

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR Parish News



OCTOBER 2024

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EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2nd SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 3rd Shere Cinema, *Anatomy of a Fall*, 7.30pm
- 3rd WI 2.30pm Wotton Village Hall
- 4th Coldharbour Barn Dance, 6.30pm
- 5th Barn Dance, Ab Hatch, 7pm
- 6th Joint Harvest Festival, Christ Church, 11am
- 6th Albury Park open (NGS)
- 8/10th Peaslake Players auditions
- 9th Macmillan Coffee Morning, St James', 9 – 12
- 10th Elwyn's meditation starts, St James' 3pm
- 11th Charity Sale, Wotton Village Hall, 11am
- 12th Surrey Serenaders 'Come&Sing', St James' 10-12
- 14th – 20th Echoes exhibition – K Pearson et al at Denbies
- 16th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 17th Meditation, St James' 3pm
- 19th Tea time talk, LHP, 5.30pm
- 19th CH Village Band Concert, Christ Church, 3-5pm
- 19th Harvest Fun Day, St James', 11 – 2pm
- 20th Coverwood Lakes open (NGS)
- 20th Shere Cinema, *Brian and Charles*, 7.30pm
- 23rd SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 26th Surrey Serenaders 'Come&Sing', St James' 10-12
- 26th Rhododendron Walk, LHP, 11am
- 25th – 27th DGA Exhibition, Denbies
- 30th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am

NOVEMBER

- 6th SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
- 6th SALV open evening, Shere Village Hall, 8pm
- 7th WI 2.30pm Wotton Village Hall
- 7th Shere Cinema, *The Fall Guy*, 7.30pm
- 9th Surrey Serenaders 'Come&Sing', St James' 10-12

Reflections from the Rectory

Dear friends,

I can't take credit for the stunning photo on the front cover (I wish I could!) but it is indicative of the beauty we are surrounded by on a daily basis.

October is a month when we are encouraged to give thanks for the bounty around us and to count our blessings.

A wise friend shared this with me recently – Joy comes from gratitude. So often we chase the feeling of joy on its own not realising that it is a product of our conscious choice to give thanks, to look up from our daily grind and wonder at the splendour of our surroundings; to wonder at our gift of life itself, our friends and families, the big things of life but perhaps, most importantly, the small everyday miracles we miss as we go about our business.

This month we have several opportunities to come together as community to rejoice and share in our thankfulness – Barn Dances, Harvest Festival and Funday! Read on for more information in our wonderful Parish News!

With every blessing

Rev'd Kia ☺

Come and See Sundays

St James' on the third Sunday of the month



Do you find church confusing, bewildering and maybe even a little odd?! Ever wondered what it's all about and what goes on inside?

Well, on the third Sunday of the month at St. James', Abinger, we will be exploring the Christian faith in a variety of ways. Each month will have a different and relaxed approach as we engage and explore together;

ranging from Forest church, prayer walks, meditation, films and more!!

Keep your eyes peeled to find out each month's theme! We can't wait to see you!

Rev'd Kia ☺

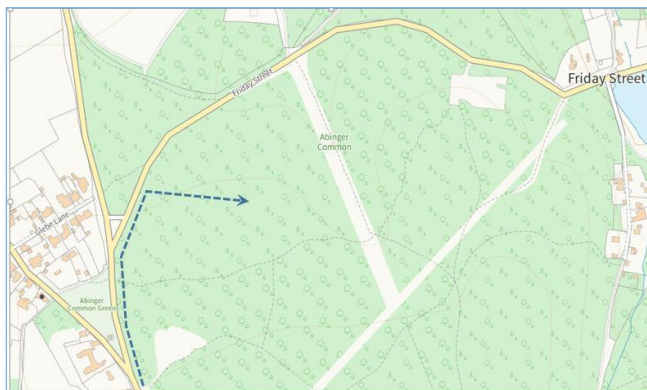
NEWS AND UPDATES

Hollow Lane drain

Back in 2019, Surrey County Council installed a fancy pipe to carry away rain water that floods down from Leith Hill into Hollow Lane, and to send it towards Friday Street and to a soak-away in the woods. As you have probably noticed, this failed the first time it rained, scattering the packing gravel and blocking the pipe. SCC have struggled since to find a solution.

We (Abinger Parish Council and neighbours) met recently with Hazel Watson (our SCC councillor) and with Highway's maintenance and engineers, to discuss progress. At last, it seems, a plan is emerging. The design is yet to be finalised and approved but Phase I will involve a shored-up ditch to protect road and ditch – the ditch will need regular clearing that SCC have committed to. Unfortunately, there are many restrictions as to what is allowed involving tree protection and much else.

SCC hope to fit the works in this financial year. Phase II involves extending the runaway area onto Abinger Common; all sorts of permissions are needed to get this completed. We are hopeful that we will soon see the last of torrents hurtling down towards Friday Street.



Phil Rawlings

Update on Repairs to the Millennium Path in Coldharbour

Last month Graham Mytton reported that “The Millennium Path” in Coldharbour, or “The Board Walk” that goes between the northern end of the Memorial Ground, just by the swings and reaches the southern side of Roffeys, has been closed because the boards have rotted and need replacing.

Now Stuart MacLachlan reports “As always there are very differing opinions but the majority of people are in favour of removing the boardwalk and doing

some work on the underlying footpath so that people with children's buggies can still have easier access to the memorial ground and playground opposite the church.

The National Trust are in agreement with this proposal and have suggested that the wet eastern end of the footpath be worked on so that it can dry out. This could include diverting any springs, removing undergrowth and pollarding of trees. They are now considering this proposal and I believe that the parish council will pay for most, if not all, of it."

Abinger Padel

Thank you to all who have supported our application to build 2 Padel courts on the top carpark by the tennis courts. The application went to appeal. We have currently withdrawn this appeal as we felt there was a high risk of it being rejected again. We will be putting in a new stronger application addressing the issues the planners had more thoroughly.

We hope they take into account the support that has already been sent, otherwise we will be asking people to send their e mail in again. If anyone needs any further information please do contact us on apadeltc@gmail.com



Helen Esplen, Abinger Sports Club

Change of Collection Times at the John Venus Hall post box in Coldharbour

There's no longer an afternoon post collection in Coldharbour. The collection times at the John Venus Hall are now the same as the collection times from the box outside The Plough and the box near Broome Hall Farm, that is:



Monday to Friday 9 a.m. (previously 4 p.m. at the JVH)

Saturday 7 a.m. (previously 9.15 a.m. at the JVH).

No collection Sundays and Bank Holidays.

All 3 boxes are emptied by our regular postie who delivers the post.

Mary Hustings



Secondary glazing for John Venus Hall



A Mole Valley District Council email in March this year included news of grant availability to improve the energy efficiency of community and village halls and therefore help reduce running costs. Christ Church Coldharbour PCC applied to the UKSPF Community Hall Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme Fund through Mole



Funded by
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MoleValley
District Council

Valley for a grant to install secondary glazing and were advised in June that the bid for funding had been successful. The total grant was £2,676 and it was installed on Thursday 5 September. Photos were taken during and after installation. It looks great and just in time for the colder months. Anthony Simpson, Churchwarden said “This

project underscores our commitment to sustainability and community improvement, and we are grateful for the support from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.”

Kerry Day

Benefice Loop walk

Lucy Harlow sends a huge better-late-than-never THANK YOU to all those who joined our inaugural Benefice Loop walk back in June, when the sun shone and the promise of summer was still on the horizon. And another big THANK YOU to Patsy and Anthony, who furnished walkers with hot drinks and stump-stirring cake at the half-way mark in Coldharbour. How we appreciated it!



Unfortunately, our next walk will have been and gone by the time you're reading this, but if you're not already on the email list and would like to know when walks are happening, please let me know at lucyharlow@me.com. Everyone is invited and four-legged friends are warmly welcomed too.



Harvest Family Fun Day Saturday 19th October 11 – 2pm

Come and join us as we celebrate Harvest with a treasure hunt, bread making, stories, food and more!

We have so much to be thankful for and so many gifts to share!

SJs café and repair café at SJ's in Abinger

Every Wednesday 9-11 at St James'. Come for croissants, tea, coffee and chat. Don't forget you can bring your mending and minor alterations too! It's all free and any donations go towards running the Repair Café. On 9th October it's for MacMillan:



Please join us on 9th October 9-12 noon

Bring cakes and crafts
to sell and share

and enjoy a relaxed morning of light refreshments

Please bring your family friends and neighbours!

Meditation with Elwyn

Many of us in Abinger and Coldharbour know Elwyn, whether as a neighbour or a friend, in the D&G choir or as our meditation teacher. Meditation is a wonderful way to enjoy a moment of stillness, overcome stress and anxiety and just be! Liz H

PS Sitting cross-legged on the floor and bringing your cat is optional!



Hello, my name is Elwyn Perry and I've lived in Coldharbour for nearly 25 years. I used to run meditation classes from a room at the top of my house, so some of you will know me from that, but switched to running them online during lockdown and stopped a couple of years ago when my mum died and I was grieving.

Recently a friend approached me and asked if I'd run some in person again and I realised how much I've missed the classes. My classes are very simple, you get a chance to learn to use your breath and focus in simple ways to go inside and connect with parts of your body and rest your attention in your heart or inner eye. I promise the atmosphere will be friendly and loving, with time and space to ask questions and even share your experience if you want to (You absolutely don't have to). There's something special about being with like-minded people in a safe loving space that helps us all access the peace and love we have inside ourselves. The aim of meditation is to help us bring forward the best parts of ourselves more of the time, so that we can be present and creative through the day, in any situation we find ourselves in.

Kia has kindly agreed that I can run them **in the vestry at St James'**, though the form of meditation I will be teaching is not connected with any form of religion.

They will be on a **Thursday from 3-4pm** with breaks in between meditations to ask questions.

Starting Thursday 10th October

Donations to cover the cost of heating/ room hire would be appreciated. Any extra I'll send to help children suffering in Gaza or as refugees.

It would be great if you could let me know if you are interested in coming. Or just come. My contact details for any questions: elwyn.perry@icloud.com or 07968 307979

Hilly's Charity Sale

Friday Oct 11th, 11am at Wotton Village Hall. Do come along and find an interesting bargain!



SALV AUTUMN OPEN EVENING AND AGM

will be held

in SHERE VILLAGE HALL

at 8pm on Wednesday 6th November

“Get to know our new surgery team – you’re safe in our hands”

We hope to welcome friends and supporters of SALV, plus other villagers.
You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink for an informal talk
with the doctors and Surgery staff after the meeting

(Registered Charity no 1016023) www.salv.org.uk

Events at Leith Hill Place

19th October, 5.30: Tea Time Talk - Repairing Leith Hill Place

In 2024 we completed a substantial conservation project. With the stone cladding partially removed, the works revealed the mansion's medieval past, as well as numerous repair challenges. This is an opportunity to hear about the works from James Crick, our Regional Lead Building Surveyor. It has been a complex and challenging job – come and hear what they found and what they didn't but should have!



26th October, 11-12.30: Rhododendron Guided Woodland Walk

Enjoy a guided walk and talk through the historic Leith Hill Rhododendron Wood. Hear about the fascinating history of Leith Hill and Leith Hill Place and the famous families who lived there, as well as some unexpected and downright strange true stories about the trees and rhododendrons in the woods.

For details of these and other events – e.g. life drawing sessions, storytelling and crafts - please see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/leith-hill/events>. Booking is essential.

Public talk: Explore the world of George Edmund Street, Mastermind of Victorian Gothic Revival

Sat 16 Nov 24, 1030 at St Mary's Church, Holmbury St Mary

Join us for a fascinating talk by Richard Peats, Principal Inspector at Historic England. Dive into the intricate world of 19th century church furnishings and architecture, as Richard explores Street's impact on Victorian design and restoration.

George Edmund Street was one of the most creative of Victorian architects who deserves to be better known. St Mary's was one of the last buildings he designed and one of the most personal, as it was conceived as a memorial to his second wife in the village where they had made their home. This talk will use St Mary's as a window into exploring Street's world: looking at how he worked, how he was trying to achieve a new sort of architecture for the Steam Age and how his deeply felt Christian faith was central to his conception of his work as an architect.



Richard Peats joined Historic England 15 years ago after working for the National Trust, as conservation officer in Local Authorities and in the private sector and is currently a Principal Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas. While with Historic England, he has researched George Edmund Street's work as a restorer and furnisher of churches. He is particularly interested in helping churches adapt to meet the needs of their congregations and the communities they serve while retaining their historic interest and architectural beauty. Richard Peats FSA MA IHBC is Principal Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas at Historic England.

£12 per person. £8 for SCPT members. Group ticket for three non SCPT members £30 (save £6). Advance booking recommended here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-churches-preservation-trust>

All funds raised will be used by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust to distribute across Surrey as grants to help repair and conserve the County's churches of all Christian denominations. More information about the Trust, which is run entirely by volunteers, can be found here: <https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/>.

Richard Morris, Hon Sec, Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

SERVICES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH ABINGER

6th October

11.00am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Service at **Christ Church**, Coldharbour followed by an auction of gifts and a 'Bring and Share' cold finger buffet

13th October

6.00pm

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Evensong

20th October

The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

No service at Abinger as there will be a Harvest Family Fun Day taking place on Saturday 19th October. Further information on this can be found within the Parish News.

27th October

10.30am

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Sideways Church

New angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation

6.00pm

Julian meeting at **Christ Church**, Coldharbour

Half an hour of stillness with God



ABINGER CHURCH
(1848).

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH COLDHARBOUR

6th October 11.00am	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Service followed by an auction of gifts and a 'Bring and Share' cold finger buffet
13th October 10.00am	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion) Refreshments after the service
20th October 9.00am 6.00pm	The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Congregational Evensong
27th October 10.00am 6.00pm	The Last Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Common Worship) Refreshments after the service Julian meeting Half an hour of stillness with God

Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on:

Monday 7th and 21st 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!



The Goose is Getting Fat

Well, Christmas still seems a long way away but...

SHOEBOX APPEAL – Operation Christmas Child

Sally McCance, on behalf of Christ Church and St James' writes: "This year we would very much love to send filled shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'. For some children, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, please do let me know and I can give you a leaflet which will provide you with all the information you require on how to pack it and on what can and cannot be included. All of this is on their website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox>



Filled shoeboxes can then be dropped to St. James' Church or I can arrange for them to be collected, by the end of October latest please. I will be delivering them to a Samaritan's Purse local drop-off location collection point during the National Collection Week of 11th to 18th November."

Sally McCance parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org

SAVE THE DATE: The Abinger Soiree will be on Dec 20th



If you or your children would like to perform something, that would be great – there's still plenty of time to practise!

Or you can just come along and enjoy some mulled wine and a mince pie.

Christmas Craft Fair - Saturday Nov 16th

A great opportunity to pick up 'one of a kind' gifts by local artists and craftspeople from Coldharbour and Abinger.

Coldharbour's Christmas Party – Friday Dec 6th

Celebrate the festive season with friends and neighbours, delicious food and fantastic entertainment with Coldharbour's local band, The Flying Giraffes

CHARITY

Compassion Sunday 2024 - Can you help a child living in poverty?

At St James' in September, we were lucky enough to be joined by Doki Arach. Living in extreme poverty in Kampala, Uganda, Doki was sponsored through Compassion from the age of 10, and came to share her inspiring story with us.



Doki at that time was living in a small room with her father and twelve other siblings and cousins, having escaped from the horrific attacks that the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) were carrying out daily in villages across Doki's region in the north of Uganda. When her sister was abducted by the LRA, Doki's mother had no option but to follow them and try to rescue her daughter. Doki's father knew that staying in the village was too risky for the rest of the family, and they made the long journey to the country's capital city. Doki was six years old.

For several years, the family had no option but to work for almost nothing, surviving on food taken as payment and what they could find on the street. The church opposite their room was part of a Compassion project and while the priest there couldn't help straight away, he promised to let them know when more sponsorship was available for children. One day, Doki saw a queue forming outside the church, and thinking it was for food, joined it. In fact, it was a queue of children hoping to find a Compassion sponsor, and when Doki was chosen from that big group, her life started to change.

The sponsorship gave her a place at the church school, money for clothes, medical support and a weekly food parcel for the family. That Christmas she received her first ever Christmas present - it was a red vest. Just as valuable

to her were the letters she would receive from her sponsor, encouraging her, giving her hope and helping her to see that she could escape her desperate situation.

Having done well at school and gained a teaching degree, Doki now lives and works in the UK, mentoring college students with special needs and advocating for them as they look for support in their next stages of life.

Worldwide, 333 million children live in poverty, without access to education, health, housing, nutrition, sanitation or water.

Compassion UK asks us to make a difference by sponsoring a child, and across Abinger and Coldharbour, these are the 29 children who are already benefitting from their sponsor's love and support.



But of course we can always do more.

Together, our churches support Ronald in Uganda, and you can contribute to this by donating something towards his sponsorship (additional funds can be allocated to his family or the village project), or by becoming a letter-writing friend to him.

There are many others looking for sponsors right now, and you could make a life-changing difference to a child's future today. It costs £32 a month to empower a child in poverty with education, access to health care, protection from malnutrition and mentorship, and of course your letters are priceless to a child living in extreme need of encouragement and hope.

The Compassion UK website (<https://www.compassionuk.org>) gives lots of details about its work around the world and you can also contact the Parish Office if you would like to know more.

Lucy Harlow

PARISH NEWS DONATIONS

If you enjoy receiving the Abinger and Coldharbour News, we would be very grateful if you would consider making a donation towards the cost to produce it.

A BACS payment can be made to either church:

St. James' Abinger

Account name: PCC Abinger (Parish News)

Sort Code: 60 07 02

Account no: 39447332

Christ Church Coldharbour

Account name: Christ Church Coldharbour PCC

Sort Code: 202397

Account no: 40192422

Please contact the Parish Office for information on where to send a cheque.

With many thanks.



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MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Coldharbour Village Band



Saturday 19th October from 3-5pm in Christ Church is the Coldharbour Village Band's 10th Anniversary Concert. Difficult to believe that we have been going for that long but the photos don't lie. The then small children are now teenagers preparing for university.

The newly formed Swing Band will play 3 familiar big band numbers at the Anniversary Concert, which will also feature a piece written specially for the occasion by Bronnie Roberts, cleverly titled 'Fanfare for the Coldharbour Man'.

The concert is free and refreshments will be provided. Donations toward Christ Church will be invited. The church continues to provide us with a wonderful rehearsal venue for which we are very grateful.

Music in Dorking – October 2024, by Ian Codd

12th at 5.30, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Martin's Church, £15

The Dorking Chamber Orchestra begins the new season with a concert directed by conductor Marc Dooley. The programme comprises Mendelssohn's overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream and his ever-popular and melodious violin concerto with soloist Maya Broman Crawford-Phillips. The orchestra will also play Beethoven's First Symphony.

19th at 10am-5.30pm, LHMF Come & Sing at St Martin's Church, £25

The Leith Hill Music Festival is holding a 'Come and Sing' day, open to all, which will focus on Mendelssohn's powerful and dramatic oratorio Elijah. The day will be led by the festival's new conductor Neil Ferris, currently well known as director of the BBC Symphony Chorus. After working in detail on the choral sections, the day will conclude with a performance of extracts from the work, with the choir joined by professional soloists. Full details are on the LHMF website.

‘Echoes’ art exhibition

Daily 10am-5pm starting on Monday 14th Oct 12.00 until Sunday 20th Oct 4pm at Denbies Wine Estate.

Three local artists, **Karen Pearson**, **Victoria Phillips** and **Reiko Evans** will be showcasing and selling their work. This will include an exciting mix of paintings, sculpture, silver jewellery, and ceramics. Karen Pearson is a painter, sculptor, and tutor. Her work is inspired by the natural world but also reflects her travels and spirited side of life. Many of her paintings are completed en plein air on and around Leith Hill where she lives. Her sculpture ‘Celestial Totem’ has just been shortlisted for the Leonardslee Gardens prize www.karenpearsonart.com. Victoria Phillips brings a carefully curated collection of silver jewellery for sale, designed and made in her studio on Ranmore. Her work reflects her own personal passions and the beautiful natural environment www.silver-anvil.co.uk. Reiko Evans creates functional tableware in porcelain and stoneware. Her work is inspired by her surrounding and the Japanese culture from which she comes. She uses the Kintsugi technique on broken pit fired pots which breathes exciting new life into the work.

Go to www.karenpearsonart.com to find out more.



The DGA Exhibition at Denbies

Friday 25th October, Saturday 26th October 10.00 – 17.00 Sunday 27th October 10.00 – 16.00

Exhibiting members, many of whom are professionals, will be displaying over 200 pieces of exciting new and original art, all for sale at affordable prices. There will be a large selection of unframed paintings for sale too. Come and buy your early Christmas presents - original art makes a unique and thoughtful gift. Entrance to the exhibition is free.

Jacky Cowdrey Exhibitions Secretary

The Play's the Thing! Peaslake Players



The next Peaslake production is 'The One Acts Plays' on November 14th, 15th and 16th. Auditions take place at 8pm in the Peaslake village hall.

GRASS - written by Tinx Newton, directed by Tricia Monk. *Grass* appears to be a regular family drama, but as the play unfolds some interesting, and often opposing, threads are revealed. All served with a good dollop of farce and plenty of quick repartee. *Grass* is very much

a home-grown production and has its world premiere in - Peaslake!

QUAKE - written by Anthony Booth, directed by Sarah Trotman. *Quake* tells the story of five women isolated by an earthquake in South America. They find shelter but a further quake adds more fear, relationships are brought into question and tensions rise.

Auditions for Quake: Tuesday Oct 8th and Thursday Oct 10th. There are five female roles. Character breakdown and audition pieces are on the website www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk. If you are interested in non-acting roles (sound, lighting, stage management, costumes, props etc.) please email us via the website. Jill Golding at: jill.golding@me.com



**SHERE
VILLAGE
CINEMA**

Book now for films in October and November

To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to the website: www.sherevillagecinema.com). For those unable to access the internet, we will

reserve a minimum of 10 tickets for sale on the door. Tickets: £5/adult and £3.50/child. All films start at 7.30 pm.

As always, we are legally unable to sell alcohol (except for special events) but we run a shared bar with donations of wine etc. So, you can enjoy a 'free' drink and the lovely friendly atmosphere. However, we encourage you to sometimes bring along a bottle of wine to keep the bar going (just leave it on the table at the front). We supply the glasses and the bar staff!

NB - We are still investigating the optimal settings for our sound system.

Thursday 3rd October – *Anatomy of a Fall* – a wife is on trial for the possible murder of her husband, who is found fallen from the highest window of their chalet in the French Alps. To fully understand a marriage, you need to be a part of it. And even then, it can seem as if the two partners are communicating in entirely different languages. This is literally the case in the marriage of successful German-born author Sandra (played by a phenomenal Sandra Hüller) and her French husband, aspiring writer Samuel (Samuel Theis), where Sandra prefers to speak in English, even though, at her husband's behest, they live in France. It is a French film which won the 2023 Palme d'Or, and its director, Justine Triet is only the third female director to achieve this prize. Classification R (not suitable for children under 14 because of its focus on complex adult relationships and violent themes) (Running time is 2 hours 32 minutes).

Sunday 20th October – *Brian and Charles* – is a very British film about an eccentric inventor and a ramshackle robot. Brian (David Earl) lives in a remote cottage in the Welsh valleys, where he spends his time developing mad-cap inventions. He puts together a quirky-looking robot, that he calls Charles. The film manages to make you believe that Charles is a sentient being. Brian thinks it's best to keep Charles a secret from the locals, and so the pair spend their days playing darts, cooking cabbages, riding bikes, having pillow fights and watching TV travel shows. The film is about loneliness and the power of friendship. It is really touching and yet has moments of slapstick comedy. 'Its mixture of sweetness and silliness is wonderful'. Classification PG (Running time is 1 hours 31 minutes).

Thursday 7th November – *The Fall Guy* – Ryan Gosling plays a stunt double who is recovering from an accident on set, when he lands a job on an action movie directed by his ex-girlfriend, Jodie (Emily Blunt). He is desperate to get back together with Jodie, but she wants to keep things 'profesh'. When the leading man (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) goes missing, Colt is sent to go and find him. The Fall Guy, is based on the 1980s American TV series, which starred Lee Majors. There are plenty of crazy stunts and palpable chemistry between the two stars. Classification 12A (Running time is 2 hours 6 minutes).

Sunday 17th November – *The Holdovers* - is a witty and heart-warming comedy set in an American academy in the 1970s over a Christmas break. Every holiday, a few children have to stay at school instead of going home, requiring lonely teacher, Paul Hunham (Paul Giamatti) to keep an eye on them. "The format may be unsurprising, but there is nothing unsurprising about just how good and entertaining this is", say critics. Classification R (not suitable for children under 14) (Running time is 2 hours 13 minutes).

Shere Village Cinema Team

ABINGER COMMON & WOTTON W.I.

On a sunny August morning we met at Sally Frost's home for a coffee morning, a social gathering with a 'Bring and Buy' and a raffle - a fundraiser for the charity Dogs for the Hard of Hearing. Sally told us heart-warming stories of the benefit of the dogs, and later was delighted to report that donations collected during and after the event totalled the wonderful amount of £400.

Lesley welcomed us to the September afternoon meeting and introduced Myra who had come to tell us about our local Air Ambulance Charity – HEMS-KSS Helicopter Emergency Medical Service covering a population of 4.8 million in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. This organisation is an independent charity reliant on the generosity of their supporters, receiving no government funding, a position which enables it to operate without being bound down by government restrictions. With a mission to save lives, and founded in 1989, the teams include a pilot and co-pilot, 2 medics, and a dispatch worker at base who remains in contact throughout the operations. They have 3 helicopters and 4 rapid response road vehicles which can reach any part of the area in under 30 minutes and they are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. More recently they have acquired a remote-controlled drone that can take a defibrillator to an incident. It is not just the provision of a medical response as they are also involved in prevention education and community response and follow up with patient and family aftercare. A wonderful service that has been called to 3,200 emergency incidents in the last year. Of course, the cost is huge - £6.6 million per year – and we were encouraged to tell people about the service and help raise funds if possible.



Thank you to our tea hostesses, Annie and Debbie with tea pouring support from Sandy.

The upcoming meetings will be:

3rd October – 2.30pm at Wotton Village Hall – The Day it rained Frogs and Crabs – as recalled by Ian Currie, Weatherman.

7th November – 2.30pm at Wotton Village Hall – the work of the Dorking Branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

Claire Hill

CHILDREN

Abinger Common Nursery

Wet Wet Wet. Not just an 80's band but a great way to describe the beginning of term. Not to



be deterred by a bit of bad weather we made the soggy schlep across to tend to the Nursery vegetable garden. What a crop! Our super parents and teachers had visited throughout the holidays to water and weed and thank goodness they did! We were able to enjoy the fruits (or vegetables) of our labour with beans in abundance and some cracking cucumbers to name but a few. Such an exciting moment in the growing process.

Inside we are all getting to know each other as new friendships grow and the younger ones become the eldest. We've been singing songs and playing games, showing and telling and painting self-portraits. Not just any old self-portraits oh no – first we took a mirror and looking into it painted onto it what we could see. Then we printed the image from the mirror onto a piece of paper to keep forever. Genius!

We thought we'd let you know what lovely things our parents think about where we play each day..... "Abinger Common Nursery has been the perfect setting for my son and I'm so excited to send my daughter there soon too. The staff are so kind, truly caring, and provide the best environment possible for children to thrive. A focus on being outdoors was hugely important to me with a high energy toddler. My son absolutely loves exploring the beautiful woodland all around the nursery as well as the garden in all weathers. Alongside weekly cooking, sports, French, crafts, games, songs and more he's truly been immersed in an amazing community at the nursery with so many different opportunities all the time. I'm constantly amazed by what the team do and achieve with the children in their care. I could not more highly recommend the nursery to anyone looking for a fun and nurturing environment for their child."

If you have a child looking to start nursery please don't hesitate to get in touch –we still have a few spaces available and the government have now introduced 15 hours of free childcare for working parents of 2 year olds. 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

Eco School Green Flag Award

We are delighted to announce that Surrey Hills Eco Heroes achieved their Eco School Green Flag Award this summer. Our Eco Council and pupils at Surrey Hills All Saints have been busy working on helping the natural world around them, in line with their vision: Sustainability together with a love and respect for our local environment are important to us all at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School. Here are some of the outcomes our Eco Heroes would like to share from their action plan linked to Healthy Living, Biodiversity and Waste:



Children planted bulbs across the school and in the nature garden. One Eco Hero mentioned 'We all had seeds which we sprinkled in the nature areas to increase biodiversity.' Every single child took part in Forest School and we had new Forest School equipment which is used to den build every single lunchtime.

We have used our pond and have pond dipped and found newts. We took part in RSPB birdwatch this year. We made bird boxes and chose where to put them and put water for the birds in the nature garden. KS1 and Early years have planted and grown. They have grown strawberries, sunflowers and potatoes and are looking forward to cooking with them. Our Eco Heroes in KS1 even went to Eco Day at Guildford Cathedral organised by the Diocese.



They learnt lots and came back with lots of new ideas to recycle plastic. Finally, we started our very own composting project, which is funded by the Harmony Project. We had great fun taking our food waste from lunch and turning the handle to help it compost. We are very proud to be an Eco School.

**Surrey Hills
All Saints Primary School
Open Day
Monday 11th November
9.30am -11.30am
Head's talk at 9.30am**

Stage Right Theatre School

"My children have loved being a part of this! Lesley and Beth ensure every child is encouraged to shine. They showcase the individual talent and personality of each child and build so much confidence in a really fun way." Ciara Richardson, Abinger Common.

There are currently spaces in the Juniors Section which is for children aged 6-12 and meets from 10 - 12 on Saturdays at Abinger Hammer Village Hall.



Lesley writes: Stage Right Theatre School were very busy over the summer term. The Saturday Junior Class rehearsed and presented a fabulous production of *Wind in the Willows*, with every child shining successfully bringing to life those beloved characters from this classic story. A big well done to all of those involved.

Many of our juniors moved onto secondary school this September, after being with us at Stage Right for several years. We wish them all the very best and hope that they continue to pursue their interests in theatre.

Stage Right's popular Summer School was a highlight of the summer where the children rehearse a musical show during the course of a week, presenting it on the Friday. This year it was set in an American diner. The children excelled at their American accents. They worked hard and played hard to present a spectacular show at the end of the week. Congratulations to all.

Stage Right Juniors is for children aged 6 to 12 and we now have spaces. If your child would be interested in having a half price trial, please go to <https://www.stagerighttheatreschool.com> or ring Lesley for further details on 07979152280.

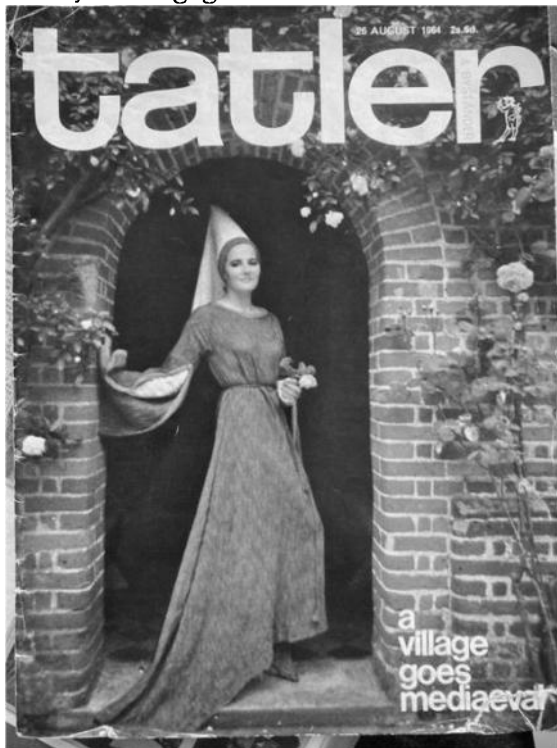


Kim Clark is collecting memories of the Abinger Fair

Have you got any photos or memories you can share? Do write and tell us at abingerpn@gmail.com or Kimclark50@gmail.com

Here's a memory that Cherry Clarke shared of how she appeared on the front of Tatler in 1963.

Cherry was engaged to be married to Robert Clarke of Abinger Manor in 1963.



She embraced tradition and for the Fair that June she was dressed very elegantly in a long red dress and flowing train (old curtains) topped off by a tall wimple. She caught the attention of a photographer (later identified as Dick Swayne) and was photographed in the doorway of Abinger Manor.

Unbeknownst to her, the photographer was quite famous, having photographed Twiggy for Tatler, and he used this shot as a cover for Tatler the following Summer with an article inside entitled "a village goes mediaeval".

'Miss Cherry Wardby is wearing her 14th century gown on the rose hung porch of the house she will soon enter as a bride'

Cherry only discovered that she was in Tatler when her father, who had come to the UK from Africa for her wedding, was handed the magazine in the waiting room at the dentist's! Cherry, who now lives at Abinger Manor Cottage, went on to be Chair of the Fair Committee and has attended the Fair every year since then.

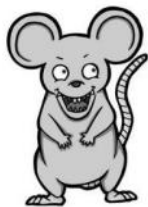
GARDENS

Robin's Gardening Tips for October

Well, the weather has certainly been topsy-turvy so far this autumn! If you have not already done so, why not take cuttings of fuchsias, geraniums and even petunias, ready for next spring and save yourselves money. Cuttings taken now, putting several in pots of compost mixed with perlite and overwintered in a frost free area will be ready to pot on in early spring.

It's a good idea to cut rose bushes back by about a third, and ensuring they are firmly in the ground to prevent wind rock in the winter. Don't discard the prunings but push them into the ground in a corner and forget about them for a year, you may be surprised and find several have rooted giving you new roses on their own rootstock.

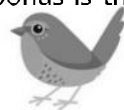
Once the leaves have dropped start pruning fruit trees but do remember, not stone fruits, these need pruning in summer months, to prevent diseases taking hold.



If you have the space in, for example, a cold greenhouse, the traditional day to plant sweet peas is the 'double tenth' that is 10th of October. Mind you from my experience the mice know the date as well!

Autumn is an ideal time to plant new trees and shrubs. The ground is still warm and they will not need watering so much. Smaller trees and plants take better than much larger ones and soon catch up. Conifers if you are planting them need a gallon of water per foot of tree per day!

As the evenings draw in and the temperature drops a bonus is the grass doesn't need cutting, at least not as often, so relax!



Robin



For keen gardeners **the National Garden Scheme** offers the opportunity of looking around other people's gardens in aid of charity - and a few gardens are open this Autumn. You can download

their magazine on <https://ngs.org.uk/app/uploads>

Albury Park is open on 6th October and Coverwood Lakes on Sunday 20th October.

Praise for Abinger's Community WhatsApp Group

"Dear Editors - Would you please share my genuine admiration for all those members of our Community Support WhatsApp group, who succeed so consistently in making it an unswervingly helpful, caring, useful, humorous and connecting community resource. I often reflect how skilful members are in maintaining respectful control in their communications. Not once have I seen a serious provocation or a personal jibe, and we all know that this is no mean feat.

After five years together and with an impressive 90 members, I think that is something to celebrate!" Anon

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