay in early summer and the harvesting of wheat, barley or oats later on would



always involve helpers from the local community. Nowadays, almost everything is done by two or three people at most, with combine harvesters, tractors and trailers. We would have known the farmer and his farm workers but now farming has changed almost beyond recognition. There are very few farm workers. Many formerly separate farms have often been combined into single businesses and connections to the community have sometimes been lost.

Many, perhaps most, people in Coldharbour or Abinger have little contact with farmers or their land.

Some time ago I thought that perhaps we ought to try and find out more about those who farm the land here.

Broomhall Farm became the property of Norman Marshall in 1989. It was a mixed farm but the dairy part of it ended in 2012 and the herd of Holstein-Friesians departed, and the land went over to crop production. The farm manager is Mike Gibbens who came in 2011.

I went to see him just after he had finished the harvest this year. He and his very friendly and happy springer spaniel Rose gave me a warm welcome. Mike works alone with only occasional help, for example at harvest time. Mike is enthusiastic about both farming and conservation. He puts a lot of emphasis on looking after the soil and his style and practice in farming is to emphasise soil health. He avoids ploughing and heavy cultivation with machinery. Instead for some years now he has been using minimum tillage allowing the natural biodiversity to work best alongside and in support of what is being grown. This year, despite the uneven weather patterns, the farm has had 450 acres producing wheat, oilseed rape and beans while the remaining 200 acres at Broomhall are devoted to what is called Countryside Stewardship. In 2020 they moved even further along the minimum tillage path. They now use a new seed drill which puts crop seeds direct into the soil with only the very slightest disturbance of the surrounding soil which remains intact. It means that the invertebrates and the fungi and other organisms in the soil can continue to maintain the soil health and this means good crops alongside nature, working together rather than in conflict.

Mike's enthusiasm for what he does is infectious and convincing. I asked him about the odd patches of sunflowers now gone to seed along the sides of some roads. Those were for everyone's enjoyment, he told me, as well as for wildlife. He clearly loves his job and I can see why.



G Mytton

The Diary of a Shepherdess (learning on the job)

There is no doubt Autumn is around the corner: the colder nights, the leaves falling and a barn full of hay. I am relieved to say we have our hay in! The weather at the end of August was very unpredictable, and we were watching several weather apps trying to find a clear run of dry weather for



4 days.... We finally made a decision, and on Tuesday morning we decided to cut the grass! No sooner had we cut it that the weather forecast changed and downpours were predicted for 3 days' time! Whilst

cut grass can cope with a little sprinkle without any serious repercussions, it cannot take a "weather warning downpour" without it getting moldy and thus the whole crop lost, and our sheep to go very hungry this winter...

Before hay is baled it needs to thoroughly dry on all sides, and this normally takes 3-4 days and we only had 2 and a half days!

So, The Shepherdess's Spouse (as I refer to him) did little else over the next 2 days but turned and turned and turned the grass, using a hay bob on the back of his tractor which spins the hay round, throws it up in the air, and lands back down giving it the chance to air dry all over. In truth, we probably could have done with another day, but that wasn't an option. Rain was predicted early Friday morning, and it wasn't just a quick shower. The baler - who right now is working day and night as obviously we are not the only person wanting our hay in - arrived on Thursday at 6pm and started baling, and together with 2 strong local pals we loaded and unloaded on to a trailer and into the barn, one trailer load after another until every single bale was in the barn - many trips with the trailer. The last bale, number 552 bale, came in at 10.30pm as we worked under tractor head lights and head torches. It's a great feeling to have it all safely undercover, and we then made for the pub to rehydrate ourselves!

True to forecast the heavens opened at 5am the next morning and I lay in bed with a very sore back comforted by the sounds of the rain bouncing off the ground, knowing we were safe! Not that the sheep have any idea

of all this work, they are still lying about chewing the cud and nonchalantly seeing off the end of summer.

Joanna Chaytor

Robin's Gardening Tips for October



The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is well and truly ~~us~~ us. Though for gardeners once the harvesting is done there is still little rest!

Hardy annuals, such as calendula and cornflowers, sown now while the soil is warm will result in an earlier flowering next year.

Cuttings, taken from fuchsias, geraniums and hydrangeas, root quickly now and if given overwinter protection will race away next year.

If you grow camellias and rhododendrons do make sure that they get a good watering to promote buds for next year.

It's a good idea, if you have the ground available, to plant overwintering onion sets which can be harvested earlier than those seed grown. (Though traditionally shallots should be planted on the shortest day of the year and harvested on the longest.)



If your fruit, particularly apples, suffer from brown rot, (concentric circles of rot) do try and collect them up and either burn or bin but do not compost them and ensure none are left on the tree.

If you are planting crocus bulbs, surround them with wire or even holly, both are a deterrent to mice for whom they seem to be a favourite snack.

Finally, if you have holly bushes with berries, why not cover some branches now so there are some available for decorations at Christmas



WI -The Rewilding Project at Knepp Castle

We were back in the Wotton Hall for our September meeting, but without the glorious views across the fields because the blinds were down to keep out the sun! Despite the sweltering heat, and the fact that we are still in the holiday season, attendance was good. Lesley, our President, welcomed us back and referred to



the sad loss of Mary Fenning, saying that she had received a £70 donation in her memory so we would need to think about how to use that.

Lesley then introduced the speaker, Matt Phelps. He is a safari guide at Knepp Castle in Sussex where they are twenty years into an ambitious and carefully researched rewilding project. Originally Knepp Castle's grounds and estate included farmland, but it was on deep Wealden clay and did not yield sufficient produce or profit. So, the owners came up with this project which was to not just allow the 3,500 acres of farmland to return to nature, but to manage it in a way which would replicate how the land would have been many thousands of years ago. Over the first 5 years the farm stock was sold, the buildings removed, 200 miles of fencing taken out, and the whole area enclosed with sturdy fencing.

Land is first colonised by grass, wildflowers and weeds, then turns into scrub, then trees begin to grow. Scientists used to think that our landscape was originally woodland with tall trees, but they have now discovered it wasn't because the population of large herbivores would have kept it under control. So, herbivores were introduced at Knepp: Tamworth pigs (in place of wild boar), fallow and roe deer (in lieu of elk and bison) and Exmoor ponies, now rare (nearest to wild horses) and cattle (rather than sheep and goats), 300 Old English Longhorns which eat plants, and use their horns to hook down food from the trees. This habitat has attracted bats, moths, butterflies and birds. Some species were re-introduced: nightingales, turtle doves, beavers and white storks. Co-operating with Sussex farmers a rewilded corridor has been created which

runs from Knepp to the sea, and this is used by migratory birds. As a result, all this rewilded land has become a sanctuary for increasingly rare birds and creatures. Knepp has two ecologists on the staff and attracts other specialist academics for research. It has also attracted paying visitors who are given tours by safari guides like Matt. So Knepp is now earning rather than losing money.

It was a fascinating story and generated many questions. Afterwards we enjoyed our usual tasty tea prepared by Liz Bennett, Annie Chesterton and myself. Next meeting: **Thursday, 5th October 2.30 p.m. at the Wotton Hall.** The talk will be "Sight for Surrey" (including hearing problems). Visitors welcome.

Pat O'Brien

Village history

October 1892

THE COLDHARBOUR PARISH MAGAZINE

Reverend Rooker's ill health has caused him to move to Norfolk Square, Brighton. He had thoroughly enjoyed the Choir Outing there that summer. *"We turned to Brighton again. It is a favourite place and offers advantages both on rainy as well as fine days. Holmwood Station was left at half-past nine, and at half-past eleven we were at the sea."*

In the pre-car area, the opening of Holmwood Station in 1867, with its regular services, including on Sundays, enabled considerable mobility to and from the area. Special trains were laid on for London Society people attending glittering parties in the country. And even for the Surrey Union Hunt, so they could unload horses and hounds directly onto the platform. The station also provided a service for post and money orders and the telegraph.

"We have heard it stated that one shilling is too much to pay for portorage from Holmwood Station to Coldharbour for telegrams. It may interest you to know that Mrs Pennington measured the distance and found it is under

2 miles to Mr Roffey's shop, but 2 miles 116 yards to the Vicarage; Kitlands is a mile and a half; Minnock Wood 1 mile 96 yards."

There is no information as to how Mrs Pennington attained these precise measurements but knowing the Victorians she probably had a system.

Rev. Rooker is very concerned about the School inspection on 4th October. In July he had bemoaned the "hurts" occurring before the summer holidays.

"If the "hurts" would only wait till August it would be so much more convenient. Alas! they won't; and as children will not come to school when the "hurts" are about we are obliged to give in. I hope with all my heart that parents will see their children come regularly to school after the holidays as our Government Examination is the beginning of October and it is not fair to the teachers to keep the children away."



In 1891 the Elementary Education Act had abolished school fees, thereby creating a free school system for children. But the schools were reliant on grants awarded by Government Inspectors according to the children's regular attendance and attainment in the 3 'R's.

In January Rev. Rooker had pointed out that the school was *"good even before Mr Forster's Education Act was passed."*

In 1870, Mr William Forster had sponsored the first Elementary Education Act making it compulsory to provide education for children between 5 – 13 years of age. In 1880, a second Act made school attendance compulsory between the ages of 5- 10 with penalties for illegally employing children 10 – 13 years old.

*"Some people are quick enough to pick holes in a teacher if a Report is not high, and they forget it is their own fault for not sending the children regularly. I am glad to say that our Reports under Mr and Mrs Colyer and Miss Day have been uniformly good, but I do not want the parents to forget they have *their* part to do as well as the teachers."*

Di Hitchcock

DORKING MUSEUM REOPENS!



The Team are pleased to welcome visitors back.

Regular opening: Thursdays 1pm-4pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm, free entry.

Grand Re-opening and family activity: To celebrate the re-opening, there will be a grand event on the anniversary of the fire that forced its closure, **Thursday 26th October, between 2pm and 6pm.**

Hedgerow Heritage Exhibition: The Museum is hosting an exhibition in conjunction with the Surrey Wildlife Trust's Hedgerow Heritage Project.

Walking in Dorking: the season finishes at the end of October.

Sunday 15th October, 2pm Take a Betchworth Castle tour with exclusive access to the castle enclosure on (entrance opposite Hillier Garden Centre)

Sunday, 22nd October, 2pm Take a walk on the Deepdene Trail with exclusive access to the Grade 2* listed Hope family Mausoleum on (from Dorking Golf Club).

Sunday 15th October, 11am leaving from the Museum, see Dorking as you have never seen it before on a walk of Hidden Historic Dorking.

Tuesday, 31st October, 6pm Spooky encounters are guaranteed for one night only on the Spooky Halloween Ghost Walk - a guided walk through the town's streets.

Get involved: We are looking for additional volunteers for the front desk and other interesting opportunities in organisational and planning activities for those with the necessary skills who can commit a few hours in the Museum, in the community and/or working from home. Training is provided. dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities.
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STAY HEALTHY THIS WINTER



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will be held

in SHERE VILLAGE HALL

at 8pm on Wednesday 18th October

Dr Mike Hickman, Consultant Cardiologist

“Look after your heart”

SHERE SURGERY

We will hopefully be vaccinating against Covid on site for the first time, having requested on site access to Covid vaccination from the outset... if you have a flu vaccination appointment already booked then please keep it and we will book an extra appointment for the Covid vaccination. We are anticipating that from October we will be making combined vaccine appointments.

We have ongoing problems with national stock shortages of different drugs. We apologise if it is taking a while to update you on your prescription. For further info on the background to drug shortages read the May newsletter on the website.

The increase in outpatient appointments being offered remotely is causing a knock-on problem for us if the specialist forgets to send out the paper blood test request form. We hoped that the hospital would put requests on the online system as that would solve the problem, but this is still not happening. Patients are caught in the middle, and we have sympathy for them. I would be happy to support anyone who would like to write to the

hospital to question why their doctors aren't allowed access to the online blood test requesting system we have all shared for some years.

I'd like to thank Dr Douglas Wardrop for nominating me for Fellowship of the Royal College of GPs, which I have been awarded. I think this reflects us continuing to uphold the professional standards that Dr Tyrrell held dearly, and I see it as a positive reflection on the whole team. I'm confident that there will be more of these announcements in the coming years. For those of you who follow my kayaking exploits, I am just back from the World Canoe Marathon Championships in Denmark where I represented GB in the Masters category. My crewboat partner and I came 4th after a hard catch-up slog of a race having been involved in a collision near the start that sank a USA boat...!

Dr Emma Watts

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