

ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR Parish News



NOVEMBER 2024

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EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1st	CH coffee morning
2nd	H St M bonfire night 5.30-7.45pm
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, <i>The Fall Guy</i> , 7.30pm
9th	Surrey Serenaders 'Come&Sing', St James' 10-12
13th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
14/15/16th	Peaslake Players One Act Plays 7pm
16th	Christmas Craft Fair, Christ Church CH 11-3pm
16th	History Talk St Mary's, Holmbury 10.30
17th	Shere Cinema <i>The Holdovers</i> , 7.30pm
20th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
23rd	Songs for St Cecilia, St Martins Dorking 6.30pm
27th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11am
29 th	Leaf Sweep Christ Church 9.30am

DECEMBER

4th	The Meadvale Singers concert St James' 7.30pm
6th	Coldharbour Christmas Party 7-11pm
7th	Father Xmas visits QRMW 12.30
7th	Leaf Sweep St James'
8th	Shere Cinema <i>Wonka</i> , starts 6.30pm
12th	Holmbury Choral Society Xmas Concert 8pm
20th	Abinger Soiree

From the Editors

Our readership has stretched to Dorset! We have received an article from Michael A Wand an ex Coldharbour resident who has been watching what's going on in space!

Mr Wand writes: Sunday 13th October, I caught about 3 seconds of a comet (comet A3 Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) filmed on TV, that will not be around again for another 80,000 years. The SpaceX (Elon Musk's starship rocket) achievement

went on and on all day! Dan Dare in the Eagle had this sorted back in the early 1950s! I dread to think what the comet will find here next time around. – Hopefully I will be well matured in the Christ Church graveyard.'

Thank you, Michael, we hope you keep on enjoying the parish mag!

National news can be upsetting but this lovely poem by Rev Virginia seems to say it all - so we thought we would share it with you.

*I'm the first to admit the news is bad, but there are so many
things to make us glad.*

*It really isn't all endless doom - there are lovely ways to beat
the gloom.*



All of us have our own favourite things, which, like Julie Andrews, can make us sing.

And singing can always lift the heart - so, there is real joy right at the start.

And someone's smile is a gift to treasure. And gives a wonderful sense of pleasure.

So too a hug, when one's feeling low, can quickly give one an inner glow.

A word of thanks, a word of praise, all these add joy to humdrum days.

*We can't solve the big problems which fill the news, but we can help those nearest if
we so choose.*

*We can give them that hug or a lovely warm smile, thus, brightening their mood for a
very long while.*

We hope that you will find many things in our pages this month to brighten your mood. Not least the Craft Fair on November 16th at Coldharbour- see you there!

Reflections from the Rectory



*The trees are about to
show us how lovely it is
to let things go.*

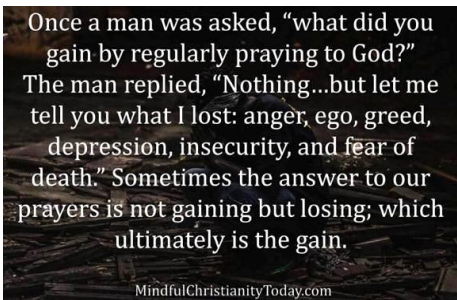
This is a beautiful time of year – the rich autumnal colours, the shafts of light as the sun surprises us, radiating through the kaleidoscope of tonal reds, yellows and browns.

I have been struck in this season with the grace of nature; the way in which the plants and trees let go; the ferns wither and die, the leaves fall and the flowers cease to bloom. There is such dignity in just letting go with the knowledge of rebirth around the corner. We have such a lot to learn from nature and creation. It has been said that the world is God's first bible and if we spend time in it, observing the

interdependency, the mutual flourishing and the turning of the seasons, we can lean into the deep wisdom that surrounds us.

This leads me to thinking about prayer; 'Let go and let God'. As we embrace and allow the progression of Autumn perhaps, we can bring this into our prayer life too by allowing God to work in us as we spend time with him in nature and contemplation.

With love, Rev'd Kia 😊



Come and See!

This month our Come and See service will be inviting us to 'Take time' with meditation. Based on Bible passages, these meditations enable you to enter into stories imaginatively – and give you an opportunity to speak to – and to listen to Jesus. This is a simple and effective way of praying, attributed to St Ignatius. Many people find it therapeutic and transformational.



Thousands of people between the ages of 5 and 95 describe how the meditations have brought them peace, hope, a feeling of being loved, a sense of belonging, relief from anxiety and depression, and the ability to sleep better. For some they are just relaxing, for others they have been life changing.

Come and See at St James' on Sunday 17th November at 10:30am.

Confirmation



Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. If you would like to explore this, I am running Confirmation classes at the Rectory for 7 weeks beginning on November 10th at 4pm.

Do get in touch to find out more!

Rev'd Kia

OUR COMMUNITY

Harvest Festival

We had a full and splendid Harvest Thanksgiving service at Christ Church on October 6th. The Leith Hill Choirs were in fine form, leading us in some fabulous hymns! Following our service, we had an auction of some very fine, home-made produce, including Phil's Marvellous Marmalade, Abinger Fire jam, lemon drizzle cakes, bouquets of flowers and Neil's beautiful wooden 'lazy Susan' centrepiece – thanks to our creative, talented, and generous congregation we raised over £570 for Dorking Foodbank!



Rev'd Kia

Walking the Benefice Loop

On the wonderfully sunny morning of Saturday 26th September about a dozen walkers from across our four parishes, accompanied symbolically by four dogs, walked a 7.7-mile section of the Benefice Loop. Led by Guy Pakenham, we set out from Wotton Church southwards towards Coldharbour, returning, after a most welcome sit down with coffee and cake outside the JV Hall, on a slightly different route. Never having done it before, and not having walked over 7 miles for a long time I was amazed at how easy it seemed and how quickly we did it. Walking and talking go together well and it was lovely to talk to people I hadn't met before or hadn't seen for a while.



The Benefice Loop is a walking route through the beautiful Surrey Hills, connecting Abinger, Holmbury, Coldharbour and Wotton. Watch out for details of the next walk which is to take place on Saturday 28th December.

Liz Hamilton

The Barn Dance at Coldharbour



A wonderful night was had by all as we celebrated Harvest, Wild West style, in Christ Church! With help from a fabulous band and caller we strutted our stuff on the dance floor (some more ably than others!). There was much laughter as we collided, sorry – Do-si-do'd – around the floor, swinging our partners, somewhat rigorously, as we attempted to weave and gallop our way

through the evening! Many thanks to Amanda and Sue for organising another hilarious and thoroughly enjoyable evening!

COFFEE AND CAKES

The Macmillan Coffee Morning at St James'



On Wednesday October 9th a special extended coffee morning was held at St James' in support of the Macmillan charity.

Thank you to everyone who came, helped, baked, and donated to the coffee morning. £720.03 is being sent to Macmillan's. And thank you to Sally for organising this lovely event.

In November SJs café and repair café in St James' will meet on Wednesday 6th, 13th 20th and 27th November from 9-11am

Come for croissants, tea, coffee and chat. Don't forget you can bring your mending and minor alterations too! It's all free.





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If you need help...

... or you know of someone else in need of assistance, please contact the Chair of Trustees of Abinger Consolidated Charities, Kim Clark on kimclark50@gmail.com. All applications and referrals are treated sensitively and in absolute confidence.

Abinger Consolidated Charities

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Coldharbour coffee morning



It was such a gorgeous morning on October 4th that tables were laid outside the John Venus Hall in the sunshine but sadly everyone opted to eat the coffee cake and Norman's famous loaf inside! Old faces (not so much of the old!) came along with a few older four-legged friends, who waited patiently for crumbs while their owners cleared up.

Next coffee morning on Friday 1st November. Hills Jupe



LEAF **SWEEP**
NOVEMBER 29th at
 Christ Church and
DECEMBER 7th at St
 James'

Any time you can spare will be much appreciated.

We start at 9.30am Please bring your own gloves and tools if you have them. There will be Tea, coffee and mince pies to keep your strength up!



Kerry Day

And it's all happening at St James' the next weekend when we hope you can help with the sweeping and enjoy a hot cuppa and a mince pie on Saturday 7th December.

Peter Wrigglesworth

Congratulations

To Enes and Ozgun. We wish lots of happiness to Enes and Özgün Tankuter



who got married in October. They are joint partners at the Plough. Not only have they saved the pub, but they are also good friends to all in the village and everyone loves them! And their dog, Raki, of course! He is always there and usually very well behaved. Özgün and Enes had their honeymoon in Seychelles. Where else is there to go? *G Mytton*

Welcome

We welcome several new families to Abinger this month: Sam and Tim Wilkins and their daughters Sophie, Lucy and Emily who have moved into St Johns. Sarah Williams and her dog Wilfred who have moved into Spring Cottage and Caroline and Richard who have moved into St Catherine's.

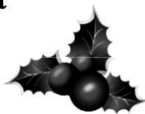
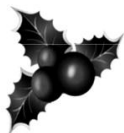
And we are pleased to report that Barry the ginger cat, previous resident of St John's, has been persuaded to leave for his new home. We wish Barry, Lupin the dog, Polly, Miles, Charlie and Daisy lots of happiness in their new adventure.



The Abinger Progressive Supper

The date for this great big supper party will not be in November this year but **please save the date: Saturday 29th March 2025**. The team hope that lots more of you will be able to come as the evenings will be lighter. More time for enjoyment, so write it in your diaries!!

**It's never too early to start
thinking about Christmas**



**November 16th
11am-3pm**

**Christmas Craft Fair at Christ Church
Coldharbour**

Meet local artists and artisans and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

This is a great opportunity to pick up beautiful, handcrafted gifts and decorations.

Entrance Free



Stamps for your Christmas Cards - Graham can help

It is time again to send Christmas cards. It is now rather expensive- 85 pence for 2nd class and almost twice as much for 1st class at £1.65. But once again, Graham Mytton is at hand to assist. He buys large quantities of stamps at a discount. They come from the collections of deceased





collectors and are available at a discount because there are few new collectors starting the hobby and so there is a glut. He is not selling anything that is now not valid for postage.

The old ordinary stamps with only the Queen's head, or the regional varieties, **are now invalid**. Stamps like these have to be replaced by ones with bar-codes. And by the way, **if you have any, give them to Graham and he will replace them with bar coded ones of the same value.**

And! all special issues, usually called commemoratives, **will always be valid for first class postage**. Many people like using them because it makes their mail look very attractive.

Graham's price list:

£1.65 for a first-class stamp from Post Office, Graham's price: £1 each.

85p second class stamps from PO. Graham makes the value up in combinations. Priced as follows:

With 2 stamps -74p. With 3 stamps - 72p. with 4 stamps 68p.

Posting abroad? Provided that your card weighs less than 100g the Royal Mail cost is £2.80. It is difficult to make a 2-stamp combination for this amount, but for between 3 and 6 stamp combinations, he can offer discount prices from £1.96 to £2.45.

He can also help with parcels of any size or weight and to anywhere at all!

Graham makes a profit and this is halved between our two parishes as in the past. And he adds 25% UK tax. Buy early because he may run out with no time to get more.

To order – or if you didn't understand any of that! - then call or text Graham on 07854324571 or email gmytton@gn.apc.org.

All Souls Services
Sunday 3rd 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.

At Christ Church Coldharbour, Kia will read the list of names and those present will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

If you have recently lost a loved one and cannot attend a service but would like their name read out, please let Sally at the Parish Office

The Service of Remembrance

Church services will be held on Sunday 10th November at St James' and Christ Church.

The QRMW will be holding their remembrance service on Monday 11th November at the Memorial Woodland Pasturewood Road, RH5 6LG

Meet at the Memorial at 10.40. All are welcome. Hot drinks will be served after the service and there will be a selection of Poppy Day items for sale.



SERVICES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER

3rd November	The Fourth Sunday before Advent
10.30am	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with provision for children Refreshments after the service
3.00pm	All Souls Service Remembering with thanksgiving, those who have died Refreshments after the service (Further information on page 21)
10th November	Remembrance Sunday
10.30am	Remembrance Service Refreshments after the service
17th November	The Second Sunday before Advent
10.30am	Come and See Sunday This month our Come and See service will be inviting us to 'Take time' with meditation Refreshments after the service (Further information on page 7)
24th November	Christ the King - Sunday next before Advent
10.30am	Sideways Church New angles on faith with breakfast, laughter and conversation
6.00pm	Advent Meditation An hour of reflective poetry and music to help us enter the season of Advent

From the Registers

Abinger

5th October

Baptism

Roman Butler

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

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| 3rd November | The Fourth Sunday before Advent |
| 10.00am | All Souls Service
Remembering with thanksgiving, those who have died
Refreshments after the service
(further information page 21) |
| 10th November | Remembrance Sunday |
| 10.50am | Remembrance Service at the Memorial Ground
Refreshments will be served in the JV Hall after the service |
| 17th November | The Second Sunday before Advent |
| 9.00am | Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer) |
| 6.00pm | Congregational Evensong |
| 24th November | Christ the King - Sunday next before Advent |
| 10.00am | Parish Communion (Common Worship)
Refreshments after the service |
| 6.00pm | Advent Meditation <u>at St James' Abinger</u>
An hour of reflective poetry and music to help us enter the season of Advent |



Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on:

Monday 4th and 18th November 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!

Bonfire and Firework Display on 2nd November

Holmbury St Mary and the Bonfire Boys are holding their quirky, imaginative display. 5.30-7.45pm. Programmes can be bought at the Kingfisher Farm shop or The Royal Oak, The Kings Head and Heartwork Café in Holmbury. £7.50 in advance £10 on the gate.

Always check the arrangements.



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

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Remembering Strawberry Studios

It is the 50th anniversary of the band 10cc establishing a recording studio in South Street Dorking, which was also used by other prominent artists over the next seven years. To mark this period of recent cultural history, a blue plaque was unveiled on the site by founding member Graham Gouldman in late October, and a magnificent mural by local artist Uncle Stubble was created on the Museum’s external wall in West Street– an interpretation of the cover of the first album by 10cc recorded at Strawberry Studios, ‘Deceptive Bends’. Dorking Museum will be holding an exhibition next year.



16th November at 7.30pm, Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra at St George's church, Ashted, £16, 01372 275907

The Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in Ashted, has a programme that begins with Rossini's lively overture to his opera *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. This is followed by Mozart's delightful concerto for flute and harp and the concert closes with Beethoven's third symphony, the *Eroica*.

23rd November at 6.30pm, Dorking Choral Society at St Martin's church

The Dorking Choral Society presents a concert of music for St Cecilia's day. St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians, and she is celebrated each year on or around her feast day, 22 November. The concert includes odes written especially for the Cecilian celebrations in London by Purcell and Handel. There will also be a piece entitled *Good News from New England* by Cecilia McDowall, which describes the arrival of the Mayflower pilgrims in America four hundred years ago.



The poster is for the Dorking Choral Society's Autumn Concert 2024, titled 'Songs for Saint Cecilia'. It features a central illustration of St. Cecilia, a woman with a halo, holding a lute and a book. The text is arranged around this central image. At the top, it says 'Dorking Choral Society' and 'Autumn Concert 2024'. Below that, the title 'Songs for Saint Cecilia' is in a large, stylized font. The conductor is listed as Daniel Mahoney. The music is by Handel, Purcell, and Cecilia McDowall. It is accompanied by 'The Bridge Sinfonia' with soloists. The date and time are 'Saturday 23rd November 6.30pm'. The venue is 'St Martin's Church, Church Street, Dorking, RH4 1UT'. Tickets are £18.

Dorking Choral Society
Autumn Concert 2024
Songs for Saint Cecilia
Conductor: Daniel Mahoney
Music by
Handel
Purcell
Cecilia McDowall
Accompanied by
The Bridge Sinfonia
with soloists
St Cecilia
Patron Saint of Music
Tickets £18
Saturday 23rd November 6.30pm
St Martin's Church
Church Street, Dorking, RH4 1UT

**Holmbury Choral Society Christmas Concert
Thursday 12th December, 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Holmbury**

Morten Lauridsen's *Mid-Winter Songs* and *Sure on This Shining Night*, James Whitbourn's *Missa Carolae* and of course many more familiar festive classics to celebrate the Christmas season. You are invited to join the choir afterwards for refreshments in the church.

Tickets £18. Teens and under free. Follow the link on www.holmburychoral.co.uk



**Peaslake
Players**

**Peaslake Players One Act Plays 14th,
15th, 16th November.**

Book your seats now for The One Act Plays!
A fabulous evening of comedy and drama at

the Peaslake Memorial Hall.

Two plays with very different moods, and both equally entertaining!

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

Grass, written by Tinx Newton and directed by Tricia Monk, has its first showing in Peaslake. In this abridged comedy about family morals, various themes and undercurrents are brought to the fore. What is grass? - a carefully tended lawn, to inform the police of a criminal activity, or the common slang for marijuana?

Our well stocked bar will be open from 7pm so do come early and enjoy a drink before the performance starts. A lively and convivial evening is on the cards; just the ticket to lift the autumn blues.

Box office open now at: www.peaslakeplayers.co.uk Any enquiries, please contact the producer: jill.golding@me.com



**SHERE
VILLAGE
CINEMA**

**Book now for films in November and
December**

Do please let us know if you have any suggestions for future films but be aware that it will depend on whether we can get the licence to show it! 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!

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:

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With many thanks.



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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).

Sunday 8th December– *Wonka* PG 1 hour 56 mins. Please note: This film is due to start at 6.30, an earlier time than usual to allow for a younger audience to join us. As this timing may interfere with usual supper/dinner times, we will be offering ‘hot dogs’ (with good quality sausages) to be served from 6pm (when the doors open). Please purchase your hot dogs, along with your ice creams, online when you book your tickets, so that we know how many to prepare. (There may be a few extras to purchase on the day, but please buy online if you can.)

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

Sat 16th Nov 10.30am 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. Tickets are priced at £12 for general admission, £8 for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) members, and £30 for a group ticket (three non-members). Advance booking is required via TICKETSOURCE at ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-churches-preservation-trust.



ABINGER COMMON & WOTTON W.I.

After the usual business at our October meeting, we had been expecting a meteorologist to talk about, yes, the weather! However, he had turned up a day early! So, at very short notice one of our members, Debbie Skeil, stepped up. Debbie is a doctor, whom many of you will know. She gave us a talk last March about the 20 years she and her husband spent living and working in India, at Vellore in Tamil Nadu State. This time she broadened her canvas to tell us about the general state of health care in India. Debbie described India as a land of contrasts, between rich and poor, rural (78%) and urban (36%), between high rise expensive apartments and flat slums, between a shining modern airport and bikes, rickshaws and oxen carts. Health care is similarly varied: from a health centre in a big modern hospital complex - India is popular for medical tourism as operations are both cheap and good, to a health centre in a hut. Frequent power cuts and poor water and waste management mean that hospitals have to provide a back-up power supply and their own water and sewage systems. All health care has to be paid for, and most patients are poor. Debbie's husband Hugh, an accountant, worked on fundraising, both to pay for treatment and to build new hospitals. Distances between patients and resources are often considerable - so patient stays are much longer than here, sometimes a matter of months, the family also need to stay to provide food. So, the hospital has to provide convalescence as well as treatment. This was particularly the case with Debbie's patients. She specialised in the treatment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities, including those caused by brain and spinal cord injuries, often the result of falls from palm trees.

Debbie spoke in warm admiration of an Indian doctor Ida Scudder, affectionately known as Aunt Ida. Prompted by women dying in childbirth because neither they nor their husbands would permit a male doctor, she trained as a doctor and founded a teaching hospital to train first women nurses and then women doctors so that women could look after women. She also set up outreach work with roadside dispensaries which not only treated patients but also trained family members in after care. Another hero for her was Dr Paul Brand, a surgeon and leprosy expert whose work has resulted in leprosy being nearly wiped out. Altogether a fascinating talk which generated a lot of questions, followed by a tasty tea provided by Avril Sharman, Carol Jolly and Anne Prentice. **Next meeting: Thursday, 7th November 2.30 p.m. Wotton Village Hall with a talk on CAB**

Pat O'Brien



GARDENS

Robin's Gardening Tips for November

Well, once again the weather has been very unpredictable and unseasonal. Early frosts and even snow forecasts seem to indicate that we will be in for a harder winter than of recent years, but as gardeners we still look forward!

Apples this year, while less prolific than previously, seem a lot larger and, apart from Sturmer Pippin, should now have been picked. Though some varieties are never ready to eat immediately. Cox's Orange Pippin are not ready till they rattle when shaken.

Don't worry about tidying up perennials too soon, most are best left till early spring. Birds will enjoy seed heads and the old growth will protect emerging shoots next year. But there is one plant which is the exception and that is hellebores. It is a good idea to follow Wisley's example and remove all leaves now. Composting them. It is then possible to really see emerging flowers and prevent possible disease spreading.



Fallen leaves make very good leaf mould if collected up and not burnt. And please, if you do have a bonfire, make sure no one is hiding in it before you light up, especially if you are lucky enough to have hedgehogs in your area

As the daylight gets shorter, time in a garden is limited so why not just curl up with a seed catalogue and plan your garden for next year, but don't forget to cover holly bushes if you want berries at Christmas -or they will be gone if the very cold weather comes!

Robin

Broome Hall Farm and Mike Gibbens

We don't often write anything about farming in this magazine. And yet this is a rural area. Broome Hall Farm sits on the southern slopes of Coldharbour and Leith Hill. The owner is Norman Marshall who also owns the shoot on that side of the hill and some of the land is used to feed the game birds. But he is not the farmer. That person is Mike Gibbens who featured in the 2023 September edition of this magazine.



Any time spent with Mike is good fun; and is also very educational. He knows farming of course, but one gets the story told in ways that make sense and one can share and begin to understand from a farmer's perspective. Weather is the first topic to consider. Different areas in the country have experienced differences in rainfall, sun and temperature. Here in the South-East, we have had too much rain over the winter and into early spring. This made the ground much too soft to take heavy machinery and so adding fertiliser was difficult or impossible. This was followed by a dry spell that meant that grain swelled less than usual. The harvest – wheat and oil-seed rape – is now all done but the yield was less than expected. Some weeds have been a problem, especially that bane for all grain growing – black grass. Also, there was an outbreak of a fungus called ergot that, if found in among the grain when harvested, greatly reduces its value as it has to be removed, expensively.

And now is usually the time to sow crops for next year but with the land in its current very soft condition, this has not yet been possible.

Mike is now in year 3 of a 5-year Environmental Stewardship Scheme whereby 25% of the agricultural land is not cultivated. You can easily see quite large sections of Broome Hall Farmland that has wildflowers flourishing instead.

Several of you are gardeners and you will all have had experiences like Mike's in 2024. Yields of your crops will have been disappointing. Apple trees that have produced apples in their 100s, have produced only a few tens. Some bean and pea crops have failed entirely or produced a fraction of what you had hoped for. It is a similar story with soft fruit and some root vegetables. Let us all hope for a better 2025!

G Mytton

CHILDREN

Nursery Rhyme week starts on 11th November

November's Museum family activity is on **Saturday 16th November** at Dorking Library. Come along and make nursery rhyme moving characters out of card, Saturday, 10am-noon, free, materials provided, aimed at (accompanied) 4-11-year-olds.

And the official rhymes this year are *Twinkle Twinkle*, *Old Macdonald*, *The Big Ship Sails*, *Incy Wincy Spider* and *5 currant Buns*. So get practising!

(*Twinkle Twinkle* does of course have two sets of words - but they probably don't mean the words that Lewis Carroll wrote for Alice-*Twinkle little bat*, how I wonder what you're at, up above the sky so high, like a tea tray in the sky!)

Abinger Common Nursery

The Wild West came to Abinger, and more specifically the Teepee at the Abinger Hatch, one October Saturday night as Cowboys and Cowgirls gathered for one big knees up!! Even the Sheriff put in an appearance! (Though thankfully the dance floor kept everyone on the right side of the law).



Apparently, most people in the village already own at least one pair of cowboy boots or a cowboy hat as everyone rose to the occasion and came impeccably dressed. The dance floor was heaving as the amazing Coral and Mia led the troops in some classic line dances, ending up with a show

stopping couples dance. Lassies, Hayley and Henny, took to the floor to help perfect the steps with sawdust coming from their heels! All ages grinned from ear to ear as they mastered the grapevine (you know who you are) and the hip swinging lassoing!



It really was a fabulous evening and we raised lots of money (total pending at time of going to print!) to support the nursery so we are very grateful to everyone who came. We are also hugely thankful to the Hatch for the venue and facilities and to Club Pizza (catch them at Albury Village Hall Thursdays from 4 till 8pm) for providing delicious freshly cooked pizzas. One of the



things that makes our nursery so special is the community of parents and the village we are set in – so thank you hugely for being part of that!

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



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved our Eco Schools Award, and want to congratulate our Eco Heroes who worked so

hard in this endeavour

Bees Reception Class

Bees Class have been busy in the Nature Garden, harvesting the potatoes big and small! We also admired the sunflowers that have grown so tall over the summer! As the sunflowers start to die back, we talked about the wonder of nature. Just one seed produces so many sunflower seeds, ready for the birds to eat and some to be saved for our sunflower growing next year.



Year 1 & 2 Bees and Butterflies Class

The children loved our new Compost Tumbler in the Nature Garden. The school were very fortunate to receive funding from The Harmony Project for a new eco-friendly project. Children across all year groups were very keen to grow more food in our garden, so as the soil is rather poor, decided to invest in a compost tumbler to transform our waste peelings into a rich source of compost

Hedgehogs Year 3

Hedgehogs have been learning about how the Ancient Egyptians used papyrus to make scrolls. They made their very own papyrus using ripped up pieces of paper and a special paste to create a strong base for the scrolls.

Year 5 & 6 Owls and Otters Class had an amazing day at High Ashurst Outdoor Centre. Our focus was challenge, perseverance, resilience, and teamwork, which we all experienced throughout the day on the High Ropes and the Climbing Wall. The children were surprised how far they could push themselves to climb that little bit higher!

The teaching staff will be encouraging this growth mindset in lessons too! Our teachers work extremely hard to ensure that, every day, children at Surrey Hills are engaged in exciting learning experiences and they have enjoyed sharing them with you.

Mrs Fyson Headteacher

Encouraging Early Reading: A Gift for Life at Shere School

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the nights draw in, many of us find comfort in curling up with a good book. At Shere School we are keen to nurture a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Early reading is much more than a skill—it's a gateway to imagination, learning, and confidence. Introducing children to books at an early age helps to spark their curiosity and sets them up for future success in school and beyond. Studies show that children who are read to regularly from infancy develop better language skills and a richer vocabulary. But more importantly, reading together strengthens the bond between parent and child, offering moments of closeness and joy. How can we encourage our little ones to love reading? At Shere School this starts by making books part of their daily lives. Whether it's the bright pages of a picture book, a board book for toddlers, or the comforting rhythm of a familiar story, reading should be a time of fun and discovery. We encourage children to choose books that interest them—even if that means reading the same story for the hundredth time! Repetition is a key part of learning for young children, and familiar stories offer comfort as well as engagement.

Our school libraries and classroom book corners have a wonderful selection of books. From classics like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to newer treasures, there's something for every young reader. This term we have enjoyed a school focus on *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. After sharing the book, we were able to expand on this traditional tale through role play, retelling and writing the story, cooking, measuring and investigating. Our Year One Class came to school one day to discover that Goldilocks had visited their home corner and made a dreadful mess! Hedgehogs Class were very busy finding out what had happened, asking questions and solving the mystery.



In our fast-paced world, it can be easy to overlook the simple joy of sitting down with a book. But for our children at Shere, this small act holds tremendous power. As the season of harvest reminds us of the fruits of our labour, let us also plant the seeds of reading in the hearts of our youngest.

Victoria Beattie

A little bit of history about the Abinger Schools.

These photos were taken at the beginning of the 20th century and have been sent to us by Christine Padgham. They are of the two schools in the upper division of Abinger. The Upper School was held in the School Room on the land at the Rectory, the Lower in a School Room belonging to Sir T H



Farrer. We wondered who the children were. If you know any names do get in touch - abingerpn@gmail.com.



This snippet was in the Abinger Record of 1889:

‘It is our pleasing duty to congratulate the parish of Abinger on the efficient state of both of the Upper and of the Lower Schools.

The inspection of the schools took place on Wednesday October 9th 1889.

DECEMBER EVENTS



The Joys and Blues of Christmas



THE MEADVALE SINGERS

Wednesday 4th December 7.30pm, at St James' Church, Abinger

Retiring collection in aid of a small independent charity, The Amber Foundation, who offer housing and support to homeless young people facing complex challenges. Their work empowers young people aged 18-30 to transform their own lives.



Registered Charity No. 1051388;
<https://amberweb.org/>



Coldharbour's Christmas Party Friday Dec 6th 7-11pm

Come along to Christ Church to Celebrate the festive season with friends and neighbours. Tickets are £10 per person to include a potluck buffet supper and fantastic entertainment with Coldharbour's local band, The Flying Giraffes.

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck buffet. Drinks are from donations at the bar or bring your own.

Contact Amanda today to book your tickets amandahanlin@aol.com



QRMW invite you to a Christmas Treasure Hunt and a visit to Father Christmas on 7th Dec at 12.30

Please register the children early as numbers are limited. Its only £8 each child to join in and receive a goodie bag on completion of the treasure hunt and a gift from Father Christmas. There's a tombola, raffle, lucky dip, Christmas stalls, games for everyone, hot drinks, burgers and hot dogs! Contact Debbie Hornblow on email debbiehornblow@yahoo.co.uk. Tel 07778873806. All proceeds go to help Veterans in Need.

The Abinger Soiree will be on Dec 20th in St James'



'TIS THE SEASON TO ROCK!
piece and give Jayne a ring!

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.

This is a wonderful village event and is guaranteed to fill you with happiness and good cheer. So why not brush up that party

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