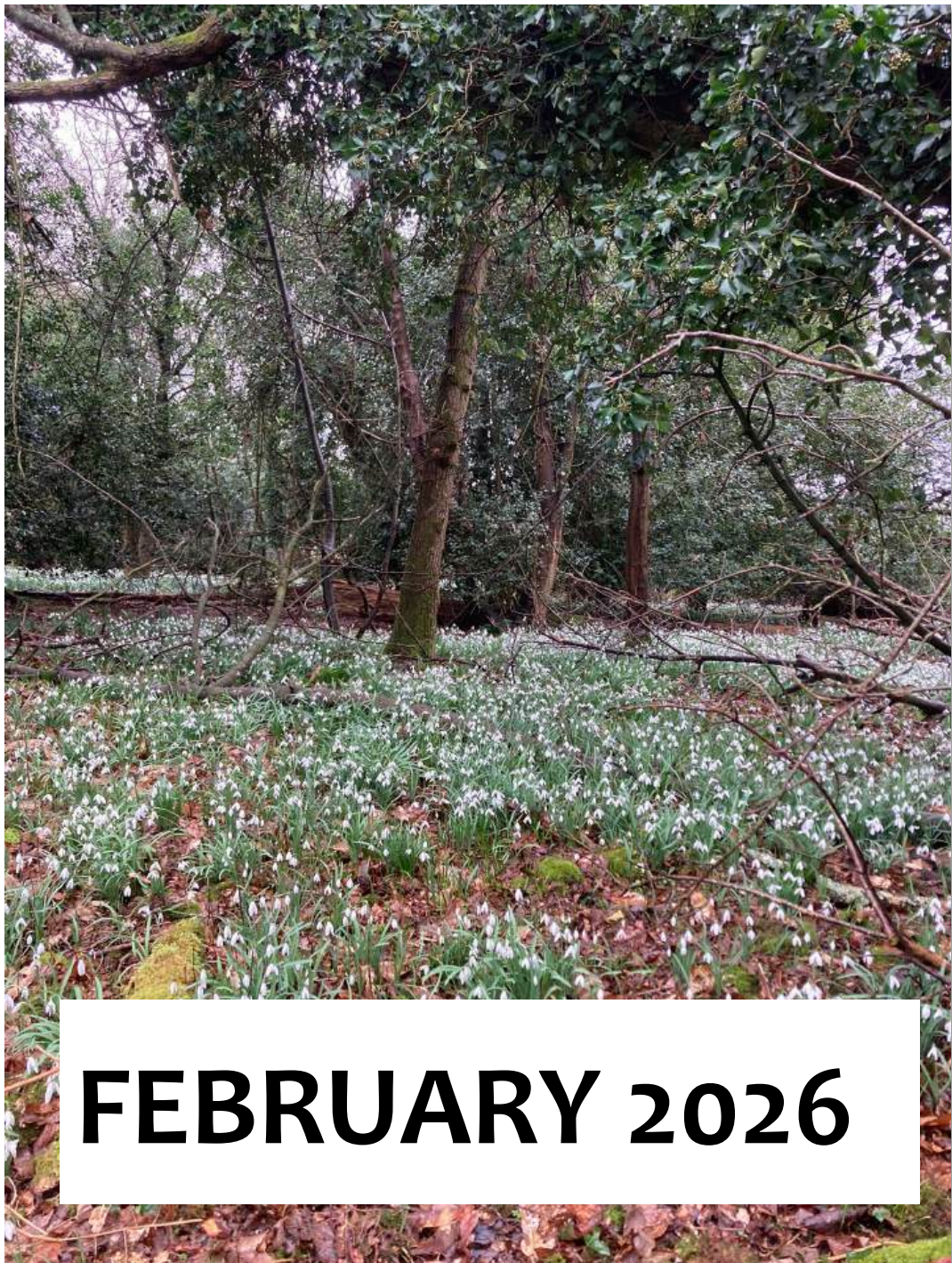


**ABINGER AND COLDHARBOUR**

# Parish News



**FEBRUARY 2026**

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Monday: 8.30am – 6.30pm (Closed 1.00-2.00pm)

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Wed, Thurs & Fri: 8.30am - 6.30pm (Closed 1.00-2.00pm)

\*For dispensary ring after 11.00am. Saturday morning - prescription collection only

## **Westcott Surgery & Dispensary** 01306 875577

Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 8.30am - 6.15pm (Closed 12.30 - 2.30pm)

Wed: 8.30am - 12.30pm

## **Capel Surgery** 01306 711105 / Fax 01036 712751

Mon – Fri: 08:00 to 18:30.

Emergency appointments can be booked the same day at 08:00 and 14:00. Out-of-hours appointments, including weekends and bank holidays, can be booked via Capel or Holmwood. Dispensary: 10:30 to 13:00.

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Mon, Thu, Fri: 8.00am – 6.30pm Tue, Wed: 8.00am – 8.30pm

Pharmacy, Mon – Sat: 8.00am – 11.00pm, Sun: 10.00am – 8.00pm

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## **Police**

Non-emergency: 101 or Emergency: 999

## **Electricity Power Cuts** 0800 783 8866

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Coldharbour and Abinger Common Bus Services: www.buses4U.org.uk

Connect Bus: 0300 123 7751

www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/mole-valley-connect

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# EVENTS



## February

3rd	9 -7 Clandon open day at British Legion
4th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11
5th	WI meeting, 2.30, Wotton Hall
5th	Shere Cinema <i>Hard Truths</i> 7.30
6th	CH coffee morning, JV Hall, 10.30-11.30
10th	Banff film festival, Dorking Halls 7.30
11th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11
14th	Surrey Serenaders, St James', 10-12
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Shere Cinema <i>The Life of Chuck</i> 7.30
15th	Community Lunch, Evelyn Hall, 12-2.30
18th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11
24th	Marmalade comp closing date, Kingfishers.
25th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11
26th	Coldharbour fete planning meeting, JV Hall, 6pm
28th	Surrey Serenaders, St James', 10-12
28th	Progressive Supper

## March

4th	SJ's café & repair café, St James', 9 – 11
6th	CH coffee morning, JV Hall, 10.30-11.30

## From the Editors

Our front cover photo was taken locally, and we thought it was a lovely reminder that Spring is on its way. The start of February is when the ancient festival of Imbolc was celebrated – it marks the beginning of Spring and this year it is on February 3<sup>rd</sup> because it is the astrological halfway point between the winter and spring equinox. And of course February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day, a celebration of love and fertility going back to Roman times.

# Reflections from the Rectory

February for me is the beginning of hope and a reminder to lean into gratitude. Hope, as the early spring bulbs wrestle their way through the sodden earth, and gratitude that January is finished!

In the church year we are starting to look towards the season of Lent which begins on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

As we turn the corner into 2026, we might be pausing to take stock of the year just gone and wondering what this year may look like for us. Perhaps it is about replacing some bad habits with good ones?

If you have never really engaged with Lent before, could I encourage you to have a look at this: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/40acts>

## 40 Acts: Do Lent generously

40 Acts is a programme designed to help us live generous lives which does not require that you sign up to any particular religion! Everyday there will be a new challenge from writing a note of encouragement to someone, to buying a small gift for a friend. All the family can take part - there are some great ideas for children too!

All you have to do is sign up and respond to the daily prompts – why not give it a go!



"Write it on your heart  
that every day is the best day in the year.  
He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day  
who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.

Finish every day and be done with it.  
You have done what you could.  
Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in.  
Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new  
day;  
begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit  
to be cumbered with your old nonsense.

This new day is too dear,  
with its hopes and invitations,  
to waste a moment on the yesterdays."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Karl Harald Alfred Broge - Interior with Sunlight from  
an Open Window, 1907.

With love, Rev'd Kia 😊



## **What is Christian Stewardship?**

Christian stewardship is the belief that everything—time, talents, money, possessions, relationships, and the Earth—belongs to God, and humans are called to be faithful managers (stewards) of these resources for His purposes, using them wisely, serving others, and reflecting His glory, not their own. It's a whole-life responsibility involving generous giving, responsible management, caring for creation, and using gifts to build God's kingdom, with accountability to Him as the ultimate owner. As churches in the Surrey Hills we are looking at how we respond to God's generosity.

### **Core Principles**

God owns everything, and Christians are merely caretakers. Stewards are responsible to God for how they manage His entrusted gifts by using resources to fulfil God-given goals, not just personal gain. Using time wisely for meaningful activities, service, and rest. Developing and using spiritual gifts and skills to serve others. Managing money responsibly through saving, avoiding debt, and generous giving (tithes/offerings). Caring for the Earth (creation) and using material goods responsibly. Honouring God in family, community, and all interactions, treating others with love.

### **Practical Application**

Doing jobs and tasks as if working for the Lord (Colossians 3:23-24). Giving back a portion of earnings and resources to God and His work. Living within means, avoiding excess. Using gifts to build up the church and kingdom. In essence, Christian stewardship is a lifestyle of gratitude and faithfulness, recognizing that all aspects of life are gifts from God to be managed for His glory and the good of His world.

To this end St James' have been prayerfully reflecting on how they can faithfully respond to the needs in our community and the world. St James' currently have 3 mission partners (which are reviewed regularly) Dorking Foodbank, Amber and Compassion, including Fountain of Peace. Following two life changing trips to Uganda to visit Fountain of Peace by Rosie and Lucy, Lucy and Libby, the PCC voted to help with their fundraising initiative to build accommodation for the nannies and the volunteers. Thanks to our regular givers and one-off donations the PCC felt called and delighted to be able to contribute towards this.

Across the two churches we are currently reviewing our stewardship policies in order to be able to respond to the needs of our churches, our community and the world. If you would like more information do please contact me.

*Rev'd Kia*

# We say Goodbye to Betty Dempster 1925-2025

Betty and her husband Jock lived for many years in Abinger, and in 2019 they appeared in the local Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser as they were celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Betty has recently died at the wonderful age of 100.



Betty was born on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1925, in Birmingham, and in 1929 her sister Jacqueline was born. Betty's love of swimming began during the War when she was a teenager, and she achieved many racing wins, gaining medals and trophies. She then went into nursing and later qualified as a physiotherapist.

In October 1946 Betty met her future husband Jock on the top of a bus and they married on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1949 and honeymooned in Switzerland. Their first daughter Jane arrived in 1953, and in 1955 they moved to Pakistan for Jock's career. Jock went first and Betty and 18month old Jane followed by boat, a journey which took around 3 months. Second daughter Susan arrived in 1958 completing the family. The family returned to England permanently in 1960, first settling in Redhill, Surrey where Betty did voluntary work for Marriage Guidance, firstly as a counsellor and later as a tutor. This she particularly enjoyed.

On Jock's retirement in the 1970s the family moved again, and in 1987 they moved to their beloved Parkhurst in Abinger Common. These were very happy years with regular New Years Eve and summer drinks parties, enjoyed by many. Betty became very involved with the flower arrangers at St James'. In 2003 Betty decided, due to declining health, that a downsize was needed and they moved to Hedges in Abinger Lane.

Betty was particularly gifted at gardening and garden design and created wonderful spaces at all her properties. She also had a passion for bird watching, which she continued on their wonderful holidays - especially in Kenya which they visited many times.

Jock died in 2019 and during COVID Betty got poorly and had to go into hospital. Unable to return to independent living she spent her last years at Rosehill Nursing Home in Dorking She greatly appreciated her excellent care there and had a wonderful celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Betty passed away peacefully on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.



## Remembering David Adams

At the end of November, we said goodbye to David after a long and heroic battle with ill health. He really was the bravest person I have ever met; the word stoic was made for him.

He lived in Abinger for over 30 years, starting off at Goddards Cottage, he then moved to Linden, followed by the lodge at The Cottage and finally Hollow Lane for the last 18 years.



His heart was always in the community, but in quiet ways. He was never one for the limelight or frills, but he served on the Parish Council for numerous tours of duty, and that, in itself, shows great diligence! The things he helped with cannot be listed.

He was on the Hall Committee for years and helped raise the £110,000 needed for the new amenity block, unwavering in his support of all my mad fundraising ideas and the time it absorbed. His contacts stepped in when contractors let us down, simply because they adored him. He was on the Fair Committee for the duration of his time in the Village, again doing all the jobs no one thought of and no one wanted to do. When we needed to fundraise for the Church spire, no one will ever appreciate just how much he did in the background to support me and help to hit the target.

Luckily for me, every little thing I look at around the Village has his mark on it somewhere (including the wonky post box at the junction of Glebe Lane which he gently reversed into whilst helping someone else).

In 2009 he drove Sheilagh Menzies to hospital in the middle of a snowstorm when she had to get there for her c-section - Hugo is now a beautiful 'almost' 17 yr old. There was 12 inches of snow on the ground, and no one could get in or out of Abinger. Apparently on their journey to The Royal Surrey they passed a snowman in the middle of the A25. He also bought gin on the way back for a gorgeous elderly lady, who will



remain nameless, who 'needed' it during the same 3-day lock-in we had in Abinger.

He wasn't conventional, you won't have seen his name associated with anything, but he was pretty incredible in my book. The sunniest man to live with, gentle, kind and utterly unsung. He leaves a massive hole.

He was so very proud of his two daughters, Shona and Jemima and loved his granddaughters. Although he did sometimes complain that there were no boys in the family! He was cheeky and funny and was still making me laugh until the day he whizzed off in his fast car on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Abinger is the most incredible Village and Community and he would be so happy at how I have been scooped up, loved and looked after since he died. It is now my duty to remind you all to ....

BE MORE DAVID,

Katie



**We welcome Rev'd Canon Roy Woodhams and his wife Kate to our group of churches.**



Roy and Kate moved into Holmbury in November where Roy has taken on the job of Associate Rector. We were delighted that he stepped in to take the Benefice Service in Abinger at the end of December when dear Kia was still recovering from her Christmas sickness bug.

Roy and Kate are also accomplished musicians, so we will definitely be seeing more of them in our local choirs.

# Last Christmas – a look back to December

## The Abinger Soiree

Just before Christmas we had another fabulous Soiree. What a wonderful tradition this is - thanks so much to Jayne Chaffe for organising it this year and also to Debby Chapman for stepping in as accompanist.

The Evelyn Hall was packed as we sat and enjoyed mulled wine, mince

pies, some rousing singing, a variety of entertainment - piano, voice, guitar, poetry, karaoke... This year also saw the debut of Nursery Girls



Hayley and Henny in a wonderful rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Robin and Nancy Daly from Broadmoor were also among the performers, and all proceeds from the Soiree this year are going to the cancer charity that Robin founded: <https://yestolife.org.uk/> Many thanks to all who made this evening such a success -



can't wait for next year.





## The Coldharbour Christmas Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who came and made it a happy as well as profitable occasion, and especially to Pam for all the baking and for providing many of the raffle prizes. The coffee morning raised £265 for Crisis.



## The Meadvale Singers Concert at St James'

The Meadvale Singers and Circular Dorking thank their audience at the December concert in St James' church, for their generosity.



We were able to give a fantastic £956 to support educational projects in 8 local primary schools (including our very own Surrey Hills School). This money will be converted into vouchers and has been topped up to £1000 by the participating book shop.

Thank you all so much!

**The Leaf Sweep at Christ Church.** Thankfully it was dry for the leaf sweep at Christ Church on December 5th, but only just; the rain started as we were finishing, hence the photo of us sheltering in the porch. We needed our muscles this year because the wet leaves were very heavy, so the volunteers had no difficulty setting about the coffee and mince pies with gusto - we had to replace the calories we'd worked off somehow. Guess who ate three!



Kerry Day

### **An update on Graham Mytton's stamp sales**

I sold stamps for postage again at Christmas. Altogether, over 70 stamps were sold to villagers around the Abinger and Coldharbour area. The postage value was almost £700. I buy the stamps at a discount and the profit made is divided equally between the two churches. So, they get £70 each.



I still have stamps to sell. In particular, I still have combinations of stamps to make up the second-class rate of 87p. As of yet the prices are not changing but they will soon. I also have a large quantity of first-class stamps that all say "1<sup>st</sup> class" on the stamps. These will hold their value for ever. Currently they sell at £1.70. I can sell these for £1.25 each. There is a new price guide in which the domestic rate remains for first class (£1.70) and second class (87p) but the international rate has now gone up from £3.20 to £3.50. I can make up this rate using a combination of values at between £2.63 and £2.98, depending on the number of stamps needed to make up the value. As before, all sales make a profit and that will be divided between the two parishes. All the stamps I sell for your postage are legal and valid.

They are also all commemorative stamps and make your mail look lovely!

G. Mytton



## **JANUARY DISRUPTIONS DUE TO WEATHER - St James' Leaf Sweep**

You may have noticed that it's been a bit snowy and icy. We were tickled to find this no bathing sign down at the Friday Street Pond! Not only was there no bathing but there was no leaf sweep at St James'. The date for the Leaf Sweep will be published in the March edition.



## **The Community Lunch at the Evelyn Hall**

Next lunch  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
in the Evelyn  
Hall. £15.  
Limited to 50  
places.

Please book  
your seat by  
emailing



[parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org](mailto:parishoffice@abingerandcoldharbour.org) or call 01306 737160

## **The Abinger Progressive Supper**

February 12<sup>th</sup> is your last  
chance to sign up for the  
Progressive Supper, which  
takes place on February  
28th.

Do please sign up and join us  
for this fun event where our  
community comes together.  
You will visit two different



homes, for starter and main courses before congregating at the Abinger Hatch for dessert. There you will have a chance to meet new people, catch up with old friends and enjoy a uniquely inclusive community evening. If you are new to the area or have never taken part before, do

give it a try. Come on your own, with a friend or partner or spouse. Whether your house is small or large, we would like to encourage you to host a starter or main course. You can choose the number of guests you would like to have. The success of the evening really does depend on willing hosts. If you can't host one of the first two courses, you can donate a tray bake or sweet canape/finger food for the third course. This is a fundraising event for St James' Church and local charities. We would appreciate a donation of approximately £10-20 per person. If you would like to take part, please let us know by RSVP'ing by Thursday, 12th February at the latest and informing us of any special dietary requirements. If you can host - let us know which course you would prefer and the number of guests (excluding you) that you can accommodate.

If you would like to host a supper or participate then please email Michelle, Amanda, Kim, Emma or Susie on this email: [acprogressivesupper@gmail.com](mailto:acprogressivesupper@gmail.com).

## Planning meeting for Coldharbour Village Fete

**Thursday 26th February at 6pm in the JV Hall**

Join in the planning to make it another successful Fete. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience necessary! Please come along with your ideas and suggestions to find out more, volunteer to help, and meet a few people. (The Fete is on Saturday 16th May from 2 p.m. at the Coldharbour Memorial Ground).

## Village Coffee Mornings

**SJ's café and repair café at St James'**

Join us every Wednesday 9-11 am for coffee, tea, croissants and chat, and bring any items that need mending to the Repair café which is on at the same time.



**Coldharbour's coffee morning** this month is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the JV Hall. Starts at 10.30.

## Congratulations to Daniel and Vaughan



The Coldharbour twins have received certificates from the council in recognition for their work with the My Time charity.

Being carers themselves from a young age, they have been volunteering at the Dorking Junior group since they were teenagers and are still doing so as young adults. They always bring an abundance of

energy and fun, playing games with children and making even the shyest feel welcome.

For more information about this special charity go to:

<https://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org>

### **Martin Milton's new book**

Our local author has had a new book published. It's called *Common Life*. A nature novella, it's a work which explores the effect of the pandemic on nature. Wildlife accustomed to human absence faces new problems.



### **From the QR Memorial Woodland by Paul Cooling, Chairman**

#### **Fundraise for the QRMW in April at the Reverse London Marathon**



This is the third year that one of our Trustees has organised this event which takes place overnight 26/27 April (the night before the daytime London Marathon). £4 from each item of clothing sold for the event is donated to QRMW. But we work hard for this donation in that we coordinate all the orders, parcel them up and send them out - to date we have over 600 orders! As well as that Trustees of QRMW are Marshalls and will be on duty overnight at various locations on the route. We did it last year and it was good fun cheering on the runners as they came past us and took a handful of sugary sweets to keep up their energy. **Website:** <https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/london-marathon/tcs-london-marathon-myway>

## Services at St James' Church, Abinger

**1st February**      **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
10.30am      Parish Communion (Common Worship)  
with provision for children  
Refreshments after the service

**8th February**      **The Second Sunday before Lent**  
6.00pm      Choral Evensong

**15th February**      **The Sunday next before Lent**  
10.30am      'Come and See' Sunday  
Refreshments after the service

**18th February**      **Ash Wednesday**  
7.30pm      Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Holmbury

**22nd February**      **The First Sunday of Lent**  
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

## From the Registers Abinger

6th December	Baptism	Annabelle Eveline Baker
17th December	Wedding	Ben Marvin and Emily Hayton-Archer



# Services at Christ Church, Coldharbour

<b>1st February</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
<b>8th February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>
10.00am	Second Sunday Service (Iona with communion) Refreshments after the service
<b>15th February</b>	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b>
9.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm	Congregational Evensong
<b>18th February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service <u>at St. Mary's Holmbury</u>
<b>22nd February</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>
10.00am	Parish Communion (Common Worship) Refreshments after the service
6.00pm	Julian meeting <u>at St. James' Abinger</u> Half of an hour of stillness with God

## **Parish Office at Coldharbour will take place on:**

Monday 2nd February and Monday 16th February 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.

## REPORT FROM THE CHRIST CHURCH PCC

### **Without you there wouldn't be a church in Coldharbour.....**

You'll see in this edition of the magazine that the Coldharbour fete planning is underway again. The income from this together with fundraising events, such as the Leith Hill Big Band concert, the organ recital and the Christmas Craft Fair, raised £11,500 in 2025 which has been a significant contributor to the costs of maintaining the church, church hall and churchyard.



Christ Church has spent the funds raised in a number of ways, a priority being to make the overall space more usable and welcoming (essential for music events and the barn dance for example) and generally improving the facilities available for the community. Towards the end of 2024 the heating system broke, costing over £3,000 to mend. The Anabel room has had a makeover. Sliders have been fixed to the pews to make it easier to use the space for events, the sound system has been extended to include the Chancel in the hearing loop, a portable mic has been replaced, and the Wi-Fi has been upgraded. This work amounted to £6,000. This expenditure is on top of the day to day running costs, e.g. maintaining the historic church organ costs nearly £1,000 a year.

Managing the churchyard as a place of peace in a safe and eco diverse way, tree maintenance, extending the scope of the memorial garden, and the addition of the handrail by the steps from the hall to the churchyard cost £9,000 in 2025. We are grateful to have the generous support of Capel Parish Council for maintaining the church hedge.

The running and improvement costs for the John Venus Hall in 2025, including heating lighting, insurance, painting the outside and safety work in the kitchen, were £3,700.

The money to keep our church and hall part of this vibrant community comes from us all. The success of the fundraising events is thanks to you: the extra money needed comes from your regular giving, donations, gifts in wills, and gifts and grants for major capital projects. Not only that, when you help clean the church or the hall, arrange flowers etc that's a bill the church isn't paying. So, before the madness of the fete starts again, we wanted you to know how important your help is and to say a big thank you!

*Rev'd Kia and the PCC*

# Abinger welcomes new neighbours

## Sarah and Jan De Schynkel

Abinger Common extends a warm welcome to Sarah and Jan De Schynkel who recently moved into Woodcot in Abinger Lane, together with one of their sons Louis, two cats and a dog. This is where Caroline and Dave Sack lived for many years (who we are delighted to still have as close neighbours in Holmbury).

The name De Schynkel is Flemish, Jan being born in Belgium. He and Sarah were both ballet dancers and met in Amsterdam, moving on to Hamburg where they spent five years with the Hamburg National Ballet. They then moved to Isleworth in the mid-90s, got married and had two sons, Oskar and Louis. They recently decided to move to the Surrey countryside, and had the good luck to find Abinger Common, from where they can commute to their current jobs and be closer to their older son Oskar, who is getting married in St James' later this year and lives in Reigate.

They no longer dance for a living, but Sarah (under her maiden name Sarah Duley) runs a pilates studio, Pilates Plus, in St Margaret's, Twickenham, and has plans to eventually open a practice for Systematic Kinesiology (a holistic therapy) in this area. Jan worked for the Arts Council England, then as arts and culture manager for Ealing Council and is now CEO at Rosetta Arts, a small organization working with underrepresented and underprivileged groups with the aim of making art accessible for all.

Jan and Sarah say they are looking forward to becoming involved within the community where they already feel they have been made to feel so welcome.



# MUSIC



**Surrey Serenaders** will meet to sing at St James' in Abinger on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 10am. If you'd like to join, contact Avril Sharman for more information. [sharden11@mac.com](mailto:sharden11@mac.com)

## Music in Dorking

### February

7<sup>th</sup> at 12.00, lunchtime recital at St Martin's church

7<sup>th</sup> at 5.30, Dorking Chamber Orchestra at St Nicolas' church, Bookham

7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30, English Chamber Orchestra at Dorking Halls, £20-30, 01306 740619

9<sup>th</sup> at 7.15, ballet screening at Dorking Halls, £19.50, 01306 881717

17-21 at 7.30, DDOS Joseph and the amazing technicolour dream coat, £22-24, 01306 881717

**The Dorking Concertgoers Society** is delighted to be able to host the English Chamber Orchestra to play in Dorking. This excellent and well-known ensemble has a very attractive programme, including Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, alongside concertos by Bach and Handel.

**The Dorking Chamber Orchestra**, playing in Bookham, has a concert including Haydn's *Farewell symphony* and Mozart's *Sinfonia concertante*, with solo parts for violin and viola. There will also be music by Telemann, and Pachelbel's famous canon.

The **lunchtime recitals at St Martin's** continue with a concert given by cellist Chloe Chen. Together with her pianist they will play Beethoven's cello sonata op.69 along with music by Fauré, Martinu and Edith Piaf.

**The Dorking Dramatic and Operatic Society** presents its major production of the year, a week-long run of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. As well as the evening performances, there is also a Saturday matinee.

**The Royal Ballet's** production of *Wolf Works* will be screened at the Dorking Halls. Created in 2015 for the Royal Ballet and directed by Wayne McGregor, this is a collage of themes from the works of Virginia Woolf.

Ian Codd



# Surrey Hills International Music Festival



## Tickets are now on sale

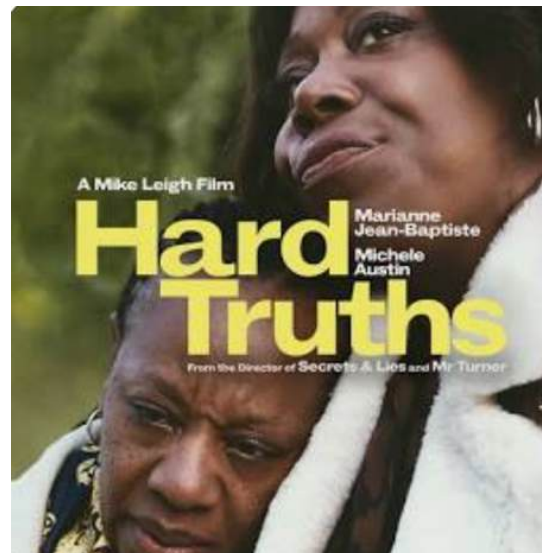
With chamber and vocal music, fascinating talks, a song recital and jazz quintet we are looking forward to bringing a huge variety of amazing music to the Surrey Hills between 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May.

To view all details go to <https://tickets.shimf.co.uk/> - or contact Tracy Lees [hello@shimf.co.uk](mailto:hello@shimf.co.uk) if you're interested in getting involved.

## Shere Village Cinema (SVC) – Book now for films in February and March

A reminder - To sign up to our newsletter and/or to book tickets for future films please go to the website: [www.sherevillagecinema.com](http://www.sherevillagecinema.com). For those unable to access the internet, we will usually reserve a minimum of 10 tickets for sale on the door. All tickets, except where indicated, cost £5/adult and £3.50/child. Films start at 7.30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – *Hard Truths*** – is a fierce, compassionate, and often darkly humorous study of family and the thorny ties that bind us, directed by the 'Legendary' Mike Leigh.



Marianne Jean-Baptiste plays Pansy, a woman wracked by fear, tormented by afflictions, and prone to raging tirades against her husband, son, and anyone who looks her way. Meanwhile, her easy-going younger sister Chantal (Michele Austin), is a single mother with a life as different from Pansy's as their clashing temperaments. She is brimming with communal warmth from her salon clients and daughters alike. This expansive film takes us into the intensities of kinship, duty, and the most enduring of human mysteries: that even through lifetimes of hurt and hardship, we still find ways to love those we call family.

Classification 12A (Running time is 1 hour 37 minutes).

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – *The Life of Chuck*** is the extraordinary story of an ordinary man, Charles 'Chuck' Krantz, who experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss, and the multitudes of ups and downs contained in all of us. It's a trio of tales which play out in reverse, but all

are centred around Chuck, played as an adult by Tom Hiddleston. In the first section, the world is crashing to a halt with natural disasters forcing people to examine their lives and lost loves, hoping to find a hand to hold as everything fades to black. Tributes to Chuck haunt them, as if his death somehow means more than theirs, from posters to TV commercials to his face inside their windows. However, the story is slowly revealed in the subsequent sections, and the story begins to make sense! Adapted from a non-horror novella by Stephen King, this film won the People's Choice Award at the 2024 Toronto International Film Festival. This is “a really lovely thoughtful, amusing, beautifully poignant and profound film” (with an amazing dance sequence from Tom Hiddleston!) Classification 15 (Running time is 1 hour 51 minutes)

**March 5<sup>th</sup> - *I Swear***-is a biographical film about John Davidson, a Scottish man diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome. The film charts his journey from misunderstood youth to advocate, showcasing his struggles. A life affirming, frank and funny story of acceptance and resilience. (2 hours 1 min)

*Shere Village Cinema Team*

## The Banff Mountain Film Festival at Dorking Halls



features a collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography!

There are two shows, each with a totally different selection of films Shows start 7.30pm. Red Film Programme (10 February) and the Blue

Film Programme (10 March). There is a two-show discount. Contact the Box Office to utilise this offer or use promo code BANFF26 on the website.

**Run time: 2 hour 45 minutes Tickets: £19 | Concessions: £17 | Groups of 6 or more: £17. bookings, [dhgroupbookings@molevalley.gov.uk](mailto:dhgroupbookings@molevalley.gov.uk)**





Our creative minds have been whirling, and, what with the post over Christmas bringing us many a cardboard box or tube, we decided we just had to build something. And build we did! At present we have sculpted and painted our way to a stunning St James' Church and a wonderfully rustic Abinger Hatch. Then moving on from buildings we felt we needed a marvellous marble run so we transformed some tubes and an old pin board into a magnificent boredom buster!

And in case you think it's only the children who have fun – here are some of the staff giving a hilarious performance at the Abinger Soiree.

If you would like to join our nursery family, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Call 07842 978823 or email [abingercommonnursery@gmail.com](mailto:abingercommonnursery@gmail.com). We can't wait to meet you and show you around! We are also on Facebook and now Instagram



## Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School



As the new term has only just begun (the 6<sup>th</sup> of January) here are some highlights of Christmas: the wonderful infant nativity, the choir performing at the village coffee morning, the carol service at the church, the Christmas fair, the Christingle service and the amazing Christmas school lunch! Thank you to the staff team, parent volunteers and Holy Trinity team who have shared their expertise and time

to create these important experiences for the children. During the last half of term Hedgehogs & Otters enjoyed working with Surrey Wildlife Trust to plan how to enhance the outdoor environment, the Bible Club was launched with the Reverend Tim, Reception had a visit from the fire service and Y6 visited NW Surrey Synagogue.



# February in your Garden



Well, the weather recently has really been up and down! Many small trees and shrubs, especially roses, have been loosened in the ground due to the rain and strong winds. Some may now need staking to get



them back upright, and a heavy boot to help firm them in the ground. Despite the weather, early snowdrops and crocus are signs of spring to come.

If you have somewhere for them it is a good time to start off sweet peas. Five seeds to a pot works well, keep them warm till they have germinated, then move to a cold frame or colder area. This allows them to develop a good root system.

Also, the start of February is a good time to sow chillies and sweet peppers. Don't worry if they seem to take a long time to germinate, they can take up to 30 days, so don't give up!



I have noticed that a plant sold as an annual for hanging baskets, Diascia, has not only gone through the last 2 years in a pot, but has grown and happily survived the hard frosts in January this year. I shall certainly be growing more.

Some plants which seemed to die in the heat of last summer, are producing new shoots from their base, so check carefully before binning.

I have been asked to ask all of you growing things from seed or dividing plants to please grow a few extra for the fete plant stall later this year. Let's make it the best and most interesting ever.



Robin

# **We are sad to announce the closure of the long running Wotton and Abinger Flower Show**

The show has now formally been wound up due to a lack of helpers. This is sad news. It became increasingly difficult to recruit new members to the management team, though the show itself was a success every year; well supported and enjoyed by all. After a splendid show in 2019 there was a suspension of the shows in the Covid years. An attempt to restart the show in 2022 was a great success but it was run by just a handful of individuals. So the decision was made in 2024 by the Chair, Annie Evelyn, and the remaining committee members, Pat Rudling and Paul Cleaver, to wind up the show. This has been actioned over 2025. It looks like the age of the Flower Show might be ending.

The Show's funds have been distributed to three organisations' – St Catherine's Hospice, £2,000; Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care, £2,000; The Patchwork Garden project, £435. We have requested that the funds be used for the horticultural improvements to their gardens. Some show paraphernalia has been donated to the Okewood Hill flower show. All that remains is the documentation accumulated over the years, vases and equipment that are stored in the Dahlia Society's storeroom and the cups. A couple of cups have gone to families who originally donated them. The rest are likely to go into storage with the documentation. We will contact the Surrey History Centre in Woking and see whether they are interested in anything.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the show over the years.

**From the Abinger Record of 1889**

The Annual Flower Show of the combined parishes of Wotton and Abinger was held at the Wotton Institute, on Monday, August 5th; the Wotton and Abinger Brass Band, under Sergeant Botting of Guildford, playing at intervals during the day. The attendance of visitors and parishioners was considerable; among the former being Lady Glover, Lord Gardner, Mrs. and Miss Shute, Mrs. Braithwaite, Miss McIntyre, etc., who took much interest in the various exhibits of fruit, flowers, vegetables, leatherwork, carving, and needlework. Subsequently tea was provided in a tent near the Institute. The prizes, consisting of money given by Mr. Evelyn, Col. and Mrs. T. H. Lewin, and Sir T. H. Farrer, Bart., were distributed by Miss Evelyn, assisted by Mr. Evelyn and Mrs. Evelyn. Prizes were also awarded to the best kept labourers' gardens in the parishes.

*Paul Cleaver*

# Looking back on the last year at Broomhall Farm

by Mike Gibbens

Working with Mother Nature recently has been somewhat frustrating! My summary starts from 12th Sept 2024 when the farm experienced torrential rainfall that continued sporadically well into the Winter months. Unfortunately, this had a detrimental effect on the routine Autumn wheat sowings - which were due to be harvested the following year. What we did manage to sow just rotted in the ground. Our plan B was to move to Spring cropping, and in March 2025 we managed to sow some Wheat and Oats into drying friable soil. (Spring crops yield less than Winter crops so we were always going to have a yield penalty, but we had no option). Income for the farm for the year was budgeted to be 24% down on previous years.



The Spring crops grew well in the warm April weather, but the month spelled the beginning of a drought that continued through and beyond harvest. With no rain to replenish the water reserves, the crops started to struggle, and this continued through to harvest. We desperately needed rain, but it wasn't to be. Grain and straw yields were down 42% on previous harvests! Yields were down but grain quality was up, and all our grain made Milling quality and was sold to Warburtons, and the Oats to Morning Foods for breakfast and oat bar foods. Nationally, hay and fodder crops were also down some 50% in yield - vital crops for feeding cattle during the winter months.

It was the best Autumn since I can remember for replanting cereals for harvest 2026, and these new crops are growing away extremely well. Crops will include Rape, Wheat, Linseed and Peas. You may recall we are in year 4 of environmental schemes where wildflowers and grasses are sown for habitat encouragement. Some 200 acres out of intensive production. Species such as ox eye daisy, vetch and clovers all produced an abundance of flowers resulting in a fantastic draw for butterflies and other insects. Dec 2026 sees the end of our contract for the schemes, and it will be replaced if Government Incentives prove to be of interest environmentally and financially.

So, another harvest year begins! We shall continue to strive and get the best from the farm and let's hope that Mother Nature settles a little and works with us!!



## WI Report

For our Christmas meeting the Wotton Hall was festively decorated as always, and there was an excellent tea, all of which was prepared by the hardworking committee.

Our speaker was George Yates, a conjuror, entertainer and member of the Magic Circle, a smart smooth-talking elderly man who told us the history of witches and witchcraft in this country. He said that a lot of witches here had come from Scotland where King James was active in having them hunted down, burned or drowned. Witches traditionally



had a cat, a familiar who was thought to be the devil in disguise. Mr Yates performed a series of tricks, several with cards and recruited “volunteers”, for whom we felt rather sorry, particularly the one who was threatened with losing her head. An entertaining afternoon.

In January the tea hostesses included Jan Hun, who once again decorated the hall beautifully for the New Year. Our speaker was Jessica Thurtell whose talk was entitled “Dining with History”. This was beautifully illustrated with drawings, photographs and paintings of meal tables from each period. She started with Saxon times. The Saxon word for bread also meant life, and it was the staple food. There were no plates then - they ate off trenchers - hunks of bread - and the only cutlery was a knife and fingers, with sometimes a wooden or horn spoon. The peasants ate no meat (the preserve of the well off) just bread and pottage, a stew of forage thickened with grain. Weak ale was drunk as water was unsafe. The gentry had plenty of roasted meat, except on the many fast days. They had feasts where they drank mead from horns, were surprisingly fussy about table manners and got very drunk. At these feasts there were sagas, music and jesters. All buildings were windowless and smoky and smelly, especially as there were chamber pots under the trestle tables. Dropped food was given to the poor!

After the Norman Invasion food (for the better off) became more sophisticated and decorative, often with sauces, and drunkenness was frowned upon, while in Elizabethan and Regency times breakfast had been established and now there were plates and basic cutlery. Sunday was always a meat day (forerunner of our Sunday roast), and there were new vegetables (including potatoes) and wine from abroad; also hops had made beer stronger, and there was something sweet at the end of a meal. In the 19th century the middle and particularly the upper classes went in for a display of wealth by food with many varied dishes on the table. In Edwardian times, however, there were more courses and

cutlery, and food was plated in the kitchen (a la Russe). Meantime the working poor continued to only have basic food and had to make things last. Those in towns had no gardens, could not grow food and working long hours in the mines and mills meant that Sunday was the only day when there was time for cooking.

The Second World War brought rationing and from then to the present-day meals have become much simpler. And there are no servants! Gas has been introduced, restaurants have opened from around the world, there are cookery programmes on TV, ready meals and takeaways and there is less social eating together. So, huge changes over the centuries. A fascinating talk.

**Next meeting: Thursday, 5th February** at 2.30 p.m. at the Wotton Hall. The Private Life of Butterflies by Peter Smith. Visitors welcome.

*Pat O'Brien*

## **KEEP THE WASP COMMUNITY BUS RUNNING**

**WASP** stands for the **W**otton, **A**binger and **S**here **P**arishes and the bus serves all these parishioners.

The **WASP** operate on a weekly basis to Tesco at Broadbridge Heath, to Sainsbury's in Godalming, to Lidl in Guildford and to Cranleigh. It does not take a route via bus stops but the drivers collect people from their homes and deliver them back with their shopping (even been known to put the shopping on the table). All this for a suggested donation of £5.



**The service needs volunteers to keep it going – both as backroom staff and as drivers. Could you be a driver?**

The WASP relies on a small group of volunteer drivers, most of whom are allowed to drive a 16-seater bus by having a D1 permission on their licence. Individuals who passed their test before 1997 automatically have this permission so, if you are one of those drivers, why not volunteer? We will provide additional familiarisation with the bus, and you could be giving a valuable community service.

If you would like to know more about volunteering to support this vital local service, or if you would like to book the service either as an individual or for a larger group trip, then please feel free to contact us on [waspbusinfo@gmail.com](mailto:waspbusinfo@gmail.com) or leave a message on 07802 460069.

## What goes on at the Mullard Space Science Lab on Holmbury Hill?

Dr Ralph Schönrich, University College London Space Domain Chair and Researcher of the Galaxies based at MSSL in Holmbury St Mary, gave a riveting talk to the *Friends of the Hurtwood*

Dr Schönrich began with a humorous whizz through the dramatic history of the Mullard building: its construction as a Victorian country house in the 1860s; the fatal fall of the



Bishop of Winchester from his horse as he rode to visit Gladstone there; ownership by the Guinness family; life as a school; and finally its purchase as a research institute with a £65,000 gift from the innovative electronics' company, Mullard Ltd.

Ralph was a charismatic speaker and dazzled his audience with space science. He explained how 250 people now work there, sharing offices in cramped quarters - but they love it! He said, *"We can be a flagship green institute. We have 30 acres and invest in NOT doing anything with the land, so it has a high biodiversity.... An institute like this does not want to be in London. We want to have our feet here. We have people doing diametrically opposite research linked to 24 different academic departments across the university. Six departments work with and get funded by space agencies."* Some of their latest tech has flown to Jupiter and Saturn, and they are working on a camera that can detect traces of life on Mars. On the ground in Holmbury is the equipment needed to build and test the instruments they send into space, from vacuum chambers to shaker tables. These missions require big satellites and cost around £1 billion. With meticulous testing they take years to prepare. Ralph described the Solar Orbiter – built at MSSL which flew the closest to the sun and can predict solar storms and avert catastrophic electricity failure. The Plato project spotted the first exo-planet (one orbiting a star beyond the solar system), the Euclid camera built at MSSL can see the whole of the sky and so help cosmologists measure the structure of the universe and the Gaia mission measured the most stars in the galaxy giving us for the first time a full 3D view of our Galaxy, the Milky Way. *"The info stream from Gaia is off the scale,"* he said. What an extraordinary international science superstar to have nestling quietly on the slopes of Holmbury Hill!

Jane Garrett



# Dorking Museum

## ***Hidden in Stone: Dorking's Dinosaur Discovery.***

The Museum's new exhibition celebrates Dorking's contribution to developing understanding of the wildlife that roamed the area 125 million years ago. At that time, the Dorking area was part of a vast tropical river delta with swamps, sand flats and lagoons that extended across much of what is now South-East England and the Isle of Wight. Extreme seasons and changing conditions resulted in the evolution of amazing species, and the Wealden clay has yielded much evidence of the dinosaurs that evolved.



A discovery of a giant claw by fossil enthusiast Bill Walker in a quarry near



Ockley in 1983 led to the excavation of an almost complete skeleton which resembled a crocodile that stood up on its hind legs. This provided evidence of a previously unknown dinosaur species and led to the recognition of a new group of specialised fish-eating dinosaurs. The creature was given the scientific name *Baryonyx walkeri* in honour of its

finder and provided the key to understanding more fragmentary remains of similar dinosaurs that were being unearthed on other continents. They became known as *Spinosaurids* because some had elongated neural spines and they had a semi-aquatic lifestyle based on hunting fish and scavenging whatever they could find.

The fossilised skeleton found by Walker – and dubbed ‘Claws’ by the media at the time – Is now on display at the Natural History Museum. Four decades on from the discovery, two new *Baryonyx* cousins have been found in the cliffs of the Isle of Wight, and maybe other unknown species are still down there in the clay.

The new exhibition explores Dorking's dinosaur connections in greater detail, displays including lifelike replica models on loan from the University of Southampton. Takeaway model templates of Dorking's most famous dinosaur are available to go with the exhibition.

## Shere Surgery & Dispensary

February can be a curious month – we still have the chill of winter, but we can be heartened by the promise of spring which is now not far away at all. At Shere Surgery we are always trying to keep up with new technological advancements to try and improve the service that we can offer and 2026 will be no different. We are currently trialling dictation software recommended by our local health board during our consultations that transcribes the consultation and then produces detailed notes for our clinical system. The software is fully compliant with NHS guidance and data protection laws. This provides several benefits such as: improved consultations, as we are able to fully concentrate on the patient in front of us, instead of needing to write down notes mid consultation, leading to better care and decision making; improved documentation accuracy compared to clinician summarising, especially during longer consultations, leading to safer improved continuity of care; more time-efficient appointments, as the medical team will no longer have to spend vast amounts of time documenting notes after the patient has left the room. We've seen really positive feedback so far, but please let us know if you have any queries.

Some of you will have already met Linda Eyre, our new Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP). In addition to helping patients with acute medical problems, she will be undertaking comprehensive reviews of patients with diabetes. We feel very fortunate to have her extensive expertise at the surgery and welcome her warmly. At the same time, we wish Katie Collins well who departs for an urgent care centre role.

### **Important info for Blue Badge holders parking at the County Hospital.**

We have recently received news that will be relevant to all those with Blue Badges attending the Royal Surrey County Hospital and planning to park there. They have recently installed automatic number plate recognition cameras and ALL those who have a Blue Badge will need to register either online on the Royal Surrey website or in person on arrival to complete an application form. This can take some time to complete so please leave plenty of time to do so. We have had reports of patients being unaware and receiving fines when parking for hospital appointments.

It's heartening to know that the days are definitely getting longer, and spring is around the corner, so please stay warm and stay safe whilst the chilly frost is gradually succeeded by the warmth of the sun's rays.

*Dr Marcus McEwen*

# Village Halls are so important to village life

Notice how many of the activities that we read about in this magazine take place at the Evelyn Hall in Abinger or the John Venus Hall in Coldharbour. Albury have asked us to highlight the plight of their village hall.

## Save Albury Village Hall

The Save Albury Village Hall committee now meets regularly and has a number of exciting things to report. Firstly, volunteers David and Patrick



have taken over as caretakers from the wonderful Mike, who sadly retired. We are reviewing the booking system to make it easier and have already implemented some cost savings. All current renters have been contacted and can continue running their usual classes, clubs and groups. We are talking to the Albury Estate and the Parish Council about how to bridge

the gap in finances and make Albury Village Hall a community hub, with lots more going on for everyone. And there is a new Albury Village Hall Facebook page run by Nina who is managing social media, as we look to actively increase marketing activity. We really want to hear from anyone who could run a regular community event, e.g. Bridge Club, Men in Sheds, Sewing Bee, Cinema Club etc.

Sadly, the boiler needs replacing, it's still working but we must raise money for this. In April we're having a Bingo Night -date with details to follow on our Facebook page and on posters in local shops and noticeboards. We also need volunteers to help run these events. To be first to find out about what's on, buy tickets or volunteer to help please message [helpalburyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:helpalburyvillagehall@gmail.com) or contact us via the Albury Village Hall Facebook page.

Hope to see you at Albury Village Hall soon.



# Invitation from Clandon to see their new plans



**Join us at our drop-in event on 3 February between 9am and 7pm, at the Royal British Legion, West Clandon, GU4 7TD.**

## **National Trust**

Hinemihi is a 19th-century Māori whare (meeting house) that has stood in the garden at Clandon Park since 1892. The whakairo (carvings) are imbued with the spirit of the ancestress of the Ngāti Hinemihi tribe, and the meeting house is a cherished place for Māori and Pasifika communities in the UK.

Now, she is entering a new chapter. We're proposing to return her original carvings to Aotearoa (New Zealand), where new carvings are being created in exchange.



Meanwhile, we're proposing to renew the meeting house at Clandon Park ready for the new carvings. A 'house for everyone', this meeting house will continue to be a site for cultural exchange and will better serve the communities of local, national, and international visitors. Come and see our plans and share your thoughts.

## **Snowdrops on Abinger Roughs**



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