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If you have any articles, photos, letters, etc that you think we may like to feature in the next issue, please email the Editor on:

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FROM THE EDITOR



Hello and welcome to summer (although typically it has only just stopped raining as I write this).

We have several new things to catch your attention this month - there is an all-new section called Eco Challenge Westcott on page 50, about how we can all do our bit to help become more eco friendly, and the Village noticeboard has its first two notices on it - please do let me have any others and I will keep updating it. We also have a cryptic crossword on page 15, along with helpful tips on page 14 for those of us that haven't yet cracked the cryptic code. Finally, also in our new features, Andrew Gordon gives us the benefit of his expertise on choosing wines to go with your barbecue.

There is lots of information about Westfest, when, where, what's going on and how you can help, so make sure you're on Cradhurst on July 7th

from 12-4pm! See pages 10-12 for lots more details.

We have all the usual information on musical activities and walks around the district and hints on what to look out for if you are out and about from Amanda, our local National Trust Ranger.

There is also a plea for help on page 47, we are trying to put a directory of all the clubs available in the village together for September, traditionally the time of new starts, not just for children who are back at school, but also a great chance to take up something new in all that spare time you will have! Please send any information to editor@westcottmag.com about clubs that you are a member of or run yourself so that we can include it. We can only put in those that we know about!

Have a lovely summer and I'll see you back here in September!

Cath

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BABY MEALS UPDATE

The Westcott Baby Meals cooks were delighted to be called upon again in May to cater for Dominique and Albie of Milton Street who had only just got home from hospital with baby Eva Catharina!



...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT



IT REALLY IS ONLY A GAME..... THANK GOD!

60 years it has taken us to get there, the Final of football's premier club competition ... never in the Final before, due to 60 years of underperformance and mediocrity (and some dodgy refereeing decisions in the 1962 semi-final against Benfica).

Now, June 1st 2019, Tottenham Hotspur were there – the Final of the Champions League. And what do they do? - give away a penalty in the first minute.

It is commonplace that Tottenham fans suffer more than any others. Some clubs never expect greatness, others win trophies with monotonous regularity. Tottenham give you just enough hope to leave you completely disappointed. Surely this year was going to be different. We had a remarkable run to the Final. Coming back from the dead to get through the group stage, impressive performances in the next round against Borussia Dortmund, then unbelievably putting out Manchester City in an extraordinary game at the Etihad.

And the semi-final against Ajax ... oh my, can heaven be better than this? Away from home in the second leg, 2-0 down at half-time, 3-0 on aggregate, Tottenham produce something like a miracle, winning 3-2 in the last minute to go through on "away goals".

Could it be that Tottenham have at last changed? ... no longer "Spursy" (as the saying goes), always throwing away their best opportunities, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory so many times it could be the club motto. Could it be that they

“AFTER A LIFE-TIME OF FOLLOWING THE CLUB, WE FEEL THE DEFEATS AND EXULT IN THE OCCASIONAL TASTES OF GLORY. FOR MY FAMILY, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ARE PART OF OUR IDENTITY.”

have become winners?

No. Come to the Final, and Tottenham revert to being Tottenham. In a day when most players defending in the penalty area, whip out

a bootlace and tie their hands behind their back, so concerned are



...FROM ALAN JONAS, VICAR OF WESTCOTT

they about the possibility of giving away a penalty, our man waves his arm around as if he is conducting an imaginary orchestra. The rest is inevitable.



The pain reverberates around my family: my sister, a Spurs season-ticket holder, who could only find the courage to watch the game because Jenny and I were with her; a cousin who lives in America and flies to LA to watch games at the local Spurs pub; a nephew in Belfast who messaged before the game that he had never felt so nervous; another cousin and her son, also season-ticket holders, who were there in Madrid; another nephew and his Dad, my brother, a photo sent over during the game, showing them both ashen-faced.

Football fans talk about our club, us,

what we do – as I have done in writing this article. All bit of a nonsense, of course. But, nonetheless, we do identify with our team. After a life-time of following the club, we feel the defeats and exult in the occasional tastes of glory. For my family, Tottenham Hotspur are part of our identity.

Thank God, then, that I can come back to knowing that supporting Spurs is only a small part of my identity. My true self is in Him. I do not say it judgementally, because I am very aware that I could be in that place, but my guess is that for many people, football is too important. And if it's not football, it could be any of the myriad of gods that we give too much of ourselves to – work, money, shopping, the house, etc, etc – allowing these idols to take up too much of our identity.

So, it is after all, only a game.

My person, character, hope and strength rests in God, aiming to live out that “man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.”

Baby Meals

Meals for the family of a new baby

The Westcott “Baby Meals” service, started over 14 years ago by Holy Trinity Church, provides two weeks of hot meals for the families of new babies across the village. We have over 30 volunteer cooks within the village community and we’re all delighted to help during what can be a time of massive upheaval and adjustment. It’s a gift that has been welcomed by many families, over many years.

If you’re living in Westcott and expecting a baby or about to adopt a new child into the family;

OR if you’d like to join our cooks rota we’d be delighted to hear from you - please get in touch!

Anna Kemkers 07710 425487 annakemkers@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH IN WESTCOTT



We run a regular programme of worship services and other activities for young and old.

Everyone is welcome as we build friendships and share life together!

8.30 am: A traditional Communion service with hymns and organ, unless stated.

10.15 am: A 'parish' service, reflecting the people of the Church in Westcott, with organ and music group. Regular creche and children's activities.

4.00 pm: A quiet traditional service, usually 'Evensong'. Communion with prayer for healing monthly.

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM	6:00PM
7th July	The Lord's Prayer – Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Celebrate Breakfast Communion	Evensong
14th July	1 Chronicles 1-9 The Tree of the Lord's Planting	Book of Common Prayer Communion No music	Parish Communion	Evensong
21st July	1 Chronicles 10-13, 15-16 David Part One	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Morning Worship	Evensong
28th July	1 Chronicles 14, 17-22 David Part Two	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion	Evensong

DATE	THEME	8:30AM	10:15AM	6:00PM
4th Aug	The Lord's Prayer – Forgive us our sins	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Celebrate Breakfast Communion	No Service
11th Aug	1 Chronicles 23-29 David Part Three	Book of Common Prayer Communion No music	Morning Worship	No Service
18th Aug	2 Chronicles 1-5 Solomon Part One	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion	No Service
25th Aug	2 Chronicles 8-9 Solomon Part Two	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Parish Communion	No Service

MID WEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays	10am	Term Time Communion at St John's
Thursdays	8:30am	Morning Prayer at St John's



Evening Service in July is at 6pm.

A lovely, reflective way to end the week-end.

There are no evening services at Holy Trinity during August.

Alan J Vicar

the
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CAMBRIDGE

Holy Trinity, Westcott

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Death:

14th March 2019	Janet (Jan) Carlisle (93)
24th March 2019	Flora Ann Webb (79)
29th April 2019	James Stuart Glass (72)
2nd May 2019	Roderick Robert Alfred Kyle (78)



FLOODLIGHTING

The floodlighting for the Church for the month of July has been sponsored by the Residents of Milton Street to honour the memory of Eric Smithers who lived on Milton Street for over 90 years. Eric's grandfather worked as a Gardener for the Barclay family on the Bury Hill Estate.

As yet there has been no sponsorship for August.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, please contact Sarah Massey at sarah@holyltrinitywestcott.org.uk or on 01306 887413. (Suggested donation of £75 to Westcott Church Funds.)

We are very thankful to all the sponsors of the lights - your gift is gratefully received as a contribution to both the electricity bill and our general fund.

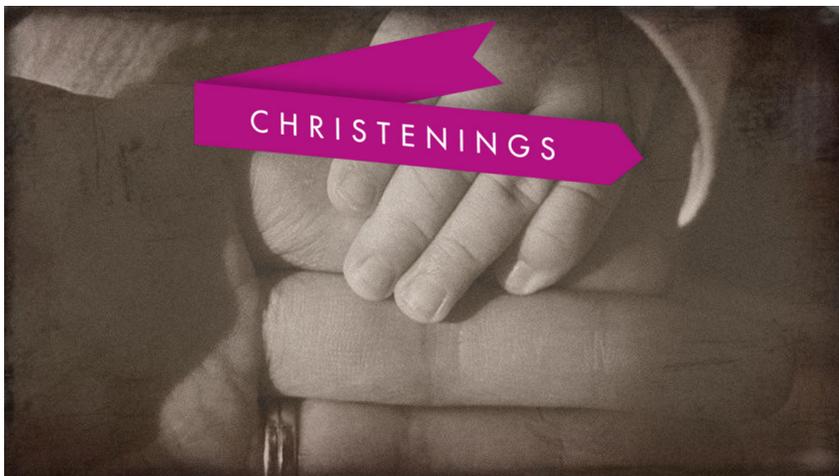
COOKIE CLUB
Parent, Baby and Toddler Group
St John's Community Hall, Westcott
Thursday mornings 9:30-12:00pm term time

chat, snacks & drinks, stories, toys, songs, craft

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Thinking about a Christening?

Everyone is welcome to have their children christened in their parish church. During the christening service your child will be baptised and with the support of the church, parents and godparents, your child begins an amazing journey of faith.

All you need to know about planning and going to a Church of England christening can be found on churchofenglandchristenings.org

Thanksgiving Services

A special church service, different from a christening, can be used as a way to say 'Thank you' to God for your child. It is called a Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child. This is a lovely time when you can be with friends and family, ask for God's blessing and pray for your baby. It's possible to have this service instead of a christening if you decide that now isn't the right time to have your child baptised. Or you could even have the Thanksgiving service as well as a christening. You might also choose this service when your baby is just born, or if you have adopted a child into your family and you want to celebrate this with special words said by a vicar in church. You can find out more at churchofenglandchristenings.org/for-parents/thanksgiving-service

If you would like to find out more about a baptism or a service of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, please contact:

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- ★ GIANT HELTER SKELTER SLIDE ★
- ★ MAD HATS COMPETITION ★
- ★ GAMES AND STALLS ★ BAR ★
- ★ TEA & CAKES ★ HOT FOOD ★

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MAD HATS!

Who lives in Wonderland? The Mad Hatter!

The Mad Hat Competition is open to all ages, and the rules are that there are no rules! It's Mad!

Prizes for originality, creativity and best in show as voted for by WESTfest attendees.

Entry: 50p

CRAZY CAKE COMPETITION!

Wonderland wouldn't be complete without a Tea Party Crazy Cake Competition!

It's all about the decoration, not about the taste!

Entry: £1.00

FUN DOG SHOW!

Fun fun fun for dogs of all sizes!

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MORE INFORMATION

We would welcome more help in planning the fair and on the day itself. If you want to get involved, or to reserve a stall, or have any general queries, please talk to us via westfestsurrey@gmail.com

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WESTfest in Wonderland

WESTfest What's Happening?!

THE PROGRAMME – it's a busy one!!

12:00	<i>Surrey Hills Maypole Dancers</i>
12:20	<i>The Amazing Bubble Show, and again at 14:25!</i>
12:45	<i>Karate Demo</i>
13:00	<i>Music from Life's Circus, and again at 14:40!</i>
13:30	<i>Mad Hat Parade</i>
13:40	<i>Desire to Dance</i>
15:15	<i>Dog Show</i>
15:45	<i>Prize Giving</i>

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

- *With over 50 Lots on offer, including Mountain Biking, Cakes, Champagne, Pet Portraits and Meal Vouchers, there is something for everyone at the Silent Auction Tent!*
- *Our CASH PRIZE RAFFLE has a **TOP PRIZE of £200** this year!! Tickets on sale throughout the fair!*

REFRESHMENTS

- *Tea and cakes by GirlGuiding Faurefold*
- *Hog Roast by David McGuinness*
- *Woodfired Pizza by Villaggio Pizza*
- *Pimms and soft drinks by the Reading Room*
- *Beers by Dorking Brewery*
- *Silent Pool Gin*
- *Ice Cream Van by Mark's Ices*

NO VISITOR PARKING ON SITE – please walk or cycle

NO TOILETS ON SITE – Toilets are available at St Johns, Chapel Lane

IN EVENT OF VERY BAD WEATHER, WESTFEST WILL BE CANCELLED

SUMMER WINE BY ANDREW GORDON

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, I have lived in Westcott for 33 years and have been passionate about wine since I was 18. I started my career in the wine trade as a humble shop assistant in a Peter Dominic shop in Reigate. Since then I have bought, sold, imported, exported, lectured in wine education and run my own wine businesses in the UK and France, where I owned a vineyard for nearly 30 years.



So it's Summer time and the burning question is not only whether to opt for a gas or charcoal BBQ but what to drink with your, hopefully, not too char-grilled meal. In our family I'm normally the chef. I get all the glory with none of the boring back up preparation of accompanying salads etc. It's a role that gives me ample time to enjoy a glass whilst slaving over the hot coals.

On a hot day there's nothing better than a glass of Pimms, or a well-chilled beer. However if you fancy some fizz Majestic have a delicious Bouvet Ladubay sparkling wine from Saumur in the Loire. Great for a celebration, and available as either a white or rose wine. (£10.99 if you buy six bottles).

If you prefer a still white wine one of my current favourites is Abellio Rias

Baixas, a lovely rounded wine with bags of flavour. Made from the Albarino grape in North West Spain. It's really smooth and almost creamy in rich fruit flavor. Great value too. £5.99 (Lidl).

However I do enjoy the crispness of a good glass of Sauvignon Blanc. A taste I acquired during countless years drinking the wine from my own vineyard in South West France! The Kiwis are now masters of this classic grape variety and are renowned for producing wines full of zesty, zingy, flavoursome fruit. A good example is the Tiki Ridge New Zealand Sauvignon £6.99 (Waitrose).

The Argentinians, who eat copious quantities of beef, have always argued that it must be Malbec with meat. (But as that's their iconic red grape variety they may be biased.) Definitely agree. For a great gutsy entry level wine try Santa Julia Malbec currently £6.99 (Waitrose) at 25% off on promotion, or lash out on a really top, cutting edge wine Catena Malbec (£13.49 Waitrose)

An incredibly good value alternative is Peuceta Primitivo. This is another lesser known grape variety which flourishes in the south of Italy. This wine from the southern region of Puglia is smooth, berry fruit rich and an absolute bargain at £5.49 (Lidl)

So Cheers and hope the sun shines.

Andrew Gordon

CRYPTIC DELICACIES

It has been suggested that I write a few words each week to help you decipher my clues. The first step is in learning how to break down a clue. If you just look at the surface meaning of the phrase, you are likely to fall for the distraction intended by the setter. There is a code to cryptic clues and you have to break the clue down word by word. Most clues* are in 2 parts, the definition part and the cryptic part. The definition part tells you what sort of word you're looking for, and it will usually be at the beginning or end of the clue. Once you have an idea of what might be the definition, you then have to look for signal words to tell you what sort of thing is going on the cryptic part of the clue. I'll go into this in more detail in future articles, but for now here are a few examples:

Endless magic in Cambridge College (5):

DEFINITION = "Cambridge College"

SIGNAL WORD = "Endless" meaning "to take the end off the word following"

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = "Endless magic" is "magi"

ANSWER = a Cambridge College that corresponds to "magi" = KINGS

Comes last with light winter vehicle (4):

DEFINITION = "winter vehicle"

SIGNAL WORDS = "last" meaning "to use the last letter of" AND "with", meaning "to join on to"

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = "comes last" is "s", and then join it onto a word that means "light"

ANSWER = S + LED (light-emitting diode) = SLED

A sign of Churchill is to have endless brandies inside (3)

DEFINITION = "A sign of Churchill"

SIGNAL WORD = "inside" meaning "there is a word hidden in the sequence of letters in the rest of the clue"

CRYPTIC PART DECIPHERED = inside "to have Endless brandies"

ANSWER = VEE (for the sign Churchill famously made with his fingers)

The perfect clue should read well, lead you to play around with the beauty of words, and bring a smile of satisfaction when you've worked out that the compiler hasn't been clever enough to defeat you. Good luck with this month's crossword and there'll be more of this in the next issue.

*I say most clues, because, just to keep you on your toes, they are sometimes made up of 2 definitions, or even 3 definitions (e.g. "Try smack sample" (5) where all three words can individually mean TASTE)

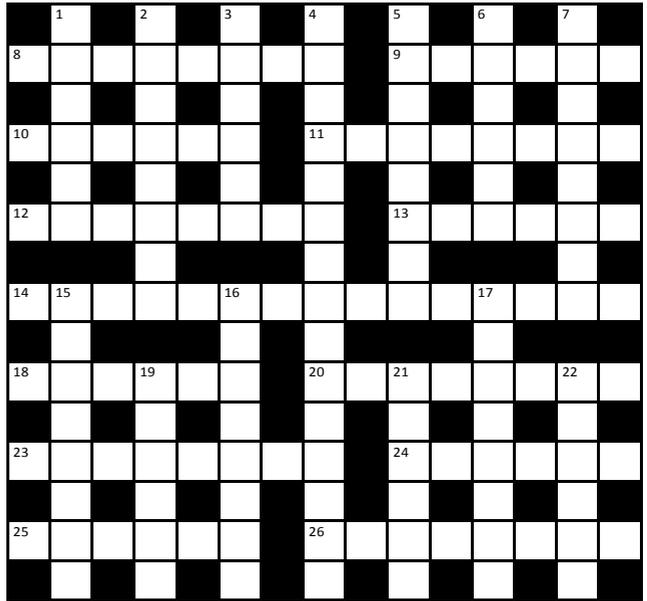
Across

- 8 Keep a rat - it's terrible for a pretty bird (8)
- 9 Too much - away at last! Gone to Trudeau's place of work (6)
- 10 Fix a break about 2 (6)
- 11 Finite? Absurd! Endless split ends look the most stylish (8)
- 12 An old fop often followed by cheese (8)
- 13 Proposition the daughter of your parents (6)
- 14 Perhaps 9 collects VAT, a business overhead (7,5,3)
- 18 A beautiful thing in Spring is to say "Cash in your chips, America!" (6)
- 20 The coffin of a love-letter is to run away after endless envy (8)

- 23 Ring for money fanatic (8)
- 24 Sue Tatham has pulled! (she runs Mickleham Parish Magazine and she's from Ohio) (6)
- 25 Beings feeling better after dry January? (6)
- 26 Urge to pay back for sand container (3,5)

Down

- 1 Artist arrived the other way round to present framing device (6)
- 2 Squid appears in the musical "A Maritime Fricassée" (8)
- 3 Deranged person strangely wired nothing at all (6)
- 4 Crooning Bergerac actor embraces tango - painful to the ears (and other parts of the body) (8,7)
- 5 Stuff thrown about to infect with lunacy (8)
- 6 Take off end of estate



- 7 Insignia from best ripe tomatoes (6)
- 7 Shirley Williams, a Remainder, one hears - it's a sign! (8)
- 15 Song to broadcast between fighters (3-2-3)
- 16 Almost sounds like our boy is German firestarter (8)
- 17 No issue to loan papers - brilliant! (8)
- 19 I've heard it's a type of ring for ugly duckling (6)
- 21 A royal envoy, a gentleman, is about to sail (6)
- 22 Compositions played with epic new music centres (6)



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Slow Cooked Pomegranate Ox Cheeks

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 ox cheeks, cut in half | 2 bay leaves |
| 100g plain flour | 1 knob of butter |
| Freshly ground salt and pepper | 1 large glass of red wine |
| 1 onion | 1.5 cups pomegranate juice |
| 1 carrot | 1 tbsp pomegranate molasses |
| 1 stick of celery | Large glug of extra virgin olive oil |

Method (Serves 2)

1. Pat the ox cheeks dry with kitchen paper, then season with freshly ground salt and black pepper.
2. Toss the cheeks in plain flour, then lightly sear in a pan with a glug of oil, on both sides until nicely browned, then remove from the pan.
3. Finely dice the onion, carrot and celery and sauté in a knob of butter on a medium heat for 6-7 minutes.
4. Place the onion, carrot and celery mixture and with the bay leaves into a slow cooker on a medium heat setting, followed by the ox cheeks, pomegranate juice, molasses and red wine.
5. Cook for six hours. (If cooking in an oven, cook at 150 degrees C for 4-5 hours).
6. When ready, remove the ox cheeks from the slow cooker/oven, and loosely cover with foil to keep warm.
7. Discard the bay leaves and transfer the liquid into a saucepan, bring to the boil and allow to reduce until it is syrupy. Stir regularly.
8. Serve the ox cheeks with butternut squash mash and the reduced sauce drizzled on top, finished with some fresh pomegranate seeds.

Personalities in Westcott History

Arthur Brooke of the Brooke Bond Tea Company.

In 1894 The Rookery changed hands again when it was bought by Arthur Brooke (1845-1918) of the Brooke Bond Tea Company. The son of a tea trader in Ashton under Lyme in Lancashire he was the eldest of 4 sons and 4 daughters of Charles and Jane Brooke who were in the business of wholesaling tea in shops in northern towns.

At the age of 19 his father put him into the cotton importing trade in London but this trade faded with the American civil war so he was taken into a Liverpool branch of Peek Bros & Winch, tea wholesalers. He was so successful at selling Brooke Bond Tea that his father sent him back to London to manage the company branch. However in 1869 his mother, Jane, died and his father was having

difficulties so Arthur returned to Manchester and set up on his own.

He opened his first tea shop in Manchester in 1869 selling tea, coffee and sugar and by the age of 30 he was making £5000 per year with shops in many large towns and a warehouse in London. He proclaimed that Brooke Bond was a high quality pure product unlike the blended teas offered by other traders. Arthur was good at advertising and had learnt a few things on a trip to America.

His slogan was "Good tea unites good company, exhilarates the spirit, opens the heart and banishes restraint from conversation and provokes the happiest purposes of social intercourse".

At age 30 Arthur suffered an illness from overworking. By way of recuperation he took a sea voyage to Egypt and on his return he married a sea captain's daughter called Alice Catherine Young, and they bought a house in Willesden. In the late 1870's there was a severe trade depression but he survived by changing his business model and selling wholesale direct to retail grocers.

He was a model employer;





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WESTCOTT HISTORY GROUP (cont.)



he pioneered the 8 hour working day, paid higher wages than his competitors and introduced profit sharing in 1891. He later bought a house in Kensington and an estate near Dorking called The Rookery!

In 1892 Brooke Bond became a limited company with a share capital of £150,000 with Arthur as Chairman and Managing Director. In 1899 his eldest son Gerald (1881-1969) joined the management having served time behind the counter in Leeds. The company prospered and Arthur was known as a benevolent entrepreneur. In 1899 he endeared himself to his customers by marking Queen Victoria's 80th birthday by giving a free pound of tea to every customer over 80.

The company was now selling tea in many countries including India and Canada. In 1902 Brooke Bond won the contract to supply tea for the Delhi Durbar. Arthur retired in 1904 and son Gerald took over as MD and sons Rupert and Justin joined the management of the company with Gerald succeeding his father as Chairman in 1910. Arthur enjoyed his later years at his home in The Rookery and died in 1918 aged 73.

The company prospered and established tea plantations in Kenya



in 1924 and overtook Lyons in 1956 as the largest tea company in the world with one third of the British and Indian market. It diversified into other food brands in 1968 but was taken over in 1984 by Unilever who owned Liptons Tea. The PG Tips brand had a 23% share of the market and continued with it chimpanzee adverts until 2002. Brooke Bond remains a major brand in India and Pakistan.

The AGM will be on Tuesday 10th Sept at the slightly earlier time of 7.45 pm followed by our next Talk to be given by Nigel Barker-Mills on the subject of 'Surrey's Listed Buildings' in the Reading Room. Please consider ideas for new talks for next year and let us know.

Also nominations are invited to be committee members, in particular to help arrange future visits and talks for the History Group.

Roger Christian



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Your Village Association

I start this month's magazine article with a request to members and a plea to those of you who have, for whatever reason, decided that membership of the WVA is not important for you or your family. Standing with committee colleagues on a windy Saturday morning (watching ominous black clouds roll our way) talking to residents gave me some interesting insights into people's views.

Some I spoke to were fully paid up and fully supportive members of the WVA, but probably more I spoke to did not think it relevant or worthy of joining. Some of those who said they were members (and were marked on our lists as members), had omitted to pay their annual subscriptions, or were "just getting around to it."

The WVA works in the same way as a Parish Council, but has to rely on voluntary contributions for its annual income instead of a fixed tax added to your council tax. The relatively

small amount we receive each year in this way goes towards things like buying the Defibrillator outside the Bakery, sponsoring young people in the village who represent their country at sport, paying for cricket equipment for the Westcott ladies' cricket team, annual awards to the children at Surrey Hills Primary school, or replacing the oak benches on Westcott Heath. These are all small things but help to make this a community in which people want to live and stay.



We have made it easier to pay subscriptions – only £10 per household – either by standing order at your bank or paying by PayPal via our website page. Collecting cash by knocking on doors in this day and age is time consuming for our street stewards and very inefficient. It does ensure that we get some income in to do the things we do – although not how we want to continue to operate.

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Village Hall and Surgery

On 3rd June, at a meeting of the Village Chairperson's Forum, we agreed a number of things. The WVA is leading the process by which we identify potential sites for the replacement Doctor's Surgery and Dispensary – this is a priority for the village.



We have also defined what our leisure and community support needs are and will now go through the same process to identify potential sites and solutions triggered by the failure of the Hut trustees to find a way to deliver their development plan. Once we have completed the work, we will come back to present our findings and proposals and seek

residents' approval to deliver a new plan.

The Hut and Reading Room Charities

The meeting on 3rd June also saw the Trustees of both the Hut and the Reading Room reach agreement to start the process of finding a way to combine the two charities into one, responsible for both community facilities which are held in trust for you, the residents of the village. This is a very important step towards securing village facilities which will meet our needs for many a year to come.

WVA Meetings

The next Open meeting of the Village Association will be on 12th September when we hope to be in a position to present proposals to you on both the above.

Please continue to comment on or make suggestions on ways to improve things in the village. As always, you are also invited to write to me on issues which concern you, and the WVA will do their best to address them.

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NEWS FROM THE READING ROOM



July means WESTfest in the village, and the Reading Room team will be running the Pimm's and soft drinks stall on Sunday 7th July at Cradhurst between midday and 4pm. If anyone would like to help us prepare the Pimm's and sell drinks on the day please contact Alan Reif on 07967 286636.

If you are planning an event in August, we do have extra space available due to regular user annual holidays so do enquire for all dates that month.

Martial Arts now offer classes for all age groups on Tuesday evenings as well as on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. More information from 2nd degree Black Belt Alan Richings via email richingsckd@gmail.com or RichingsCKD on Facebook or RichingsCKD on Instagram.

A new yoga therapy group will be arriving on a monthly basis from Saturday 20th July midday to 3pm to the sound of soothing Gong drums. The Chakra Balancing Gong Bath treatment operates to an open mind and heart to let go of your everyday life, relax and balance your spirit. The secret of the Gong is its potential for healing and rejuvenation with a force of energy affecting the body's meridians. After the treatment you should feel like you have been healed by the spirit of nature. For more details contact Beata and Jarek on 07935 651585 or look at their website at www.ifeelgoodtherapy.com.



Enjoy a fine start to the Westcott summer.

More information from the Reading Room website www.westcottreadingroom.org.uk or by phone on 07967 286636.

Alan Reif, Chairman

When a child of any age comes out as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) it can be a great surprise, even a shock to the parents.

A new support group for parents/carers of LGBT+ children in Mole Valley has started. For further information about the group, please contact the group leaders Wendy and Paul on 01306 883820 or Revd David Bedford (Dorking URC) on 01306 882096



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Surrey Hills School PTA The Final Stretch...

There is nothing more satisfying and possibly a little frustrating than when your goal is just within reach. This is exactly the predicament we at F@SH (Friends at Surrey Hills) find ourselves in after a hugely successful Teddy Bear's Picnic which delivered in all shapes and forms.

On the day of Teddy Bears' Picnic, bank holiday Monday 6th May, the weather was fine, the organisers arrived as early as 8am, the stalls looked stunning and then the people just kept coming all afternoon armed with kids, teddies and pennies. There was entertainment galore with children singing, a noisy

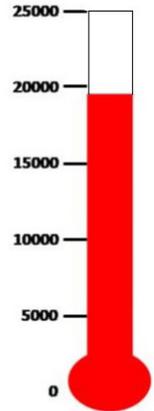


Punch and Judy show, teddy bear competitions, beer sliding and possibly the most popular of all, Sumo Wrestling.

The queue for the Jolly Jam Jar stall was constant as was the line for the tea tent, bottle tombola and nerf guns. A huge thank you goes out to all the people who helped make this event such a success and thanks to our event sponsor, for their participation. The result of such a fantastic event **cubitt&west** has given a massive boost to our funds

for the all-weather running track. We are on the home stretch of meeting our £25k target having now raised a total of £19,500.00.

We still have a significant hurdle of raising the final £5k+ and as lovely as they are, cake sales every Friday are just not going to deliver fast. So, what's our plan? Donation based crowdfunding. Many a success story has been built upon crowdfunding so why not try something new for our charity. We are all "time poor" so possibly the most efficient and effective method of reaching this final stretch is simply to appeal to parents, friends and families across all social platforms and forms of communication to donate any amount of money large or small to get us to our target.



If you are reading this and wish to make a donation please find the gofundme page <https://www.gofundme.com/all-weather-running-track> Alternatively, please simply contact F@SH at fash@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk. All donations will be thoroughly enjoyed by plenty of happy, bouncy kids enjoying themselves on the all-weather track.

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THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WRITES...



Unpaid Carers

June saw your local councils focus on supporting carers through the Carers Week initiative which was all about acknowledging the challenges that unpaid carers face.

Unpaid carers look after family or friends who need help because they are ill, frail, have a physical disability or mental health condition or problems with drugs or alcohol.

There are an estimated 1,000 carers in Mole Valley and many don't even think of themselves as having caring responsibilities.



If you are one of them and want to find some help for you yourself then the charity Action for Carers Surrey provides free information, support and advice for carers on 0303 040 1234 or by emailing CarerSupport@actionforcarers.org.uk

Carers can also access a range of free digital tools and essential resources by visiting the Surrey County Council Support for Carers web page and using the free access code: DGTL3562.

Help includes: a variety of support groups, as well as confidential telephone support as required; information on services, including benefits; practical help on moving and handling; advocacy and information on your rights; well-being events; free resources; and opportunities to influence change for carers locally and nationally.

They have specialist support for young carers (under 18, as well as young people aged 18-24); and carer advisors in Surrey's five main hospitals. There's also tailored support for armed forces carers.

If you are caring for someone with dementia there are a number of dedicated support groups and schemes that can provide you with support and advice. You can find a scheme near you by visiting the Surrey Information Point website: www.surreyinformationpoint.org.uk

Parking and Planning

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work of the Westcott Village Forum to identify our local needs.



One of the policies within the plan, which was adopted through a village wide referendum, sets out the number of parking spaces that should be provided with any new developments. It is called WNDP4:

"2 car parking spaces should be provided per 2 bedroom, or larger, properties and 1 space for 1 bedroom properties."

Back in December 2018, the Mole Valley District Council Development Control Committee heard an application to convert the former Cricketers Public House into three residential units. Whilst the Council's planning team had recommended this be approved, the committee rejected this recommendation. The committee of councillors placed great weight on the shortfall of parking spaces being proposed compared to the requirements of the Westcott Neighbourhood Plan:

"There is insufficient provision for the parking of vehicles within the site and clear of the highway. In the absence of adequate car parking, the proposals would be likely to lead to pressure for on-street parking which would be detrimental to conditions of highway safety and the free flow of traffic and to neighbourhood amenity. The proposal would therefore be in conflict with policies ENV22 and policy WNDP4 of the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan."

The application went to the Planning Inspectorate for appeal. The result of that appeal has now come through and the inspector has upheld the councillors' decision saying that "There is insufficient provision for the parking of vehicles within the site and clear of the highway" and that "the proposal would therefore be in conflict with policies ENV22 and policy WNDP4 of the Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan".

This follows the Inspectorate's previous decision on another property nearby where they also refused permission saying, "The Neighbourhood Plan reflects local input regarding issues such as parking within the village. There is every reason to support Policy WNDP4 given the village location and the lack of facilities within the settlement."



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Textiles and Electricals Recycling

A big thank you to Westcott residents who have been responding to my pleas to recycle more of our unwanted electrical and textile items.



That request comes after all other efforts to revive the items have ceased to be effective – I am no longer allowed to rescue hairdryers and drill motors – and the Editor probably has more items on that list too, although my recent transformation of a bunk bed into two desks and garage storage system has started to redress my track record of success.

Anyway, it seems with the electrical and textile items, Westcott might have been a little too successful. There have been a few reports recently of the weekly refuse collections not picking up these items because their separate collection boxes on the vehicles have already been filled earlier in the round.

There is an agreement with the collectors now that they will place any

items that they cannot collect in piles at the end of the road in question and will arrange for them to be separately collected.

If you have such items that are not collected please report them using the missed bin reporting form on www.molevalley.gov.uk and you can also let me know too by emailing james@10rookery.com

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Walking is great for your health and the District Council's walking for Health scheme in Mole Valley has walks that are free, fun, sociable and incredibly good for you.



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There are also often have one off specials, seasonal and heritage walks that you can find through molevalley.gov.uk/walkforhealth and a special group of walks for very young families called Bumps to Buggies. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (term times only) these meet at 10.30am at Meadowbank Park, last for 60 minutes and include discounted entry to the soft play afterwards.

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month the meeting point moves to Inholms car park, North Holmwood Common with refreshments available afterwards.

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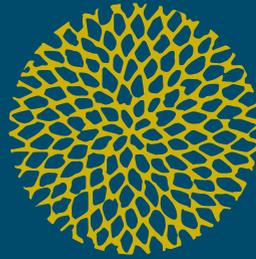
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SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E PRIMARY

As this academic year draws to a close, we enjoy reflecting on the successes we have had, including nativity productions, sports competitions, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Abinger Medieval Fair and installation of a running track at the Westcott site.

Below are some highlights from the summer term:

Spotlight on Butterflies' Class

Our 'Man on the Moon' topic has kept us very busy these past few weeks. We have been finding out about the history of space exploration and comparing Neil Armstrong's experiences with those of Tim Peake.

We have considered what aliens would think if they observed astronauts landing on the moon. We have even designed our own pet alien and written instructions on how to care and look after it! Some of our aliens are very unusual!



Our space themed creative homework has produced the most amazing selections of rockets, solar system posters and information texts. It's really helped to consolidate our understanding of the topic.

This week we are busy applying our designs and making junk model moon buggies. The process is not complete ... watch this space!

Year 3 Pentecost Workshop at Guildford Cathedral

In June, children in Year 3 went to Guildford Cathedral for a workshop exploring the theme of Pentecost. They learned about the



significance of the Holy Spirit, made a collage and toured the cathedral.



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SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS C of E (cont)

Daily Mile Track/Field Project - Westcott Site

As part of the academisation process, we were successful in bidding for a capital improvement grant, to address a long-term issue with the school field, which limits children's opportunities to play and exercise outside.

We are very excited to announce that works have taken place, and we now have a 'Daily Mile' artificial grass running track installed on the field. Alongside this, there are three apparatus stations around the track. We wish to say a huge thank you to F@SH for all their amazing fundraising efforts over the year, especially for all the time and effort they put in to organising the Teddy Bears' Picnic.

So far F@SH have raised a phenomenal £19,500 and are on the home stretch of meeting the £25,000 target. All funds raised have gone towards the ground works and installation of the running track.

PEACE GARDEN UPDATE



Bench 'Opening' Celebration : Monday 1st July 11.30am at St John's

Progress is being made constructing the Oak Octagonal Bench up at Landbarn Carpenters. The legs are done, most of the slats are made and two sections are part assembled. The carving is also underway. It will be made into a number of modules and trial fitted in the workshop before being transported to St John's Graveyard for final installation, fitting, levelling and securing at the end of June.



Fingers crossed but we are all looking forward to it being ready for our opening on Monday 1st July during an extended Monday Café opening from 11am to 1pm. Complementary refreshments and light snacks available, all welcome!

Judith Packer

RANGER @ LANDBARN FARM

Burnet Moths - a toxic talent!



By Bob Eade

Abundant on the downs, the 5-spot and 6-spot Burnet Moths are a delight to see with their striking, glossy-black fore-wings and bright red spots. The spots are an indicator, warning predators that it is extremely distasteful. The caterpillar food plant is Birdsfoot Trefoil. When caterpillars feed on its leaves, they are able to metabolise toxins found inside the plant for their own use, without being harmed and can produce hydrogen cyanide - a chemical compound that gives them a bad taste and, in large quantities, can kill a predator.

The cyanide is also used as a mating tactic. Females can release plumes of the chemical, which is likely to combine with normal sexual pheromones and help attract males. Males can also transfer the cyanide to a female during mating.

A Burnet Moth is an aposematic moth. Aposematism describes a family of antipredator adaptations in which a warning signal is associated with the unprofitability of a prey item to potential predators. The warning signal may take the form of conspicuous animal coloration, sounds, odours or other perceivable characteristics. Aposematic signals are beneficial for both the predator and prey, since both

avoid potential harm.

To be or not to be a Bee

Of the many flowering orchids that can be found on Denbies Hillside, my favourite is the neat, compact Bee Orchid. As its name suggests its flower is shaped like a bee and it uses this to aid pollination. Mimicking a species of female bee and emitting a fragrance that smell like a bee, it attracts male bees which try to mate it and then in turn pollinates the flower.



Interestingly, in this country we don't have the particular bee it mimics but the plant has the ability to self-pollinate; so it is quite clever in covering all bases.

This form of mimicry in plants is called Poyannian mimicry. Orchids commonly achieve reproduction in this manner, secreting chemicals from glands in the sepals, petals, or labellum, that are indistinguishable from the insect's natural pheromones. The pollinator then has a pollinium attached to its body, which it transfers to the stigma of another flower when it attempts another 'copulation'. Pollinators are often bees and wasps and flies.

Kestrel - the Windhover

We are blessed to have Kestrels breeding on Denbies and what a joy

RANGER @ LANDBARN FARM (cont)

it is to see the young practicing diving down to catch prey under the watchful eye of their parents.

They love hunting on the open downland, hovering effortlessly for long periods of time by flying into a light headwind and making continuous small adjustments to its wings and tail. While hovering, a Kestrel's head is kept perfectly still giving it the ability to spot the slightest movements on the ground. When suitable prey is in sight, the Kestrel drops vertically towards the ground, swooping to grab its prey in its talons and killing it with a swift bite. Kestrels feed mainly on small mammals and birds as large as starlings. However, kestrels are adaptable birds and will switch to invertebrates such as beetles, earthworms, grasshoppers or even snails. In gardens, they will take meat scraps.

In addition to having exceptionally good eyesight, Kestrels can also see ultra-violet light. This is useful in locating voles because they leave a trail of urine wherever they go and the urine glows in ultra-violet light.

Butterflies to see in July

Marbled White

No other British butterfly has such a striking black and white pattern. It's a butterfly that loves long grass and due to low rabbit numbers and high grass growth years, it is thriving. Most other

butterflies lay their eggs carefully in on specific plants but the Marbled White lays it like a bomb dropping from an aeroplane.

Gatekeeper

As its English names suggest, the gatekeeper (also known as the hedge brown) is often encountered where clumps of flowers grow in gateways and along hedgerows and field edges. It is often seen together with the Meadow Brown and Ringlet. This butterfly spends much of its time basking with wings open, when the sexes are easy to tell apart - only the male has the distinctive dark, sex bands on the forewings.

Large Skipper

This is a burly little butterfly, darting in golden flashes around shrubs and tall grass heads



By Neil Holme

in the summer sunshine. Like all our golden skippers, the adult adopts a characteristic basking stance, with the forewing and hindwings held apart at different angles. They are very territorial and will attack any passing intruder. Any male that dares to wander into its territory will be exposed to a fierce aerial attack - the intruder is usually banished!

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"I can remember, and I daresay that everyone does, the day of the wireless announcements telling us that we must be ready for evacuation. This was on the 24th August (1939), but no one realised that there was a week of suspense and waiting before we should finally start our journey. During this week we had to go to school every day, complete with luggage and a small ration of food to eat.

While we were at school we had various activities e.g. community singing and organised games in the park. Every day when we went to school we wondered if we should see our homes again. And when we came home in the evening we were glad that another day had passed. A rehearsal was held a few days before the actual departure.

On the Friday (1st September) we went to school as usual, not realising that we would have to leave Dulwich in the

afternoon. In the dinner-hour came the announcement of the invasion of Poland by the German Army, and also of the immediate evacuation of the children of London and other thickly populated areas. The news was not unexpected, and about 2 o'clock we departed from our school, starting on the march to East Dulwich Station.

All the mothers came down to wave us good-bye as we went. It was a very hot day and all of us were carrying heavy packs so we soon became tired and hot. We did not have to wait long for a train, and when it arrived there was plenty of room. We quickly departed from the town, and were soon going along among the woods and fields. All of us were surprised when we finally drew up at Dorking.

Outside the station we all got into 'buses and proceeded to Dorking Halls.

Everything around us seemed strange and new. Inside the Hall we were examined by nurses and doctors, and given some rations to last us through the day. Then we all got into the 'buses again and went to the village of Westcott, which lies about two miles outside the town. We all got out at the Reading



THE PAST IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY; THEY DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY THERE (cont)

Room, where our foster-parents were waiting. Here we were divided, after which we proceeded to our billets. My three friends and I kept together as we wanted to go to the same billet.



the road. Directly we entered the house the lady made us welcome, and showed us to our bedrooms, and then she told us to come down and have some tea.

While we were having it, we noticed that in the garden there was a croquet lawn, and we asked the lady how to play it. Afterwards she showed us and now we enjoy the game very much. When we both went to bed we felt very satisfied with our new home, and thought that we should soon settle down to our unfamiliar surroundings."

We could not actually go to the same house but two of us went together and the other two to the house across

Written by a pupil of Dog Kennel Hill School, London SE22.

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We are trying to get together a directory of all the clubs in the village for the September issue which will feature in the magazine as a 4 page pull out section and maybe attract more people to your activity.



Please email editor@westcottmag.com with any details as we can't possibly know about them all otherwise.



Holmbury St Mary Choral Society

Summer Concert at St James' Church, Abinger Common

Now is the time to put Sunday 7th July into your diaries! Holmbury St Mary Choral Society's summer concert, starting at 6.30pm and directed by Amy Bebbington, promises to be a moving and memorable evening showcasing a variety of music that will make you reminisce about, and celebrate, home, and what home means.

Works including '2 Songs of Travel', by our beloved Vaughan Williams, 'I do like to be beside the seaside', some of Bullard's 'Travelling Tales', the comic 'Orpheus in the Underground', the racy 'Buffalo Gals', a few up-tempo gospel numbers and some slower, reflective pieces. Do come and join us for what will be a varied and interesting choral concert, with the usual high standards expected from this very capable, local choir.

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Further details on page 73



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still supply a fuel mix including fossil fuels for non-renewables tariffs.

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There will be an Eco Café evening at St John's Hall in Furlong Road on **Tuesday, 9th July 7-9pm**. Come along and find out more about what you can do to help tackle climate change. And if you want to find out more about changing to a renewable electricity supplier, members from Dorking Solar Group will be on hand to help!

Jakki Phillips



Climate Emergency Deanery Synod Meeting

On Wednesday 5th June, representatives of Dorking/Surrey Hills churches met at St Paul's Dorking, for a quarterly 'Deanery Synod', this time focussing on the Climate Emergency.

It was fantastic to have Mole Valley District councillors Hazel Watson (Leith Hill, and Dorking Hills for Surrey), Claire Malcolmson (The Holmwoods and Environment lead), Margaret Cooksey (Dorking South), Clayton Wellman (The Holmwoods), and Paul Kennedy (Fetchem West), all from the Liberal Democrats, and Conservative councillor and Opposition Leader, James Friend (Westcott), there too, several of whom spoke with passion about their plans for a more sustainable Mole Valley and Surrey, and answered questions about how to make them a reality.

Hannah Mayo and Annabelle South shared their experiences leading the Eco Church groups in Westcott and St Paul's, Dorking - each explaining why they're involved, what each church has achieved (Silver award in both cases), and, through it, how people in each congregation have been motivated and enthused to grab hold of the issues themselves and find ways to live more sustainably and make a difference.

The issues facing our world, in the face of indisputable climate change, are huge. Many of us stick our heads in the sand. Maybe we're quite happy with our life and don't see why we should do it differentlyor life is too complicated anyway and we simply have no energy left for something that feels so impossible and overwhelming.

Both Hannah and Annabelle have found Eco Church to be a way to not feel overwhelmed. They're hoping all local churches will register with this user-friendly, online scheme, which challenges us all to make significant changes, as churches, and as individuals - because, despite what we repeatedly hear about fewer 'bums on pews', there are still many thousands of people worshipping at UK churches every week, and what a difference it could make if everyone grabbed hold of their responsibility to live differently, and campaign for change.

It was so encouraging that there was a real sense of 'can do' at the meeting - yes, the issues are huge, but we should dare to imagine a world that is clean and unpolluted, and where all life cannot just survive, but thrive. And where we all work together, as people of faith or none...as churches, community groups, local councils, local people....to build a better, sustainable world.

Hannah Mayo



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DORKING MUSEUM

'The Days of King Dor - a touring exhibition from Leasingstede Museum':



Jane working on setting up the exhibition

Our current rather unusual exhibition is the creation of artist Jane Williams and challenges visitors to question their views of Dorking's history. It is a display of artefacts from Dorking's past, but not a past that any local historians would recognise.

Jane explains, "At first sight, it looks just like any other museum display – stuff on shelves, stuff in glass cases, all labelled neatly and treated with respect. But it's all invented. Visitors to my touring shows sometimes need convincing that it is all a fabrication, but it wouldn't ring true if it didn't initially look fairly plausible. The point of Leasingstede is to entertain, but also to remind people of the quirkiest and uniqueness of small regional museums, which nowadays are often under threat of closure and in need of visitors' support."

All the objects in The Days of King Dor relate to Dorking and the surrounding area. Jane says, "It has been fascinating getting to know this corner of Surrey, with its stunning countryside, and I've enjoyed researching its varied history. I hope that my take

on your past is recognised as an affectionate spoof, just enough to nudge people to question their trust in what is put before them."

Gallery Talk, Thursday July 11th: 'The Lore of Leasingstede'.

A chance to meet the creator of our temporary exhibition 'The Days of King Dor', Jane Williams, aka the Other Curator of Leasingstede Museum. Talk at the Museum, 7pm, doors open 6.30pm. Admission, £5, booked on the website or entry on the door.

Hidden Dorking Historic Walk: Sunday

14th July, 11am, leaving from the Museum. This guided walk reveals



the forces, events and personalities that have shaped the town and its

architecture and the secrets that lie behind the streets of modern Dorking. Even those familiar with the town will be surprised to see features they have never noticed and hear stories they have never heard before.

The Deepdene Trail guided walks:

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South Street Caves tours: Take a trip under the streets of Dorking to explore the famous 17th century caves. Discover how they were created and how they evolved over the centuries. Check out the 'mystery chamber' and guess what it was used for. Tours last 45 minutes and sensible shoes are needed! Open Days on Saturday 27th July and Saturday 31st August, tours 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm.

The tours are so popular that they sell out quickly, so book well ahead for these or later tours or book a group



In the Mystery Chamber celebrating a 93rd birthday (that's for Barbara on the far left)

tour for your group, organisation or family and friends. Two recent private group tours included a first visit for a near neighbour celebrating her 93rd birthday and a surprise marriage proposal in an old tin box hidden in the Mystery Chamber!



Outside the caves at the surprise marriage proposal (Nigel Greaves and DeNica Fairman, second and third from left)

Check website for details and further dates, or email caves@dorkingmuseum.org.uk to arrange a group tour.

Volunteers needed: Do you want to help celebrate, promote and preserve the unique identify of Dorking and its surrounding area? Would you like to be part of a vibrant community-run project bringing local history to life? If you could spare anything from one hour a week, we can offer an interesting range of roles. We are always looking for Visitor Assistants who can meet, greet and help our visitors. Or there are a range of specialist roles that might suit your interests or experience in training, exhibitions, publicity, fundraising,

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Christian Aid Week House to House collection 2019

Thank you everybody in Westcott who contributed to the Christian Aid house to house collection this year. The magnificent total of £2,278.74 including £250.64 in Gift aid was collected. Thank you also to the volunteer collectors who so patiently delivered and collected the envelopes. The money will help mums in Sierra Leone give birth safely. Christian Aid says "Thank you for standing together with mums and babies this Christian Aid Week".

Helen Chappell, Christian Aid Week Co-ordinator for Westcott

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7th at 6.30, Holmbury St Mary Choral Soc at St James, Abinger Common, £12.50, 01306 730382
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28th at 3.00, André Rieu concert screening at Dorking Halls, £18.50, 01306 881717

For its summer concert, Dorking Choral Society will be performing Haydn's great oratorio *The Creation*. The combined forces of choir, soloists and the New London Chamber Orchestra will be conducted by David Young. Please note the start time of 6pm (earlier than originally advertised). Holmbury St Mary Choral Society is also giving a summer concert - conducted by Amy Bebbington, it is entitled *Carry Me Home*.

The Vaughan Williams Singers is a chamber choir, formed only last year by Ian Assersohn, already well known as the conductor of Leatherhead Choral Society and Epsom Male Voice Choir. The choir aims to present entertaining and unusual concerts, with innovative programming and polished performances. Their concert at Leith Hill Place, the home of the young Ralph Vaughan Williams, is entitled '*Songs of Light*' and it will feature sumptuous and radiant music by some of today's best-loved choral composers. Advance booking is required.

The Dorking Philharmonia, conducted by Paul Newbold, will be playing Mozart's overture to *The Magic Flute*, Mendelssohn's incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Sibelius' majestic fifth symphony.

At the Dorking Halls, you can see two opera screenings: Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* from the English National Opera (5th) and Rossini's *Barber of Seville* from Glyndebourne (15th). And don't forget that the Grange Park Opera season runs until 13 July, at West Horsley Place - this year's operas are *Hansel and Gretel* (Humperdinck), *Porgy and Bess* (Gershwin), and *Don Carlo* (Verdi). The Dorking Halls is also showing André Rieu's summer concert from Maastricht, live on 27th and repeated on 28th.

Watermill Jazz meets each Tuesday evening. This month's performers are: the Iain Ballamy Quartet (2nd), the Leon Greening Quartet (9th), Larry Goldings, Peter Bernstein and Bill Stewart (16th), the Greg Abate/Steve Fishwick Quintet (23rd), and the Reuben James Trio (30th).

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Turned Fifty

As readers of the April issue of this magazine will be aware, I turned 50 on St George's Day. I enjoyed a full English courtesy of the Caballo Lounge in Epsom with my work colleagues who presented me with 'The Grumpy Old Git's Guide to Life' and a generally positive day at work and with my family.

The following Saturday it was Denbies Wine Estate's turn to cook breakfast for me and some friends, followed by a visit to the Dorking Bowls Club Open Day, something I have been wanting to go to since I first saw it advertised a few years ago. It was great fun, I went with a former Furlong Road resident, also 50 recently and we had some great banter with the lady members there who signed us in and coached us.

A very skilful and competitive game and definitely one for the future when I enter the 3rd Age, I can clearly see the social, health and well-being benefits of playing bowls regularly. It's a pity that we no longer have the Bowling Green in Westcott, technically we do but clearly its current state wouldn't lend itself to a game. In time though we should have a new village hall and GP practice there, although having just read the June magazine it sounds like the original plans are changing.

Talking of GPs I was very moved reading Tom's thank you article in the June edition and hope to get along to his farewell tea. Along with the cricket club 150th celebrations, WestFest, RideLondon and the family tennis festival coming up, there are plenty of opportunities for socialising in the village this summer.

I'm sitting here with the sports section of the paper open and reading an article about the CWC (Cricket World Cup) which starts next Thursday (30th May) as I write and with the final on Sunday 14th July it outstrips other sporting tournaments for length. England are firm favourites, but more importantly their kit is the same light blue colour that they wore in the 1992 CWC which took place in Australia and New Zealand.



Having graduated the previous summer, I took a gap year and travelled to Australia for various reasons, but the main 'hook' was going to some of the CWC matches. I ended up seeing all England's group games with the exception of those in Perth and NZ as I was based in Sydney. A mate of mine from Uni who had a VW Combi and I drove to Melbourne (twice), Ballarat, Albury



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and I also got the bus to the game in Adelaide. We also attended the semi-final (beating South Africa thanks to a very badly thought out rule for rain affected games) and the final – losing to Pakistan in a game which the whole of Australia wanted Pakistan to beat the Poms. It was a great experience and I met some great people, including the England players when we arrived at the 'up country' venues the day before the matches when the players were practising. Ironically I won't be going to a single game this

year, which are on my doorstep by comparison.

My youth work for Surrey CC has recently taken another direction as Surrey Family Services is no more and I now work for the NE Surrey Targeted Youth Support Service which is overseen by the Family Resilience and Safeguarding Directorate. We deliver the Youth Justice work amongst other things, which continues to motivate and inspire me.

Stuart Ryland

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Workshops for the visual arts are always popular. On **Monday 8 July from 10.30-3.00pm** you can join a life drawing class run by artist Alison Carlier in the beautiful surroundings of Leith Hill Place (booking essential; tickets £22), or join her in an introduction to Drawing and Mindfulness outdoors in the Rhododendron Wood above Leith Hill on **Tuesday 16 July from 1.00-4.00pm**. Booking essential; tickets £25; please email banjohives@hotmail.com for both events.

Leith Hill Place is a fun place for children, with quizzes and activities in a dedicated children's room. On **Saturday 13 July from 2.30-3.30pm** you can also bring your children to a family music session with Jane Newberry, using toys, percussion and dance. Booking is not needed for this free event. Normal admission applies for non-members.

Wednesday 17 July from 2.00-3.30pm welcomes back writer, broadcaster and historian Andrew Green to continue his Ralph Vaughan Williams talks series: the Charterhouse Years. He will trace the influence of the Surrey Hills and his schooldays at Charterhouse on the composer and his music. Booking essential; tickets £18 and include a cream tea.



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Last month we thought it couldn't get better from the support we have had but throughout May we have been overwhelmed with the help we have received from Openreach. At first they delivered telegraph poles for us to cut and line the pathways on the new piece of land but when the bosses made a visit to the woodland they offered more help and sent us five of their guys for three days to cut the poles, split them and lay them for us. But it didn't stop there they put their hand to anything that needed doing, spreading wood chips on the pathways and over the car park and placing poles across the entrance enabling us to take away the old and decrepit fencing. They were fantastic and we cannot thank Openreach and the guys enough.

Much hard work took place as well during the last few weeks by our amazing supporters tidying up the woodland in preparation for our 5th Anniversary on 1st June.

What a Glorious First of June it was which commenced with the arrival of The Queen's Walkers who had walked 120 miles from Shorncliffe Barracks to the Woodland. They arrived to a big applause as the band played "Soldiers of the Queen". Approximately 230 people attended what was an incredible day for me as I looked around and pondered

over the last five years, seeing the amount of support we have both at the woodland and for the Charity I felt immensely proud but humble at the same time thinking this wonderful place may have been bought by one but it has been created by many to whom I am so grateful.

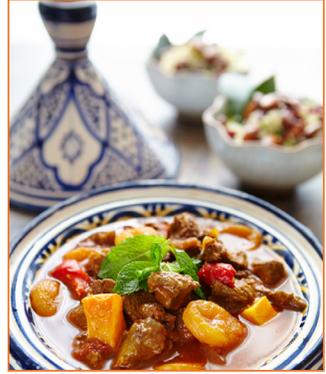
The fun plus some thought of our ex-servicemen who are no longer with us that afternoon included a Commemoration Service in the Memorial Garden where two families planted trees in memory of their loved ones and a tree was gifted to The Princess of Wales Regiment by its forebear regiments.

The BBQ and bar provided by Landlord David Stanley of the Queens Head,





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The highlight of this wonderful day was the wedding ceremony in the Woodland of one of our Trustees to an ex-Queensman. The wedding rings were delivered by a White Owl as Dawn and Frank said their Vows by the Queen's Regiment Monument. A toast to the bride and groom followed ending what really was a truly amazing

albeit emotional day for me.

As I look forward to the future I know this place we have created will be here forever although I won't. I am an extremely proud Chairman of QRMW. But neither will I ever forget I could not have done it without the support I have had.

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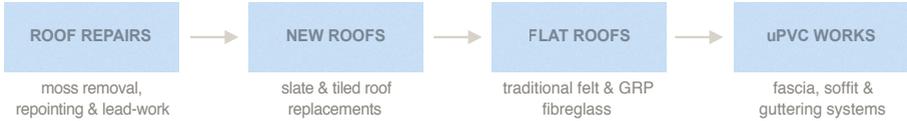


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Monday 1st: Shere Heaven. 2pm, 3.5 miles, leisurely.

Wednesday 3rd: Lavender's Blue, Dilly Dilly. 10am, 6 miles, moderate.



Wednesday 3rd: Hills around Friday Street. 10am, 7.5 miles, strenuous.

Friday 5th: The flattest and most sociable stroll ever. 10am, 3.5 miles, moderate.

Saturday 6th: Beare Green and back in time for tennis. 9.15am, 8 miles, moderate.

Sunday 7th: Prepare for take off again. 9.30am, 6 miles, moderate.

Sunday 7th: Nun better...than the Seven Sisters. 10am, 12 miles, strenuous.

Wednesday 10th: Relatively flat around Shere. 10am, 6 miles, moderate.

Weds 10th: The Hurtwood, Winterfold Wood and Pitch Hill. 10am, 6.5 miles, moderate.

Thursday 11th: Evening eastwards from Gomshall. 5.50pm, 7 miles, strenuous.

Saturday 13th July: Ryka's Romp. 10am, 7 miles, moderate.

Sunday 14th July: Sunday in Happy Valley. 10am, 5.5 miles, leisurely.

Monday 15th: Summer lunch walk on Walton Heath. 10am, 4 miles, leisurely.

Monday 15th: Taking note of Norbury. 2pm, 4 miles, leisurely.

Wednesday 17th: St Martha's and the Downs. 10am, 6 miles, moderate.

Wednesday 17th: Denbies to Polesden Lacey. 10am, 7 miles, moderate.

Sunday 21st: 3 up and 2 down for hills... but no cross words! 9.30am, 8.5 miles, strenuous.

Monday 22nd: Henfold Lakes and Newdigate. 2.30pm, 4 miles, leisurely.

Wednesday 24th: Below the Hog's Back. 10am, 6.5 miles, moderate.

Wednesday 24th: Holmbury Hostelrys. 10am, 7.5 miles, strenuous.

Thursday 25th: Magical Mogador. 6pm, 4 miles, moderate.

Sunday 28th: Nower and Again. 9.30am, 7 miles, moderate.

Weds 31st: Two bridges, two mills and a sprinkling of stiles. 10am, 6 miles, moderate.

Wednesday 31st: Around Leith Hill. 10am, 8 miles, strenuous.

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