

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR Parish News



JULY/AUGUST 2024

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EVENTS

JULY

- 1st The Tempest, CH Cricket Ground, 7.30 pm
- 3rd SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 4th WI meeting, Holmbury Church Room, 2.30pm
- 5th CH Coffee Morning, JV Hall, 10.30 – 11.30am
- 5th Shere Cinema, *Wicked Little Letters*, 7.30pm
- 6th Teatime Talk: Invertebrates and You, LH Place
- 10th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 14th Shere Cinema, *The Holdovers*, 7.30pm
- 17th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 19th WI Summer Lunch, 12.30
- 20th Family Activity at Dorking Library 10am
- 20th Albury Produce Show
- 21st Albury Music Festival, 2 – 8pm
- 24th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 30th Family Activity at Dorking Library 10am
- 31st SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am

AUGUST

- 1st Shere Cinema, *All of Us Strangers*, 7.30pm
- 3rd Children's Frog's Bog, LH Place
- 2nd CH Coffee Morning, JV Hall, 10.30 – 11.30am
- 7th, 14th, 21st SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 11th – 12th Karen Pearson at LH Place
- 11th Meadvale Singers at LH Place, afternoon
- 17th Family Activity at Dorking Library 10am
- 18th Shere Cinema, *A Haunting in Venice*, 7.30pm
- 21st WI Coffee Morning, Feldemore Corner, 10.30am
- 26th Wotton Fete
- 28th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am



From the Editors

This edition very much marks the celebrations we have had in our villages over the last couple of months. Despite the pretty abysmal early summer weather overall, haven't we been blessed? We escaped the rain on those important days and even got a bit of sun!

Jenny and Liz



Reflections from the Rectory



Welcome to the summer months! A time to pause, embrace a change of rhythm and enjoy the sunshine (!).

We have so much to be thankful for, living as we do in these beautiful villages. Our communities have shown their many talents in recent weeks through our magnificent fairs and huge fundraising efforts – well done everyone! We have hosted weddings, musical extravaganzas and countless cups of tea and coffee in our gorgeous churches alongside

our acts of worship, including a pet service (a first for me!) Our churches are an integral part of our communities and are embraced and appreciated by all, whether you come regularly, occasionally or just duck in for some quiet reflection and space – they are your churches and are open to all!

In August we change our usual pattern of services as we travel around our Benefice – do look in the centre pages for where we are each Sunday as it is a wonderful opportunity to visit our neighbouring parishes and meet up with others.

Dear God,
I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church
Is that ok?
Neil

However you are spending these summer months may you know God's peace and joy in all you do.

With love

Rev'd Kia ☺

CELEBRATIONS

All creatures great and small



The sun shone on
the St James' Pet
Service in May



Abinger Fair

After 6 months of meticulous preparations, the Abinger Medieval Fair burst into life at 2pm on the 8th June. The all-important weather proved to be not too hot, not too cold but JUST RIGHT! In fact, a lot of factors must have been just right on the day as the takings came in at an AMAZING, RECORD BREAKING £23,258. We should be very proud of our wonderful community for putting on such a fantastic event and for turning out in large numbers to contribute so generously to so many important local causes.



The May Queen, Lola, and her attendant, Abby, provided a lovely start to the afternoon arriving in a beautifully dressed carriage pulled by Frankie the pony. They were followed by the maypole dancers in their bright costumes, weaving complicated patterns with their colourful ribbons. Well done to all the children who took part from Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School.



The decoration of the stalls seems to get better and better every year, they really did all look stunning. Many thanks to all the stall holders, without whom there would be no fair. Although we would love to thank you all individually for your hard work there just isn't room to do it here. There are, however, a few who deserve a special mention. Huge thanks must go to Astral, who has run the raffle for a number of years. Each year she has managed to source

bigger,
better and
more
inventive
prizes. This
was Astral's
last time
running the

raffle and she will now be stepping down having raised thousands of pounds over the years. Thanks also to the new stall holders who, along with their able assistants, did an amazing job taking on



their new challenges. Eliza and Andrew took over the ice cream stall, Vickie Edwards inherited the book stall, selling a large number. Kia took on Pilgrims Pottage. The last, but not least, special mention must go to Sonia, now helped by her daughters, who took on running the bottle



tombola 25 years ago. She runs a very slick operation even offering door to door bottle collection. Sonia's entire house is taken over by the bottle tombola in the weeks leading up to the fair. We are all really grateful to Sonia and her team for their amazing dedication to the cause – happy silver anniversary!



eventually decided that the bottom 3 feet were surplus to requirements and a chain saw was put into action! This year it was nice to see a new younger recruit who happily volunteered to assist with the set up. We would love



more young people to get involved with helping the fair in any way possible. Then there were the numerous, invaluable volunteers helping out in the car parks, many thanks for the time you gave up to help.

The Fair Committee would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make the day such a wonderful success. We wouldn't be able to do it without you all so THANK YOU!

As most of you know, the profit from the fair is used to support local charities and organisations. If your charity or organisation would like to benefit from the proceeds, please put your request in writing to Liz Irvine, Fair Secretary, abingerfairsec@gmail.com

Coldharbour Fete



The figures are in! After such an unfavourable weather forecast, we were lucky on the day and the Coldharbour fete in May was another wonderful success. Attendance was great and there was something for everyone – so many happy, and painted, faces. Several stalls broke their previous

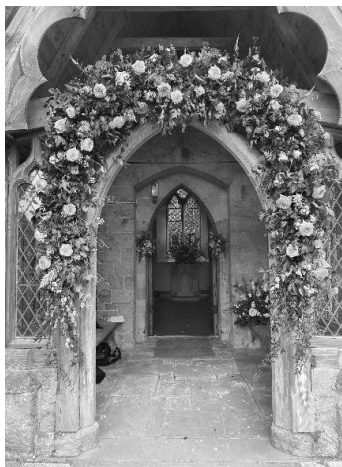
record. The marvellous Auction of Promises raised an amazing £3,765 – half for DEC Ukraine Appeal and half for Christ Church. This takes the net funds raised to £12,500 – a record, and £10,600 to maintain our village church, village hall and churchyard and to pay those regular bills that come with the responsibility for looking after them. Other charitable donations are being made to the National Trust to support our local area, MND, and Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK. Thank you to everyone involved.

The Fete Committee



A wonderful wedding in Christ Church

On the day of the Abinger Fair another important event was taking place. I was lucky enough to have an excuse to attend the wedding of Beatrice Gundry and Robbie Lewis in Christ Church. A long while ago Susie Gundry asked my father if he'd be able to ring the bells at the service and as it was his birthday, I felt it would be nice to accompany him. Whilst there I realised that it was 30 years ago this month that I got married in Christ Church. Dad and I exchanged a quiet smile, remembering our walk down the aisle, as Roger led his beautiful daughter to the oh so proud and happy groom. Virginia Smith and Professor Kenneth Ross OBE, Bea's Uncle, took the service, which was simply beautiful; an amazing solo from Jenny Hansell, fabulous harp playing, and the cheer when Virginia presented the married couple as husband and wife was incredible. Before the happy couple walked down the aisle the whole congregation sang happy birthday to my father and his pleasure and red face was a sight to behold. The bride and groom then looped back into the church and exited again, this time played out by a brass ensemble. The bride and groom left the church in the horse and carriages in which the bride and entourage had arrived. It was all just an amazing experience; my tears which started fairly early on in the ceremony (weddings just do that) changed to smiles. It was simply wonderful to see Christ Church looking its very best, so full, and so full of love!

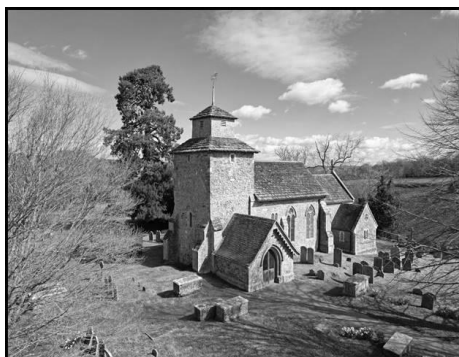


Kerry Day



And there is one more fete to come...

... Wotton Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, August 26th



Christine Padgham from Friday Street writes: "Congratulations on raising such a magnificent amount at the Abinger Fair. Little Wotton Church would appreciate any items for the stalls at the Wotton Fete (similar to those donated to the Abinger Fair). They can be left in the porch of Yew Tree Cottage in Friday Street (the house with the scarecrows). We'd appreciate your help."

More Community News and Updates

Good Neighbours Scheme for Abinger and surroundings



The Good Neighbours Scheme has been running for over 40 years and is a truly valuable asset to our communities. We now have over 60 volunteers covering **Shere, Albury, Farley Green, Gomshall, Peaslake, Abinger and Holmbury St Mary** waiting to collect and deliver prescriptions and to take patients to and from Shere Surgery for appointments. We can sometimes help with lifts to RSCH, Cranleigh Hospital and other local medical services.

Whilst we now have enough volunteers, we need to spread the word about what we offer as many people, especially the elderly, are unaware our service. So, please spread the word to friends and neighbours who may benefit from the Good Neighbours Scheme and pass on the contact numbers below. Thank you!

*Jo Kelly 01483 205 446 or 07900 302 794
Helen Esplen 01483 209 522 or 07771 537 150*

Editors' note: This is great news! We have spoken to Helen who has confirmed that Abinger Hammer and Abinger Common are both included. There is a lot of flexibility, depending on driver availability and willingness. For hospital visits it is probably only feasible to offer a ride either there or back.

Hike the Hill

It was my pleasure to join more than 30 other walkers to take on the challenge of "Hike the Hill" on Sunday 9th June in support of AMBER.

This wonderful local charity has been transforming lives for 28 years by providing temporary homes for young people facing homelessness and unemployment. They also offer the support, training and opportunities.



We set off from the main car park at the top of Box Hill and covered around 12km, 16,000 steps, equivalent to 63 flights of stairs and collectively managed to raise £5,670 (so far!), enough for another bed space at Farm Place, in Ockley. The weather was perfect and the diversity of the walkers made for thoroughly interesting conversations, ranging from yoga & meditation techniques to those parts of the world where you can marry more than one partner.

I would like to thank those of you who sponsored me so generously. Your kindness was so material that I was presented with a bottle of fizz in recognition for being the highest fundraiser... but the credit is yours!

Should any of you want to support Amber, the link to the fundraising page is still open <https://www.justgiving.com/page/guy-pakenham-1706515620201>

Guy Pakenham

Coldharbour Coffee Mornings



Please join us on the first Friday of the month, from 10.30 to 11.30 in the John Venus Hall.

June the 7th saw the turn of the Jupes to provide the cakes! A Victoria Sandwich was made which was passable and a fruit cake that was more by guesswork as the recipe was missing the right hand side of the page. It was

passed down by a village family and oven temperatures were in gas marks and ingredients in ounces. To ensure it tasted ok it was fed a little brandy which no one seemed to mind.

At first a handful of people were there but thankfully as the hour passed more familiar faces appeared including a very pretty young girl and her children. She was told she was far too young to attend - mistaking our humour she protested that she was in fact the daughter of Piers Cooke and he would be along later to pay (young people don't carry cash!) which he kindly did, with his gorgeous Labrador Betty who hoovered the hall floor of crumbs.

Kerry and Helen P helped with the washing up and the returned tea towels were ironed by Mrs Tiggy Winkle.



SJ's Café Abinger

Every Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am (ish!) Please do join us at St. James' for tea, coffee, croissants and chat.

Repair Café

We continue to run the Repair Café between 9.00am and 11.00am 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 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.

Any donations will be put towards running the Repair Café.



St James' Abinger, a BRONZE awarded Eco-Church



Sustainable, ecologically conscious and regenerative living will mean different things to different members of our community, but essentially, we want to all live in a way that restores the planet's health. We know we all have an important responsibility to live in a way that helps our natural world and cherishes God's precious creation. We live in optimistic hope that we can rebalance our planet once again.

Over the next few years, St James' Church has committed to helping the Guildford Diocese fulfil their challenge to become Net Zero by 2030. We will help them with their aim to reduce any negative environmental impact of Churches and Church buildings upon God's creation by doing what we can with what we have available to us in our own Benefice.

To help with this wonderful community goal, St James' has signed up to an inspirational A Rocha charity project called "EcoChurch". We are thrilled to have already been awarded a Bronze certification for St James' Church and now the challenge is on to progress through to Silver and Gold! We are moving firmly in the direction of individual and collective community action to limit any impact of our carbon footprint by improving our local church land, our building, our worship and teaching, our lifestyles and our community and local engagement. More information about Eco Church can be found at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> and further information about Guildford Diocese's Net Zero aims can be found at <https://cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/caring-for-the-environment/net-zero-carbon/net-zero-carbon>.

We will be regularly updating you on plans and progress (there is lots to come!) equally, true sustainability takes a community, so if you have any comments or suggestions, do please email me: francescabiddle@gmail.com

Francesca Biddle, Abinger Hammer



Get involved – the Museum is looking for new volunteers who can spare a few hours a month at the front desk or in a variety of other roles with flexible working in the Museum, in the community or from home. Current opportunities in events, digital communications / website, school / youth visits, artefacts and recruitment and training. See dorkingmuseum.org.uk/about/volunteer-opportunities for further details.

Family Activities at the Dorking Library

The Dorking Museum continues to offer a programme of free family activities held at Dorking Library in St Martin's Walk. Materials are provided and children must be accompanied.



Saturday 20th July, 10am-2pm: Butterflies, Bees & Bugs (supported by The Arts Society Dorking): Celebrate Dorking's extraordinary insect heritage. Marvel at giant pull-apart insect models, have your face painted like a bee and create your own beautiful paper butterfly!

Tuesday 30th July, 10am-noon: Festival of Archaeology: Come and join in a pretend archaeological castle dig.

What do the items tell you about what might have happened at the castle?

Saturday 17th August, 10am-noon: National Playday: Come and try games from the past, such as shove halfpenny.

LEITH HILL PLACE

There are a number of events at Leith Hill Place over the summer. You can find full details and prices on <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/leith-hill/events>

Here are just some of them:

July 6th: Teatime Talk: Invertebrates and You – Should we live together? 17.30. With ecological entomologist Mike Edwards.

August 3rd: Children's storytelling - 'Frog's Bog', 11.00, with Marielle Bayliss. Suitable for children aged 2- 6.

August 10th - 11th: Artist in Residence, Karen Pearson. 11.00-18.00. See local artist Karen at work and discover how she takes inspiration from the bees and other pollinators that surround us.

August 11th: Music for a summer afternoon 2.15 onwards. Come and hear the Meadvale Singers singing a programme of light and lovely music as you walk around the house and have your tea on the terrace.



SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

7th July	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with provision for children. Refreshments after the service
14th July	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
6.00pm	Choral Evensong
21st July	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Parish Communion - Feast of St. James' Patronal Festival Refreshments after the service
28th July	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Sideways Church. New angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation
6.00pm	Julian meeting. Half of an hour of stillness with God
4th August	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Benefice service at St. John's Wotton
11th August	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Benefice service at Christ Church Coldharbour
18th August	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Benefice service at St. Mary's Holmbury
25th August	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am	Benefice service. Refreshments after the service
6.00pm	Julian meeting at Christ Church Coldharbour Half of an hour of stillness with God

From the Registers

Abinger

6th June Ashes Keith Leeson

Coldharbour

8th June Wedding Robbie Lewis and Beatrice Gundry

SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

7th July 9.00am	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
14th July 10.00am	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion) Refreshments after the service
21st July 9.00am 6.00pm	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Congregational Evensong
28th July 10.00am 6.00pm	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Common Worship) Refreshments after the service Julian meeting at St. James' Abinger Half of an hour of stillness with God
4th August 10.30am	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service at St. John's Wotton
11th August 10.30am	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Benefice service
18th August 10.30am	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service at St. Mary's Holmbury
25th August 10.30am 6.00pm	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Benefice service at St. James' Abinger Julian meeting. Half of an hour of stillness with God

Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on the following Mondays in July and August: 1st July, 15th July, 5th August and 19th August 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!

Poetry, Books, Music, Film, Theatre

A Poem for July 4th

Poet and Honorary Assistant Priest Virginia Smith is fortunate enough to be going on holiday to Corfu in July, and was inspired to send us this offering.



An election's been called, and I say
'Hooray!'

As I'll be off on a great holiday.

I won't have to listen to a shed-load of speeches

As I sit toasting myself on beautiful beaches

I won't miss the ranting and all the hoo-ha.

As I sip a cool drink in taverna or bar.

I'll be spared the promises of pie in the sky

As on a pool side sunbed I blissfully lie.

Already I'm tired of political voices,

Urging the electors to make the right choices.

Promising to make everything right,

Creating a future Utopian delight.

But we know it's all dreams that can't all come true

Whether you vote for the red or the blue.

So, I'm just so lucky that my dream will come true,

But I do feel so sorry for all of you.

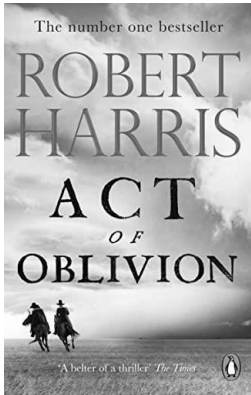


Virginia
Smith



An Abinger Book Club Recommendation

“Act of Oblivion” by Robert Harris



The novel is set in England and America soon after the Civil War, the execution of Charles I and the Restoration of the monarchy. The regime was out to punish the Puritans who had been responsible for the former King's death but in the end an Act of Oblivion was passed which limited the arrests to those who had signed the death warrant or were active in the trial. Those arrested were executed (hung, drawn and quartered) and others fled the country.

Those who had escaped to Europe were tracked down, but two former leading Roundhead soldiers fled to America. They were Col. Ned Whalley (Cromwell's cousin) and his son-in-law Col. Will Goffe. Ned had left a wife, and Will a wife and five children. Richard Naylor was Clerk to the Privy Council and he was determined to pursue and capture these men, in fact it became a personal obsession as his wife had miscarried and died when Roundhead soldiers raided a Christmas Mass. Ned and Will were sheltered and hidden in America by a succession of Puritan households, but kept having to move on because not all the settlers in Massachusetts were sympathetic to the Royalist cause and the English government had ordered any regicides to be captured and returned, and there was a reward. The novel follows their flight and experiences (including living in the wild for a time) and moves between that and England with Richard Naylor and the men's families, all over a period of ten years.

Members of the Book Club found the following aspects of the book interesting. It dealt with an unfamiliar part of our history. How religious everyone was in that period in comparison with today. The Puritans lived their lives by Bible precepts, and were very strict about keeping the Sabbath. The Royalists were churchgoers but theirs was a less personal religion. Given how slow communication was then, we were surprised that letters could be exchanged and news travel relatively quickly between England and America. We commented on the way gruesome public executions were popular entertainment to which children were taken. It was felt that the author had painted a detailed picture of life at that time, that the writing was good and the subject carefully researched. (Robert Harris was a political journalist before he was an author.) If you are lucky you'll find a copy in the phone box!

Pat O'Brien

Music

Abinger D&G Choir on tour

Following last summer's highly successful French Connection concert at St James' church, the Abinger D&G Choir headed north at the end of May to perform Fauré's Requiem and other



French favourites at the Church of St Romald in Romaldkirk, County Durham. This was the choir's second visit to Romaldkirk and on this occasion they were joined by local a capella chamber choir, Vox Veritas. The combined choirs were conducted by D&G Musical Director, Martin Hall, and supported by professional organist and regular accompanist, Canon Peter Gould.

The evening commenced with Menuet Scherzo by Joseph Jongen, a stirring organ solo played by Peter Gould, which was followed by D&G Choir's delightful rendition of Fauré's ever popular Cantique de Jean Racine. Vox Veritas, led by Verity Young, continued the evening with aplomb, singing Le Baylère, arranged by Goff Richards, before D&G chorister, Lynne Robb, gave a fine solo performance of Sept Melodies op.2, No. 6 Hébé, by Ernest Chausson. Then Vox Veritas returned to sing Salve Regina by Poulenc, and the D&G Choir performed Duruflé's Notre Pere.

In the second half The D&G Choir and Vox Veritas performed Gabriel Fauré's achingly beautiful Requiem. Verity Young and D&G Choir chairman, Martin Perry, sang the soprano and bass solos, respectively.

Prior to the concert, many of the D&G choir members, and their partners, spent two days at the Charles Bathurst Inn in the Yorkshire Dales, where they enjoyed excellent hospitality and walks.

If you think you'd like to become a member of one of the Surrey Hills' finest community choirs, please get in touch with Martin Perry on 07778 675118. Any level of previous experience welcome.

Kevin Freeman

Music in Dorking – July 2024

6th at 3.00, Leatherhead Choral Society at The Lighthouse, Leatherhead, £15

The Leatherhead Choral Society, conducted by Ian Assersohn, has a concert entitled The Great American Songbook. This will be a short afternoon concert celebrating the golden age of American songs.

7th at 4.00, Bookham Choral Society at St Nicolas' church, Bookham, £15

Bookham Choral Society's summer concert, conducted by Elliot Mercer, includes the Songs and Sonnets by jazz composer George Shearing and a set of Birthday Madrigals by John Rutter.

The Dorking Halls are now closed until December for essential maintenance work on the ceiling of the grand hall.

Ian Codd



Albury Music Festival - Sunday 21st July - 2pm till 8pm

Festival time is here again! Dust off your festival hats, dig out that Hula Hoop and get on your dancing shoes!

Ten fantastic bands have been chosen from the many whom have contacted us and we have a varied programme with something for everyone including a jazz band!

On the food front, we have as usual our BBQ, run by the Albury Churches, stocked with the delicious John Murray burgers, sweetcorn and hot dogs with onions, ketchup and mustard. New for this year - we welcome Mandira's

Kitchen who will be serving up both chicken and vegetable biryanis and samosas! Shere Delights will be there with their delicious array of ice creams and the delightful little pink van selling artisan coffees, teas and cakes will be back - only with even more cakes than last year!

A Shopping Village, in a large part of the marquee, is also new this year and we have some 19 stalls booked already! Stalls range from clothes, to art, to hats, glittery tattoos, crafts...

This year we have 3 sponsors - Silent Pool Distillers (who will be selling their delicious gin & tonics), The Drummond at Albury (sponsors of the Bar) and Seymours Estate Agents - spot the Seymours boards in the area advertising the Albury Music Festival! We are very grateful to our sponsors as they help us put on the festival. It remains a FREE festival however we will be charging £10 for premium parking on the cricket pitch as per last year.

We hope to also have the FREE parking in the field in New Road which is subject to the local farmer making his hay in time. You can drop your party off at the festival ground and then go and park the car in the FREE parking field and walk up through the woods. There is some Disabled Parking for Blue Badge Holders close to the marquee.

This year we have chosen Oakleaf Enterprise as our charity partner. Oakleaf Enterprise is a mental health charity providing wellbeing activities, work-related training, employment guidance and counselling services to adults in Surrey. It also hosts the Guildford Safe Haven, providing free drop-in support from 6pm-11pm to local people with mental health issues, 365 days a year. To find out more, please see their website; www.oakleaf-enterprise.org. We will come rattling buckets during the afternoon and please give generously as all bucket donations will go direct to Oakleaf Enterprise.

One of the most popular attractions is the Raffle. We have many wonderful prizes which have been donated by local businesses and most of them are worth up to £50 or even more. So please buy lots of tickets! There will be a full list of the 20+ prizes in the free programme that we give out.

If you are bringing a gazebo, these can be put up from 8am (not before) by which time we will have marked off the boundary for the gazebos with tape. Please ensure your gazebo is located behind the tape and well secured, especially if it is a windy day. There is a charge for gazebos of £25 for a 3x3m, and £50 for a larger one. Someone will come round and collect this from you on the day and you can pay either by card or cash.

All enquiries, please contact Show Secretary on
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SHERE VILLAGE CINEMA

Book now for films in July and August

To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to 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. All films start at 7.30 pm.

Please note that due to the General Election being called for Thursday 4th July, we have had to change the date for our showing of 'Wicked Little Letters' to Friday 5th July

Friday 5th July – *Wicked Little Letters* – is based on the true story of a little remembered scandal that occurred just over 100 years ago in the 'genteel' town of Littlehampton. A barrage of obscene letters were sent to respectable townsfolk, full of four-letter words and lurid insults, that even by today's standards will raise a few eyebrows! The film stars Olivia Coleman as Edith, a church-going spinster who still lives with her overbearing father (Timothy Spall) and her pious mother (Gemma Jones), and finds herself on the receiving end of some of the mysterious hate notes. Meanwhile, Jessie Buckley is superb as a 'fiery' single mother from Ireland, playing Coleman's neighbour and prime suspect. Please note this film contains lots of bad language, which some may find shocking, but it is a broad gutsy comedy, with lots to enjoy, not least the excellent acting. Classification 15 (1 hour 40 minutes).

Sunday 14th July – *The Holdovers* – is set in an American academy in the 1970s at the Christmas holiday-break time. Every holiday, a few children have to stay at school instead of going home, which requires a teacher, the lonely Paul Hunham (Paul Giamatti) to keep an eye on them, even assigning schoolwork because that's really all he knows how to do. You may be surprised by just how entertaining and enjoyable, and also powerful and moving, this is. Classification R (not suitable for children under 14) (2 hours 13 minutes).

Thursday 1st August – *All of Us Strangers* - tells a genuinely moving and touching tale of a 30-something gay Londoner, Adam (Andrew Scott) and his budding relationship with his neighbour Harry (Paul Mescal). Adam immerses himself in the music of his childhood, e.g. 1980s pop classics by the Pet Shop Boys and Frankie Goes to Hollywood, and picks through a box of family treasures that provide a link to the distant past and the tragic death of his parents (played by Jamie Bell and Claire Foy), when he was child. "A raw and

potent piece of storytelling that grabs you by the heart and doesn't let go." Classification 15 (1 hour 45 minutes).

Sunday 18th August – *A Haunting in Venice* - is loosely based on Agatha Christie's 1969 novel *Hallowe'en Party*, directed by Kenneth Branagh in his third outing as Hercule Poirot. The year is 1947, and the timeline follows on from the previous Poirot case, *Death on the Nile*. Poirot is in genial retirement in Venice, rejecting all offers to solve cases, when he is persuaded by his friend, the bestselling American mystery author Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey) to go to a Halloween séance at a nearby palazzo. It is being conducted by the famous psychic Mrs Reynolds (Michelle Yeoh), who Ariadne hopes that Poirot will reveal as a fake, but 'horrible events ensue!' The plot is preposterously twisted with an edge of gothic horror, but is a captivating whodunit boosted by an evocative setting and stellar cast performances, which keep viewers guessing until the very end. Classification PG-13 (1 hour 43 minutes).

Do join us for our films in July and August if you can.

Shere Village Cinema Team

Open Air Shakespeare in Coldharbour 1st July

On Monday 1st July at 7.30pm the wonderful Festival Players will, once again, be performing their inimitable style of Shakespeare in the wonderful setting of the Coldharbour Cricket Ground. This year's production is *The Tempest*, a comedy of betrayal, magic arts and revenge! The Cricket Ground will open at 6pm for picnics. Bring chairs, blankets and midge spray!

Book your tickets, hot pies and parking on Eventbrite.

GARDENS

Albury Produce Show & Fair

Excitement is building for this year's Albury Produce Show & Fair on Saturday 20 July on Albury Heath, GU5 9DB (known locally as the Albury cricket/sportsground). Our trademark show tent, stalls and activities offer great value for a fun family afternoon out: £3 entry per person, £2 for under 16s and under 5s are free.

Interested in entering the Show? Our full 2024 Schedule is available at www.alburyproduce.org.uk

All online entries before the show are very welcome – even if you're not sure if your produce/baking/flower/handicraft entries will be ready/deliverable on the day, it's much better to apply in advance than not.

There are a few new classes and many old favourites, so do check the Schedule and encourage your friends and family members to exhibit – the more the merrier!

If you are interested in having a stall at this year's show, or would like to advertise or promote your business, organisation or charity, please contact Hannah Godfrey at alburyproduceshow@gmail.com or 07780 008740. Any and all sponsorship approaches welcome! Thank you.

Robin's Gardening Tips for July and August

Well so far the weather has really not been helpful to us gardeners! Apart from the rain and cold, we seem to have had an invasion of slugs, fruit bushes, still very small and green, have been stripped of fruit by magpies and pigeons and the deer have munched their way through the young green beans! The joys of country gardening!

So, a third sowing of beans will be made, another part row of carrots sown and fruit bushes netted to save what little is left!

July is also a good time to take cuttings of many plants. Escallonia, hydrangeas, forsythia and viburnums to name a few. Cuttings about 8" long and pencil thickness will root quickly and easily. If you have it, dipping the cut ends into a hormone rooting powder will help.

Continue to dead head roses, if the deer have not done it for you. Watering hanging baskets with a dilute liquid feed once a week and dead-heading where necessary will help keep them looking good.

And if you can get them why not plant some nicotiana (scented tobacco plants) near a seating area and enjoy their scent in the early evening if we do get some warm sunshine.



Robin

CHILDREN



We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area and we make it our business to explore it as often as we can. So on the sunniest of Fridays (Big thank you mother nature!) we met at the foot of Leith Hill, armed with cake and caterpillars - ok so they were the jelly variety - to see us to the top. Parents a plenty joined us

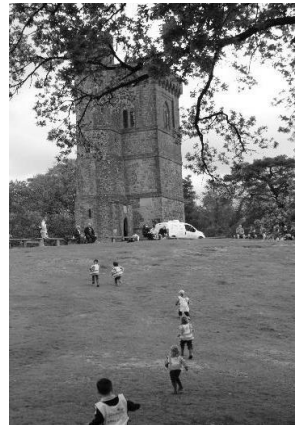
for a jolly jaunt to the tower, stopping only to explore a fallen tree and natural dirt slides. Once we reached the summit we still had the energy to roll and run down the grassy slopes with gleeful giggles (some of those from our parents running alongside us!).

The trek to the Tower whilst huge fun was also a



fundraising opportunity, and our friends and family sponsored each one of our footsteps. We are a committee led charity and so, to sustain such outstanding childcare, our nursery relies on the generosity of parents and the wider community, and put the ooo into community they certainly do!! We are so lucky to have tight bonds within the village and the most amazing neighbours at The Abinger Hatch who - through a genius app idea - raised a staggering £355!! Thank you so much to everyone who walked and donated - we are always hugely grateful.

The time came this week to say a fond farewell to our butterfly babies who had been with us since caterpillars. We patiently, but eagerly waited throughout each stage, to welcome the beautiful winged mini beasts which we knew were coming. On returning after our half term holiday - that day had come!! Five super spotted fluttery wings were flying ready to be released. We opened their doors and



watched them as they made their way into the big wider world- just as our school leavers are doing, with visits from their new teachers and dressing up in their new uniforms in the role play area! Maybe they will sprout wings too!

If you have a child looking to start Nursery please don't hesitate to get in touch – spaces for September are available and the government have just introduced 15 hours of free childcare for working parents of 2 year olds. Please call 07842 978823 or email abingercommonnursery@gmail.com

ABINGER COMMON & WOTTON W.I.

After a welcome from Margaret Yule, standing in for Lesley for this meeting, and brief reports from the secretary and the treasurer, we then had an introduction to our speaker, Peter Smith.

Peter is a local beekeeper with an interest in the tradition, myth, symbolism and magic that surround bees and honey. The talk was very entertaining and absolutely full of fascinating information, starting with early creation myths and continuing with references to the Egyptians, the Greek and Roman Gods right up to bee and honeycomb symbols on current flags of the world. The subject has been relevant to mankind almost forever with the earliest cave painting to show bees dating from 7,000 BC to just recently David Beckham discussing beekeeping with the King. The City of Manchester coat of arms features a bee to illustrate the great industrial heritage and Lloyds Bank, before their black horses, used the beehive as part of their logo. A fun quiz was included in the afternoon – could we name the famous ladies photographed with Beehive hairdos? (we could!).

Thank you to our tea hostesses, Denise, Debbie and Wendy.

The upcoming meetings will be:

4th July – 2.30pm at Holmbury St Mary Church Room – My life as the Night Editor of The Times – a talk by Tim Austin

19th July (a Friday) – **SUMMER LUNCH** 12.30 for 1

21st August – **COFFEE MORNING** at Feldemore Corner 10.30 -12

Please do get in touch if you wish to join us – new members are always most welcome.

Claire Hill

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